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The news arrived in the innocent cloak of a postal change-of-address form, confirmed by a computer check: Mark Hubbert '79 (who is profiled on page 68) has returned from Sioux Falls to his company's home office in New York, leaving Colby without alumni in South Dakota.

Can Colby consider itself "national" when it lacks a single alumnus or alumna in an entire state? How will the competition exploit such a void? Won't our friendly rival to the southeast, Bowdoin, find a way to brag that two of its alumni reside in South Dakota?

In an issue of Colby dealing with the consumption of alcohol on campus, planning the College's future and even war and peace, the loss of South Dakota may seem insignificant to some. Yet in a sea of problems both vexing and complex, this conundrum comes with a solution at once obvious and simple:

Hubbert himself attests to some of South Dakota's advantages, especially for families. Colby has 19,300 loyal alumni ("in 50 states and 59 foreign countries," we used to say). Might one of them consider moving to South Dakota? Somebody who is already nearby, perhaps? We probably cannot spare any North Dakotans—there are only three. But what about one of our 17 Nebraskans, 29 Iowans or 97 Minnesotans? Several live not far from the South Dakota border. Maybe one would agree to commute or at least open a South Dakota postal box for appearance's sake.

The text then delves into various features and departments, including:

- **Cover Story**: A Change Is Brewing: Once considered a virtual rite of passage in college life, alcohol use by students is coming under increasing scrutiny. At Colby, administrators and student leaders are working to reduce alcohol's appeal in a number of ways, including sponsoring "non-alcoholic" parties like the one pictured on the cover.

- **Features**:
  - Inside Outsider: Professor Robert Reuman, who will retire later this year, looks back on a life spent living—and teaching—his ideals of nonviolence.

- **Departments**:
  - Periscope
  - News from the Hill
  - Faculty File
  - Student Life
  - Paging Parents
  - Gifts & Grants
  - Books & Authors
  - Mules on the Move
  - Alumni At Large
  - Obituaries
  - Letters
An Acre a Pain  

20 years ago the Colby catalogue claimed 1,400 acres for Mayflower Hill, a figure no doubt seized by development and PR folks intent upon selling buildings for the new campus. . . . For guilt or a better reason, 10 years later the number had dropped to 900. . . . Then came Stan Nicholson, erstwhile administrative vice president, who loved to tramp the back acres. . . . In 1988 Stan declared that the actual number was 570. . . . "Add a zero to the number of Heinz varieties," he would say. . . . Although some were reluctant to accept the sudden loss of all this land, none had the wit or the transit to make a challenge. . . . On the eve of his retirement, Stan gave back some of the acres, but no one remembered how many, leaving folks who fill out forms to freelance once again. . . . College directories and guidebooks this year variously and shamelessly show Colby's acreage ranging from 600 to 900 acres. . . . No more! Gene Chadbourne, a wizard in the Physical Plant Department, has used upscale maps and a computer to determine, once and for all, that the contiguous land on Mayflower Hill amounts to 714 acres (714.35, to be precise). . . . Stan's Heinz formula no longer works. . . . Remember, instead, Babe Ruth's total lifetime home runs.

Hands Down  

Certainly there is no more popular Colby icon than the magnificent tower of Miller Library. . . . And, as all Colby folks know, part of the wonderful tower lore is that the four faces of the clock have seldom, if ever, been synchronized. . . . Alas, the time warp has worsened in recent years, the result of gears worn by a half-century of turning. . . . The hands were removed in mid-January and clock parts were sent off to Freeport for repair. . . . We can only hope that the work does not produce absolute perfection. . . . Keep watch.

To the Test  

Bates College administrators, who made filing of SAT scores optional for admissions candidates six years ago, have one-upped themselves by announcing that they will no longer require any standardized tests at all. . . . Officials at the Lewiston school say that neither SATs nor achievement tests are strong predictors of college success. . . . Bowdoin abolished the SAT requirement in 1969. . . . Colby continues to believe that the SAT and achievement tests are one of many helpful predictors, useful both for some admissions decisions and for course counseling after students arrive.

A Bird in the Hand  

The Senior Class has politely withdrawn its invitation to President George Bush to be its Commencement speaker. . . . The White House had said "maybe," but couldn't give a final word until well into the spring. . . . Class officers, mindful of the late turn-down by the president a year ago, were worried the same would happen to them, thus reducing their options for a speaker.

Intramurals Back on Track  

After last winter's discontent, the all-new intramural sports program, led by assistant men's basketball coach Gerry McDowell '76, is off to a great start. . . . Fall teams included 20 coed residential hall teams in soccer and 12 in football. . . . Winter teams include indoor coed soccer, volleyball and basketball.

Herr Mac Wird Unterrichten  

Jim McIntyre, director of Career Services for the past nine years, will return to full-time teaching in the fall. . . . An associate professor of modern languages (German), Jim joined the Colby faculty in 1976.

Freshman Out of Favor  

The Chronicle of Higher Education reported on October 17 that a growing number of colleges are moving away from the use of the term "freshman." . . . The aim of the effort, led by the American Association of University Students, is to improve the status of women in the nation's campuses. . . . The AAUS, which has 270 member institutions, is urging colleges to adopt "first-year student" instead. . . . A recent Colby task force on the status of women has made the same recommendation, now under consideration by the College's Educational Policy Committee. . . . The term "first-year student" has been adopted by a number of U.S. colleges and is widely used outside of this country.

To Name a Few  

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education named Professor of Economics Tom Tietenberg '71, Marine Professor of the Year . . . It's the second consecutive year that a Colby professor has garnered the honor . . . Sociology and anthropology professor Cheryl Townsend Gilkes is the recipient of the Loyola-Mellon Social Science Award, presented annually to a distinguished social scientist as a means of promoting the discipline within the liberal arts community. . . . Pauline Wing, veteran secretary in the sciences, admissions and financial aid, has retired after 16 years of service to Colby. . . . Sue Conant Cook '75, director of Alumni Relations, led a most successful campus-wide Christmas Giving Drive to collect toys, clothing and food for area relief agencies.

Moosecellaneous  

Recent calculations show that more than 50 percent of today's Colby students spend some time during their four years studying abroad. . . . The College put its new brush chopper to good work in January as employees were invited to bring their Christmas trees up the hill for mulching. . . . Dan Lauria of the TV series "Wonder Years," a high-school classmate of Dean of Students Janice Seitzinger, was on campus for a visit and a talk in the fall. . . . He said he would try to sport the Colby name on a sweatshirt in some future episode.

Colby, March 1991
THE NEXT TIME THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS GATHERS TO HAMMER OUT A FEDERAL BUDGET PROPOSAL, SOME OF THE ADVICE THEY STUDY WILL COME FROM MAYFLOWER HILL.

LAST MONTH, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS MICHAEL DONIHUE '79 ATTENDED THE MODEL COMPARISON SEMINAR IN PHILADELPHIA WITH THE "BIG GUNS" OF ECONOMIC FORECASTING FROM MAJOR RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES, WHO ARE PAID TO PREDICT ECONOMIC TRENDS. DONIHUE BROUGHT WITH HIM THE COLBY ECONOMIC OUTLOOK, A 10-PAGE NEWSLETTER PRODUCED BY THE STUDENTS OF ECONOMICS 493, SENIOR SEMINAR IN ECONOMIC FORECASTING.

"WE'VE NEVER HAD A COLBY MODEL TO TAKE TO [THE SEMINAR] BEFORE," DONIHUE SAID IN JANUARY. "THE RESULTS OF THE SEMINAR ARE TAKEN TO THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL. THESE ARE THE PIECES OF INFORMATION THAT GO INTO THE BUDGET-MAKING PROCESS."

COLBY'S ECONOMIC FORECASTING SEMINAR, NOW TWO YEARS OLD, IS DONIHUE'S BRAINCHILD. HE SAYS HIS OBJECT IN INITIATING THE COURSE WAS TO GIVE STUDENTS ON THE BRINK OF GRADUATION A GLIMPSE OF THE DAY-TO-DAY CHORES OF PRACTICING ECONOMISTS.

"THEY PUT TOGETHER THE THEORIES THEY HAVE LEARNED, PLUS THE MATHEMATICS AND THE STATISTICAL TOOLS THEY HAVE, TO GET A HANDLE ON THE WAY ECONOMISTS WORK," DONIHUE SAID, DESCRIBING THE COURSE. "THEY LEARN ABOUT PRESENTING ECONOMIC FORECASTS—AND SOME OF THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH DOING THAT."

AMONG THOSE RISKS FOR LAST SEMESTER'S ECONOMICS 493 STUDENTS WAS THE CHANCE THAT A MIDDLE EASTERN WAR WOULD DESTROY THEIR PREDICTIONS ALMOST BEFORE THE INK WAS DRY ON THE NEWSLETTER. THE COLBY ECONOMIC OUTLOOK PREDICTED THAT THE GULF CONFLICT WOULD BE RESOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATION, AND, IF A WAR DID Erupted, THAT HOSTILITIES WOULD LAST ONLY TWO MONTHS.


"YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW THE PREDICTIONS TURNED OUT?" DONIHUE SAID WITH A LAUGH DURING AN INTERVIEW FOUR DAYS AFTER THE UNITED STATES WENT TO WAR WITH IRAQ. "IT'S TOO EARLY TO TELL."

WHETHER OR NOT THEIR FORECASTS PROVE ACCURATE, DONIHUE SAYS, THE STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE AN EDGE ON THEIR PEERS IN THE JOB AND GRADUATE SCHOOL MARKETS.

"LAST YEAR, THE PEOPLE WHO GRADUATED WITH THIS COURSE ON THEIR TRANSCRIPTS TYPICALLY GOT BETTER JOBS," HE SAID. "THEY CAN SIT DOWN IN AN INTERVIEW AND SAY, 'GIVE ME A DATA SET AND I CAN PRODUCE A FORECAST IN A REASONABLY SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME.' THAT MAKES THEM UNIQUE, DIFFERENT FROM ECONOMICS MAJORS COMING FROM OTHER INSTITUTIONS."

TWO GRANTED TENURE

THREE FACULTY MEMBERS WERE GRANTED TENURE IN JANUARY: DANIEL H. COHEN (LEFT) WAS PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION. HE GRADUATED FROM COLBY CUM LAUDE IN 1975 AND EARNED HIS MASTER'S AND DOCTORATE FROM INDIANA UNIVERSITY. HE HAS TAUGHT AT COLBY SINCE 1983; TAMAE K. PRINDEL (CENTER) WAS PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MODERN LANGUAGES. SHE IS A GRADUATE OF SUNY/BINGHAMTON. SHE HOLDS TWO MASTER'S DEGREES, ONE IN ENGLISH FROM WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY AND ANOTHER IN ASIAN STUDIES FROM CORNELL. PRINDEL RECEIVED HER PH.D. IN MODERN JAPANESE LITERATURE FROM CORNELL AND CAME TO COLBY IN 1985. IN 1986 SHE WAS NAMED A DANA FELLOW AND IN 1988-1989 SHE WAS ACTING CHAIR OF COLBY'S EAST ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM; KENNETH A. RODMAN CONTINUES AS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF GOVERNMENT. A GRADUATE OF BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, RODMAN RECEIVED HIS DOCTORATE FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN 1983. HE CAME TO COLBY IN 1989 FROM NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE HAD BEEN AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS.
Thespians Enter Regional Contest

A play staged at Colby last semester got a curtain call in New Hampshire during Jan Plan and at the same time helped the Performing Arts Department launch a new visiting artist program on an up beat.

Julie Goell, who specializes in the quick-moving, hilarious theater of commedia dell'arte, taught students her craft and directed them in The Venetian Twins last December. The play was then chosen to compete at the regional American College Theater Festival at the University of New Hampshire in late January.

"We're very proud of the show," said Howard Koome, professor of performing arts and a member of the cast. "The first year we've used visiting artists has produced such excellent educational results."

The Venetian Twins, by Carlo Gozdoni, takes familiar comedy-of-errors lines. It is the story of a set of twins separated at birth who, later in life and coincidentally, wind up in Verona at the same time to meet their fiancées. Tonino, the city slicker, plans to marry beautiful Beatrice secretly. Zanetto, a country boy, pursues a pre-arranged marriage with Rosaura, whom he has never seen. Through odd circumstances, the two men become entangled in each other's lives, with hilarious results.

Koome says he's proud of the way the Colby actors have mastered the exaggerated moves required in commedia dell'arte. "One character flings his body everywhere, even into a back flip. But he's always in control," he said. "They have mastered the footwork, the handwork that is needed for controlled, believable characters and the voice to match those characters."

In addition to the play competition, two Venetian Twins actors—junior Glen Porter of Brockton, Mass., and senior Maggie Lacey of Cleveland Heights, Ohio—were invited to audition for Irene Ryan Acting Scholarships.

SOAR Promotes Racial Awareness

When Alison Davis '93 entered a campus party recently, she was snubbed by some of the others.

"There were Hispanic American students there," Davis remembers, "and as soon as I walked in they saw that I had blond hair and wasn't one of them." In fact, Davis is Argentinian, as is revealed in her slight accent. "I'm probably more South American than any of them," she said. "It just so happens that I have blond hair. So we all can be guilty of racism."

Incidents such as the one Davis described are part of the impetus behind the formation of the Colby chapter of Society Organized Against Racism (SOAR). Colby is one of 29 SOAR member institutions throughout the Northeast. The larger SOAR group organizes conferences and seminars on campus racism and publishes a quarterly newsletter.

The Colby SOAR chapter is publishing The SOAR Viewpoint, an occasional

Rachel Bradly '93 played "Beatrice" and Sara Regan '93 "Pedrolino" in the Performing Arts Department's production of The Venetian Twins.
newletter that examines issues affecting the Colby community.

"It is very easy for a lot of people to say that there is no racism at Colby," Viewpoint begins. "What a lot of people mean when they say that there are no race problems at Colby is that there have been no overt acts of violence. Which is good. But that does not mean that racism does not exist. We live in a racist society and Colby College is no exception."

"SOAR works with different nationalities and religions to talk about how racism affects us," said member Ta-Tanisha James '93. "And I don't mean just African Americans like myself, but 'us' as in Colby students, 'us' as in worldwide. We're trying to promote awareness in people and get them to think about racism themselves."

The members of SOAR are careful to distinguish their group from the Student Organization for Black and Hispanic Unity—though the two do overlap to some degree.

"We're separate from SOBHU in that they mainly include African American and Hispanic American support groups," James said, "but they also promote diversity and education of the campus about nationality awareness."

"SOBHU tends to isolate the majority students," said SOAR leader Joel Mackall '93. "There is a stigma attached to it because it mostly represents black and Hispanics, so no one [else] feels comfortable approaching them. . . . SOAR is supposed to be for everyone."

In November, Colby's SOAR members held a "SOARUM," an evening of skits and discussion designed to highlight the group's focus. Mackall says the evening was a success. "The SOARUM was exactly the push needed to get the ball rolling," he said. "I saw a girl from a private school in Connecticut giving her address to a black girl from Chicago during the rehearsal. I don't think that before SOAR they'd [have been] friends. SOAR created an open environment for friendship opportunities."

Still, Mackall noted, there is work to be done. "I feel that the people we most need to reach weren't at the SOARUM," he said, "but it was very constructive. SOAR has made a presence and SOBHU is getting stronger. Together, we're already changing the campus awareness."

Quacked Ice

It began, as it always does, with the mysterious appearance of a few white farm ducks on Johnson Pond—gifts, no doubt, from those whose darling Easter ducklings had become flapping, quacking pests. Close behind were the children with bags of bread, parents or grandparents in tow, joining a ritual long associated with visits to the campus. And, of course, wild ducks have always joined the fun. In September, the golden eyes and buffleheads dropped in for a week on their way to the estuaries of the Kennebec. Then came the black ducks, who also prudently moved quickly onto the moving water. The fattened farm ducks (perhaps not so mysteriously as their arrival) disappeared two days before Thanksgiving, but the mallards came and stayed. More than 150 of them were still in college through an unseasonably warm December. Some folks worried that the birds had been spoiled by the hand feeding. The local Morning Sentinel ran a page-one story, urging that the feeding stop so the ducks would move along to the flyways. The pond froze coast-to-coast for the first time on January 3 and the ducks left that night—or at least most of them did. A dozen or so returned for daily trips for a while but finally gave up and left for good. Next year the College may ask that the handouts stop in August so the birds will stay in flying form and begin to think seriously about a more suitable winter habitat.

—Earl Smith

Colby, March 1991
Inside Outsider

by Robert Gillespie

A revered teacher and respected moral force on the Colby campus, Reuman believes that education, at its best, can help people live more productive, minimally violent, lives.

"Philosophy has always been a guide to a reflective approach to life," he observed. "One could work for a better world in the trenches, but the best way is through education—getting students excited about more sensitive ways of living their lives."

In his own life Reuman has actively practiced what he teaches. In the mid-'40s he was a member of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) protesting racial discrimination in Philadelphia. At Middlebury College he led the struggle to remove discriminatory clauses from fraternity constitutions. During World War II he spent six months in a Civilian Public Service camp for conscientious objectors, then completed his service with two-and-a-half years working in the violent ward of a mental hospital in Philadelphia and serving as a guinea pig in medical experiments. In 1949, after refusing to register for the draft, he served four months in a federal prison. In the late '40s and early '50s he served with the American Friends Service Committee—the Quakers—in war-ravaged China and in Germany. In the '60s he was a Quaker International Affairs Representative in Berlin.

"He's a tremendous presence in the class, metaphorically and literally," said Assistant Professor of Philosophy Dan Cohen '75. Cohen recalls a philosophy conference at which one of the speakers talked about what a philosophy professor ought to be. The gist was that "someone who teaches ethics who doesn't live an ethical life can't be a good philosopher. For all the world, it seemed to me the ideal he was describing was Bob Reuman," Cohen said.

"We were in awe of what he'd done and what he knew," said Anita Terry '89, who took three courses and an independent study with Reuman and is about to enter graduate school in the field of feminist philosophy. "He'd talk about a subject—like being in the CO camp—so matter-of-factly. It was part of his life. The most impressive thing is, he doesn't say these things to make you think he's..."
Bob Reuman in his study at home in Waterville.

Mary Ellen Marava

Bob Reuman, March 1991

moved in the direction that I thought my father should have moved.”

By 1937, 14-year-old Bob Reuman was active in the Pilgrim Fellowship, the Congregational Church’s youth organization dedicated to fighting racism and economic oppression. Soon, Reuman was heading the group’s social action committee, but, he said, “before I fell into leadership I didn’t even know what the words meant.”

Reuman was also alert to the looming world war. Knowing that he would have to take a stand, he became—one of his Pilgrim Fellowship leaders (and much to the dismay of his father)—a democratic socialist and a pacifist.

“All those things were in my mind at 14,” Reuman said. “I had to be a pacifist, anti-profit and nonviolent. I became a CO at 14.”

Although he was not a Quaker, Reuman’s pacifism in time led him to take part in the Wider Quaker Fellowship and attend Friends Meetings in Philadelphia and, later, in Vassalboro, Maine.

When he was drafted in June 1943, at the end of his junior year at Middlebury, Reuman had been a conscientious objector for six years. He refused military service.

Reuman was sent to a Civilian Public Service camp in Oregon to fight fires and work on reforestation projects. Sponsored by the “historic peace churches”—Quakers, Brethren and Mennonites—such camps were established as an alternative to military service. In Oregon, Reuman says, he found a different kind of intellectual and emotional stimulation.

“All of a sudden I was running into vegetarians, Baha’is, and Hindustanists, jazz pianists, a professional wrestler who was hurting people and gave it up,” he said. “Another guy had run for vice president on the Socialist Worker’s Party ticket. Pietro Di Donato, the novelist, was there, along with a Pulitzer Prize winner, a concert pianist and a Detroit librarian who had coached debate. There was a

wonderful. He says them in the context of what’s happening in class. He’s the most unself-serving person I’ve ever met in my life.”

The son and grandson of missionaries, Reuman grew up with unself-serv ing models. His paternal grandfather was a Lutheran who in the 1880s, like many other German liberals in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, fled his homeland and settled in Ohio. Reuman’s father became a Congregationalist minister and was a missionary in Foochow, China, when Reuman was born in 1923.

His mother died when Reuman was 2, and his father became “mother and father both—warm, compassionate, considerate. He was a marvelous person, gentle and caring, much loved by all,” Reuman said. “Sunday after Sunday he would preach about the Sermon on the Mount, about loving one another, about helping those in need, about going the second mile and turning the other cheek, about loving one’s enemies and doing good to those that despitefully use you.”

To Reuman, the world often seemed at odds with his father’s philosophy. During the bleak Depression years, Reuman listened to the sermons about hope for a better world, but he also read about the struggle for liberty and dignity being waged by Mohandas K. Gandhi in India and about lynchings of African Americans in the South. “It’d just turn my stomach,” he remembered. “You hear your father preaching, then you begin to wonder.”

Watching his father participate in community activities such as church suppers and social events, Reuman came to feel that the church was more of a social than a religious organization, and he began to distance himself from formal Christianity. Increasingly, he felt that religion should challenge people’s comforts and should not be used as a vehicle for self-congratulation.

“I was interested in reforming the world,” he said simply. “I
rugged fellow, a Quaker farmer from the Midwest, there was a fundamentalist who was also a weightlifter. [Professor of English Emeritus] John Sutherland was there. At the CPS camp in Big Flats, N.Y., before we went to Oregon, we had 57 different religious groups represented in 150 or so individuals. You can imagine the religious discussions we had.

"I was just fascinated with these people. You'd hike five miles with 50 pounds of dynamite on your back, you'd be out all day, long cutting a road through the Smith River Burn to be able to get to fires, then you'd come back from the project and a guy's playing Bach.

"I loved it, out in the woods, just the noise of the saw," he said, recalling the shafts of light filtering down through Douglas firs, a few birds, a little stream meandering through, the spongy ground. "It was ethereally beautiful, like a cathedral."

But Reuman "wanted to do something closer to people," he said. And although he didn't see himself as a soldier, his notion of pacifism in wartime was that one should undertake the danger of war without killing people. He volunteered for highly dangerous duty in the Smoke Jumpers but was turned down because he exceeded the limits of six feet and 190 pounds.

If the frail Gandhi often seems the physical epitome of a nonviolent person, Reuman surprises once more. To Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy Tony Cunningham '80, Reuman looked like "a big scary Lenin. He's an enormous man. He puts his hands on his head when he starts thinking. You realize he has enormous hands."

A CO could "walk out"—choose to go to prison—or apply for a transfer and serve in a group project. Reuman transferred to Byberry Hospital in Philadelphia, the second largest mental hospital in the nation, where for the next two-and-a-half years he worked the night shift in the violent ward. The hospital had a skeleton crew of two or three doctors for 6,000 patients. Reuman worked with one other attendant in a ward that should have had 10 or 20. They did only custodial care, no rehabilitation, and violence was frequent.

"I wasn't satisfied being there, but you're not destroying human beings," said Reuman. "It seemed to pale compared to a comparable sacrifice of war."

During the six months before he left the hospital in 1946, he was not only working nine hours a day, six days a week, he was finishing his master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania—and doing it all on two hours of sleep a night ("I can hang from a strap on the subway and sleep," he said). It was then that he became attracted to the idea of college teaching.

"I had moved," he said. "I didn't see myself as a professional religious person, as a missionary. I like branching out and serving, but I didn't like some of the theological aspects. I didn't want to preach at people. Education isn't selling people your conclusions. When you teach, you're not propagandizing. The moral and political questions and methodology are enormously important. You can get at constructive qualities of human life."

Reuman began his teaching career at Temple University in 1947 while he worked on a Ph.D. at Penn. A year later the Selective Service Act was reinstated, and Reuman, who objected to "the increasingly militaristic posture of the U.S.," chose not to register for the draft.

"There was no war and consequently no mistake about my motives," he said. "I sent a letter to President Truman on why I wouldn't register and where he could find me. He got the letter."

The FBI let Reuman finish his year of teaching. Then he was sentenced to a year and a day in prison.

"The prosecuting attorney kept trying to make me out an
... but Reuman has attracted eager students for 35 years.

China. Even though Reuman had not agreed to the government’s stipulation to “obey all laws,” he was granted parole, and, with four months in a federal prison—and a Ph.D.—behind him, he set off for the East.

Two years earlier, Reuman had served in a work camp in France, where another of the volunteers was Dorothy Swan, a music and English major at Wooster College in Ohio. Following her graduation in 1949, these two offspring of ministers married, “made the break with customary routine, packed away the wedding cake and gifts, and a week later were on the way” to China.

They caught the next-to-last flight to Chungking before the Communist takeover in 1949. The couple worked with the Friends Ambulance Unit, transporting medical supplies and helping to rebuild hospitals and establish clinics and mobile medical teams. In a clinic in Chungking, they patched scabs, treated trachoma and fought dysentery, scabies and malaria.

In 1951, the Friends sent them to Germany, which was still devastated six years after World War Two ended. Reuman was on the staff at the Friends’ Freiburg Student Center, where students met for discussions, seminars, group activities and recreation. Key to the center’s activities was the notion that the students could create valuable structures for group living.

In 1964, eight years after Reuman came to Colby, he returned to Germany on a two-year leave from the College to serve as Quaker International Affairs Representative in Germany. He met with high government officials and academics in an effort to reduce tensions on both sides of the Berlin Wall. In a 1953 article for the Middlebury alumni magazine, Reuman said that the Friends went to Germany “to share with and to work alongside those who had seen greater sorrow and had less to work with than they. They came out of their own inner needs, a voice that told them you cannot digest your meat when someone else has none [and they labored] to share with others in working toward a world in which there will no longer be an occasion for war.” Today, Reuman believes that the positive aspects of his active nonviolence in China and Germany are more significant than his refusal of military service.

If his life has been an experiment in sensitive ways of living, Reuman has also experimented, on Mayflower Hill, with sensitive ways of teaching.

When he first came to Colby, he remembers, the Great Social Thinkers course was interdisciplinary. Issues were tackled in one mass lecture, then people from the different departments—sociology, psychology, history, philosophy—led discussion sections. The course was a model for Reuman’s experiments in interdisciplinary teaching at Colby for the next 35 years.

“It was a very satisfying course,” he said, “a wonderful mix of different approaches that gave students important cross-disciplinary thinking. And faculty had to break out of their disciplines and
Reuman faced agonizing choices squarely as a young man in the 1940s and... built a career helping young Colbians confront the moral choices of their times.

confront others. At faculty lunches we had to talk to each other. I loved the people we were working with.”

In his first years at the College, Reuman’s focus was on social, moral and political philosophy. He also picked up the “modern” philosophers, Descartes through Kant. In the 1960s he taught courses in nonviolence, later weaving in issues such as abortion and civil disobedience. Twenty years ago he added “moral problems” to his ethics course, along with Existentialism and 19th-century philosophers.

Reuman is noted for building courses that equip students to take concepts far beyond the classroom walls and into their post-College lives. Listening to him describe the genesis and metamorphosis of his Moral Philosophy course, one hears the craftsman at work.

“Normative philosophy was Plato, Aristotle, Kant, Mill, Dewey,” he said. “At some point it seemed that most students tend to come out of religious backgrounds, and philosophy in Europe even came out of the idea that morality was grounded in structures of the universe, so I had to do something with religion. I also had to deal with Buddhism and Confucianism, too, so I tried to analyze traditional societies and their value systems. I added in religious origins. Moral judgments are grounded in metaphysical structure, so I needed to add this element. The other thing that complements moral philosophy is that students need to be engaged actively in the process, so I used student debate to get them into responsible thinking, dealing with multiple points of view.”

“He brings everything to bear,” said Dan Cohen. “You see him grappling with issues right there in class, pulling together everything.”

Anita Terry says that when she thought of studying feminist philosophy, she went to Reuman, who “turned around and pulled books off the shelf about what I wanted to do. He’s still at the cutting edge of what’s happening in philosophy today. He knows about Plato and he knows about Alison Jaggar.”

According to Tony Cunningham, Reuman is “two or three philosophers rolled up in one. You’re not going to see many like him again.”

Despite his own proven classroom successes, Reuman is concerned that Colby’s efforts to attract a distinguished faculty may be trading the College’s traditional emphasis on interaction between faculty and students for more demonstrable scholarship. Noting “the changing character of faculty expectation,” he said with characteristic frankness, “One thing saddens me: I see doors closed. Faculty aren’t as available to students. I think we’re trying to be both an undergraduate institution and a university. A college is nothing without good teachers and good teaching. The whole point is good teaching—the willingness to be actually available to students in and out of the class, in a variety of settings.

“It’s not an issue of teaching versus research,” Reuman added. “We need to respect what’s going on in the field. I can’t speak against publication—where would I be without Plato or Kant? But I think there’s a lot of difference between Kant at 50 and somebody publishing in order to be tenured. Scholarship for publication is troubling to me—we’ve moved too far in that direction.”

As he assesses his legacy to the College’s students, other faculty and administration, Reuman talks about rethinking the settings in which learning takes place, serving on the racism task force, perpetually restructuring educational opportunities: “These are enormously important things,” he said. “These are significant ways to serve the College. Education doesn’t happen until you confront your own familiar upbringing and contrast other racial, religious and economic viewpoints and cultures.”

As he approaches retirement, Reuman counts the costs of leaving the place he’s worked for three-and-a-half decades. “I do love teaching,” he said. “It’s never boring because I love the field I’m in. Colby has always had interested and stimulating students, so it’s a good student body to work with, too. And I’ve had a very congenial set of colleagues. There’s a strong sense of regret about leaving.”

After Dorothy Reuman retires from Colby’s Music Department next year, the couple may travel in a van for a year. Maybe, Reuman says, he’ll photograph birds in the Everglades, maybe they’ll go to Alaska. Maybe they’ll spend a year in Europe, just moseying around, camping. Reuman would like to take a woodworking course, too.

And oh yes, Reuman says, revealing the continuing presence of the child who made the man, they’ve talked about joining the Peace Corps.

Colby, March 1991
The war was there in the spring of 1941, but—probably because the United States was not directly involved—none of them had gone to it yet. The conflicts across both oceans were as distant as the Wars of the Roses.

Not that the newspapers and airwaves hadn’t been full of news of the fighting. Dozens of young journalists were cutting their teeth in Paris and Berlin and London—Murrow, Cronkite, Severed and Shirer among them. One of Colby’s own, Kathryn “Kay” Herrick ’35, was working in NBC’s Paris offices in 1940 and participated in a June broadcast during the siege of that city.

“It was about 1:30 this afternoon when the alarms started,” Herrick began her broadcast. “As usual, people didn’t hurry about reaching the air raid shelters. They will from now on! . . . I’d left the restaurant where I was having lunch and had reached the NBC office when all of a sudden a shrill whistle pierced the air . . . There was a terrific crash, and then another, with flying glass all about us. Without waiting any longer, we dashed downstairs, wondering where the air raid shelter might be. We had no time to find out. Standing in the lobby, we watched several very frightened people come running in, covered from head to foot with soot, for the first bomb had shrouded the entire neighborhood in a cloud of black dust. As soon as the dust cleared away, we stood in the doorway, nervously watching. From the house opposite, three wounded people were being taken out on stretchers by policemen . . . The house on the opposite corner, no more than 40 feet from the NBC office, was all but demolished. Divans, tables, chairs and one bed are still stretched precariously on what remains of the top floor. Several women’s dresses are still hanging on the wall, and there is something almost ghostly about the telephone still standing on a little corner table . . . NBC is covering the war, but today the war covered NBC headquarters—with disorder, dust and shattered glass.”

The last anyone at Colby had known of Herrick’s whereabouts before the broadcast, she was on her way to join the faculty of a Friends school in Holland. Then again, she had moved about often enough in her first years out of college to raise the brows of registrar Elmer C. Warren, who had charge of her credentials. “I hope this does not mean that you are going to shift jobs too frequently,” Warren had grumped in response to a breezy note from Herrick asking him to send her papers to a teachers’ employment agency in Boston. His remontration did little to dampen a wanderlust that eventually took her around the world. Based in California for the last 20 years, Kay Herrick McCrodden has lived in Europe, Africa, Israel, South America and Turkey.

During the 1940–41 academic year, Herrick sent pieces about her experiences in Europe to the Alumnus and the Echo. One memorable account of a two-month trek across occupied France and from there to Turkey, where she took up a teaching post in a girls’ school, reads like a spy novel, complete with escapes from sinister German border guards.
And as they marched toward Commencement that spring, Herrick’s was hardly the only Colby voice to remind the men and women of the Class of 1941 that war would soon affect them all.

In a Colby Alumnus essay on the progress of the new Mayflower Hill campus, the inimitably optimistic College president, Franklin Johnson, lamented that because of the war, “material and spiritual values, slowly and laboriously accumulated through the centuries, are being ruthlessly destroyed.” Indeed, as the months passed Johnson never seemed to miss an opportunity to warn Colbians that a darkness was settling over the world, one that couldn’t help but engulf them sooner or later.

Reminders of the war to come should have tempered campus euphoria over acquisition of priceless Thomas Hardy manuscripts and a state champion football team. “America’s Place in the Current Crisis” was the theme of a Student Christian Movement-sponsored forum on Peace Day in late spring. And Chicago Tribune correspondent Jay Allen closed the Colby Lecture Series that year with a talk denouncing the Allies for giving “totalitarian” nations “a green light to continue aggressions in various parts of the world.”

Yet, as they conjure memories in anticipation of their 50th class reunion this June, members of the Class of 1941 say that for much of their senior year at Colby most students were surprisingly good at tucking the auguries of war well back in their minds.

“I didn’t do a lot of thinking about the war that fall,” Ruth “Bonnie” Roberts Hathaway ’41 remembers now. “I lived with Professor [Edward] Colgan’s family in town during my junior and senior years, not on campus, and I didn’t join a sorority, so I wasn’t living right there and hearing people talk about the war on campus.”

According to Jane Russell Abbott ’41, there wasn’t much war talk to miss. “There was some,” she said. “Not as much as one might have thought. I thought about it, I guess because I was a history/government major and in the International Relations Club. The war was a natural focus for me.”

Abbott says the attitude on the old College Avenue campus during 1940-41 was similar to that on Mayflower Hill during the late 1960s, when she lived in Waterville and used to jog on the cross-country trails and in the fieldhouse with her husband, Henry Abbott ’41. “They were supposedly protesting,” she said, “but it seemed to us that they were just out having parties. Youth is like that, and we were probably no different.”

While the war failed to overwhelm day-to-day student life, it did draw ever increasing attention in the Echo, starting with the first editorial by Elmer Baxter ’41 in October, which noted that the recently reinstated military draft had become “the topic that is uppermost in the minds of men of college age today.” The following week, Bonnie Roberts’ landlord, Professor Colgan, told a Women’s Assembly that three quarters of the men drafted under the selective service Act would never see combat—a sadly inaccurate prediction.

The legendary professor of history William Wilkinson was a leading campus proponent of American involvement, although he bristled at an Echo story claiming that he advocated outright American entrance into the war. He was an unswerving supporter of England—seen by many as the linchpin holding free Europe together. If England should fall to Germany, Wilkinson contended repeatedly, the United States would be threatened with aggression from both Germany and Japan.

“I don’t remember any active movement for peace,” said Norris Dibble ’41, who delivered the 1941 senior address. In fact, a Peace Commission was formed on campus that year, but it received scant attention in the student newspaper. It was not world peace that seemed to concern Colby students and even faculty who wrote in the Echo but whether the United States should or would join the war.

“What has happened to the International Relations Club?” wrote one student, who signed the letter “A Member.” “Has it become the English-American Relations Organization? Might it not be well to rename it the Propaganda Club for America’s Intervention?”

Wilkinson—the IRC’s adviser and a leader in the new Group on Defense of Democracy—thundered frequently against isolationism and attracted a coterie of students to his position. One of the most eloquent was Emanuel Frucht ’42. “Domestic problems and considerations must necessarily yield the pre-eminent place in this coming campaign to the more pressing and vital problem of our national defense and foreign alignments,” Frucht wrote in a ringing endorsement of a third term for Franklin Delano Roosevelt that contended Republican Wendell Willkie had done “more than any
other man in the United States Senate to obstruct legislation aimed at ending America's traditional policy of extreme isolation."

In a mock election, Willkie won by a 3-2 margin (surprising the Echo, which had predicted it would be 2-1), but Frucht emerged as a campus gadfly whose political writings seem, in retrospect, weightier than his comments on contemporary art, literature and movies. He called Ernest Hemingway’s *For Whom The Bell Tolls* "a bit wordy" and Charlie Chaplin’s landmark *The Great Dictator* "a disappointing film"—but he helped enliven the Echo.

While Frucht, Wilkinson and others wrote unceasingly about Germany and Japan, college life was going on much as if no conflict existed. The members of the Class of 1944 arrived on campus, were issued beanies to wear throughout the year and, according to Perley Leighton ‘43, author of a weekly compendium of Colby gossip called "Canvassing the Campus," the men rushed out almost as a group and bought pipes in a vain attempt to shed the callow look. Colby Night, dubbed "the biggest event of the year" (as Winter Carnival would be a few months later), pushed war news off the Echo front page for two weeks. The Colby football team earned banner headlines week after week en route to its first undefeated season since 1909 and its third straight Maine championship.

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Another hot topic was the quality of food in Foss Hall. "By a recently conducted survey it was shown conclusively that 70 percent of the students in the Women's Division are thoroughly dissatisfied with the present meals," wrote one woman. In April, the paper announced that a "posture-conscious campaign" had been launched to make female students more aware of the way they sat, stood, and walked.

"We usually have to be serious in our little column," Perley Leighton wrote in May, "but today, with our boys' leaving the halls of learning to offer up their lives on the altar of freedom... wherefore does any man or woman in college find the right to quibble over the quality of food in Foss Hall, the insanities of the faculty or the dirty windows in Chemical Hall?"

If the shadow of war had fallen over the breeziest Echo column by late spring, it was surely present on Commencement Weekend, June 15-16, though primarily as a counterpoint to the commencement address. The speaker, Clarence Street, was a strong advocate of the Federal Union—a proposed bonding of the U.S., the United Kingdom, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia. He told the graduates that union was the best hope for a future United States of Man, which could, after negotiating peace with the Axis powers, ensure "freedom for all men equally." Less than six months later, a hail of Japanese bombs told them all what they already had much reason to suspect—that world union would not come.

Henry Abbott and Jane Russell were married a year after graduation. Two months later he joined the Air Corps. She worked in New York City and waited for Henry to return from Europe. "We didn't think the war would last as long as it did," Abbott recalled. "I took advantage of whatever situation I found myself in, but life was on hold." Asked early in the war to ferry planes to Europe for the Civilian Aviation Administration, Abbott, who had earned her pilot's license at Colby, refused. "Henry thought I'd just get over there and he'd be back," she explained.

Bonnie Roberts married an Orono man named Henry Hathaway the month after the attack on Pearl Harbor. "He was supposed to graduate from flying school on December 12, then get leave," she said. "Well, the Japanese changed that." They married quickly and he was sent to New Guinea. They didn't see one another again for two-and-a-half years.

"I got a job in the New Haven Public Library children's department," she remembered. "I never would have gotten the job if there hadn't been a war. They would have hired someone with experience. I had no training at all, but I knew a lot about children's books."

Eventually, both husbands came home, and the Abbotts and Hathaways settled down like so many millions of other families to have children and put the war behind them. And, like most of them, they remembered those who were not so fortunate.

"I dated Dick Noyes," Jane Russell Abbott said, the catch in her voice still audible a half century later. "He was such a likeable man."

The Class of '41 was the last to graduate before the world seemed to explode.

They marched through Colby as a group, not torn apart by war as the classes immediately behind them were, and to the end they retained at least enough innocence to sit through a speech on world unity with smooth, uncynical faces. Their Colby experience brought them together for life—and perhaps that, rather than the terrible conflagration that awaited them after Commencement, will be uppermost in their minds when they gather for their gold reunion on Mayflower Hill this June.

"We have tremendous loyalty to Colby," said Abbott, who has for many years served as class agent. "We're a close-knit group."
Another Colby Class Gazes Down the Barrel of a Gun

A yellow ribbon was threaded through the railings on Miller Library tower January 15 as the Colby community marked the deadline for Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait. The day's other activities included a vigil at Waterville's Unitarian-Universalist church sponsored by Veterans for Peace, and the evening before, Colby's Government Department held a Middle East forum.

Fifty years after the Class of '41 walked away from the College Avenue campus into an uncertain future, another group of seniors has spent its last Colby year contemplating war.

But like their predecessors, the members of the Class of '91 were reluctant to make the budding conflict the primary focus of campus activity. Ted Lambrecht '91, one of the students responsible for decorating the library, said, "People just don't want to deal with it until they have to."

Joseph Brennan '91 agreed. "The way Colby is, insulated and isolated from the real world, everyone is more concerned with their final papers and exams than they are about the concept of going to war," Brennan said as the first semester ended. But for Lambrecht and a small group of his classmates, thoughts of war were more urgent. They are members of the Reserve Officers Training Corps—if the United States is at war when they graduate, they will be likely candidates for service in the conflict.

Two days before the war began, Lambrecht said he hoped military force would be used "only as a last resort." But he said the possibility of going to war hadn't changed his commitment to service. "Everyone should serve their country somehow," he said. "I chose to go into the military. Serving in the ROTC is a job, but it's also a pledge I made to put my life on the line if my country calls for it."

Seniors Chris Caponi and Jake Silberfarb, members of the Marine Officer Candidate Program, both said they, too, were prepared to fight if necessary. "It's not my job to question whether the issues are right or wrong," Silberfarb said, but added that as a Jew, he felt Israel should be protected from Iraq.

Caponi, a Canadian who joined the M.O.C.P. because of "the quality of the men" involved, said in January that the United States "should go to war as soon as possible."

"The only thing we can—and should—do is act," Caponi said. "If we hold off for 10 or 15 years, Hussein will have Kuwait under control and who knows what other nations... If Hussein walks away intact after all this build-up, what purpose will America have served?"

But for some members of the class, the shadow of the Vietnam War loomed large. "We've made too many mistakes in the past by forcing ourselves on other countries," said Dana Stinson '91.

"The U.S. becomes involved as a basis for foreign policy and then justifies the invasion with humanitarian reasons," said senior Matt Bourgault. "I think this is another excuse to exercise a strong military."

Asked if they would participate in a war if drafted, Colby seniors were divided. "If the United States went to war against Iraq I would not fight," said Dan Raymont '91. "If the U.S. wanted to fight for civil rights in South Africa, I wouldn't hesitate to take up arms. But if we decided to go to war with Iraq, I'd rather go to Mexico—or to jail."

Alexander "Sandy" Cloughn expressed the more prevalent attitude. "I would go if I was drafted," he said, "because I have faith in the leadership and believe the decisions they make are in the best interests of the country. Every generation, every culture, every society has seen war, I think it's unlikely that you will have lived your life and not experienced a war."
A Change Is Brewing

An Old Issue,
Drinking on Campus,
Takes Some New Turns

by M.F. Chip Gavin '90

When a state liquor inspector tried to crack down on underage drinking at Colby in 1987, some students responded by printing T-shirts with the words “Colby College Hunting Club” around a caricature of her in the cross hairs of a gun’s scope.

The inventive if brazen entrepreneurs were barred from hawking the shirts at College-sanctioned locations on grounds of taste, but the shirts sold well anyway. More to the point, campus drinking practices resisted the crackdown. The flow of alcoholic beverages, mostly beer and much of it consumed by students under 21, was unabated.

Now, barely three years later, another crackdown is under way at Colby, and this time there are two important differences. First, much of the impetus is coming from within the College rather than from outside enforcement agents, and, second, student leaders are working with administrators to create a campus social life that is not centered on alcohol.

No, Mayflower Hill is neither dry nor yet in total compliance with the law that makes drinking by those under 21 illegal. A visitor might still observe underage consumption on campus any weekend night and hear cheers for players “chugging” steins of beer during drinking games. And the stench of stale brew still overwhelms some campus locales before the clean-up crews arrive.

“You know it’s sad when the biggest file folder you have is on alcohol,” said Student Association President Shawn Crowley ’91, an important strategist in the fight against excessive and underaged drinking.

Yet all is not the same. The smells and sounds are no longer apparent in the Student Center, where until this year 15 or more kegs could be drained in a night. Virtually designed to succeed the old fraternity houses as a focus of campus social life, the center also was attractive to administrators because it allowed students to party right on campus and within walking distance of their rooms. Ultimately, the price of such convenience proved too high (or low, actually, since students could drink all night for a single admission charge of $2 or $3). Now, uniformed Colby security guards are posted at kegs and “card” everyone for proof of age.

“The new policy sucks,” one student said bluntly on a Friday night at the close of the fall semester. He had retreated to a small, private party in a residence hall. The beer in his hand had cost him nearly as much in a downtown store as he used to pay for a full night of trips to the kegs.

Most College administrators, citing published regulations, maintain that campus alcohol policy has not changed. The difference, they say, is that now the rules are enforced. As a result, the campus inebriant of choice, beer, is not where it used to be, not as plentiful, not as cheap and, to those under 21, not for sale. “You can’t even drink anymore,” one underaged student said in a ringing if unintended endorsement of the new enforcement policy.

Colby has grappled with alcohol for more than a century. But student drinking has become more of an issue during the past decade, in part because Maine followed a national trend in raising the legal drinking age from 18 to 21. Suddenly a practice that some decried as unacceptable also became illegal for many students and put most colleges in a quandary. The argument that moderate and monitored drinking on campus was sensible policy given the alternative was also an excuse for breaking the law.

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We really do need to address this. 
It’s coming at us from all sides.

Janice Seitzinger, dean of students
from outside the College.

For example, in theory Colby stands to lose $1.4 million in federal funds if it doesn't comply with the new Drug Free Act, which, Seitzinger notes, includes a federally mandated "obligation to not allow underage people to drink."

"The initial impact of the law is on our enforcement procedure," said Administrative Vice President Arnold Yasinski, "but we're not reacting solely to that." He maintains that the federal mandate is but one of many influences—and at least one insider says the mandate is more a handy excuse for stricter enforcement than its cause.

If College officials felt they needed reasons to act, they found one at a party early last semester when an underaged sophomore broke three vertebrae in a fall from a window during a party in the Student Center. The incident, still under investigation by local authorities earlier this year, touched off a spate of stories and editorials in The Echo. These were followed by the new enforcement measures, which officials say were already being planned.

At least one key player, Hume, can operate as both insider and outsider in the new drive for greater control. A long-time area physician who has been a benefactor to the College, he assumed the campus medical directorship in the fall after retiring from his private practice. "Things change when external forces bring enough pressure," Hume said, "and I'm somewhat unrelenting."

For now, student affairs are concentrating on monitoring sanctioned parties, not on breaking down residence hall doors or smoking out off-campus haunts.

"The further you get from the public function, the less likely it is that you'll be bothered—unless you bring attention to yourself," Seitzinger said. "But I can't say there is any safe haven for underage drinking. We will probably be required to be more vigilant than in the past. A lot's going to be up for question in the future."

One negative aspect of this approach is that it can give some of the toughest calls to those lowest on the enforcement ladder, members of the student residence hall staff. When a change was enacted that prosobriety forces hailed as the closure of a key loophole—elimination of on-the-spot sanc-

tioning of "spontaneous" parties—one student leader expressed concern. "I'm worried it will be hard to enforce," said Kristin Short '92, the head resident in Dana. "Every time we walk into a room, we have to make a judgment about whether it's a party or not. It's not supposed to be a major change, but it is, especially here in Dana."

Ultimately, the student body itself should provide the best test of Colby's effort to eliminate underage drinking and limit alcohol abuse. The College is betting that drunkenness—viewed once as a rite of passage if not a step in learning how to drink responsibly—will lose its allure. Like the anti-smoking sentiment now prevalent on campus, officials believe, a trend away from excessive drinking will flourish—if it has a chance to take root despite stubborn peer pressure of the sort that kept underground fraternities active until this year.

That pressure was apparent early in the campus controversy touched off last semester by Colby's new approach. Typically, leaders say, the most visible immediate response to the new enforcement was evasion and protest. Some underaged students were reported to be drinking heavily in private before going to parties—even the "alcohol-free" dances. "Lots of kids are drinking hard stuff and showing up trashed," said Patricia Masters '91, who was on the front lines in her role as social chair of the Student Association. Masters also discovered that new gimmicks, such as door prizes and video music, were necessary to attract students to the Student Center in the aftermath of the enforcement crackdown.

Tullio Nieman, in his first year as director of student activities, says the innovative

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This student's ID and invitation are verified (left), his hand is stamped and he receives a wrist ribbon (right) that will allow him access to the bar.

Colby, March 1991
programming is actually a benefit of the change. An auto-less "drive-in movie" on
the lawn in front of Dana and other activities are gaining in popularity, said Nieman,
who also helped students plan an alcohol-free holiday party complete with hay rides, a
big-screen television with holiday specials, a video disc jockey and free food and drink.
Yet a visitor could not help but notice
that more students at the holiday event were
watching television than dancing. And the
following week, a Last Day of Loudness celebra
tion on the day before reading period
and final exams began attracted fewer stu
dents than an impromptu event with alco
hol across campus in the East Quad.
The Student Association secured addi
tional funding from the trustees to help
sustain campus social life for second semes
ter, Crowley said, because clubs had de
depend on beer bashes to help raise money.
A few kegs and a disc jockey to attract 400-
600 students at $3 a person turned a profit to
finance future events.
On the other hand, the College may
already be reaping financial benefits as a
result of its commitment to reduce underage
drinking. Damage to residence halls dropped
50 percent in the first semester, according to
Dean of Housing Paul Johnston, who at
tributes the reduced vandalism to reduced
drinking as well as a new system of billing
vandals. Dana, usually the leader in damage
with about $1,500 each semester, dropped
the most, to $375.
Also down dramatically was the num
ber of Student Judicial Board hearings, ac-
cording to Associate Dean of Students Mark
Serdjjenian '73, who said the first-semester
caseload was seven compared with a full-
year high of 53 in 1984-85, the final year in
which fraternities were recognized. Just three
hearings have been alcohol-related, accord-
ing to Serdjjenian, who says the percentage
was higher in the past.
In the face of these apparently positive
trends, one statistical blip gives administra
tors pause. Seven Colby students have been
arrested on campus and held for Waterville
police by Colby's own security officers for
driving while intoxicated compared to none
in 1989-90. The idea that stricter enforce
ment will chase student drinkers away and
lead to tragedy is a longstanding component
of the debate.
So is the legal drinking age, which
draws an increasingly murky line through
the student body as each school year wanes
and more students reach majority. "It would
be better if it were 18 or 25," Seitzinger said.
"Then everybody would be in the same boat."She and others maintain that if drinking was
legal, they could address the real issue—
alcohol abuse—instead of underage drink-
ing. "We're in a terrible catch-22," Hume
added, "because to learn how to drink re
sponsibly is against the law."
Liquor enforcement officials respond
that lowering the drinking age is not an
option. While it might help colleges like
Colby, they say, it surely would add to the
weekend mayhem nearly everywhere else.
"And who is Colby to say 'No, we won't
comply?'" asked Nieman, who, like Hume, is
new and a strong voice for sobriety. Voices,
too, are emerging from student leadership.
"I'm so sick of hearing, 'if you don't let us
drink then we'll go off campus and drive
drunk,' " Masters said, adding that Waterville
has a taxi service and Colby provides the
Jirney bus service to ferry students between
campus and downtown.
"Colby is no different from any of the
colleges," said Chief John S. Martin of the
Maine Liquor Enforcement Bureau. "We've

Photo by Dave Wilkinson
Colby, March 1991

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Patricia Masters '91, Stu-Asocial chair

Beer is still the drink of choice at most campus events, though the days when as many as 15 kegs could be
drained at one Student Center party are over. College administrators and
student leaders say the new crack-
down on underage drinking will have a
side benefit—the chance for stu-
dents to forge a more creative and
diverse campus social life.

I'm so sick of hearing 'if you don't let us drink then we'll go off campus and drive drunk.'

Patricia Masters '91, Stu-Asocial chair

Beer is still the drink of choice at most campus events, though the days when as many as 15 kegs could be
drained at one Student Center party are over. College administrators and
student leaders say the new crack-
down on underage drinking will have a
side benefit—the chance for stu-
dents to forge a more creative and
diverse campus social life.
had problems with all the colleges at one time or another. The Bureau has nothing against Colby.

The problem with some colleges is they try to make an atmosphere where underage people can drink legally, and there simply is no such animal.

At Boston College, an “assistant dean for alcohol and drug education” was hired recently. Colby has no such plans, but the College, which uses the substance abuse facilities of the nearby Mid-Maine Medical Center, may soon hire its own part-time substance abuse counselor and is considering reserving part of a residence hall for non-drinkers the way it now has a “quiet dorm.”

Colby has always talked about “education” as a key tool. After all, it is a college. But some programs that looked good on paper in the past, Hume says, proved inadequate, perhaps because the College did not exactly adhere to its own message. “Invest some real time and energy into effective alcohol education,” the Echo advised administrators last fall.

An “alcohol awareness week” was scheduled for February, and state officials were invited to campus to take photos and dispense official Maine ID cards, which will henceforth be the only acceptable proof of age on campus.

Campus education programs present some real challenges, in part because behavioral norms are not nearly as rigid as they are in the rest of society. Consequently, students can have a difficult time spotting abusive drinking in themselves or others because such tell-tale signs as vomiting, missing class or punching a window can be explained away. “But, people are beginning to see that the thing will work.” And at best that will take time.

The solution must come from students.
That’s the only way the thing will work.

Dr. H. Alan Hume, chief physician

—M.F. Chip Gavin is on the staff of the Central Maine Morning Sentinel

**Collegiate Drinking: A National Problem**

Colleges and universities across the country are addressing the issue of alcohol use on campus.

“Colleges are trying to do what they can,” said Professor Henry Wechsler, director of the Youth Alcohol and Drug Program at Harvard’s School of Public Health. “But there is no unified response—aside from the fact that all are responding.”

Wechsler has studied alcohol and drug use by college and high-school students for almost two decades. Last year he and his co-workers questioned almost 2,000 first-year students at 14 Massachusetts colleges about drinking and drug use. What they found, he said, was that collegiate drinking behavior had not changed since Wechsler conducted a similar study 13 years before.

“Heavy drinking has continued at the same high rates,” Wechsler said. “Approximately one-third of men and 12 percent of the women in both years, 1977 and 1990, were frequent heavy drinkers, [consuming] at least five drinks at a sitting. That has not changed. The use of marijuana, the use of cocaine and smoking have been cut in half over the same dozen years,” he said.

What accounts for alcohol’s enduring popularity on campus? “It is a legal drug, and therefore, what college students do is not that different from what adults are doing,” Wechsler noted. “They see ads on television. Alcohol is one of society’s norms.”

“Most students share the view that it’s okay to get high or drunk with friends or at a party,” he said, “but it is not all right to get drunk alone. Drinking is a social activity.”

Wechsler says that whether colleges are large or small, urban or residential, there seems to be one common denominator in student drinking. “Students get into major difficulties around alcohol,” he said. “Any problem on campus, whether it is a fight, a date rape, vandalism—or even, sometimes, a racial incident—tends to occur around alcohol. It doesn’t necessarily cause the behavior, but it is a major factor.”

—Sally Baker
After eight months of work, a special Trustee Planning Committee has issued "Approaching the Year 2000: An Interim Report on Colby’s Planning Process" and is seeking reaction from alumni and others.

"Colby’s most recent strategic planning cycle began formally in May of 1990 and has, so far, involved more than 100 trustees, faculty, students and alumni in wide-ranging discussions of fundamental issues that will determine Colby’s future," Trustee Planning Committee Chair John G. Christy says in the report’s introduction. "This interim report is intended to inform a broader Colby community of what has been achieved to date. More important, it actively solicits advice, reaction and further discussion from all members of the Colby family. . . . The liveliness and breadth of that discussion will be the measure of this report’s usefulness.”

The need for a formal planning effort was first discussed at trustee meetings in 1989. Early in 1990, Chair of the Board H. Ridgely Bullock ’55 and President William R. Cotter decided to ask the trustees to launch the effort. The process was constituted at the April trustee meeting with an invitation to all trustees to participate. Eventually, 16 trustees accepted the call. Christy, chair of Chestnut Capital Corporation of Philadelphia, agreed to head the committee, and the College’s vice president for development and alumni relations, Peyton R. “Randy” Helm, was designated as its secretary.

The trustee planners joined members of the College’s senior administrative staff in a day-long retreat last May at Millett Alumni House. Subcommittees on curriculum, student life, diversity, facilities and financial resources were created with faculty, administrators, students and alumni invited to participate in sessions held throughout the summer. Feedback came as well from alumni and parent leadership groups and from president’s forums in Boston, New York and Waterville. In October, the subcommittees issued their first interim reports to the full committee.

Why a new planning process for Colby now?

"The next decade will change higher education in our country—dramatically if not fundamentally," Cotter says at the outset of his introduction. "Institutions both public and private will be tested.
Some will deteriorate; some will disappear; others will build on strength to improve their quality and their reputations. Colby intends to enter the new millennium as a nationally acknowledged leader in undergraduate liberal arts education, prepared to face the challenges of the 21st century.

The interim report traces Colby’s growth and modernization during the past decade, describes the challenges it faces in the nineties and outlines several “basic assumptions” about Colby’s future. They include a recommitment to Colby’s “traditional mission [and] fundamental character” as a private, nonsectarian, residential and coeducational undergraduate college of arts and sciences.

“We value diversity and aspire to unite poets, scientists, philosophers and musicians—from suburbs and inner cities, from across our own country and abroad, from a rich mixture of ethnic, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds—in a community of shared intellectual purpose, tradition and values,” the report declares. “Our teaching will continue to emphasize critical and independent thinking and eloquence in both written and spoken expression. We will require no political or doctrinal litmus tests. We hope to continue our policy of need-blind admissions.”

The Planning Committee reviewed the subcommittee draft reports in a session conducted in conjunction with the January trustee weekend in Boston. Revisions will be reviewed during the April trustee weekend on Mayflower Hill, and the final draft plan will be presented to the full board at its Commencement Weekend meeting in May.

Alumni, parents and friends of the College have been urged to forward their individual visions of Colby’s future in writing to President Cotter or to attend special alumni meetings that have been scheduled this winter.

“The planning process has identified a significant agenda that has the potential to shape Colby’s future in exciting ways,” the committee says. “Given limited resources, it will require further refinement and difficult choices. We are anxious to involve as many members of the Colby family as possible as we continue our planning discussion. Please send us your ideas, comments and suggestions.”

### Planners Ponder Five Major Topics

**Curriculum**

The Curriculum Subcommittee has focused on six general areas:

**Curriculum Revision:** The Faculty Curriculum Committee has provisionally proposed alterations to the general education portion of the College’s distribution requirements. Currently under discussion are a required seminar for all first-year students and requiring all students to take one course in each of six broad areas within their first two years. The first-year colloquium (as the seminars are called) plus the area requirements are in addition to the English composition requirement and the foreign language requirement. The six areas currently under discussion are: Arts, Historical Studies, Natural Science, Literature, Quantitative Reasoning and Social Sciences.

**International Education:** To meet the challenges of the growing importance of international awareness, the Faculty Curriculum Committee has reaffirmed the importance of the three-semester foreign lan-

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**Study abroad programs may be expanded, and a new first-year seminar is under discussion by a faculty subcommittee.**

*Colby, March 1991*
The Diversity Subcommittee has urged the College to increase recruitment efforts for minority students.

Language requirement. The committee is also investigating the desirability of increased opportunities to study in other countries as part of a student's four-year Colby program. What kind of foreign-study opportunities are truly valuable and whether all students would be required to study abroad remain issues under discussion.

Independent Study: The Faculty Curriculum Committee has also been discussing whether opportunities for independent study and research should be expanded. Many departments and programs currently require senior seminars that have a research component, but there is no College-wide expectation that every student will have completed a sustained piece of independent work by the time he or she leaves the College.

Advising: To deal with this traditional area of weakness, a campus task force has been formed to investigate ways academic advising might be improved. There is general satisfaction with major and career/postgraduate study advising; the problems seem to be in general education advising. The newly proposed area requirements and the Educational Precepts adopted in 1989 should serve as the basis for a strengthened and more coherent advising program.

Faculty Growth and New Faculty Position Allocation: The subcommittee has reviewed the deployment of 18 new faculty positions during the past decade. For the most part, new faculty positions and realignment of existing positions have been in response to new interdisciplinary programs, the addition of new disciplines to the curriculum and the strengthening of existing majors, especially to accommodate new areas and subfields. The new tenure-track positions have added important new features to the curriculum. Traditional imbalances have also been addressed (e.g., in the Natural Sciences), and enrollment pressures have to some extent been alleviated by faculty growth. The curriculum revision currently under discussion, the need for additional faculty resources to accommodate the intensity of individualized direction of student independent study and research and the continuing need for flexibility to staff new critical areas and subfields have produced a proposal by the subcommittee to add additional faculty and faculty support staff dur-
Program Deletions: Full-rime equivalent position.

For the past five years and has noted the programs that have been deleted as new programs have emerged.

Diversity

The Diversity Subcommittee is tackling an assignment that may be Colby's greatest challenge. With a student body that is 94.6% Caucasian, we are currently the least racially diverse of our peer colleges. After examining all aspects of diversity on campus, this subcommittee focused on ambitious recruiting goals. While the subcommittee expressed the wish that the Colby student population would one day reflect the diversity of the nation's college-going population, it seemed more productive and realistic to set ambitious but achievable admissions goals for the entering class of 1995-96 as follows: at least 200 applications and 30 enrolled students from each of three important ethnic groups: African American, Hispanic and Asian American. In addition, we should strive to recruit: Native Americans (at least 1% of the class); Maine students (at least 13% of the class); and international students (at least 7% of the class). The subcommittee stresses that these are targets of fully qualified applicants Colby should aim for, not quotas to set limits on the number of qualified students from any particular ethnic background.

Achieving these goals will require: enhanced admissions recruiting efforts, self-examination to increase the campus comfort-level for those of different cultural backgrounds and augmented financial aid. The subcommittee estimates that to achieve interim goals by 1995 may cost as much as $750,000 in additional scholarships annually.

Student Life

The Student Life Subcommittee was originally asked to investigate whether: the residential life programs, including faculty relations with students outside of course work, adequately support the intellectual development of students? What should be the balance of academic curriculum and other campus activities? The subcommittee subsequently broadened its focus to review not only the Commons system (residential life) but also the values of the College and how we communicate them to students.

In reviewing the Commons system, the subcommittee has considered whether the residential system provides the sort of opportunities for self-governance and student responsibility for campus activities that engender pride of accomplishment and a proprietary interest in the welfare of the College as well as strong friendships among students. The subcommittee also asked whether faculty involvement in the Commons system has effectively supported intellectual life outside the curriculum.

Alumni Are Urged to Join the Process

New overseer George Haskell '55 returned to alumni activism in style last semester when he was host of a reception and dinner at the Ritz Carlton in Boston. The event, Haskell said, was designed to bring other "errant alumni" back into the Colby fold—to get them involved in and excited about the challenges the College faces in the decade to come.

Haskell concedes that business commitments and other obligations kept him from visiting Colby for nearly a decade until a classmate, Colby Alumni Secretary Sid Farr ("Mr. Persistence," Haskell said with a laugh), persuaded him to come to Mayflower Hill in November 1989. What he found, he says, was an impressively maintained campus where faculty and administrators seemed dedicated to providing first-rate academic programs in an atmosphere of cooperation with students, alumni and other constituencies.

"Go back to campus and see for yourselves," Haskell told fellow alumni at the Boston dinner. He said that the enormous financial and demographic problems Colby faces in coming years require increased alumni involvement. Specifically, he said, more alumni need to join trustees, overseers, and other current donors in supporting the Alumni Fund and the drive to increase the College endowment.

The Haskell dinner was one in a series of events designed to involve an increasing number of alumni in helping to plan for Colby's future. During the fall semester, President William Cotter held President's Forums in New York, Boston and Waterville. His message to attendees at each meeting was the same: this is not a time to batten down the hatches and hope the storms buffeting higher education will blow over. It is a time to be excited about the future and about the innovative programs on the horizon.

Colby remains a highly selective, highly competitive college committed to liberal arts education, Cotter said, and Colby officials are charged with finding ways, even during a recession, to keep that education within the reach of middle-class students. The College is also dedicated to the idea that no education is complete without an international element, he added, and—closer to home—efforts to make the Commons system responsive to student needs are vital.
New funding sources are needed to complete projects like the Bixler building renovation and the updating of computer equipment.

...and opportunities to take responsibility for important campus activities and to form lasting friendships in the residence halls and in settings such as athletic teams, clubs and other extracurricular activities. Most students feel there is a good balance between intellectual and extracurricular pursuits, but the subcommittee believes that some additional efforts should be made to enhance the intellectual/cultural component of student life at Colby, especially faculty-student contact outside the classroom. The subcommittee also felt that, as a college, we must redouble our efforts to articulate our shared values and to ensure that students feel that they belong to a "community of scholars."

Facilities

Though many of us still think of Colby's "new campus," many of our Mayflower Hill facilities are now half a century old. The Facilities Subcommittee has reviewed the entire physical plant, has collected and classified all known building and renovation projects and has studied the College's equipment needs (above those covered in annual budgets). A preliminary tally indicates that Colby faces more than $28 million in capital projects and equipment purchases over the next five years. Approximately half of these needs are in the areas of replacement and renovation, which, in the past, have been funded from internal sources. Given the needs of our aging plant, this will place extraordinary demands on future budgets. The rest of these capital projects will require new commitments of funds from external sources.

Major projects include: the renovation of Lovejoy; a new science building; the renovation and expansion of the Bixler Art and Music Center; an enlarged Training Room; renovations of the residence halls in the East and West Quads and Robert's Row; a new admissions facility; academic and administrative computing equipment; and replacement or upgrade of the central heating plant.

While the College needs to increase financial aid resources, it also must focus on fund raising to build the endowment.

Colby, March 1991
Financial Resources
The Financial Resources Subcommittee spent much of the spring and summer examining the major components of Colby's budget and developing a financial model. By early fall, the committee concluded that Colby has in place adequate tools to evaluate the financial impact of changes in its operating environment and to react to those changes if necessary. The committee also studied market sensitivity to student charges, finding that the demand for higher education changes if necessary. The committee also considered operating environment and to react to those changes if necessary. There is some evidence, however, that this may be changing. Colby is well positioned in the middle of the cost range for institutions of comparable quality and is one of the most efficient of our peer colleges.

The committee's studies also indicated that academic quality is the most important nonfinancial factor affecting students' tendency to enroll, suggesting that maintaining high quality is a more effective strategy than trying to compete with other schools for students on a price basis. A large increase in enrollment would thus create financial difficulties both because of the impact on quality and the cost of additional facilities. Consequentially, the subcommittee thus far sees no significant advantages to be gained by dramatic changes in the size of the student body, though a modest increase in enrollment might be considered. Colby has assigned a high priority to offering competitive faculty salaries during the past decade and now ranks in the top 5 percent of colleges nationally. The committee discussed faculty quality as fundamental to the College's academic reputation and the related issues of competitive faculty salaries and benefits.

Despite the completion in 1986 of the most successful capital campaign in the College's history, Colby's endowment ranks 23rd of the 25 colleges named in U.S. News & World Report's list of the country's best liberal arts colleges. Given the continuing need to maintain faculty salaries and increase financial aid, we must renew our fund-raising efforts for endowment. At the same time, we are faced with essential, formidable facilities needs that will require additional external commitments.
The woman credited with leading Colby’s libraries into the 21st century owes her career to substandard typing skills.

Soon after Suannie Muehlnr graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, she moved east to Boston and applied for a clerical job at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She failed the MIT typing test—three times—and was steered toward the library, where she became an intern.

It was a happy match. Apart from a one-year stint in the reference library at Technische Universitat in Berlin, Muehlnr stayed with the MIT library system for 16 years, eventually rising to the position of assistant director of public services. In 1981, looking for new challenges and tiring of urban life, Muehlnr came to Colby as director of libraries.

Now, instead of worrying about “parking problems and living expenses,” Muehlnr is building a house in the country that she designed herself. Though the project is in only its second year and has a long way to go, the house is already a comfortable retreat. On long winter evenings, Muehlnr can relax and read in front of her big stone fireplace with her feline family: Flopsy, Mopsy and Nibbles.

The serenity Muehlnr cherishes in her private life is also apparent in Miller Library, where, according to staff members, Muehlnr has presided with just the right mix of authority, humor and trust.

“There’s no ego involvement in her decisions,” said Frances Parker, the library’s assistant director of public services. “She’s able to make decisions fairly when no one else can. . . . Most of all, she lets us have room to work, our own authority to operate responsibly. It allows us the leeway to get things done without someone constantly supervising.”

Library assistant Natalia Kemper says Muehlnr is a good friend as well as a good boss. “She’s very helpful when you approach her. It’s very easy to talk to her when it comes to problems.” Muehlnr, Kemper said, “has a wonderful sense of humor. It’s an infectious laugh that she has. But we hardly ever see her.”

Nor do most library patrons. Muehlnr’s office is a calm refuge at the end of a long corridor behind the circulation desk. From there, Muehlnr operates Colby’s three-library system, keeping one finger on the pulse of the library and one eye on the future. Working with other Colby administrators to design and finance library policies is the major portion of Muehlnr’s job, but she stays involved in day-to-day decisions as well.

“She’s always watching us,” said library assistant Eileen Lalime. “Not in a bad way, but just so that she knows what’s going on.”

Muehlnr came to Colby armed with a dream: to use computers to update cataloguing procedures and make library materials more available to the Colby community. And thanks to her efforts and those of her staff, the days of thumbing through stacks of cards in the card catalogues are over. Now, anyone who needs a book, journal, videotape—or almost anything else housed in the Colby libraries—can use video terminals in Miller Library’s main room or in faculty and administrative offices on campus to conduct a complete search.

But Muehlnr says she isn’t stopping there. In a program that she hopes will save space and money, she is encouraging the College to give up subscriptions to little-used journals, especially if they can be ordered from a nearby library.

“I’m concerned because our dollar buys fewer journals each year,” she said. “No matter how much money I ask for from the administration, it still doesn’t cover the increasing price of subscriptions. You can’t expect a 30 percent increase, all of a sudden, from a $100,000 budget. But that’s what we need.”

Colby’s three libraries need more money and more room to expand, and Muehlnr says she is concentrating on plans to build a new science library and on raising funds for an addition to the art and music library.

“She’s always been supportive of the art and music library and of humanities at Colby,” said art and music librarian Tony Hess. “She’s gone to bat with the administration for me for funds to expand the library and enlarge the budget to buy more art books.”

Muehlnr’s appreciation for the arts was nurtured in her childhood and has been a lifelong source of pleasure. “I was raised in a household where the TV was nonexistent and the family spent time...
together reading,” she said. During her year in Berlin, Muehlnr attended at least two operas or concerts each week on both sides of the Wall. “There’s an enormous variety of arts and entertainment in Berlin, and I wanted to see as much as possible while I was there,” she said, adding that she thinks German unity will result in even richer cultural offerings.

Muehlnr’s talented potter whose work attracts faculty members in droves to the semi-annual Pottery Club sales held in the Student Center. Last semester she co-taught a pottery course and “basically she helped us carry the pottery club while [its adviser], Nancy Meader, was away,” said Janet Easton, a friend of Muehlnr’s and widow of the late Tom Easton, who taught biology at Colby.

“While I was at MIT I wanted a break from the rigor of working in the libraries, so I found something that would take my mind off my work but still stimulate my intellect,” Muehlnr said. “Pottery is very physical but requires concentration. And it’s wonderful therapy for the hands. I can just focus on making pots, listen to a little classical music and block out the entire world for a few hours.” Muehlnr also swims every day and is an avid cross-country skier.

“Suanne is one of the most important people at Colby,” said Dean of the Faculty Robert McArthur. “Everything—all our success at the Colby libraries—is due to her hard work and good management.”

“She and I don’t always agree on everything,” said Frances Parker, “but that’s okay. I respect her a great deal, even when we disagree. Most of the time she’s right, anyway. But respect is important, and I don’t respect just anyone. What’s more, I really like her.”

Saunders Unearths the “Real” Stephen Foster

Songs like “Oh Susanna!” and “Camptown Races” have long been staples of American music, and the man who wrote them, Stephen Foster, is firmly enshrined in the country’s musical history. But the Foster music we know today is quite different from that which the composer put to paper, according to a Colby music professor who spent five years poring through Foster arrangements to determine their authenticity.

Steven Saunders did the work while a doctoral student at the University of Pittsburgh in Foster’s hometown. With Deane L. Root, curator of the Foster Hall Collection at Pitt, Saunders reviewed 800 Foster pieces, eventually gleaming 201 authentic compositions and putting them in chronological order. The result of their work, a book titled The Music of Stephen C. Foster, was recently published by the Smithsonian Institution Press. “It’s a complete, scholarly edition of every piece of music that Foster ever wrote,” said Saunders.

All of the pieces in The Music of Stephen C. Foster are printed as they first appeared, and some even include the decorative title pages. Though primarily intended for scholars, the two volumes are priced by sheet music collectors and by music lovers who want to play Foster’s original tunes. “I know of individuals who have bought copies because they like the music so much,” Saunders said.

The compositions that didn’t make it into the book were similar to Foster’s original work but contained hundreds of little mistakes that had filtered in over the years. Saunders says. Publishers sometimes added or removed sharps, flats or dotted figures when the pieces were printed—with the mistakes multiplying with each reprinting—and it was up to Saunders and Root to determine what Foster himself had written.

“I got my hands on every edition of a piece, spread them on the table, made a list of the differences in the words, and the notes, and put them in order,” Saunders said. “Eventually I had huge file folders on each of the songs containing all the different editions. We looked at anything we could find out about the song.”

The process of peeling away layers to get at an original composition, called textual criticism, is painstaking but extremely rewarding work, Saunders says. He notes that in many cases, the more a
performer knows about a piece, the better his or her rendition is likely to be.

"You want to get as close as possible to what the composer intended," Saunders said. "You want to find the root level of the composer's intentions, recovering them to the extent that's possible."

Foster's intentions have been the subject of controversy. Some have labeled the composer a racist, and though Saunders disagrees with the charge, he admits that the lyrics in some early songs would be considered racist today. A line in "Old Uncle Ned" refers to the "wooly hair on top of his head." And the word "nigger" appears in the second verse of "Oh Susanna!"

"That's why you never learned the second verse," Saunders said.

But according to Saunders, his study revealed that Foster underwent something of a metamorphosis in the early 1850s—about the same time he became friends with several Pittsburgh abolitionists. Some of his early lyrics, mostly those for minstrel songs, were laced with stereotypical dialect. But as he matured as a songwriter, Foster "put profound words into the mouths of blacks," Saunders said.

The lyrics to "Old Black Joe," written in 1851, contain no dialect, and talk about "world weariness," a common Foster theme.

"In the song, Old Black Joe is singing about all his friends who have gone before him, reminiscing about the children who once sat on his knee," Saunders said. "Clearly something happened in Foster's mind in the early 1850s. There were real changes from his early songwriting."

Myths about Foster abound. Many people are convinced, for instance, that the composer lived in the American South—a region he visited only twice in his life. The idea that Foster was an alcoholic and died of the disease is probably also mistaken, Saunders says.

What is undeniable is the impact Foster has had on generations of Americans who have kept his music alive. Foster was the first American to make a good living writing songs, Saunders points out, adding that it was Foster's ability to forge memorable tunes that made him so popular. Though Foster was not always a shrewd businessman (as a young man, he gave songs to minstrel show performers, little heeding their potential value), his lyrics reveal a deep understanding of universal artistic themes—love, loss, disillusionment, the importance of family.

According to Saunders, much research is left to be done on Foster—both as a composer and as a man. But he says he believes the work will be congenial to anyone who undertakes it. "As you study someone, you tend to be sympathetic," Saunders said. "The more familiar you get with the songs and the closer you get to the original versions of these songs, you can't help but like the man."
It was 1918. The war in Europe wasn't quite over, and now there was trouble on campus.

It was the pesky Greeks. And when the Board of Trustees voted for abolition, "that action occasioned such remonstrance from indignant alumni," in the words of a College historian, that the board postponed the action for a year and then rescinded its motion entirely.

No, the reprieve was not for those Greeks. They would not run into trouble for another 65 years. This controversy was about the department of Greek. Despite declining enrollments in Greek courses, alumni sentiment persuaded the trustees to stay the course and keep the classics alive at Colby.

Two decades before, in 1897, the College had dropped Greek as a requirement for admission and graduation. "To the diehards of the conventional curriculum such a departure was unthinkable," the late Ernest Martin wrote in his History of Colby College. "Not to know Greek was to die in ignorance. Proficiency in Greek and Latin was the mark of a gentleman and a scholar."

When they finally did eliminate compulsory Greek, the trustees also established a new Bachelor of Philosophy degree to highlight the deficit. "Students ignorant of the tongue of Socrates and Aristotle must not have the revered degree of Bachelor of Arts, but a lesser mark of distinction," Martin explained.

Now, almost a century later, Greek is still in Colby's catalogue, and a small but enthusiastic corps of scholars is keeping the flame alive. This year's census shows nine students registered as classics majors, and department chair Dorothy Koonce says that's typical of the number in recent years.

Who are these people who spend their time immersed in antiquity, translating ancient Greek and Latin texts for pleasure? What is it that lure them from more contemporary pursuits? Are they the last of the true gentlemen, gentlewomen and scholars? Or are they studious anarchists, lodged in the upper reaches of the ivory tower?

Current classics majors seemed no paler than other college students in Maine to an observer this winter. As a group they are not near-sighted and bespectacled, as the caricaturist might draw them. Nor are they hunched forward from carrying their too-heavy dictionaries around or from bending over their texts too intently.

Today's classics majors are aware of the stereotype but pay them no heed. "I'm proud to be a classics major—I think it's funky," said Hildi Westervelt, a junior. "No one else is able to read and translate Greek."

"A lot of people don't even know what classics is," said Deanna Deroche '91. Among those who do, "a lot of them are intrigued by the fact that we're classics majors," she added.

Mystique is an important part of the appeal. So far have we come from compulsory classical education that the study of Greek and Latin has become rather exotic.

There's a sense of exclusivity in learning the code and gaining firsthand access to the wisdom of ancient Greece and Rome. Conquering Greek and Latin earns the student of the classics membership in a society that shares this almost secret ability to decipher ancient and dead languages.

And—perhaps not unlike the fraternity—Greeks and more recent Colby history—classics majors share the strong bond of knowing something that most people don't have the will to figure out.

"There's tremendous satisfaction in just being able to read it," said Westervelt. "There's something sacred about those texts."

For Jeremy Grant, a seminar-bound senior from Colorado, the appeal of the classics is the 'capital-T Truth' they contain. "Some of the Greeks have said things that just can't be said any better," Grant said. The faults—and all heroes—in Homer, Plato's noble efforts to express the wisdom of Socrates and the reasoning of Demosthenes are unqualified in the modern world, he maintains, and they can't be fully appreciated if they're filtered through someone else's translation.

This appreciation for the intellect of people who lived more than two millennia ago, coupled with an intimate knowledge of a culture so geographically and chronologically distant, gives classics majors a unique perspective on their own world.

For example, while many of today's students may view the Persian Gulf turmoil as the greatest conflict of their lifetime, more than one classics major was quick to take a longer view. As the armies of Iraq and the United States girded for a high-tech war in the desert, sophomore Andrea Walker recalled the History of the Peloponnesian War by the Greek historian Thucydides. Specifically, she remembered Thucydides' recognition, as she paraphrased it, that "what has happened will hereafter happen again, according to human nature—the same or pretty nearly so."

"Men always think the war of their own times to be the greatest
while they are engaged in it," Thucydides wrote, "but when they have ceased from it, regard earlier events with more admiration."

"Thucydides knew what he was talking about," said Amy Fang, a junior just back from a semester in Athens.

The ability to see one's own world from a different perspective through the classics may be a tonic for the natural egocentricity and ethnocentricity of human nature, but the tangible improvements in a classics major's facility with English rank among the more mundane benefits.

The grammar and structure of English are often best understood through the study of Latin and Greek, scholars say.

"We're glad to have students for whatever reason they come to us," said Alison Harvey '70, a high-school classics teacher in Oakland, Maine, and current president of the Classical Association of New England. "But it's mostly the literature, the history and the culture that are important to us."

Discipline is certainly part and parcel of studying the classics, teachers and students agree. "It requires intellectual stamina," said Harvey.

"It's a serious undertaking; it's a great deal of work," said Professor Koonce. "Few things in life are so worth the effort. If they study classics they never lose that value," she said.

Students credit the intellectual discipline with improving their abilities to think, analyze and write. Crawford Strunk, a sophomore, took Latin "to get rid of my language requirement." He's since signed up as a double major in classics and music. "I absolutely loved it," he said. "It's not easy by any means, but it's worth it."

Though they are no doubt working as hard as their counterparts in other disciplines, senior classics majors don't give off the tense vibrations of, say, biology majors cramming for MCATs or administrative science majors shooting off dozens of job résumés. Perhaps that is because they believe their classics credentials will serve them well no matter what direction they take.

But before they can turn to thoughts of the future, there are those dictionaries to tote around and another 100 lines of Hippolytus to translate. Professor Koonce notes that non-majors enrolled in classics courses have been on the increase, but the classics majors long for the upper-level courses in which they can cut through the clutter and work with a professor one-on-one or two-on-one.

For Westervelt, daughter of Peter Westervelt, a classics professor currently on leave, one-on-one tutoring is also the result of choosing her parents carefully. Love of the classics is a family affliction she didn't really expect to catch, she confesses. Though four years of Latin at Waterville High School didn't generate much enthusiasm, she thought she'd give herself a break by signing up for a first-semester class on Horace as a first-year student at Colby's program in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

"I really found I didn't know anything at all," she recalls. "It was like doing math without knowing how to count."

But this time, for some reason, the bug bit her. She's now a year from graduating as a classics major. She said her father never pushed her into studying the classics, but he did manage to share his passion for the dead languages.

Now, occasionally on a winter night when the sun sets before four o'clock in Waterville, Hilda will visit her father and say, "What do you say we spend the evening sight-reading a little Greek?"

"We have a great relationship," she said. —Stephen Collins '74

Colby, March 1991

Love of the classics is a family affair for Hilda and Peter Westervelt.

Classics majors Andrea Walker '93, Jeremy Grant '91 (front) and Deanna DeRocher '91 (back, right) share a laugh with Stephen Collins '74 in the Joseph Spa.

Mary Ellen Matava

Love of the classics is a family affair for Hilda and Peter Westervelt.
Many Colby parents like to tack family vacations onto their trips to Mayflower Hill.

Student drop-offs and pick-ups and campus visits often occur at the start or finish of sightseeing on Mount Desert Island, at Moosehead Lake or in eastern Canada in summer, skiing at Sugarloaf or Sunday River in winter and antiquing, hiking, camping or just getting away in autumn and spring.

The College is close to many attractive areas—some wild and unspoiled, others developed for tourism. But Colby's own backyard—Waterville and neighboring towns in the Kennebec River valley—is dominated by honest, working-class communities with little obvious allure for travelers.

That may not be of much concern for parents who want to spend most of their time at Colby on the campus itself. Indeed, such events as Orientation, Commencement and the annual fall Parents Week-end offer full schedules of campus-based activities.

But visiting families in quest of lodging can discover how quickly nearby motel space is exhausted, and many a son or daughter's mid-semester greeting is, "Can you take me and my roommate out for dinner tonight?"

Don't panic, parents! A bit of planning, an air of adventure and a willingness to go the extra mile can open new vistas for visitors and the students they have come to Colby to see. The Belgrade Lakes, the historic river town of Hallowell, the mid-coast villages of Belfast, Camden and Searsport and picturesque Kingfield in the Carrabassett Valley are all within range. To help start you on your way, Colby presents this Parents' Guide to Central Maine.

Enjoy—and feel free to submit your own additions, deletions and comments for future updates!

Transportation

LaFleur Airport (Waterville)

LaFleur Airport allows only private aircraft to land. Aircraft are available for rental and charter from Telford Aviation Inc. 872-5555.

Car Rental Agencies:
Budget 873-1188, 1-800-527-0700
Dollar 873-7668, 1-800-421-6868
Joseph Motor Co. 873-3373
National 872-2911, 1-800-CARRENT

Augusta Airport

Car Rental Agencies
AVIS 623-8550, 1-800-331-1212
Budget 622-0210

Bangor International Airport

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AVIS 947-8383, 1-800-331-1212
Budget 945-9429
Dollar 947-5474, 1-800-421-6868
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Limosines
**Lodging**

**Waterville**

**Attrium Motel**
322 Main St.

**Budget Host/Airport Inn**
400 Kennedy Memorial Dr.
Double occupancy: $19.95 plus tax. Continental breakfast (doughnuts and coffee) included. 873-3366.

**Econo Lodge**
455 Kennedy Memorial Dr.

**Holiday Inn**
375 Upper Main St.
Double: $84; King: $89. Reservations accepted for Commencement starting January 1 of that year. 873-0111.

**Howard Johnson Lodge**
Upper Main St.
Double occupancy: $58 plus tax ($89 plus tax during Commencement week). Reservations accepted for Commencement starting January 2 prior. 873-3135.

**Inn at Silver Grove (Bed & Breakfast)**
184 Silver St.
Seven rooms, one with private bath. Double occupancy with shared bath: $65, slightly more for a private bath. Full breakfast included. Reservations for Commencement taken any time, but currently booked until 1993. Non-smokers only. 873-7724.

**Lamp Lighter (Bed & Breakfast)**
445 W. River Rd.
Four rooms, two with private baths. Double occupancy with shared bath: $50; with private bath: $60. Full breakfast included. Commencement reservations taken no more than one year in advance. 872-2432.

**Waterville Motor Lodge**
320 Kennedy Memorial Dr.
Double occupancy, queen-size bed: $36. Complimentary coffee or tea. 873-0141.

**Augusta**

**Best Western Senator Inn**
366 Western Ave.

**Crosby’s Bed & Breakfast**
51 Green St.

**Days Inn**
380 Western Ave.
Double: $67.95 plus tax. Breakfast included. Restaurant open for dinner. Reservations accepted up to a year in advance. 622-4371.

**Howard Johnson Lodge**
110 Community Dr.
Double: $55-$75 in the fall season, $60-$80 in the spring. Restaurant on the premises. Reservations taken up to a year in advance. 622-4751.

**Suss Chalet**
Whitten Rd.

**Mid-Coast**

**Camden**

**Camden Harbor Inn**
35 Bayview St.
Mansion erected in 1873. Twenty-one rooms, 16 with private baths, 1 with fireplace or balcony. Full breakfast included; dinner available. Bar, parlor. Seasonal rates ranging from $95 to $185 for a double room. Reservations taken anytime. 236-4200.

**Norumbega Bed & Breakfast**
61 High St.
1896 stone castle on four acres with views of Penobscot Bay, Inland oak floors, hand-carved mantelpiece in dining room fireplace. Twelve rooms, all with private baths and king-size beds. Rooms with fireplace or suites available. $105-$140. Complimentary wine and cheese served in the afternoon. Reservations accepted anytime. 236-4646.

**Whitehall Inn**
52 High St.

**Windward House (Bed & Breakfast)**
6 High St.

**Belfast**

**Hiram Alden Inn (Bed & Breakfast)**
19 Church St.
Built by a Belfast sea captain circa 1840. Summer: eight rooms, all with shared baths. Winter: three to four rooms, two with private baths. Pets allowed if arrangements are made in advance. $30-$45, 333-2151.

**The Londonderry Inn**
Belmont Ave.
On 54 wooded acres a mile from Penobscot Bay, with hiking, swimming and cross-country skiing. Four rooms with two shared baths, $45-$50, full breakfast included. Open July 1-October 13, 333-3988.

**Penobscot Meadows Inn (Bed & Breakfast) Route 1**
On Penobscot Bay. Six rooms, all with private baths. Lunch and dinner available with homemade bread, desserts, and ice cream. French, Spanish, and Portuguese spoken. $45-$75. 338-5320.

**Searsport**

**The Carriage House Inn (Bed & Breakfast) Route 1, East Main St.**
Six rooms, one with private bath. Serve’s afternoon tea. Pets allowed. $50-$60, 548-2289.

**Homeport Inn (Bed & Breakfast)**
Route 1, East Main St.
The Mountains

Kingfield

Herbert Inn
P.O. Box 67, Main St.

Hartford

Green Acres Inn (Bed & Breakfast)
Twenty-one rooms, all with private baths. Breakfast included, other meals available. Nine-hole golf course and tennis. $32.50-$35. Open from late June until Labor Day. 597-2333.

Food

Waterville Area

Big G's
106 Halifax St., Winslow
One of Colby's favorite sandwich shops, featuring over 50 meat and cheese combinations. Vegetarian combos and salads available. Your choice of bread. Prices range from $3.50 to $4.25. Open Monday-Friday 5:30-9 p.m. Saturdays 7 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sundays 7 a.m.-noon. Breakfast served daily until 10:30 a.m. 873-7808.

Bonnie's Diner
Benton Ave., Winslow
A Colby weekend breakfast hangout. Open seven days a week 5:30 a.m.-2 p.m., serving breakfast all day. Build your own meal from eggs, bacon, oatmeal, Texas toast, home-made coffee cake and muffins, or try the Colby Special—two eggs, bacon, toast, pancakes, homemeats and coffee—for $4.50. Very limited seating. Smoking section available. 872-7712.

Chef's Pantry
475 Kennedy Memorial Dr., Waterville
Homestyle breakfasts and lunches with a gourmet touch. Dish include made-to-order omelettes, eggs Benedict, Belgian waffles, filled crepes, chicken cordon bleu, sandwiches and homemade desserts. Prices range from $1.35 for egg, toast and coffee to $6 for a large meal. Open daily 6 a.m.-2 p.m. 872-9290.

Jade Island
W. River Rd., Waterville
One of five local Chinese restaurants. Serves Cantonese-Szechuan and American food with appetizers like the papu platter for two at $13.60 or individual dishes for $1.95-$7.50. Fish, poultry and beef entrees range from $5-$8. The cocktail lounge specializes in Polynesian drinks. Open Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sundays 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Reservations accepted. 873-7181.

Johann Sebastian B's
40 Fairfield Rd., Oakland
Run by a Colby protege in his beautiful, century-old Victorian home. Continental menu includes egacost, crepes, shrimp cocktail appetizers, homemade soup, salads like Scandinavian herring and lentils, main courses of halibut, chicken, sauerbraten, wiener schnitzel, entree crepes. Vegetarian dishes available. Homemade Austrian pastries. Ben & Jerry's ice cream for dessert. Open for dinner from 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Reservations recommended—six months in advance for Commencement weekend. Prices range from $9 to $22.50. No credit cards accepted. No smoking. 465-3223.

John Martin's Manor
54 College Ave., Waterville
Modern dining in a spacious setting. Appetizers include escargot, crawfish and stuffed mushrooms. Seafood, chicken, beef and Italian-style entrees. Huge salad bar. Lunch prices range from $5.95 to $8.95, dinners are $7.95 to $14.95. Smoking section available. Open weekdays 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m.-10 p.m. for lunch and dinner. Reservations accepted any night except Saturday. The Main Event Bar downstairs serves burgers, fried mozzarella sticks and other snacks and is open until 1 a.m. 873-5676.

Killarney's at the Holiday Inn Waterville
Irish-style pub and restaurant. Weekday breakfasts feature custom-made omelettes, fresh fruit, other items ranging in price from $2.95 to $6. Champagne brunch with full buffet on Sundays for $6.50. Daily lunch specials such as Cajun steak and lemon peppered haddock for about $6, as well as vegetable stir-fry, sandwiches and hamburgers. Friday and Saturday dinner is buffet style for $6.95. Maine seafood medley is available for $14.95 and chicken stir-fry for $10.95. Open Monday-Saturday 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Sundays 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Reservations accepted. 873-0111.

Last Unicorn
8 Silver St., Waterville
Small restaurant and bar complete with fish tank and ferns, giving it a natural, cozy atmosphere. Appetizers, including smoked salmon, hummus spread and paté, range in price from $4.50 to $5.95. Sandwiches for $4.95. Chicken, filet mignon, tortellini and fresh fish dishes for $9.95-$13.95. Daily specials include stuffed calamari, Thai curry stir-fry, Mexican quiche and homemade soups. Many vegetarian choices. Open daily from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for lunch, 6-10 p.m. for dinner. Reservations recommended. 873-0095.

Lobster Trap
27 Bay St., Winslow
Rustic restaurant overlooking the Kennebec River with seasonal outdoor dining. Specializes in fresh lobsters, lobster stew, scallops, swordfish and other seafood dishes. Steaks and Italian dishes also available. Dinner prices peak at $10. Open daily from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. No reservations. Smoking section available. 872-0529.

Railroad Square Café
Railroad Square, Waterville
Relaxed, cozy café with local artwork displayed on the walls. Appetizers include pesto bread rounds with sun-dried tomatoes and nachos. Lunch specials include burritos, baba ganoush, Bangkok chicken salad. $1.50-$5.75. Dinner serves fish, Thai green curry, stir-fry, pasta. $5.50-$7.30. Daily specials such as West African chicken-peanut stew, chili pie, lentil soup. Homemade desserts. Specializes in vegetarian dishes. Open Tuesday-Sunday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Limited seating available. No reservations. 873-5562.

Silver Street Tavern
2 Silver St., Waterville
Wood paneling and stained glass windows give this restaurant, which is co-owned by a Colby alumnus, a look similar to a

Colby, March 1991
Waterville and Surrounding Areas

Steve's Restaurant
14 Silver St., Waterville
Set in a turn-of-the-century vaudeville theater. Appetizers include potato skins and soups. The luncheon menu features salads and sandwiches and more exotic fare, such as frog’s legs, plus seafood and pasta dishes from $1.25 to $4.75. Dinner offerings include Alaskan crab, trout, beef and many Italian dishes ranging from $8.95 to $11.95. Vegetarian dishes available. Open daily 11 a.m.-10 p.m. No reservations accepted on weekends. 872-9887.

Weathervane
Kennedy Memorial Dr., Waterville
Decorated with nets, traps and buoys, this chain restaurant has a nautical atmosphere. Specializes in seafood: steamed lobsters, clams, shrimp, salmon. Steaks, burgers also available. Prices range from $5 to $10. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. No reservations or credit cards accepted. 873-4522.

You Know Whose Pub
55 E Concourse Ctr., Waterville
A popular student hangout. Serves nachos, whole wheat pizza, Reuben sandwiches, soup, salads, burgers and homemade cookies. Prices range from $2.75 to $17.50 (for a 15” Pub Monster pizza). Closed Sundays and Mondays. Open Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m.-11 p.m. No smoking, no reservations, no credit cards. 873-5255.

Augusta Area

Ashley’s
151 Water St., Gardiner
Luncheon fare such as taco salad, sandwiches and hamburgers from $3 to $4.25. Dinner specialties include teriyaki steak, seafood, fettuccine primavera or spinach salad from $6 to $12.95. Sunday brunch with a live jazz band. Open Tuesday-Thursday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-8 p.m. 582-3005.

Colby, March 1991
Fremont & Julien
152 Water St., Hallowell
A small café and bookstore with folk music playing in the background. Serves a café-style breakfast of homemade croissants, muffins, granola and cappuccino or espresso for $1-4. Lunch menu includes tarragon chicken sandwich, grilled eggplant with avocado and cheese sandwich, soups, salads, daily specials like falafel and Japanese vegetable pancakes for $2.50-$4.25. The dinner menu changes monthly and includes dishes such as chicken with orange and cardamom, Indian vegetable curry, couscous, gulf shrimp and rice with cranberry sauce. Prices range from $4 to $14.50. Chocolate chestnut torte is dessert specialty of the house. Reservations recommended, especially for dinner. Open Tuesday-Saturday 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday 6-9 p.m. and Sunday brunch 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 626-3256.

Hazel Green’s
349 Water St., Augusta
Open pit where customers can watch steaks being cooked. Specializes in steaks. Lunch menu offers stir-fries, salad bar, sandwiches, broiled haddock, teriyaki chicken. $2.95-$6.50. Dinner features prime rib, steaks and fresh fish from $7.95 to $14.95. Kentucky Derby is dessert specialty. Serves lunch Monday-Saturday 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., dinner 5-9 p.m. Closed Sunday. 626-9903.

Oyster Bar & Grill
Senator Inn, Western Ave., Augusta
Furnished in dark wood, chandeliers and glassed-over linen tablecloths. Specialties include homemade breads, muffins and desserts, fish, seafood and seasonal fare. Raw bar with oysters, clams and shrimp. Gourmet Sunday brunch buffet served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Breakfast prices up to $4, lunch $3.95-$7.95, dinner $9.95-$15.95. Open daily 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Complimentary hors d’oeuvres from 4 to 6 p.m. 622-0320.

River Café
119 Water St., Hallowell
Exposed brick walls and Impressionist prints set the tone. Entrées include seafood, steaks and salads and Middle Eastern dishes such as stuffed grape leaves, tabouli, lamb shish kebabs. Vegetarian falafel and lentil soups. Maza for two provides a varied sampling of Lebanese cuisine for $6 to $10. Prices range from $4.25 to $14.95. Open Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 5-9:30 p.m. 622-2190.

Slate’s
169 Water St., Hallowell
Set in Hallowell’s historic district in a lovely old building. Large storefront windows, ceiling fans and monthly art exhibits. Atmosphere is relaxed, but proper dress is required. Omelettes, croissants and homemade breads for breakfast for $1 to $5. Daily lunch specials include at least three vegetarian entrées, fresh fish and seafood and sandwiches. Prices from $1.75 to $9. Dinner specials include seafood, prime rib and papa dishes for $8.95 to $16.95. Open daily 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for breakfast and lunch (brunch on Sunday); 5:30-9 p.m. for dinner (to 9:30 on Friday and Saturday). Closed Sunday and Monday for dinner. Reservations accepted for large parties. 622-9575.

Village Inn
Rt. 27, Belgrade Lakes
Set in the lovely Belgrade Lakes region, this restaurant is famous for its duck entrees. Other choices include fresh seafood, prime rib, homemade strawberry glaze pie, salad bar. Prices from approximately $5 to $15. Open March to November, Monday-Saturday 5-9 p.m., Sunday 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. for dinner only. Reservations required. 495-3553.

Weathervane Restaurant
Rt. 17, Readfield
Overlooking Maranacook Lake, cozy atmosphere enhanced by a large stone fireplace and hanging plants. Daily lunch specials include soups, salads, seafood or chicken dishes; hamburgers and steak à la carte. Lunch prices from $3.50 to $7. Dinner features seafood casserole, baked stuffed shrimp, prime rib, salads. Prices from $3.50 to $14. Limited vegetarian dishes. Open Tuesday-Saturday 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday until 9:30 p.m. Sunday dinner served 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. No credit cards accepted. 685-9410.

Deadlines for 1991–92 Approach

In spring, the College Business Office turns to deadlines that apply to a variety of financial matters. They include:

• March 20, which is the final date for mailing the 1991–92 Financial Aid Form to the College Scholarship Service;
• April 1, the date a $200 attendance deposit is due at Colby for the fall 1991 semester;
• April 15, the deadline for mailing 1991–92 Colby aid applications and 1990 tax returns to the Financial Aid Office;
• May 1, the date a graduating senior’s financial obligations to the College are expected to be cleared for him or her to participate in Commencement.

Colby, March 1991
The ultimate thing,” Wilson Piper ’39 said last year, “would be to give an endowed chair.”

Now, thanks to his own expertise in estate planning, to the impetus of a foundation challenge grant and to a deep desire to honor his late mother, Piper has done the ultimate, establishing the Clara Collins Piper Professorship at Colby. “Maybe a little knowledge really is a dangerous thing,” Piper said in January in Boston, where he is about to retire as an active partner in the law firm of Ropes and Gray. “I have stretched to do this.”

The endowment caps a half-century of volunteer activity and support for the College by Piper and provides Colby with the first of three endowed chairs it must establish to qualify for a $1.2 million grant from the Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation.

The professorship is open to a member of any department but carries a specific preference for someone who teaches courses in international relations or environmental studies. “I felt those were the two subjects most in keeping with Mother’s interests,” Piper said.

A 1914 graduate of Colby who was a teacher of Latin, a librarian and a social worker, Mrs. Piper died at age 97 in January 1990. “She was a great lover of the outdoors,” Piper said, “and so was my father.”

After graduating from Colby as a member of Phi Beta Kappa, she taught Latin in Livermore Falls, Maine, where she met Donald Piper. They married, returned to their native Canbou in the northern part of the state—her grandfa-ther had been one of the earliest settlers in 1840—and had two sons and a daughter before tragedy struck. Donald Piper died of a ruptured appendix when Wilson was just 4.

“We moved back with my grandparents and with their help she raised us,” he said. Wilson matriculated at Colby in 1935 and was followed two years later by his sister, the late Prudence Piper Marriner ’41. He joined Delta Upsilon fraternity, was elected to three honor societies, Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Gamma Mu and Pi Kappa Delta, and rose to editor-in-chief of the Echo. He still wonders whether that might have galled his good friend and classmate Dwight Sargent, who aspired to what would be a distinguished career in journalism, although he acknowledges that Dwight got the last laugh even before graduation by editing an edition of the campus humor magazine, the White Mule, that was a devastating parody of the Echo.

Piper went on to graduate from Harvard Law School, and not long after he began a lifetime of service to his alma mater. He was president of the Boston alumni club and author of a 1958 revision of the College by-laws. Since 1954 he has served as co-chair of the Colby Estate Planning and Tax Institute and, since 1959, as a trustee of the College. In that position, one of his most memorable roles was as chair of the hearing subcommittee of the Trustee Commission on Residential Life, which, in 1983, recommended that Colby cease to recognize all fraternities, including his own. Two of his and wife Peg’s children, Charles ’70 and Elizabeth Piper Deschaines ’75, are Colby alumni, as is a nephew.
Fund raisin g has been a major aspect of Piper's work. He served as regional chair of a 1957 fund-raising campaign and chaired the Planned Giving Council and the Library Addition Task Force and was general counsel of the Colby 2000 Campaign, which exceeded its $30 million goal. Piper's flair for inventive financing of gifts to the College is widely acknowledged.

"Arranging this endowment with Wilson was a little like having Fabergé do the eggs for your Easter egg hunt," said Peyton R. "Randy" Helm, vice president for development and alumni affairs, who worked with Colby Director of Planned Giving David Roberts '55 on the details of Piper's endowment. "It really is a state of the art vehicle."

Piper was well ahead of his time in crafting the mechanism for his philanthropy. In 1969, shortly after the federal tax laws were revised to establish such plans, he invested money in unit trusts for his five grandchildren's college costs, with Colby serving as trustee and inheriting the principal. A similar unit trust for Peg Piper is among the major elements of the recent donations, which will push Piper's overall contribution toward the chair past $1 million by early in the next century.

Helm said that Piper's gift would be a major boost in his staff's efforts to attract donors for the other two chairs required to match the Johnson grant and give Colby a total of four additional endowed professorships. "One down and two to go," Helm said. "As someone who has worked so hard for so many years to attract contributions for Colby, Wilson knows how exceedingly grateful we are for his generosity."

For 1991 Alumni Fund chair Mike Franklin '63, there's good news and bad news.

As of December 31, when the first wave of contributions for this fiscal year was tabulated, giving levels were running behind last year's mid-point totals. That's the bad news. The good news is that combined appeals had yielded $600,000 in gifts and pledges toward the $1.4 million fund goal—despite the fact that no student phonathon was held last fall.

Acknowledging that fund raising is especially difficult in a year replete with domestic and international crises, Franklin says he is pleased with the initial numbers. "I always wish our numbers were better," Franklin said, "but $600,000 isn't bad."

Franklin noted in January interview that the student phonathon would begin in February and that class agents also mounted an appeal beginning last month. "The December 31 figures give us an excellent base to build on," he said.

"Alumni have to remember," Franklin said, "that if the Alumni Fund is to be a reliable source of funds for the College, we have to come through in tough times as well as good times."

Fund Totals
Are Down,
Enthusiasm
Is Up
When her academic mystery Graves in Academe was published, Susan Kenney says, some people jumped on her for satirizing a "fictional" college in Maine. Her fifth book and the most recent of her three mysteries, One Fell Sloop (Viking, $16.95), puts professor-detective Roz Howard and her friend Alan Stewart all at sea again, only this time it's in a real sailboat in Maine's Penobscot Bay.

"Canterbury College wasn't Colby College," Kenney said of Graves in Academe. "I even had people write me from Princeton, convinced that I'd been under the table at their department meetings. But people still assumed it was Colby. That's when I gave up on the fictional world."

Kenney fans lose one fictional world but gain another. The Maine of One Fell Sloop, complete with fogs and tides and winds and sailing vessels (and two islands that aren't on the real map of the bay), is actually accurate. And Roz Howard and Alan Stewart, like Holmes and Watson, like Poirot and Hastings, have become a detective team.

"That's what drove me nuts, the relationship between them," Kenney said. "Roz resists being the sidekick. Think about Poirot and Hastings. There's no real emotional subtext. I think books ahead, and when I started I thought it'd be nice to have this couple and their relationship. I like the love interest going along as a subplot, but that whole business gave me trouble."

Alan appears in Graves in Academe only as the White Knight rescuer of Roz. In One Fell Sloop, their third mystery together, he's ever-present. Showing (without showing off) what he claims is the benefit of a classical education, he talks to Roz about everything under the sun on land as well as sea—sailboats, colonial architecture, botany, medicine and so on. All of this, of course, adds to the lore of sailing, contributes clues to the mystery and leads the pair of sleuths to happen upon enough suspects and different solutions to the murder to keep them and the reader sailing ahead. He is so competent that Roz, in a snit early in the story, hounds him to lay off.

The crisis in their lives was all planned, Kenney says, but because they were on a sailboat, a suspended place, all they were doing in the beginning of the book was arguing. That threatened to take over the story. "Maybe it's a case of the genre limiting it," she said. "Maybe you can't have a place for relationships in mysteries. That's why I got to the murder sooner than usual. The body comes in fairly soon, for me."

The choices she makes are conditioned by the conventions she chooses to follow, says Kenney, who prefers reading books by Martha Grimes and P.D. James, the "cozy" or "soft-boiled" or "mystery in the vicarage" type of mystery. She says her own first mystery was "murder in the garden," the second was "serial murder" and this one is "a locked-room murder."

"I wanted to surprise, I wanted to come up with something people hadn't done before," Kenney said of the "howdunnit" in this case. "Dorothy Sayres left a body on a rock with no footprints in the sand leading up to it. I thought I could come up with something more obscure. This was my own addition to the literature of the locked room."

Kenney says she got the idea for the murder from talking to a job candidate at Colby who had grown up on a sailboat and was a Melville scholar working at Mystic Seaport. Another key event in the book originated in an episode that happened in Massachusetts. She picks up a lot of things from newspapers, she says, and it takes time to pull them together.

"Most ideas go back five years. I do work out the whole plot ahead of time, usually ways of killing people. Writing the book is like hanging up the bag of laundry once you get it all in. You put up the
clothesline and start taking the stuff out of the bag and hang it up. It all takes a long time."

The plot of One Fell Sloop begins in the lack of communication between Roz and Alan. The discovery of the body becomes their reason for evading the issue between them, and, as they fail to communicate essential information to one another, the mystery is deepened for both the sleuths and the reader.

"It's an exercise in concealment," Kenney said. "My job is to know all that—who did it and how—and to keep it from the detective and the reader. I really wrote One Fell Sloop by backward construction. You work backward, covering up your tracks. It's really a manual on how to make a mystery."

Mystery concocting, she says, is a matter of playing around with the conventions. When she taught a seminar in the history of the mystery at Amherst last year, Kenney read some of the book, then in progress, to the class. "They really got into this fiction as though it was real," she said. "For their final paper, they had the option of solving the case. One person solved it. She got virtually every clue. She knew it had to do with what she saw in the boat."

Knowing the genre and its conventions, in other words, is the surest way to spot the killer.

Even Roz and Alan know the conventions. Alan’s talk is peppered with references to mystery novels, mystery writers and literary theories of mystery, which are as functional in this case as if they were real police procedure. At one point Roz thinks about Alan: "an expert in forensic pathology too!" Then she assumes that he knew "the same way she did, from reading detective stories."

Kenney said, "If you like to learn a lot about settings or occupations, think of all the things you can pick up reading mysteries. In Garden of Malice it was gardens and gardening. For Graves in Academe, because I've been a teacher, I just got out my lecture notes." When she finished Sailing, her fourth novel, she said, "I could carry over a lot of research to One Fell Sloop. Both Roz and Alan know how to sail. A lot of lore came in here that I didn't need in Sailing and could get in. I just looked up different things. I like finding out things. I like books with miscellaneous lore."

After all this careful plotting and writing time, Kenney says that she is irritated by the notion that mysteries lack real literary value. Amanda Cross uses a pseudonym, she says, because she writes literary criticism and thought that being known as the writer of mysteries might jeopardize her getting tenure. "That decision," Kenney said, "presumes an idea of an inferior genre." When In Another Country was published, the late Anatole Broyard asked Kenney to participate in a symposium on the subject of "the second novel." "I told him that In Another Country was my second novel, after Garden of Malice," she said. "He said, 'Mysteries don't count.' It's like saying, 'Boys don't count.' It's like comparing your children."

She's also amused when readers suspect that "serious novels" are autobiographical but that mysteries are not. Probably the most autobiography that appears in her novels—"just unaltered happening," she called it—is in Garden of Malice. "People take scenes for actual fact, but they're usually mistaken," she said. "In mysteries I've stuck in scenes of things that actually happened that just stuck out. When you make things up, it's all of a piece, it's plausibly presented. I get a kick out of people talking to me about things that happen to my characters happening to me. One woman asked me, 'Did your husband come back?'"

—Robert Gillespie
Most College athletes walk or jog across campus to practice. The Colby Alpine skiers face a 116-mile round trip three times each week.

With Colby along for the ride one morning in early January, Sue Gerstberger '91 boarded an out-sized blue van full of skiers onto Mayflower Hill Drive with Ellyn Paine '91 close behind in her station wagon carrying the rest of the team. Executing a series of lefts and rights between Colby and Sugarloaf Mountain in Maine's Carrabassett Valley that would have done an Olympic slalom champion proud, the two women completed the trip in barely 90 minutes.

"I'll meet you at Comp Hill," Paine called out to a teammate, heading to the main lodge to suit up before climbing aboard the lift for the first of several trips up the hill.

Novices, noticing the uniformed Colby skiers, paused occasionally to ask, "What's going on? A race?"

In a way, there was a race in the offing this day, and for some aspiring varsity skiers, it was the most important of the year. They were engaging in time trials to determine which men and women would compete for the White Mule Alpine squad, which is defending its national NCAA Division II crown.

"The key is to get in as many runs as possible," Gerstberger said as she adjusted her goggles. "There's no limit. But obviously, the more runs you ski the more tired you get. You want to get in a good run early."

It had been a relatively mild morning in Waterville two hours earlier, but now a strong wind was blowing on the north side of the mountain, chilling the anxious skiers as their coach, Todd Richard, huddled with a balky timer.

"We're good to go," Richard called out at last. As Stu Eunson '91 prepared to make the first run, words of encouragement came from all directions.

"It's all you, Stu!" yelled one would-be teammate, and "Have a good one!" shouted another. The sentiment seemed remarkably genuine, coming from classmates and comrades who, after all, were also competitors vying for one of the six coveted downhill positions.

Gerstberger and Paine stood side-by-side waiting their turns. As they neared the front of the line, Paine started to remove her jacket.

"You're getting naked?" Gerstberger asked, surprised.

"I can't feel like I'm really racing if I ski in this thing," Paine replied. She hardly wants to change her style at the conclusion of a stellar skiing career. Raised in the shadows of the ski trails of North Conway, N.H., Paine has competed in the national championships and, as captain, seemed assured of one of the women's spots. But she was not underestimating the competition.

"Over the past four years, the quality of Colby skiers has continually improved," Paine said. "We used to have just a few strong men and women. Now we are strong at all six spots for each."

Since the ski team, which is comprised of Alpine and Nordic squads, earned varsity status in 1987, the women's Alpine team has won the Division II championship all four years and the men two of the last three years. One skier has gone on to national competition for Colby at the conclusion of the past two seasons. Paine in 1989 and, last year, Nordic skier Marc Gilhertson '91.

Richard, who divides his time between coaching the Colby team and a high-school squad from Carrabassett Valley Academy in nearby Kingfield, monitored the trials from a hut at the base of Competition Hill.

"I've never seen them so nervous before," Richard said as he watched the skiers come down the mountain. "That's a good sign, because I'm seeing times I've never seen them get before."

Team members came in and out, checking their results and discussing their runs with Richard. When Paine entered, Richard assured her that her times were fine and asked her to take over his monitoring chores so he could get out on the course. Since Richard spends most of his time at Sugarloaf, Paine and co-captain Mark Radcliffe '92 look after many of the team's administrative details.

Chris Bither '93 walked into the hut, rubbing his hands to warm them. "Does something look wrong here to you?" he asked, holding up his crooked right pinky. "I caught it on a gate."

As Paine looked at the damage, Bither peered over her shoulder at his latest time.

"Nice run, Chris," Paine said reassuringly. "Did you see mine?"

"You looked smooth but not aggressive," Bither countered, and Paine laughed. She has heard it before—the two were teammates at Holderness School.
Cameraderie and friendship run deeply through this team. It is a close, unified squad. "We're competitive," Paine said, "but we're always there for one another."

"It’s the closest team I’ve ever been involved with," Gerstberger said, still trying to shake the after-effects of a spill on her last trip down the mountain. "And being co-ed makes an incredible difference."

The closeness showed when Radcliffe fell on Competition Hill during the first day of time trials, tearing a knee ligament and putting himself out of action for the season.

"It’s more than losing a skier and a captain," said Paine. "It’s like losing a coach. Mark always has so much to offer out on the slopes."

The members of the Nordic, or cross-country, contingent of the team usually don’t risk as dramatic injuries as the downhill skiers do. They only have to travel about half as far, to Troll Valley in Farmington, for practice (and when the snow is right, can even practice on Colby’s own trails). But like the downhill varsity, the Nordic skiers sometimes bristle over their relative anonymity on a campus where the triumphs of other teams seem to be topics of daily discussion.

"Some other colleges have three coaches on staff for the Nordic team alone," said senior Sean Skaling. "They take their skis for them and make sure the proper wax is used."

"We just hope we get a chance to wax up before the race starts," senior Annelie Eckhardt added with a chuckle.

Alpine ski captain Ellyn Paine zips down Competition Hill.

But Colby’s skiers seem more than comfortable with the College’s low-key approach to their sport and, in fact, voted to decline an invitation to abandon Division II for the glamor of Division I competition with the Middleburys and Dartmouths.

"At some of those same opposing colleges," Skaling said, "you won’t even see skiers cheering for their own teammates. But each weekend, we are the most enthusiastic team at the meet. We cheer for each other—and even for skiers on other teams."

Yet, despite their part-time coaches (Waterville City Councilor Sam Humphert signed on this year for his second stint as Nordic coach) and informal approach, the White Mule skiers are proud of their accomplishments.

"About half of our team raced in U.S.S.A. [United States Ski Association] meets in high school," senior co-captain Hilary Greene said.

"Other athletes talk about how hard double practice sessions are," Gerstberger said. "When we practice, it’s all day. When we go to meets, it’s all weekend."

Nordic and Alpine ski members exuded quiet confidence over the Division II championship, which was scheduled for February 15-16. Captains of both squads said the goal is to defend Colby’s championships.

But that is not enough.

"Everyone has individual goals," Skaling said, "but as far as the Nationals go, Marc went last year, and I’m working to get there this year."

"Speaking for myself—and for others," Skaling said as an afterthought, "I know this team is the best experience I’ve had at Colby. It’s just a great atmosphere."
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Marjorie Gould Murphy '37 sends spring greetings to all and thanks those who responded to the recent questionnaire from the Alumni Office. She adds her special thanks to "the loyal volunteers from Fifty-Plus" who attended the volunteer workshops during Homecoming Weekend, including Evelyn Kellett '26, Edith "Duckie" Grearson Moncy '26, James E. Fell '32, Rod Farnham '31 and Peg Davis Farnham '28, George Putnam '34 and Vesta Alden Putnam '33, John Reynolds '36, Edith Emery '37, Ruth Yeaton McKee '37 and Ernest Marriner '40.

"Also," Marjorie writes, "the Fifty-Plus Club is grateful to the 61 members who made a contribution to its treasury. As you know, we have no dues, but there are expenses, so any gift is indeed welcome. Thanks!"

Marjorie is devoting her space in this issue to the most senior members of the Fifty-Plus group—those who graduated before 1920—and to the most junior members, from the Class of 1940.

"Ida Phoebe Keen '05 has been a resident of Mount San Antonio Gardens in Pomona, Calif., since it opened in 1961. She was born in Unity, Maine, when Chester A. Arthur was president—on March 1, 1884. When asked what to do to stay young and happy, she replied, 'You must have a sense of humor.' She added that she is tired of being a good old maid. She has piles of Colby magazines and memorabilia in her room, and she feels that Colby has too many 'old codgers' and needs a 'young person' like herself. According to one of her friends, she reads the Los Angeles Times daily, particularly the sports page. The Dodgers are her favorites. When her nurse tells her, 'I love you, Phoebe,' she replies, 'I know you do, and that's why I take advantage of you!' At Mount San Antonio Gardens, where she is the senior member, her hobbies are writing poetry, bookbinding, and calligraphy.

"Here in the east, centenarian Crary Brownell '13, Moodus, Conn., says that as he looks back on his life, he feels very fortunate. He and his wife, Hala, have lived in the same house since they were married in 1916. Their son Wilson is devoting his life to taking care of them, and 'doing a wonderful job,' Crary says. Crary likes to walk a half mile every morning, and his hobby is making bluebird boxes for spring nesting. His most vivid memories of Colby days are of the Kennebec River on one side and railroad tracks on the other, and the 'wonderful smell!' of the paper mill across the river. He writes, 'I was at Colby for one year only and was not known very well for that reason. I did belong to the Kappa Epsilon fraternity and the Glee Club. I could go to Colby only for one year because of my father's death. Then I had to take over our business. I did get a lot out of Colby and have fond memories of that year.'

"Maude Huckins Webster '16, of South Weymouth, Mass., writes that she hopes to be active again in civic, social and church affairs and that she enjoys reading about people in the Fifty-Plus column and about Colby affairs. Mildred Greeley Arnold '17, Wethersfield, Conn., has been a resident of Mediplex since a car accident in 1984, but she has continued her various interests and sees her family often. The new interest and friends she has acquired recently have enriched her greatly, she adds. Harold E. Hall '17, of Norway, Maine, is 93 years old. He was the only member of his class to attend the reunion last June, but he enjoyed every minute. Next summer, he hopes to visit the British Isles, the Netherlands, France, Germany and Austria. Harold's favorite professor at Colby was 'Judy' Taylor, in Latin.

Marjorie delved into the Class of 1940's reunion book and into a stack of questionnaires and came up with a fair sampling of news. "Entrepreneur Isabel C.
Headliners

Ellis Mott '39 has been named a Life Member by the National Association of Science Writers. Mott covered the U.S.-Soviet space race for all three major American networks, beginning in 1957 with the Sputnik story. He was editor of Science Digest magazine and, for almost a dozen years, was director of information services for the New York City Board of Education. He now works as a computer consultant in southern Oregon and is writing a book.

Newsmakers

The Rev. Charles T. Russ '38 was named pastor emeritus of the Church of Christ Congregational in Goshen, Conn.

Mileposts


Clara, Calif., October 1991
Foster, Keene, N.H., is interested in genealogy and travel. Last year he took his granddaughter to Ireland and visited Trinity College in Dublin. He continues to work on a text about health service management ... Halsey Frederick, Bryn Mawr, Pa., and his wife, Traphy, have a full life flying, collecting classic and sports autos, training dogs and growing avarietyof rhododendrons ... M. Donald and Phyllis Chapman Gardner, Portland, Maine, are nearing enough to Colby to get there fairly often. Don is past Grand Master of the Masons of the State of Maine and a 33rd active member of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA. (Ahem!) ... William L. Gousse Jr., has been retired from the Upjohn Company in Kalamazoo, Mich., since 1982 ... Philip M. Grant spent six weeks in New Zealand during the fall and hopes to spend four weeks in Hawaii this winter. His friends will want to know that he has moved from his farm to a home near a golf course in McMinnville, Ore. ... Clyde M. Hatch, Zephyrhills, Fla., is a traveler, with trips to Europe, South America (including the Galapagos) and New Zealand. He has attended Elderhostel in Oahu, Hawaii, and now hopes to go to China and Micronesia ... Shirley Maddocks Hatch, a retired language teacher in Brownfield, Maine, published a book of poetry in 1987 and spends her time writing, studying, reading, gardening and enjoying friends — both human and animal ... Former librarian Ruth Rowell Higgins, Conway, S.C., took two history courses recently at the University of South Carolina (Coastal Carolina College) ... Virgil J. Hinckley reports that he has moved up the street to 18 Dana Ave. in Kittery, Maine. He enjoys hunting, fishing and travel after many years of teaching and being a high-school principal ... Doris Rose Hopengarten, Waban, Mass., leads a full life of traveling, swimming, skiing, consulting, using a computer, 'oldersitting and grandparenting, with so many good memories of Colby, the faculty, the friendships that have bridged the gaps of time.'

"Former teacher and now businesswoman Lydia Farnham Johnson, who winters in Boca Raton, Fla., has operated her gift shop, The Brass Knocker, in Belgrade Lakes, for 43 summers. Her recent trips to England and Europe make her wish she could have gone right after her courses with Weber, Chapman and Palmer ... Ruth Hendricks Maren, Gainesville, Fla., is active in the Audubon Society and is a volunteer for the Florida Defenders of the Environment. She plays tennis and is taking a master gardener's course ... Physician Stanley Kimball, Shaker Heights, Ohio, has done medical imaging (radiology) for the past 10 years. In their motor home, he and his wife have toured the United States and Alaska as well as portions of Canada and Mexico ... Norma Leppanen has had two careers, one as a high-school teacher and one as a librarian. Now retired and living in Belmont, Mass., she enjoys traveling and doing volunteer work ... Lydia Abbott Mailhot, Sudbury, Mass., a retired teacher and mother of three daughters, now enjoys the good life—doing puzzles and needlepoint and playing bridge and scrabble ... Louise Holt McGee, Yarmouth, Maine, has served on several hospital boards of directors but now enjoys traveling and playing golf ... Golden-voiced Buell Merrill, Whittier, Calif., enjoys woodworking as well as singing and playing tennis. He and his wife, Evelyne Short Merrill '39, who also sings, come east every summer to visit Colby friends ... Adrianna Rodgers Paine, Martinsburg, W.V., and her husband, Alan, travel mostly in the United States. They love going to Elderhostels, to the theater in New York or to New Orleans to listen to jazz ... Ellen Fitch Peterson, Natick, Mass., is a retired librarian, so now she can enjoy retirement with her husband, Stuart. Their daughter, Jean, graduated from Colby in 1969 ... William D. Pinansky, Cape Elizabeth, Maine, finds that playing tennis is a good balance to his continued duties as a self-employed attorney ... Edna Slater Pullen tries to keep track of her four grandchildren, two of whom travel abroad for work. She and her husband, John S. Pullen '38, live in Surry, Maine, and like to bowl and play golf and bridge ... Walter H. and Margery Lier Reed, Bingham, Maine, claim to be the second couple in the class married while still undergraduates (consult Tom Savage). They celebrated their 51st anniversary on December 24. Congratulations. Both retired teachers, they now enjoy working in outdoor education ... Constance Pratt Spinney, Barre, Mass., retired from hospital work in 1985 so she and her husband could enjoy their four children ... Alleen Thompson of San Jose, Calif., formerly a career librarian in that country and in Korea, has served as president of the Special Libraries Association and was named to its Hall of Fame. She has traveled in the U.S., Great Britain, continental Europe, the U.S.S.R. and China. Now she is a docent at the San Jose Historical Museum ... Arthur T. Thompson, Wellesley, Mass., is professor emeritus of engineering at Boston University and Wentworth University and has received many honors in his field ... Ahead of her time was Constance Tilley, Bethesda, Md., a 30-year veteran of the District of Columbia police force. Now retired, she is free to walk, bike, read, garden and drive her car everywhere ... Marjorie Day Weeks, Gorham, Maine, former teacher, editorial assistant and 'faculty wife,' now uses her many skills in the League of Women Voters. She also travels, gardens and enjoys her grandchildren ... Elizabeth Wescott, Bucksport, Maine, pursues her interests in environmental issues, physical fitness and animals. She is also active in church work ... Richard H. White, Newport, R.I., has retired after a long Navy career and now can relax with boating, fishing and lobstering ... Linwood L. Workman Jr., of Fort Myers, Fla., and New Harbor, Maine, a retired teacher and camp director, now enjoys outdoor activities, woodworking, gardening and seeing the country. He sings in his church choirs and choruses, both in Florida and Maine. ... "See news about the rest of Fifty-Plus in the next issue of Colby. And keep writing."
41 “Your correspondent hopes to hear soon that more of you will be returning to Colby early next June to help celebrate this rare occasion,” writes Ruth “Bonnie” Roberts Hathaway of the Class of ’41’s upcoming 50th reunion.

“Among the enthusiasts,” Bonnie continues, “is Ruth Stebbins Cadwell, in New Hope, Pa., who has five stepchildren, 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Who can top that? ‘Stebbie’ also occupies herself volunteering at her local library, as a guide at New Hope’s historical society and on the altar guild at Trinity Episcopal Church. As for changes in her life, she exclaimed that she needed a new septic field. Surely none of us envy her that chore . . . Alison Pike Slade, in Newton Centre, Mass., could be a close second to Stebbie, with four children and eight grandchildren. She says she is a homebody and leaves the outside contacts to her husband, Edward. They are once again empty-nested since their oldest daughter remarried. Alison was indeed pleased to have a neighbor’s son accepted to Colby last fall . . . Then there’s Pauline Lander Higgins from Lisbon Falls, Maine, with eight children—four of each gender—and four grandchildren, three boys and a girl. Her newest event of significance was another grandchild, born last October. Other than time with her children, Pauline is a very active member of the Lisbon Falls Shakespeare Club . . . From Marblehead, Mass., comes news of John Ormiston with his four children (three boys and one girl) and four grandchildren (three boys and one girl)! He is a consultant in paper manufacturing. Besides that he has been on the school committee for 24 years (chair for 12), served as park commissioner for four years and spent five years on the housing authority as vice chairman. Obviously, he is still active.

“After 35 years in Massachusetts, Ruth Scribner Rich and husband Edwin have been retired for 10 years in Winslow, Maine. Ruth is active in peace organizations, at the Woolwich Historical Society and at the Bath Free Library. At their church, she sees Bill ’40 and Mary Robinson Taylor’s son, Bill, and his wife, Betty . . . Claire Tilley Henderson and her husband, Edward, are in Ashland, Maine. They have two daughters, both in Connecticut, and three grandchildren, two in high school and one in college . . . James Daly is still in Seattle, Wash., enjoying life as a retired banker with his wife, Sally, and their three children and three grandchildren . . . Walter Sherys is practically a neighbor of mine in Rochester, N.H. His life has changed considerably since his wife, Agnes, had a stroke in June 1989 that left her paralyzed on her right side. She has improved some but is now limited in what she can do. Walt says they eat out a lot to save the dates: June 5–8, 1992. At the Colby "C" Club banquet you are invited to sit at the table with Martha Rogers Beach and her husband, George Beach ’41. We barked in reflected glory when George and Arthur ‘Red’ O’Halloran ’50 received silver mugs in recognition of their years of "C" Club service. The best part was that it came as a complete surprise to both of them.

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42 “Count down is on,” notes class correspondent Marie "Chns" Merrill Wyor. "Planning for the 50th reunion of our class was set in motion on Homecoming Weekend. With the able leadership of our president, Linwood Palmer, and the guidance of Alumni Director Sue Conant Cook ’75, your class officers and others have done some preliminary planning. However, there is still much to do and many committees to be filled. Please write to Lin and offer your help. His address is Linwood Palmer, Jr., R R 1 Box 369, Nobleboro, ME 04555.

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43 Correspondent Eleanor Smart Braunmuller sends "greetings from Maine. The grass is green on Mayflower Hill but there’s skiing at Sugarloaf and Saddleback. . . . By now you’ve seen that with 50 percent participation, we didn’t quite reach our Alumni Fund goal of $8,500. With Kaye Monaghan Corey’s enthusiasm, we should do better this year. . . . Marjorie McDougal Davis writes that she and Cliff are semi-retired. They vacationed in the Turks and Caicos islands and are busy with community service. Marjorie shares my enjoyment of good mystery writing . . . By the time this column appears, Elizabeth Field Blanchard should be a certified chaplain. She and Leon divide their time between Florida and Barre, Mass. Their children live in Maine, Massachusetts and the Netherlands, and there are now three grandchildren. . . . Lynn and Ron Lupton are living in Florida but spend parts of each year with daughter Carol Lupton Morgan ’77 in Rhode Island and with son Ron ’71 and his wife, Linda Howard Lupton ’72, in Maine. Ron and Lynn are planning a cruise to Acapulco in the spring . . . Betty Tobey Choate still feels that she and David are too young for golf. Dave is semi-retired and ‘Tobey’ is too busy with gardening, the historical society and babysitting to worry about spare time. Tobey says they do all their own gardening and help out at their son’s place, so their ‘backs and legs are taking a beating.’

“Elizabeth and Hubert Beckwith had sunny weather the
Retirement? It’s a Science

The first thing Jane Russell Abbott ’41 did after settling into her new winter digs on the Gulf Coast of Alabama last November was sign up for a library card. She and her husband, Henry ’41, have moved so often in the five years since she retired from teaching advanced biology at Waterville High School that the scientific journals to which she subscribes don’t always catch up with her. “But I have to keep up,” Abbott said, “so I find the nearest library, wherever we move.”

Abbott is hooked on science—so much so that last month, she paid her own way to a National Association of Biology Teachers convention in San Francisco. As a past president of the organization, Abbott is a prized participant at the conference, but since she has left the top post, the NABT no longer picks up the tab. “I can’t stay away,” Abbott said. “I love all those kinds of things. Getting together with people, talking about new advances—it’s exciting.”

Anyone who knew Jane Russell during her days at Colby probably won’t be surprised to learn that in “retirement” she is as active as ever. The list of activities and achievements next to her photo is one of the longest in the 1941 Oracle. She was the first female editor of the White Mule (a now defunct humor magazine), belonged to numerous sports teams, academic clubs and service groups and was one of the few women who completed a civilian aviation course at the Waterville municipal airport—now LaFleur Airport. “I used to do 720s and spins over Lorimer Chapel,” she laughs.

After graduation, Abbott worked in New York City while her husband served in the European Theater in World War Two. They eventually settled in Waterville, where, on the strength of a glowing recommendation from Dean Ernest Marriner, Abbott was accepted into the National Science Foundation Institute at Colby. She earned a master’s in science teaching at Colby and, a dozen years later, took a master’s in physical science from Cornell as a Shell Ment Scholar.

In 1986, after teaching at Waterville High for 26 years, she moved to Los Angeles with Henry and taught at a private school. But the notorious smog was tough on Henry, who suffers from emphysema, so the couple moved to New Jersey. Again, Abbott took up a teaching post, this time at the Englewood School. After two years, the Abbotts packed their bags again and headed for warmer climes—Myrtle Beach, S.C. That was Abbott’s last teaching position, but she doesn’t rule out another foray into the classroom.

What keeps drawing her back, she says, are the students. “I always had outstanding students in Waterville, and my students in New Jersey were wonderful, unbelievable!” she said. When pressed, she concedes that she “worked hard, too. They wouldn’t do well if I didn’t work hard. You have to study all the time to teach [advanced placement] biology because it’s changing all the time.”

Because she took the time—and built the clout—to apply for Ford Foundation education grants, her students were treated to lectures by such luminaries as author Isaac Asimov and astronomer Harlow Shapley and were taken out of the classroom to study Maine’s ecosystem first-hand through such activities as aerial tours, boat trips and winter sojourns at the beach. One class even contributed to a change in state policy on lake pollution.

Enticing though it may be, Abbott says she hasn’t made any teaching plans for the future. This winter she is enjoying swimming in the gulf (“I’m the only one in there,” she said in early January. “The water is 57 degrees”), fulfilling her duties as a class agent on the eve of the 50th reunion and traveling. “I don’t have to worry about more than one day at a time,” she said in a voice more excited than wistful.
entire time they toured the Netherlands, Belgium, France and West Germany last spring. They are now working on the construction of a summer camp near Orleans, Vt. In the winter, they enjoy the cultural advantages of Washington, D.C., and 'Beck' is doing some editing and research for the Lyme, Conn., historical society... Howard and Muriel McClellan DeShon spent time in Bermuda last spring, made a trip to several western national parks and last fall traveled for three weeks in the British Isles. Muriel continues to find her work as a commissioner of the Maine State Museum "fascinating."

"Howard Johnson" is now playing with the Rhode Island Recorder Society and working on the final draft of the latest revision on his book... Marjorie Abar Gray, now retired from teaching, attended the high-school graduations of two of her grandchildren—one in Mobile, Ala., and the other in Monroe, Conn. Marjorie, like so many of you, enjoys reading, and I wish I had time to read some of the books you all have listed as interesting. Maybe I'll send along a reading list sometime! This is all for now. Let me hear from you. You have no idea how interesting you are!"

44 Louis Deraney observes, in light of the Colby football team's third straight CBB championship, that the Class of 1944 "remembers when Colby had All-Maine championship teams."

"One of these teams was led by our own Remo Verrengia, who was inducted into the Malden (Mass.) High School Golden Tornado Club's hall of fame in November. When I first heard of this honor being bestowed on Remo, I immediately contacted Thomas P. Norton '43, thinking he and I could be at the testimonial banquet and surprise Remo, but we both realized that we had committed to other plans. Tom had promised that he and his wife would visit their son in Richmond, Va., for the Thanksgiving holiday, and I had planned to visit Gainesville, Fla., to enjoy turkey with family and friends. Wasn't it New England where that festive day began? Tom is now retired from the Gillette Company, where he was employed as a chemist... Phil Nutting is vice president/advertising director of Kompass International Publish-

ing, Inc., in Boston, Mass. They publish in Russian, and since his business cards lists Moscow Business Journal and other Russian publications, I surmise that he is versed in the Russian language. I had trouble passing the Reading Knowledge exam back in 1943 in French. Now I teach that subject on occasion, and I am planning to spend some time in Reims, France, as an educator... Barbara Baylis Primiano is still working part time in the family business in Barrington, R.I. She reports that she has been in touch with Elaine Anderson Hagstrom on several occasions this past year. Barbara is keeping up physically but is gaining lots of white hair... Ralph Braudy left Cape Cod in August and writes from Las Vegas, where he went to see the Douglas-Holyfield fight. Ralph is our 'bon vivant' classmate—rich, single and debonair. Summer on the Cape, winter in England and visits to California in between. He is enjoying good health except for his hay fever.

"The class news is less informative only because you all do not correspond so that I can relay your messages in this column!"

45 "I recently talked to 'Bunny' Thompson Ward, who lives in Burnt Hills, N.Y.," reports Dee Sanford McCunn. "She has kept busy for many years with her arts and crafts shop. She has five art teachers who give workshops in decorative painting, water colors, etc. She lives close to the Saratoga Performing Arts Center and finds that there is a lot of local interest in cultural activities. Bunny and her husband, Art, enjoy reading and cross-country skiing—when time permits. Bunny has a daughter and two grandchildren who live..."
Reunion Planning Continues

Reunion committees are actively involved with class plans for Reunion Weekend, June 6-9. The honor classes—'41 and '66—will start the weekend Thursday evening, with special class events on Friday. Reservation materials will be mailed to all alumni in April—so mark your calendars to be on Mayflower Hill on June 6-9 and get ready for an exciting weekend with old friends.

nearby... Elsie Love Scull and her husband have a condo right on the water in Sarasota, Fla. This gives her plenty of free time to play bridge, tennis, bike and walk. Elsie lost her first husband, who was ill for a number of years, and she remarried seven years ago. Elsie and her husband travel a lot—they spent September in Great Britain. But she saves some time for her two daughters, one in California and one in New Jersey... Barbara Soule Hoover and her husband retired to Savannah, Ga., to property they purchased a number of years ago. Barbara retired from a high-pressure job in Philadelphia as an advertising coordinator. Her biggest lifetime 'milestone' is retirement, which she loves. She does volunteer work at a hospital, and her husband has started a new business. She has two sons, one of whom is a sound engineer and consultant in Washington, D.C., who has done work in the White House. Her other son is equally busy as an industrial salesman and is the father of Barbara's only grandchild... I talked to Helen Gould Sullivan in Scituate, Mass. She has raised five children, all of whom live nearby. She and her husband have a motor home and travel various routes sightseeing as they head to Port Richey, Fla., for the winter months. When in Scituate, they spend a lot of time restoring their house. Helen enjoys taking art lessons and wants to learn more about working with oils... Helen Small Martin lives in Westwood, Mass., and has raised seven children. Sorry to say, she lost her husband six years ago. She found that supervising four sons and three daughters kept her from having empty time on her hands. She has attended the American Institute of Banking and enjoys the field of money management. Helen avidly peruses the class news and is interested in reading about her classmates... Betty Chamberlain Ficker writes that her political activities consist of being a checker at the local election bureau. She is a deacon at her church, helps serve communion and visits the homebound elderly and says she finds these altruistic activities fulfilling.

Hannah Karp Laipson was pleased to receive so many responses to her questionnaire asking '46ers about the unexpected facets of their lives but says she is "finally coming to the end of them" with this column. "Jean O'Brien Perkins," Hannah writes, "is a library custodian and junior high school tutor, wrote that she didn't live her fantasy of becoming a doctor, but she has great pleasure in teaching, working in a library, helping to raise five children and most of all, living. She sounded like the positive Jean I remember from our Colby days when she added: "I always thought life was and would be good—but it's really great!" "Mary Roundy Bebee, a retired teacher, looked fondly to her favorite professor, Dr. Wilkinson, and to her 'wonderful friends' all over campus. She wanted marriage and interesting work. She apparently received what she wanted—she wrote: 'I married, had three children and two grandchildren and enjoyed being a teacher. I also had some great years, as a legal secretary with courtroom experience.' She lived in (not just visited) the Bahamas, West Indies and Jamaica and says 'the marvelous people provided pleasures I wouldn't have missed for the world.'... Francis J. Heppner, an archivist at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., bought back to Hegman Hall, sulphur smoke and 'eating two good meals a day at a boarding house run by a woman in town.' He served in the U.S. Army when he left Colby in 1943, but he didn't expect to live in Washington, D.C., for 40 years!... Courtney Simpson expressed gratitude that he 'survived to live the good life with my family.' He added, 'I married Harry Hale's lovely daughter two years ago and took the family to visit my youngest daughter in France and the University of Nice at Easter.' "I've had a wonderful time reading your reflections as you looked back, and I found that your memories brought a few of my own back to me. I thought I'd continue my interest in newspaper work (with a good start as editor of the Echo and as the first female reporter for the Haverhill Gazette in my hometown), but with Mike's return from the Navy at the end of the war, we married and moved to Amherst so he could finish his college education, and I fell (truly unexpectedly) into a career of teaching, which I've loved. At first, as a mother of three, I found it best to teach part time, but for the past 20 years, I've been a professor of English at Quinnipiac Community College in Worcester, where my diverse students—from all types of ethnic and economic backgrounds—have broadened my own education. Now, Mike and I are planning to retire next June and are looking forward to pursuing new interests. I'll let you know what they are when we decide! Please let me hear from you, especially those of you who didn't respond to the last questionnaire, because we'd really like to know what you're doing."
Maine, four years ago. He and his wife have a lot of family there. Cecil started out coaching basketball and football and still is very involved in these two sports. He keeps up his connection with schools by serving on Rumford's school board . . . Margaret Scott Carter has an interesting life. She is in the antique business and recently returned from a six-week buying trip to England, covering 6,000 miles and bringing back 600 antiques. She spends three weeks every winter in the West Indies at Nevis Island and often meets her English friends there. Isn't that the life? To add to that, she was just presented with grandchild number 12 . . . Perry Harding is still working as the major projects director of Champion International in Sheldon, Texas. He and his wife had a great time at the Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado last summer. Perry enjoys fishing and working in his yard, but according to his wife he is a workaholic, which is what keeps him young. He and his family were honored when their 13-year-old son was accepted by Duke University's Talent Identification Program and qualified to take the SAT. He scored high enough to make state honors. Congratulations, Perry. It must be the Colby influence.

"Speaking of Colby, I hope you are all planning to join me for our 45th reunion in June '92. Tossie Campbell Kozen and Dorie Meyer Hawkes are getting together with our class officers already to formulate plans."

48 Katharine "Kay" Weisman Jaffe checked in just before winging off to Pakistan. "My 'retired' husband and I are traveling more than ever," Kay says, "as he consults in powdered metallurgy in Asia, Canada and the U.S.

"Some of you heard from Carol Silverstein Baker during the Colby telethon. I did. Professionally, she was making art of certain special furniture pieces by deftly decorating each with original hand painting. She also consulting watercolor artist as well as craft, documenting for the DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, Mass., and volunteering for Colby's Development Office. As a loving mother and grandmother and caring daughter to an ill mother, she has truly been involved in the extended family. Recently, she decided that her life is at a crossroads, and you will have to tune in later to discover where she will direct her very productive life in the future. Another of '48's accomplishing women, Peg Clark Atkins, wrote that she had created her own 'C' Club by being active with her children, clubs and Colby, as well as church, where she was involved with the choir and was clerk of her parish. She is also involved with the Girl Scouts, has been a library trustee (secretary) and did genealogical research in her spare time (only cooking seems to be missing). She also travels, and we all know the great work she does for our class.

"My husband, Mike, and I have seen lots of new places this year but have spent a lot of time in Taiwan. On our third trip in nine months, I even helped some bright young engineers who could read and write English well to improve their conversation (mostly, they were shy, and lunchtime lessons increased their confidence). Usually, I just tag along for the good food and sightseeing. We became friendly with warm, hospitable people who initiated us into the intricacies of the lunar holiday to appease the ghosts, to an Eastern harvest festival, to elaborate funeral and wedding celebrations and to flagellation rites for Buddhist saint's days. We also had a glimpse behind the scene of Taiwan's new, two-party political system.

"I received a very special letter from Robert Batten. He writes, 'I've been listening to a broadcast of Mendelssohn's Elijah and found myself deciding that it is time to come out of hiding from my past. Perhaps memories of the Colby Glee Club and John Thomas's "76 Trombone" bass voice, perhaps something of Professor Colgan or Pop Newman. In the past, I've read the accounts of successful lives and committed the error of 'judging my insides..."
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by someone else’s outsiders,” and was embarrassed about letting any of my former classmates and friends know where I was or what I had been doing. At any rate, herewith, a quick, and, I hope, a brief summary.

“I went from Colby to a year of seminary and then four-and-a-half years as a Benedictine monk. I moved on to a career in vocational rehabilitation and, at the height of success, came out as a gay man. That was my mid-life crisis.” From there, four-and-a-half years getting into and out of Scientology and surviving! It has all been exciting and challenging and rewarding. I am now struggling with finding ways to put into writing where I went, what I did, how I dealt with it and what I got out of it, so that others coming this way behind me will know it has been done and successfully, in terms of self-satisfaction if not material gain.”

49 “A year ago I was writing my first column for Colby. And with this, my fifth, I will finish relating all the news you sent me as a result of my first questionnaire,” writes Anne Hagar Eustis. “When you receive my next request for news, I do hope to hear from some of you whom we have not heard from lately, as well as from those who responded last time.

“I enjoyed seeing Tema Kaplan Cushner at our reunion almost two years ago. Tema is one of those ’49ers who gravitated back to the Waterville area, having spent the last 41 summers on Snow Pond. And when her husband, Len, retired this year, she expects to become a professional ‘Colby Watcher.’ Tema retired from her job as assistant to the administrator of an alternative high school five years ago and since has worked in her husband’s office . . . Jean Desper Pitton and her husband, Larry, ’42, retired to Nobleboro, Maine, 10 years ago. Jean says, ‘After 10 years of retirement from education, I think it’s time to retire from retirement. We used our boat once this summer!’ Amen! I don’t know many of our retirees who are rustcating or vegetating . . . Muriel Thomas Levings went right past Maine to Digby, Nova Scotia, when her husband, Wendell, retired 15 years ago. Muriel and her husband have experienced a complete role reversal as well, since Muriel’s present job as activities director at a home for special-care adults is her first salaried position, and Wendell has become a ‘house husband.’ They have five children and 12 grandchildren and are proud of them all . . . June White Rosenberg lives in Newton, Mass. She and her husband, Norman, are both in the retail trade. They have two daughters and one son. June says her spare time is taken up with, ‘work, children and socialization.’ . . . John ‘Jack’ Ives retired from the insurance business and lives in Scotia, N.Y. Jack thinks retirement is wonderful and is given to bragging about his four granddaughters. His ‘spare’ time is taken up with golf and reading . . . When Carleton Stinchfield stepped down after 10 years as director of math, science, engineering and nursing at Greenfield Community College in Mass., he intended to return to teaching chemistry full time. But in May 1989 he was appointed acting dean of academic affairs, and earlier this year the college president told him to expect to stay on as dean at least until June of 1991! Carleton and his wife, Janet, live in Bernardston, Mass., and have five daughters and one son. Several years ago, Marilyn Soutter Puopolo retired as a kindergarten teacher in the Quincy, Mass., school system. She and her husband, Vito, now enjoy living on Cape Cod in the summer and in Fort Lauderdale during the winter. Marilyn spends her spare time traveling, reading and doing volunteer work. She is still an avid knitter, just as our yearbook says she was 41 years ago.

“And that is the sum and substance of the news you ’49ers have sent me. Be sure to respond when my next questionnaire arrives in your mail—but you can send me news anytime.”

What’s New?

Share your news and views with your classmates! Have you traveled recently, changed jobs? What’s exciting about your current job? Have you been married recently or moved to a new area or a new home? Do you have a book to recommend to other readers or a movie to pass along? Please write in the blank and send it to the Alumni Office for forwarding to your class correspondent.

Name ___________________________ Class Year ________

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City/State/Zip _______________________

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THE FIFTIES

50 “Our class is just great—we are a vigorous, competitive, involved and very interesting group,” says correspondent Nancy Ricker Sears. “We are scattered across the country, continuing or retired from a variety of careers and contributing to our families and communities as circumstances permit. On to news of these fascinating people.

“Barbara Wyman Anderson wrote from her home in Freeport, Maine, where she lives with her husband, Robert, a retired U.S. Navy submarine captain. Barbara had cancer surgery in 1989 but reported that she was feeling fine one year after ending chemotherapy. Last year they enjoyed sailing in Greece, and they look forward to sailing in the Leeward Islands in May. The Andersons have 11 grandchildren... Hugh Jordan and Audrey Fountain Jordan ’49 have recently moved to Whispering Pines, N.C., and recommend the area in terms of climate, economics and recreation. Hugh says, ‘We have a 200-acre lake in our backyard and 36 holes of golf across the street. It’s time to start a Colby Club in North Carolina.’ Hugh retired in 1986 after 36 years with Exxon... Ray Brackett writes from retirement in Salisbury, Md., where he is a bird decoy carver living a stone’s throw from a wildfowl museum. Ray lost his wife to cancer in 1987. He had a long career with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and raised two daughters and a son. He and his son now make their home together... Paul ‘Doc’ Titus lives in Solana Beach, Calif., with his wife, Patricia, and reports intriguingly that his golf handicap rises at the same rate as his weight... Mary ‘Mickie’ Lobdell Smith and her husband, Guy Smith ’49, live in Belle Mead, N.J. Guy is a retired division controller from E. R. Squibb & Son. Mickie says that he retired after coronary bypass surgery, but that ‘these are good times and busier than ever—we can travel wherever and whenever we please, volunteer more and take odd courses.’ She says what they are gaining is grandchildren, the count now being eight... Susan and Bob Stander match the Smiths with eight grandchildren. Bob remarried in 1989 after two years as a widower. He says they are gaining friends in Lafayette, La., and he is not losing weight, and he sends greetings to all his classmates... A recent phone conversation with Barbara Hill Millett brought good news and bad news. The bad news was that she had recently undergone surgery for a pacemaker—the good news is that she is rebounding beautifully and told me she expected to be back on the tennis courts by the time you read this. Barb took up tennis some time after her Colby days and won her share of trophies over the years as she was learning and perfecting her game. Her husband, Bob, was seen on Boston’s Channel 5 not long ago as coach of a championship tennis team from Lincoln-Sudbury High School. His team won the Division A championship four years out of the last five. Bob retired from his many years at Lincoln-Sudbury as both teacher and principal and now manages a health club in Bedford, Mass. ... Jack Alex, a retired judge from L.A., tweaks the consciences of classmates who might have but didn’t make it to reunion. He says, ‘had a great time at the 40th reunion. Can’t understand why classmates who live in New England and especially Waterville don’t attend when guys like myself, John Harriman and Paul Flanagan will come from California. Ouch!’

“Again, thanks to all who have sent news—just over 40 so far. Let’s hear from the rest of you. For those in the Boston area, if taking pen or word processor in hand seems impossible, how about phoning?”

51 “The news of our classmates is bountiful, exceeded only by its profundity,” promises correspondent Warren Finnegan. But there’s a catch. “If you wish to share in this communications bonanza,” he continues, “you’ll have to come to reunion. I simply cannot adequately reflect the true newsworthiness of these happenings in a class column. Yes, Reunion XL draws ever nigh. Spring must be here.

“Ed Laverty finally came out of the woods. He was a high pick in last fall’s Maine moose lottery, and the moose released him only recently. A good thing Harry Wiley did not spot him. Harry shot a deer... It was fun talking on the phone to old friends during our reunion fund-raising efforts. Please give generously to our class gift, and of course, try to make it back to Colby on June 7.”

52 Barbara Bone Leavitt issues an appeal to all members of the Class of 1952 to send news as the 40th reunion approaches.

“Jesse James was the only one of the class officers who was able to get to the planning meeting for our reunion,” Barbara notes. “He is excited about the plans, and you will hear all about them... David Morse wrote to say that he is doing well and that he has married a longtime friend, Joan Wells Morse. They are both retired from their respective occupations, he from radiology and she from nursing. They are now entering a new phase of their lives with much joy and share interests in hiking, biking, birding and painting. It was great to hear from him... From Vernal, Utah, Dale Dacier Meagher writes that she helps her husband, Nicholas, with bookkeeping and record-keeping. He is a banker and cattle rancher. Their son, Nicholas III, has a business degree from the University of Southern California and is employed at Manhattan Institute in New York City. Dale also keeps busy at the Data-Gathering Foundation Research Center... Norman B. Crook is in Groveland, Mass. He is CEO of Bethany Homes (elderly housing) and a pastor at the Second Congregational Church in West Boxford. He and his wife, Josette, travel some 15,000 miles a year in their ‘Beaver’ motor home and show their Boxer dogs. They enjoy this and look forward to going as far afield as time and circumstances allow... Harold Kent writes that he was elevated by Congress from Tenderfoot Boy Scout directly to lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force. He has never heard of anyone else who has done that! He says he will never retire until ngor morts sets into his weary bones. Great! He is active in church and continues solo piano and organ playing and offers lectures in ‘Religion and the Subconscious Mind.’ He is planning to be stationed in Fort Worth, Texas, and can hardly wait for those special boots and a 10-gallon, wide-brimmed hat. His wife, Joyce, is a floral designer... Priscilla Leach Melin is in Milford, Mass. She owns Priscilla’s Braided Rug Loft. She volunteers for Tri-County Elder Services as a respite care worker. She and her husband, Robert, have two children and three grandchildren.

“Thanks to those of you who keep news coming. It would be wonderful to hear from all of you.”

Colby, March 1991
Myron B. Thompson '50 has joined the board of Honfed Bank, Hawaii's third-largest financial institution. Carleton D. Reed, Jr. '53 was elected chair of the Central Maine Power Co. board of trustees. Lee Fernandez '55 produced "The All-American Music of Irving Berlin," an album dubbed one of the "Best of '90" by Time. William E. Haggert '56, chair and CEO of Bath Iron Works and a leader of a newly formed Maine group, the Coalition for Sound Economy, wrote an op-ed in the Maine Sunday Telegram titled "How Maine Can Avert Economic Disaster." Lawrence R. Pugh '56, a Colby trustee, was featured in a Business Week rundown of America's "corporate elite." Pugh has served as CEO of VF Corporation for over nine years. Douglas S. Hatfield '51 was named a director of Chemical Financial Corp. in Keene, N.H. Wilma Lyman Sherman '58 spoke on "Parenting the Gifted Child" at the New Hampshire Association for Gifted Education conference.

Headliners

Newsmakers

Charles Robinson '50, head of the Baltimore County Public Library system, was the subject of a recent feature story in the Baltimore Sunday Sun. Former White Mule basketball standout Ted Shiro '51 was elected to the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. Gertrude Cleveland Miller '51 has left classroom teaching and enrolled at Northeastern University law school in Boston, a career move that caught the attention of the Gloucester Daily Times, which featured an article about Miller, along with a photo of her with her trusty L.L. Bean bookpack. After 14 years as a probate judge in Windsor, Conn., Walter "Doc" E. Russell '51 has left the bench, to the dismay of the friends and colleagues who gathered at a dinner in East Hartford to wish him well. "He is a treasure for which we are grateful and happy that he is only retiring from the probate court and not the community," said Judge Robert Killian in his tribute to Russell. Richard L. Abedon '56 was re-elected probate judge in Newport, R.I. Carolyn Bassi Hodge '57 is district coordinator of the Tom's River (N.J.) Regional School District's alcohol and substance abuse program. Jeanne F. Arnold '57 was named director of the new Southern Wisconsin Family Practice Residency Program.

Mileposts

- Marriages: John S. Baxter '58 to Diane E. Luther in Taunton, Mass.
Advice to Bank On

A Roman philosopher first noted that one man's meat is another man's poison. It seems an apt axiom, 2,000 years later, to help account for the burgeoning career of Peter Merrill '57, a consultant described in a recent Boston Globe interview as a "bank strategist."

A native of Augusta who was a member of Air Force ROTC at Colby, Merrill served as a pilot with the Air Force Strategic Air Command for five years after graduation. He then earned a graduate degree from the Fletcher School at Tufts and worked for Chase Manhattan Bank before signing on at Abt Associates, the Cambridge-based social science think tank. After 12 years there, he formed his own firm in 1978, specializing in advising companies in banking and other heavily regulated businesses. He traces his own interest in the field to a paper on government regulation he did at Colby for a class taught by Walter N. Breckenridge, the legendary professor of economics.

Merrill's 35-year interest in whether, when and how government should regulate private financial activity gives him an extraordinary background on issues that other experts have come to grapple with only recently. Did he see the savings-and-loan crisis on the horizon? "Don't get me started," Merrill said with a laugh. Well-intended laws passed during and after the Great Depression, Merrill argues, created a climate of over-regulation and, as a result, an atmosphere of false security. The public's confusion over the insolvency of so many banks can be laid, he adds, to an extensive misperception about the nature of banking itself.

"The government and the banks themselves led people to believe that there was no risk involved, that banks were really arms of the government rather than profit-making businesses," Merrill observed. "That was a totally incorrect assumption and the public is paying a very high price for it." Many of the bank failures, Merrill told the Globe, can be viewed as a "painful adjustment" of the industry that is really part of an overdue consolidation. Even bankers agree, he adds—so long as their is not one of the banks slated for a disappearance.

The collapse of many banking and thrift institutions and the near-collapse of many more has made Merrill's advice a very valuable commodity. "If you can't do it in this business in this period," he says modestly, "then you'll never do it." But in fact, Merrill's success at helping banks operate more efficiently was demonstrated even before the current downturn in banking fortunes. In 1985, when the industry was still riding high, he sold his firm to Golembe Associates of Washington, D.C., and last year that firm merged with Atlanta-based BEI Holdings to form BEI Golembe—with Merrill as president.

At Colby, Merrill was active in a variety of activities and was especially noted for his choral skills, singing in the choir and glee club and leading the Colby 8. In his early years as an alumnus, he worked as an admissions recruiter and served as a class agent before business and family activities drew him farther from Mayflower Hill. He returned in 1984 for a Colby 8-Colbyettes reunion, again three years later for a 30th class reunion and, most recently, last fall to show the campus to his daughter, Sara, who is a high-school junior. "It was the first campus we visited," he said.
'56 Reunion Planning Apace

The Class of '56 will move into the on-campus phase of their reunion on Friday, June 6, 1991, after a few pre-reunion days at the coastal Samoset Resort in Rockport, Maine. Class President Dave Sortor, showing terrific leadership, already has commitments from nearly 30 couples to attend this special "Maine event" reunion.

like a good deal to me... According to Sylvia Caron Sullivan, 'We continue to enjoy Nashville. I am on the board of Cumberland Museum, a children's science museum and wildlife park. Also on the board of the Tennessee Performing Arts Center. George and I had a wonderful two-week trip to Ireland and met lots of Sullivan's! We spend our summers in Wolfeboro, N.H., where we are neighbors of George Haskell '55... Carolyn English Caci sets a new record by being the mother of the bride three times in eight weeks! The weddings took place in Boston and Stoneham, Mass., and in Butte, Mont. Between weddings Carolyn and John managed a 10-day cruise to Casco Bay, Maine. What a gal!' George Pirie continues to keep a record pace, and I quote: 'trips to Hawaii, Germany, Palm Springs, New York, Florida and Arkansas. Had the last of the big weddings, grandfather to our fifth grandchild (no end in sight), work a bit, play tennis and golf... Joan Shea Conroy is recovering from a bad fall and is currently living with her daughter in Greenville, N.C. Joan worked for the Bureau of the Census last spring. If anyone is in the Greenville area, Joan would like to hear from you... Martha Friedlaender attended all three of the Carolyn English Caci weddings. They spent 10 days traveling between Salt Lake City and Montana... Robert Grodberg has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the New England Aquarium.'

54 "What a pleasant surprise to open the recent questionnaires and to have news from people we have not heard from in a while," says Marlene Hurd Jabar. "For instance, Dorothy Duda Cecelski. Dorothy lives in Springfield, Va., but works in Washington for Common Cause. Her two grandchildren, Stefan and Rachel, are high on her priority list!... Marcia Curtis is another one it was great to hear from. Marcia never married, but her life has been filled in other ways. On December 15, 1990, Marcia received an honorary degree (doctor of humanities) from Francis Marion College in Florence, S.C. She was also made a member of the Colby Heritage Club in March of 1990. Marcia has retired from her position as a college dean and professor, but she keeps extremely busy. She spends four months of the year in Waterville Valley, N.H., travels, gardens and fishes!... Geneva Smith Douglas is semi-retired—but when you still do consulting work, have an appointment as programmer liaison for Soroptimist International, a classified service organization for executive business and professional women traveling to such places as Norway, Australia, New Zealand, California and Japan, take busloads of people on tours of the Nevada Test Site and then garden and work to landscape a house in Rockport, Mass., this cannot be called semi-retired... Fred and Marge Hill Ashman have some words of wisdom for us all: 'You've got to dare to take some risks or life gets a little boring.' They certainly are living up to this themselves or through their children. When they wrote, they were anticipating the imminent return of son Jim, who was working with Liberian refugees in Sierra Leone. They planned to spend Christmas in New Mexico with their daughter, Susan, and her family... The note from Edwin Eisen, a lawyer in New York City, was brief. He and his wife, Elaine, a furniture designer, enjoy playing squash, tennis, sking and golf... Finally I would like to take this time to offer condolences to Bill Ames. Bill's wife, Joan, whom we all enjoyed seeing at our reunion in June of '89, died suddenly on June 6, 1990. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Bill at this most difficult time."

56 Hope Palmer Bramhall is still exulting over last November's Colby-Bowdoin football game. She sends kudos to "a dedicated coach who trained his players and an equally committed team who made it all happen. Congratulations and thanks for such an exciting culmination. "Enthusiasm continues to mount as we approach our 35th! Add the following names, now totaling 43 (with four more on the fence), and I hope you'll be inspired to join us Wednesday, June 5 through Sunday, June 9 for our best ever Samoset/Colby Reunion. (Pratt) Moody, Kinsmans, (Edmunds) Grouts, Van Allen's and possibly Stompes. "Babs Faltings Kinsman reports that the things that have brought the greatest satisfaction and enjoyment to her life recently include building a cottage in Greenlake, Maine, sailing with her grandchildren in Penobscot Bay and 'being Captain' and traveling throughout Europe and Russia. This past June, Babs received her certificate of advanced graduate studies in counseling from the University of New Hampshire. Congratulations!... Don Rice, having turned his business over to his daughter and son, is now enjoying semi-retirement between Cape Cod and Scottsdale, Arizona... Don Vollmer has been keeping body and soul together these past 12 years, running my own consulting practice, Banc Research, Inc., which has done work with over 35 banks..." Barbara Davis Howard has recently completed 20 years of teaching in New York City. She and her husband have raised three daughters who have traveled the world with trips to China, Alaska, Russia, Bolivia, England and Europe. 'BJ' enjoys traveling also and summers on Shelter Island, N.Y., and in Vermont. ... It sounds as though Shirley Needham Eaton must be one fantastic teacher out in Palo Alto, Calif. Her sixth grade classes scored the highest in California on statewide achievement tests, and two of 'her boys' were in the seventh grade math class that scored highest in the nation! Shirley survived the October '89 earthquake and finds her many trips and travels 'sedate' by comparison... Linda Powers Nickerson feels her greatest accomplishment is having succeeded in the difficult task of self-fulfillment through the outdated professions of daughter, wife, mother and grandmother—not easy in today's climate." Amen! Susan and Brian Stompe enjoyed Christmas and New Year's in the Bahamas, where they were joined by their oldest son and middle son and his wife. Brian got lots of fishing! That's all the news from classmates. Please let me hear from the rest of you and make plans now to join us for Reunion."

58 "My news of you folks is getting dated," laments Andria Peacock Kime. "I know you will come through with wonderful news on the next questionnaire. Judy Hince Squire keeps watch over Colby. As a ninth grade teacher of English at Watervile Junior High she sees a lot of Colby friends when they Colby, March 1991
pass through. She says the contacts are endless. She loves her teaching position, and it sounds as if she loves fishing, too. She's all over Maine fishing the different lakes for different kinds of fish. She also travels a lot to visit family and friends—from Idaho to France. Judy sees Bob and Mary Anne ‘Kudha’ Stetson Bates frequently since they retired to the Belgrades. Lynne D’Amico McKee is living in Hampden, Maine. She said she bought a house that is too big for her, but it is surely keeping her busy redecorating. She says boarders, refugees and others are welcome! ... Lois Munson Morrill is back at Colby as a member of the Alumni Council. We’ll convert husband David to rooting for Colby if it hasn’t happened already. Since their marriage, Lois said adjusting to teenagers in the house after a few years of low-volume music and relative quiet has been quite a challenge. ... John Ludwig was also a frequent visitor to Colby—at least yearly for the alumni meetings. He served on the Awards Committee. ‘Still feels like my school,’ he reports. ‘Good feeling.’ John said he still enjoys fast and responsive cars, motorcycles and boats. He said nothing major has changed except losing more hair and getting stronger reading glasses. Are wedding bells in the future? John travels on weekends to Nashville, Tenn., to see his bride-to-be, Sandy, and they cruise the Cumberland River. He talks to Al Dean on occasion—‘the Midas Muffler mogul of southern New England’... Fran Wren Raymond lives in Hulls Cove, Maine, with Bob ’56, who is an Episcopal minister. Fran said she dusted off her flute and plays in the Bar Harbor town band concerts. Bob plays his trumpet. Make sure you say hello to them if your travels take you to Bar Harbor, and let me know how they sound! They find playing challenging and fun. Fran has also become a hospice volunteer. She is on the evangelism consultant team for the Episcopal Diocese of Maine. ‘Well, friends, that’s it for now. I look forward to all the updated contributions you’ll be sending me.’

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59 “Faithful readers of this column will recall that I never fail to see Georgia Johnson Manin when I am in Paris,” writes correspondent Susan Fetherston Frazer. “This summer was no exception. We had dinner in a cute little Thai restaurant where the cooking was not too bad if you don’t mind Frenched-up Thai. Georgia has four children, the youngest of whom (and the only girl) is starting college this year in the U.S. The boys are all true Frenchmen. Georgia works for an international communications firm and has traveled all over the world for business and pleasure. She has also become something of a private expert on matters of citizenship rights for children with parents of two nationalities and on the tax laws of the two countries that figure most prominently in her own life. She and her boys recently fixed up and sold a studio apartment that Georgia had bought some time ago, and they are still in the process of doing over their house, consisting of a butcher shop and many adjoining rooms, just south of Paris. Georgia asked about several classmates, one of whom is Mary Jane Davis Smith, whom I talked with the other night. Mary Jane and her husband, a Bowdoin graduate, live in Northampton, Mass. Mary Jane works at UMass/Amherst in the interlibrary loan office and also in the development office, and her husband is with the Northampton public school system. Their daughter, Melissa, is a French major and has been to France (Angers) with the UMass program. The Smiths have had to put off doing what Mary Jane calls ‘exciting things’ until their children have finished school, but they are politically conscious and articulate while waiting ... Another politically conscious and active ’59er is Mike Wormser. In 1981 Mike decided he had had enough of the scene from behind a desk in Washington, where he was an editor of the Congressional Quarterly. He and his wife, Genie (Hall) ’59, bought a farm in Union, Maine (near Camden) and took up gardening and raising sheep. Mike still does freelance writing on political subjects and is active in Democratic politics. He says it’s really spread out in his new locale and tough going on the political front. Nevertheless, he says they have the best of both worlds there. Mike also hunts and does serious bird watching, especially ‘snow-kies,’ a migratory bird that travels around Canada and Greenland ... Did you know that Lou Leotta tuned pianos for big bucks while we were in college? Well, maybe not big bucks, but enough to buy ‘a lot of whiskey,’ is the way he put it. Lou, I found out in a long and absolutely wonderful telephone conversation, is yet another academic from our class. He has taught at Fairleigh...
Dickinson and at Rutgers in New Jersey and is now chair of the history department at St. Bonaventure University in southern New York, near the Pennsylvania line. He is happily married the second time around, has two grown children and a few publications, is active in giving help to persons with visual and audio handicaps and is on his seventh seeing-eye dog. Lou is on top of modern technology, especially as it applies to his own handicap: he has in his house a reading machine that is in fact a computer with a scanner that is sensitive to print and page contrast. It has a voice synthesizer that reads to you—even in foreign languages if you ask it nicely. As you might expect, it's not cheap—into five figures for one of those things. Lou made it sound like fun to 'bring home some book and put it on the scanner.' Talking to Lou made me realize that there are various ways of seeing... Gues who, on March 26, 1990, became the daddy of a Colby pre-freshman, Class of 2011? Gues who got back this summer to an old Colby love, the Appalachian Trail? Answer to these and other questions will appear in the next issue.

"I sent out a lot of handwritten requests for updates, but haven't heard from many of those solicited. No names this time. Ours is not a class of frustrated autobiographers, that much is clear. Okay, folks, how about this: if you don't want to write, you could send me copies of promotion letters, press releases, legal briefs, tax returns, medical reports, parking tickets, subpoenas or anything like that, and I will write it up and make you sound, well, interesting. If you're a talker (and I have yet to encounter any exceptions, except maybe one), I remind you that our number in Connecticut is (203) 346-8137."

Colby, March 1991

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THE SIXTIES

61 Edwin K. "Neil" Gow finds it hard to believe that the 30th reunion is "just around the corner" and urges you to make the trip to Waterville and to "personally encourage" others to do the same. "Hope you and your favorite classmates will be there the weekend of June 7 thru 9!" he writes.

"Dale and Bebe Clark Mutz live in Potomac, Md. Bebe now works full time as a genealogical cataloguer at the DAR Library in Washington. She invites any classmate who comes to the D.C. area to give her a call—only one Mutz listed in Potomac. Bebe wrote she had a chance to see Carla Possinger Short while at Penny Dietz Hill's wedding last April. Bebe has become a grandmother, so she gets to New England periodically to visit eldest son Glenn and his wife and child in Keene, N.H. Meg graduated from Colby in '88 and is looking to th e perfect job. Dana is junior at West Virginia Wesleyan. When Bebe wrote, Daniel was counting the days until he got his driver's license. Iris Mahoney Burnell is a student pastor and a senior at the Bangor (Maine) Theological Seminary… Anne Lehman Lysaght is the registrar at Wellesley High School. Her husband, Hank, is president of Teccon, Inc., which designs and manufactures circuit boards. They have three 'kids.' Meg is in her second year of a Ph.D. program in astrophysics at Iowa State; Mark is a senior at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo.; Tim is a sophomore in engineering at Worcester Polytechnic. Those who fly in the Midwest might find Captain Henry Sheldon piloting a United Airlines B-727 or be assisted by his wife, Elise, an airline passenger service agent. Henry and Elise live in Glen Ellyn, Ill. Henry gets together frequently with Bob Hartman '60, who also lives in Glen Ellyn… Jeanette Benn Anderson reports that out of midlife has come better health. She has combined her writing skills and study of multiple sclerosis to get her first 'article' published in the Maine M.S. Society newsletter. A piece of her poetry was also published in a local newspaper. Son Chris has come back home to Houlton, Maine, after a Traveler's Insurance Company education and working for them in New York, Kansas and Missouri. Wonder if he works now with dad, as Bob is an independent insurance agent. Daughter Kathryn lives in Charlotte, N.C., and manages a block of shopping centers for a development firm… Carol Ann Pope Wilcox was honored by the Brattleboro branch of the American Association of University Women last year with an educational grant given in her name to the national AAUW Educational Foundation Program. She was cited for her leadership role in AAUW and for her overall community involvement. Both kids have flown the nest and migrated south. She has gotten together with Regina Foley Haviland and Sandy Goodwin Nelson quite a few times while vacationing in Maine. Regina noted that she also had lunch with Suzanne Fourcade Erskine, who was up from Salisbury, Md. Sue completed her doctorate in education and continued to teach in Salisbury… George Nix and his wife, Cecile Tougas Nix '63, live in Fairport, N.Y. George is president of consulting at the Software & Systems Integration Company. Gile is a teacher in the Rochester school system. Their daughter Laura moved to Boston after graduating from Reed College in Oregon last spring. Andrea is finishing her senior year at Colby. Out of allocated space again. Don't despair, I haven't lost your response. See you at our reunion!"

62 A Homecoming visit to Colby left correspondent Linda Nicholson Goodman in a reflective state of mind. "To save ourselves from falling into that old line that sounds like we're over 50—things were different when we were students'—Peter Leofanti, Jay Webster and I adjourned to a swinging Homecoming reunion that was being loosely hosted by my son and many of his friends. "The conversations indicated that seniors and recent alumni worry about the realities of life after Colby,' and in the economic climate of the '90s, there are fewer giveaways for the new graduates than there were for us. Traveling to other parts of the country for employment or looking into graduate schools seemed to be top priorities for many of them (right after coming back to Homecoming and renewing the bonds with college friends). The weather was glorious, and the soccer team's over­time win over Bowdoin was cheered on by a boisterous crowd of fans. Some things never change. "These responses were cut out of my last column because of room restrictions and will conclude the huge response to my questionnaire last year. Judy Hoagland Bristol, dean of a Houston high school, wrote that son David, 24, has moved to Colorado (perhaps all '62 alumni with kids who have moved there should plan a ski week some February) and son Wes, 20, is in the Air Force in San Angelo, Texas. Judy has become an elder in the Presbyterian Church and says it's not just for little old gray-haired ladies; those who use some hair coloring may also apply. She's also a craft show addict and is looking forward to retirement in six years followed by lots of travel with husband Harry, a Texas stockbroker… Jay French, a product announcement support manager based at IBM Corporation in New Jersey, returned to the Boston area last fall to celebrate Terry MacLean's 'big one' along with his wife, Di, Jay Webster and Susan Keith Web­ster, Peter Jaffe and Peter Leo­fanti. We hear via the grapevine that the Websters will be grandparents before too long… From the Midwest, Kay Stanley Maxfield writes to tell us that she is currently a teacher's assistant in a middle-school classroom for the physically handicapped. Children are Marlyn, 21, Sarah, 19, and Christian, 12, and her husband, Donald, is case worker for the Elgin Mental Health Center. Kay may need additional services after a rather disastrous health year in which she had two major surgeries and then fractured her knee bike-riding with her son… Frank 'Tony' Mainero has returned to the East Coast (really the mid-Atlantic —Wayne, Pa.) after 11 'great' years in California. As senior vice president of marketing for DBM Inc., Tony says he expresses himself through writing and public speaking. His tribute to his wife, Cathy, who is a program coordinator, indicates that they have had 25 years of healthy togetherness that has produced four children. Kim, 23, is their oldest, and her wedding was imminent when I heard from Tony, Kristan is 21, Stephen is 18 and Kathy Leigh, their 14-year-old, is enduring the beautification of braces… John M. and Deborah Lucas Williams are the proud grandparents of Samantha Elizabeth Cooperender, born in No-

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As chair of Hong Kong’s Q-Mark Council, which gives a seal of approval to goods and industries that meet high quality standards, Dennis Ting Hok-shou ’60 is helping Hong Kong manufacturers prepare for the 1993 European Community consolidation, when trade standards are expected to become more stringent. Michael D. Flynn ’61 has been named chair of the Vermont Chamber of Commerce. Robert D. Dyer ’64, a sixth-grade teacher in Kennebunk, Maine, was among six teachers—and two Colbians—to receive the first Maine Educator of the Year awards. Donald J. Short ’64 was named treasurer of the National Fisheries Institute at the group’s annual convention in San Francisco. Robert L. Hayden, Jr. ’68 has been named vice president, editorial, of Kalmbach Publishing Co.’s scale modeling, miniatures, craft and book groups.

Newsmakers

The Cascade Grange in Oakland, Maine, honored Eunice Bucholz Spooner ’60 with its 1990 Community Service Award. David E. Williams ’63 was the subject of some gentle ribbing in Neil Morgan’s San Diego Tribune column. Morgan accused Williams of escaping from friends who hoped to have him at a 50th birthday party by making “a nostalgic visit to Maine,” where he “found that the specimen shark he’d dissected as a Colby College pre-med student had finally been traded.” Craig B. Millett ’64 and her husband, David Yohn, are joint pastors of Pilgrims’ United Church of Christ in Leesburg, Pa. Christopher C. Brown ’65 was appointed director of Chapter I and coordinator of statistics for state and federal programs for the Weymouth (Mass.) public school system. John A. Wheeler ’66, who already knocks ‘em dead as the principal French horn player in the Colby Community Orchestra, has joined the Blue Hill (Maine) Brass Quintet. Laurence Nelson ’69, whose photography has appeared on the cover of Atlantic Monthly and in many other publications, has founded Global Odyssey Design, an art card company, in Southborough, Mass.

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64 Thirty-five “opinionnaires” have now found their way to correspondent Sara Shaw Rhoades, and she says each one is unique. “Your remarks on the intrusiveness of the press are so good, I’m sending them to the major networks,” Sara says. “If you have more to say on the subject, write now and those remarks will be included.

“I was surprised by your answers about visiting Berlin this year. Somehow I thought everybody would like to see the spirit of freedom ‘in the flesh,’ to see for yourselves the differences between the two great ideologies that have redefined the world for our whole lives—but I was wrong! While 17 want to go, another 17 do not, with Sandi Hayward Albertson-Shea casting no vote, having already visited both East and West in 1980. Dick Larschan was there the day Checkpoint Charlie was dismantled, and Ken Nye will be there next April, having been asked by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges to conduct a five-year follow-up accreditation visit to the John F. Kennedy International School in Berlin... Further news from Sandi: she married Ray She in June 1989, honeymooned in Ireland and then returned to Concord. He teaches English at Middlesex College. Sandi’s daughters are at Vassar and Haverford. We all wish you the best, Sandi!... People without CD players outnumber the more progressive/affluent classmates 22–13. I’m comforted to know I’m in the majority. Non-church members outnumber members 19–16. There was no connection between church membership and owning a CD—1 checked! The magazines you read avidly in addition to news magazines seem to reflect either your professions (Forbes, Fortune, AOPA Pilot, Business Week, Horticulture) or your hobbies (Golf Digest, Travel & Leisure, Chess Life, Audubon, Backpacker, North American Hunter). Only a few read literary magazines, and a few read about an absent lifestyle: Barbie

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'66ers—Bring Your Golf Clubs!

In a break from the traditional 25th reunion boat cruise, the Class of '66 is kicking off with golf, a cook-out on campus and classmate-led small discussion groups on current topics. Watch your mail for reservation information in April followed by the 25th Reunion Class Book.

Carr Howson in Richmond, Va., reads Yankee, and Annette Petersen Greenberg in Utah reads The New Yorker. Nobody listed Playboy, and only Nancy Saylor Kimball mentioned National Geographic. Jon Pitman listed a lot of magazines I've never heard of, including Biblical Archaeology Review! Jon wrote news as well. His family has been involved in foreign exchange programs; they've been hosts to a German student and sent son Marc to Sweden for a year. During that time, the Pitmans visited Sweden, Denmark and Germany. Jon's daughter, Shelly, has acquired her pilot's license, and both kids are in their last year at Milton Academy. B.J. Campbell Witherrall wrote a good essay on finding her career path. She teaches English as a second language at the high-school level and truly loves it. Finding that niche took a long time, but many moves led up to it, including her 10 years in Paris. Last March she gave a presentation on using computers with ESL students at an international conference of ESL teachers in San Francisco. A postcard from Jack Ross says he and his wife have traded the women's-wear business in Maine for a year in Las Vegas. You'll find them at The Paddlewheel and Caesar's Palace—working, not playing! . . . Our class graduated three offspring in the Class of 1990: Dusty's and my son, Andrew (now working for Loral Aerospace in Massachusetts), Carol Lockwood, daughter of Jack Lockwood and Diana Walsh Lockwood '67, and Anne Pollock, daughter of Bill Pollock and Jeanne Anderson Pollock '63. Bill and Jeanne also graduated Quinn from Middletown, Class of '90. The Pollocks still live on their 38-foot sailboat, from which they apparently launch children and college payments."

65 “OOPS! The winter column reported that Rhoda Goldstein Freeman was a professional body builder. While Rhoda may get plenty of exercise, it's really Leah Aranovitch who's your trophy-winning athlete,” notes correspondent Richard Bankart . . . “Last fall's selections saw John Bragg elected to a three-year term on the Bangor (Maine) City Council. John's eight years as a Penobscot County commissioner gave him the experience to emerge as one of the three winners in an eight-candidate field. Politics run in the family. John's great-grandfather was mayor of Bangor over 100 years ago. John continues as executive vice president of N.W. Bragg & Sons . . . Neil Clispam has moved—again. Since 1965, he has lived in Boston, San Juan, Houston, Los Angeles, London and Albuquerque. In March 1990, he and his wife, Jean Hoffmann Clispam '66, moved to 1221 Jarvis Lane, Lansdale, PA 19446. Neil is associate vice president for federal sales in the environmental engineering division of BMC Engineers. Inc. His son David graduated with distinction in physics from the U.S. Naval Academy and is now in flight training at Pensacola. His son Douglas is a sophomore at Wittenburg University in Springfield, Ohio. Neil says, "Hope we can get down for a while. Best regards to the classmate." . . . A report in Advertising Age about Gavin Scotti led to a phone call for clarification. That Gavin is his cousin. Our Gavin is a lawyer in Manhattan. His field is general litigation, and he specializes in criminal law. Prior to this he spent 14 years with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York. He started his career with three years in the Department of Justice. He lives in Garden City, N.Y., with his wife and sons, Gavin, 16, and Paul, 13." 66 Meg Fallon Wheeler writes from West Boxford, Mass., "25th Reunion: June 7-9, 1991! The following '66ers gathered in Wellesley, Mass., in November to telephone classmates and 'talk up' the reunion, encouraging both presence and 'presents' (i.e., a generous contribution toward our class gift to the College): Linda Mitchell Potter, Stu Wantman, Sue Ebinger Spencer, Russ Monbleau, Dee Dee Pardee Cunningham, Peter Swartz, Jerri Davies De George, Fran Finizio, Nat Bowerman Zaremba, Pete Blumenthal, Jim Drawbridge and me. Each of the phonathon workers agreed it was like a mini-reunion, and it made us realize what an incredible experience it will be to be reunited as a class on Mayflower Hill in June . . . If you ever serve on a committee with Ellie Caito Thompson, be sure to schedule at least one meeting at her home. Rumor has it she serves up a scrumptious feast! . . . Kay McGee Christie-Wilson enjoyed seeing classmate Linda O'Connor McDonough at a conference in the fall in Boston, where they were able to share their common art interests. Don't forget to bring samples of your life's work, hobby, interest or talent to reunion for an eclectic Class of '66 exhibit . . . Congratulations to Ruth Kelleher Shacter and Bruce Herz '65 on their October 6, 1990, wedding in South Paris, Maine. Ruth and Bruce are living in North Wayne, Maine . . . Appreciation seems to be an almost universal emotion shared by people contemplating an upcoming class reunion. I am no exception. Will I recognize anyone? Will anyone remember me or care if I am there? Will a return to campus dredge up painful reminders of my late-teens insecurities and hang-ups? How will my 46-year-old body compare with other 46-year-old, former-student bodies? But after one evening at the Colby phonathon with 11 of my classmates, my apprehensions were quieted. I felt an almost tangible bond with these people, some of whom were good friends at Colby, others of whom I barely knew. There were no barriers, no labels, no preconceptions. Instead, there were interesting and interested peers, people anxious to talk and to listen, to congratulate and to commiserate, people with whom I felt so very comfortable. As I drove home, for the first time I became genuinely excited about our reunion (even though I've been 'selling it' for five years), thinking of it almost as a 'second chance' at Colby, a golden opportunity to get to know classmates I never crossed paths with between 1962 and 1966 and to rekindle old friendships as well. I wish each of you could have felt the emotions of this 'reunion preview.' Please don't let apprehension keep you away. Come and find out for yourself. Come and feel that bond. I know you won't regret it." 67 "By the time you read this, spring will be in the air, and our 25th reunion will be just a little over a year away," writes Susan Daggert Dean. "A meeting was held in late November 1990 with Irv Faunce, Natalie Furlong Graceffa and Francia Colmes Davis in attendance. They are at the center of a lot of our Colby activities. They are not just committed to the College but also in urging that all the members of our class have a great reunion experience. The dates for our 25th reunion are"
The word among students at Albuquerque Academy is that Spanish teacher Martha Mentch '67 prepares a mean test. And while it wins Mentch few plaudits in New Mexico school yards, her knack has drawn the attention of the Educational Testing Service—best known as the source of the Scholastic Aptitude Test. The ETS recently selected the 45-year-old educator to help draft a new national exam to gauge the competence of prospective teachers of Spanish.

Since its inception in the 1970s, the National Teacher Exam has been faulted by critics who assert that the qualities that make a good teacher cannot be measured by a standardized test. Mentch agrees "it’s not a total picture of anybody," but she insists that such an exam has an important role to play in evaluating teacher competence.

But it was a less philosophical and more technical argument that led to the recruitment of Mentch and others to create a new test. "The name of the game," she said, "is to make it fit the needs of the states."

After all, she says, it is the states that certify teachers. Thus, when state certifying agencies decided earlier versions of the National Teacher Exam in Spanish and other subjects did not properly address their standards, the irrelevancy was deemed a fatal flaw.

To help ensure a better fit this time, Mentch and her colleagues are composing a test for their test that will be administered in some communities as a pilot. The exam includes core questions that all aspiring Spanish teachers will be required to answer, along with optional "modules" designed to measure competence in writing, speaking and teaching.

The circuitry of Mentch’s own path from Colby to the classroom seems to confirm that there is no single approach to finding qualified teachers. She left Mayflower Hill with a degree in Spanish literature and two vows to herself. "I was not going to go to Boston and get an apartment," she recalls, "and I was not going to teach."

After three years of helping to organize adult education programs for Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) in California’s San Joaquin Valley, Mentch’s resolve wavered, and you guessed it. She broke both vows, heading to Boston, where she spent the next year as a substitute teacher.

The combination of uncertain wages and cold winters ("I damn near froze to death") led her to accept a full-time teaching position in the Virgin Islands. After seven years there, she decided to leave for graduate school in California, but her career took another detour when administrators at Albuquerque Academy offered her "the kind of job I thought I could only get with a master’s degree." That was 13 years ago, and Mentch, a confirmed wanderer, has settled in, bought a house and earned the master’s—from the University of New Mexico.

Mentch says she cares deeply about her students and about the subject she teaches. "It’s not right," she said, "that we expect the rest of the world to speak English." Her aim as a teacher is for her students "to feel comfortable with another language, another culture," and as Hispanic influence in the United States grows, she believes, knowledge of Spanish will become increasingly valuable.

Though she savors her reputation as the academy as a tough teacher, Mentch says that is mostly because her approach is "appreciated down the line, when students get to college or into the job market."

Outside the classroom, Mentch pursues a variety of professional and extra-professional activities. She serves as a consultant to ETS and the College Board and last month co-directed a four-day conference at the University of Texas aimed at helping teachers better coordinate language instruction at the high-school and college levels.

Her "passion of the moment," Mentch says, is Mayan hieroglyphics. A dig at the Mayan city of Copán in Honduras three years ago dampened her interest in the "tedious work" of archeology but excited her curiosity about the hieroglyphs. The experience may also have foreshadowed a future turn in a multiple-choice life. "I decided the first day that archeology would not be my next life," Mentch said. "But hieroglyphs? Maybe . . ."
Help Us Keep Track of Colbians in the Gulf

Colby would like to hear from/about alumni serving in the Middle East. Many alumni have told us they would like to write to those serving, and the magazine can be a clearinghouse for names and addresses. Please send information to: Managing Editor, Colby Magazine, Colby College, Waterville, ME 04901.

June 4–7, 1992. There will be ongoing meetings during the next months, and each of you is encouraged to contact anyone of us or the Alumni Office to get involved. There will be several committees working on various aspects of the reunion, from class book to fund raising to the Saturday night dinner. I had a nice letter from Tom McCrumm. He wondered how I heard that he had run for office, since he had not written to me. Colby, in the past, had a clipping service that provided each class correspondent with information about members of his or her class. That service has recently been discontinued, so I now need to rely on each of you to keep me informed. Tom was elected, with almost 60 percent of the vote, to be an Ashfield, Mass., selectman. One thing that Tom has been working on for his town is the reduction, reuse and recycling of its waste. In a period of one year, Ashfield residents have gone from recycling only about 10 percent to recycling 50 percent of their waste. Caroline Kresky wrote that she looked forward to being made a partner in the law firm of Branch, Pike, Ganz & O’Callaghan on January 1, 1991. Caroline has been with the 30-lawyer firm since 1985. She will be one of three women partners, and she will specialize in complex commercial litigation with some products liability defense work. Caroline’s daughter, Deborah Bernstein, is now in her second year at Dartmouth. In addition to being number 10 in her class and a Choate scholar, Deborah excels in track and other sports. Caroline said, ‘I only wish she had chosen to go to Colby over Dartmouth.’… Irv Faunce reports that his daughter Karen ’90 is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Colby, finishing fifth in her class. She is teaching sixth grade in Gardiner, Maine, and living in Portland. She recently began graduate work in education administration. Daughter Kasey, 14, is a freshman in high school, and Thomas is in the third grade. Irv has been vice president of corporate planning and marketing with Kennebec Health System since June 1, 1990. Ross and I have three children with new addresses. Ross’s daughter, Crista, was married in October and moved to Portland, Ore. Eric recently moved to Colorado Springs and Christine is now gainfully employed by Jostens Learning Corporation. Katie is studying and skiing (in that order, I hope) at Colorado University in Boulder. Ross and I are too busy, but I know we don’t have a corner on that malady. Please write, even if ‘sonly three incomplete sentences.’

Barbara Bixby sends greetings across the Atlantic and up the Baltic coast to Sigvard and Rose Buyniski Eriksson and their three children. News comes that Ellen Dockser (whom we remember as the shining star of Patrick Brancaccio’s American literature course) is the publicist for Boston’s public TV station, WGBH. … Linda Reynolds Gill is a teacher. She and her husband, David, a pediatrician, are raising four scholarly sons. The eldest, Sean, has applied to Colby. … Former radical Bernie Davidson is also a parent with song well on their way to adulthood. He and wife Leslie have a century-old Victorian farm house in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. How many of us now ‘live through our children,’ and to what extent?… Rich and Glenna White Crawford and their three children enjoy life, work and study in Boise, Idaho (a fabulous state!). With her many career activities, Glenna finds time to be president of the Idaho State Historical Museum Auxiliary. … Stewart Armstrong, Jr., a school principal in Chichester, N.H., also performs in a musical duo with his wife. Both sing, and he accompanies on piano. The Armstrongs have three teenagers. … Arthur and Gail Schumacher Barr, of Flagler Beach, Fla., also own a piece of the North Carolina mountains. Gail, like two of my dear sisters, is a ‘master nurse.’ And speaking of sisters, Gail seeks news from Chi Omega sisters. … Please be assured that you can address any correspondence to me, and I will forward it promptly. I wound down this terse column with news from Ken Borchers. Ken and Liz (Belding) ’70 are a pastoral team in the Ashland, N.H., church. There is a ‘country church’ where all gather and share a sense of community. I was pleased to hear that they are blessed with an active and abundant music ministry. I am very impressed with what they have accomplished. … All my best to the ‘68 community. Is there anyone else who lives on the self-contained little quasi-state of Long Island?'

Correspondent Anna Thompson Bragg issues a word of thanks to everyone who responded to her recent questionnaire. "You are the ones who make my job easy and fun," she says. … Judy Lee Moeckel reports that she and her husband, Jeffrey, are living in Durham, Conn., where she works as a consultant and he as a rehabilitation counselor for the state of Connecticut. Judy enjoys singing in the Hartford Chorale, which she has done since 1980. Singing with the chorale ‘allows me to be a part of Hartford’s cultural scene (the Hartford Symphony, ballet, opera, etc.).’ Judy is also very involved with her professional group, the National Rehabilitation Association, which gives her the opportunity to travel, learn and network with other professionals in her field. … George ‘Bud’ Higgins is living in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, with his wife, Cheryl Ann Moriarty ’70, and their three children, Jenny, 15, Jagon, 14, and Joy, 5. Bud is a practicing emergency medicine department at the Maine Medical Center in Portland. Cheryl is busy working on her master's in New England studies. Bud is also director of the community EMS system. Both are healthy and lucky to be enjoying a strong marriage. … Speaking of busy, Nancy Money is president of the Tygare Motel Corporation. She and her husband, Paul Thasault, have opened the 188-room Hampton Inn and adjacent 125-seat Colchester Reef Lighthouse Restaurant two miles from Burlington, Vt. Nancy serves on several hospitality association boards and is an associate trustee for St. Michael’s College. She is trying to find some time to ride her horse, Tico, and I can see why that might be difficult! … Bob Bortock is another busy soul and is located in Pine Brook, N.J. Bob is a partner in the law firm of Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland and Perretti in Morristown. He is the co-author of the treatise titled New Jersey Estate Planning, Will Drafting and Estate Administration Forms. On the less serious side, Bob is a founding commissioner and coach of the Montville Township high school boys’ intramural basketball league. … Keep in touch, everyone, and best wishes for a stupendous 1991!"
THE SEVENTIES

72  "We have some reports from folks we haven't heard from in a while," correspondent Janet Holm Gerber notes with pleasure. "Over the course of last winter, Jean Christoforo Coello cross-country skied an entire 280-mile trail that runs from one end of Vermont to the other—Canada to Massachusetts. Jean and her husband, Armando, an ophthalmologist, live in Barre, Vt., with Emma, 15, and Ben, 11. Jean is also working on a master's degree in nutritional science... Dave Konjoian is 'grower, financial manager and retailer' in a family-owned garden center business in Andover, Mass. He and Rosalie have two boys... Ed Morin and Barbara Weldon-Morin are in North Berwick, Maine, where Ed is a civil engineer (following nine-and-a-half years with Exxon in the U.S., Venezuela and Saudi Arabia).... Amanda Eggert Stukenberg is president of South Texans for Choice. She lives in Corpus Christi with husband Michael, an attorney, and their children Sarah, 13, and William, 11. From Berkeley, Calif., Cliff 'Trip' Stevens says mountain biking in the Berkeley Hills is his favorite getaway. He's a language instructor at an extension of U.C.-Berkeley.... NewtopNews, Va., is home for Randy Strickland and Jandy Anderson Strickland '70. Recently, Randy started his own business as a general contractor and Jandy earned dual certification to teach blind and multi-handicapped children. They also celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary this past year. Their son, Sean, is a college sophomore and daughter Summer, 14, is a nationally ranked gymnast. (You're right—it's great here, Randy. He grew up around the corner from where I am now in Maryland!)... Antique dealer Joyce Bemak Hanes says all the current world and national events are terrible for the antique business. As for turning 40—"We weren't supposed to grow up, were we?"... I'll close with Fred Valone's big news. I finished my career as a research scientist at Texas, hung up my chemistry background and entered the seminary. I'm studying to be a Catholic priest for the diocese of Galveston-Houston. I'm studying at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, which is part of the school of theology at the University of St. Thomas. Very best wishes, Fred."

73  "Since we last heard from Jonathan Fink, he's been appointed chair of Arizona State University's geography department," reports Anne Huff Jordan from Medfield, Mass. "He and Nina have added a desert tortoise to their animal collection! Jonathan reads science texts for Reading for the Blind, which lets him use his deafay skills from WMHB... Jackie Nienaber Appeldorn reports that she saw Debbie Mael and her daughter, Michelle, and Chris Mattern Way and her three sons over the summer. In addition to being a college instructor at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where Jon Clark '60 is also an instructor, Jackie has recently become a mediator in family court... Gay Quimby Auerbach, a freelance writer/editor, is married with two children, Ethan, 10, and Andy, 6. The whole family has a passion for Alpine skiing. Also, Gay is studying piano. She is raising their children in her husband's Jewish religion, which she also practices without having converted.... Since we last heard from Ida Dionne Burroughs, she's become more active in using her singing talent in a group called Opera, Etc., which performs in concert and at dinner theaters in New Hampshire. Ida would love to see her friends at our 20th reunion in 1993, since she was disappointed at our 10th... Morrie Herman, his wife, Ellen Bourret, and their sons, Michael, 2, and Daniel, not yet 1, live in Toronto. Morrie is corporate awards manager of Ontario Hydro-Toronto. He runs when he has time and plays basketball as co-captain of the Canadian Macaluah Basketball Team... Ellen Kornetsky traveled to the Soviet Union in July and thoroughly enjoyed the experience! She anticipates a couple of Soviet visitors in the near future. Ellen would love to hear from any Colby singles who want company at social and/or cultural events. She's in the Portland, Maine, area... Larry Rider was married recently at Ananda Cooperative Village, Nevada City, Calif., to Karen Mitchell. He would love to hear about his classmates' spiritual lives and interests... Samuel Wagner, a massage therapist, now lives in Wilton, N.H., with his wife, Patricia, a 17-year-old stepson and several pets. Sam and Patricia belong to the local Anthroposophical Society and a community farm... Roberta Rollins Wallace thinks Betty Naylor-McDevitt of Wrentham, Mass., works at the Foxboro Co., which is near my hometown... Wells Pile has a..."

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Headliners

Benjamin C. Bradlee, Jr. '70 was named assistant managing editor for local news at The Boston Globe... Joseph C. Mattos '73, principal of James Bean elementary school in Sidney, Maine, was among six Maine teachers—two of whom are Colby graduates—to receive the first Maine Educator Awards... Kenneth C. Johnson '76 has been promoted to vice president of grocery by Hannaford Brothers Co... Peter M. Labombarde '76 was named vice president and trust officer at Bank of New Hampshire, N.A. ... Actor Norm Skaggs '77 had a supporting role in "Decoration Day," a Hallmark Hall of Fame special that aired in December.

Newsmakers

Alison Harvey '70 is president of the Classical Association of New England... Caterer Richard A. Kenworthy '71 doled out a few of the tricks of his trade at a library talk in Glastonbury, Conn., recently. The Glastonbury Citizen, which covered the event, reported that Kenworthy's white catering van sports license plates that read "BON-APP..." ... Ken DeK. Alsop '74 has been named to the board of directors of the Kennebec Valley Mental Health Association... Jeremiah F. Minihan '74 was inducted into the Johnson-North Andover High School Hall of Fame... Randi Mershon Leonard '75 has joined the sales force at ERA Pat Demara's Associates in Salem, Mass... John A. Lombard '76 has started a new business, Lombard Investment Counseling, in Hollis, N.H., where he also is host of a weekly radio program, "Business Today," on WSMN... Candace L. Campbell '76 took time out from her thriving public relations firm, Campbell & Co., to be interviewed for a feature in the Great Falls (Va.) Current. Campbell represents Australian golfer Bruce Crampton, a star on the senior PGA tour... Ted L. Axelrod '77 is an associate at BNY Associates, Inc., a subsidiary of the Bank of New York... The contributions of Douglas B. Light '78, an associate professor of biology at Ripon College, helped the Wisconsin school garner three National Science Foundation grants for its science and mathematics program... Rebecca J. Alex '79 is president of the Monterey Bay (Calif.) chapter of the Women's Caucus for Art.

Mileposts

Births: A son, Daniel Joseph, to Eileen and Morrie J. Herman '73 ... a daughter, Julie Dickinson, to Nancy and Peter Clark '75 ... a daughter, Emily Hadden, to Ray and Cindy Hadden Rother '75 ... a daughter, Eileen Marie, to David and Cathy Worcester Moisson '76 ... a son, Andrew Hart, to John Orrison and Lydia H. McAneney '76 ... a son, Yu Frank, to Masanoku and Elizabeth Johnson-Suenaga '76 ... a son, William Ferris, to Doreen and Robert Griffin John '79 ... a son, Erik Andrew, to Robert and Julie Sydow Palmason '79.

Marriages: Stephen Paul Rappaport '72 to Arlene Helen Markowitz in New York City ... John J. Hotchkiss '77 to Sandra Stone Knecht in Cape Elizabeth, Maine ... Robert J. Keefe, Jr. '77 to Carol Inabinet in St. Paul, Minn.

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Gimpel has moved to Maine. "the state I have always liked best. Her new address is: P.O. Box 369, Monmouth."

75 Susan Gearhart Wright reports that classmate Mark Goldman has been promoted to senior communications specialist at Camp Dresser & McKee Inc., a 2,000-person international consulting engineering firm based in Cambridge, Mass. "As editor of CDM’s client magazine, Mark was honored by the Society of Marketing Professional Services at the association’s national awards ceremony held in San Francisco in September. For about four years now, Alan ’76 and Liz Lawson Rosenfeld have been in Laconia, N.H., where Alan has set up his cardiology practice. They have two children, Michael, 9, and Joann, 5. In addition to working part time for a law firm, last summer Liz helped coordinate a recycling curriculum workshop with the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. She is now setting up and teaching workshops for elementary-school teachers. Service as co-leader of her daughter’s Brownie troop of 38 girls rounds out her life! ... Peter Coz is serving in Operation Desert Shield and would enjoy hearing from classmates. His address is: Capt. Peter B. Coz USMC, HMLA-367, FPO San Francisco, CA 96008-6097. ... Nancy and Kevin Cooman are living in their hometown area of Rochester, N.Y. They have two sons, Carson, 8, and Colby, 2. Kevin is an attorney with a law firm that carries on a full-range general practice. He specializes in civil litigation. ... 'Binkie' Cammack Closmore wrote a short note to say that child number five (daughter Alice) was born on August 8. Her

Hubbert Elects “Citi” Life

Like many another Colby graduate, Mark Hubbert ’79 found his first job right in Maine, at the Portland office of USF&G, the insurance firm. Then it was off to play among the giants of finance in New York City, first at American Express and then at Citicorp. And that, in turn, led Hubbert in 1988 to the burgeoning metropolis of Sioux Falls, S.D.

That’s “S.D.,” as in South Dakota.

“The people are wonderful,” said Hubbert, who is president of Citicorp Select Investments, an army of 125 broker/dealers who market and manage investment portfolios for the bank’s customers. “There are strong basic values. It’s very clean, and there are a lot of positive things that are taken for granted that we would like to take for granted in a lot of other places in this country but no longer can. And it is very family-oriented, a wonderful place to raise a family.”

Hubbert is a bachelor, which is one reason he was pleased to return to his Manhattan office and East 55th Street co-op last fall following two years in Sioux Falls. He is still savoring the return to fresh bagels, Broadway plays and same-day delivery of The New York Times, and the move back was also another step up in a steady six-year rise at Citicorp. There was one negative sidelight for his alma mater, though. Hubbert was Colby’s only alumnus in South Dakota.

“Is that true?” Hubbert asked. “I didn’t realize that.” He explained that he was dispatched to Citicorp’s national credit card headquarters in South Dakota in 1988 to set up Citicorp Select Investments because the giant banking concern envisioned the investment operation as a link with its non-banking customers. A pilot project in Minneapolis convinced Citicorp that it also had potential with “face-to-face customers,” Hubbert said, and now there is a branch office there and another in Los Angeles.

At a time of retrenchment in banking and finance, Hubbert’s unit seems positively situated—“a strategic venture,” he calls it, designed to convince customers that Citicorp ought to handle their investment portfolio in addition to their banking and credit card business.

A regular supporter of the College through contributions to the Colby 2000 Campaign and the Annual Fund, Hubbert says he is looking forward to renewing acquaintances with Colbians in New York and returning to his volunteer duties as an alumni admissions interviewer. He made himself available for admissions interviewing in Sioux Falls, but no candidates emerged in his two years there. And while he is pleased to be back in New York, Hubbert says he hopes to return to Maine one day and would not discourage another Colby alumnus for filling the void created by his departure from South Dakota.

“I got to see the Black Hills, the Badlands and Mount Rushmore,” Hubbert said, “and those are places I never would have visited if I hadn’t been stationed out there.” And he got a friendly phone call from one of his former teachers, Professor Charles Bassett of Colby’s English Department, when Bassett returned to his native South Dakota for a visit last summer. "He told me he was about to leave," Bassett remembers, "and he sounded as if he was counting the days."
Bring Your Children!

For many ’76ers, children have joined the family and are being included in many events during the weekend. Softball and a children’s golf game are among the class events planned. Make your plans to be at Colby June 7-9.

oldest is 7 and the only one in school all day. Binkie describes her life as ‘fun and games all day every day!’ For those of you who have received a survey, please fill it out and send it back to me. Thanks!"

76 “Thank goodness Paul Boghossian wrote and filled me in, not only on what he’s been up to, but also to report on a number of classmates,” says a relieved Pamela Cane. “Paul is living with his wife, Jennifer, and two children, ‘Chip’ and ‘Libby,’ in a century-old Victorian house on Newport Harbor. Paul is president of Concordia, a textile manufacturing company founded by his grandfather. He is currently involved in a new product line of advanced composites for aerospace and sporting goods. Paul has also been lobbying for changes in Rhode Island’s workers’ compensation system and has met with some success. Parlaying his real estate vocation into a second business gives Paul an excuse to get up to Sugarloaf, where he spends a fair amount of time each winter. ... He writes about Alan MacEwan ’78, who was married to Holly Eastewin in June and is living in Freeport, Maine. ... Mark Sullivan is living in Cambridge, Mass., with his wife, Anne, and their two daughters, Catherine, 2, and Theresa, 6 months. ... Peter Clark ’75 and his wife, Nancy, are living in New Boston, N.H. They have a daughter, Abigail, 2, and were expecting their second child at the time of Paul’s report. ... Barry Cohen, who ‘takes more vacations than Fodor,’ according to Paul, will be reined in a little with the arrival of his first child, Matthew, this past May. ... Cathy Worcester Moisson writes that she and her husband have a daughter, Eileen Marie, born this past July. She’s now a full-time mom and sells Discovery Toys ... Ken Curtis writes from Tokyo, where he is working for a San Francisco-based equipment and real estate financing company, GATEX Realty Corporation. He has opened a Tokyo office and has focused on the real estate business for the last three years. He recently established his own company in the British Isles. He plans to conduct investment-related activity, including real estate, between the U.S., Europe and Japan. Ken planned to return to Boston with his Japanese girlfriend, Ikuko, for the Christmas holidays ... All the best in the year ahead! Thank you for your cards and letters—please keep them coming.”

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Although Emily Grout Sprague appreciates Colby’s new, faster turn-around time, she says it has left her a bit short of news for this column. But, she writes, “the questionnaires have been requested, and you should be receiving them before long. For the time being I find myself wishing for some of those new holiday cards and photos that have yet to arrive. If you are a highly organized person who manages to produce one of those informative holiday letters, please send me one—however belatedly it may arrive and despite the fact that I may not be in your personal address book ... Mail that has arrived includes a nice note from Laurie Borden Ahearn. She and her husband, Daniel, are living in Middlebury, Vt., with their two children, Colin, 4 1/2, and Haley, a daughter who was born on June 24, 1990. Laurie would love to hear from some old buddies by letter or visit ... Patricia Maguire David wrote a fascinating letter from Pennsylvania. In the 11 years since leaving Colby, Patty has been busy with a number of challenging careers, the two most recent of which are parenthood and operating a successful nanny referral service. Daughter Catherine Elizabeth, who was born in June of 1989 to Pat and her husband, Cliff, was the inspiration behind A Choice Nanny. In addition to all that, Patty is also a member of the bar in Pennsylvania and spends time looking after their sheep and 13-acre farm. What she failed to tell me is what she does in her ‘gare’ time! ... Does anyone have word from the following people: Sav Zembillas, Nick Mencher, Miriam Patterson, Kevin Frank, Mark Weatherly, Jean Powell, Debbie Schwartz?”

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THE EIGHTIES

80 Patricia Valavanis Smith says there is "lots of news from the Big Apple" to share this month. "Marketing director Cynnie Auman is reveling in life in New York, enjoying jazz clubs and venturing into the city's limitless restaurants." Banker/trader Bob Slutz and wife Maya also call NYC home. Both Bob and Cynnie say that living in New York was something they never anticipated when they left Colby. Michael Fanger is also a banker in New York City.

To the north, Hilary Morton Shontz cares for her home in Larchmont with husband David, year-old son Harry and two canine friends. And even farther north, David Goldsmith is vice president of Whyte's Laundry, a uniform and linen rental company in Lynn, Mass. Maine native Anne Hussey loves her new San Diego home and would like to hear from anyone coming through town.

She's a customer service supervisor in the financial services field and keeps up her sailing skills with the San Diego women's yacht racing fleet. That Southern California appeal must be strong. John Monroe reports that when the Navy transferred him to Jacksonville, Fla., they had to drag him kicking and screaming from San Diego! Still, he's enjoying the challenges of his new job as attending physician in ophthalmic surgery.

Anne Vezie Sonner has also experienced a coast-to-coast move. After working as a social worker in Maine for six years, she and husband David are now in Walnut, Calif., where they've bought a home and Anne is working as a publications manager. She also makes great quilts, some of which have been exhibited nationally.

Back in Maine, Tom Eyman is working in international trade development and living in Bath with his wife, Martha. Jamie Hamburger is a stockbroker with A.G. Edwards in Boston. Rose Marie Nawfel resides in Natick, Mass., and employed as a quality assurance chemist. Linda Davis is a district sales manager at Hewlett-Packard in Burlington, Mass., and finished an M.B.A. program at Babson College last December.

Amy Page Oberg rightly lists her occupation as 'perpetual motion,' keeping up with six kids, one cat, two frogs and four fish in Barrington, R.I. (Does your husband really work for ChildWorld, Amy?!) Linda Clark Hammons is a physician's associate at a rural health clinic in West Virginia and lives at Appalachian Bible College, where her husband is a pastoral studies major. Karen Caine Babbitt keeps busy with Emily, 3 1/2, and Ike, 2, at home in South Dartmouth, Mass., while volunteering for church and the children's museum.

About a year-and-a-half ago, Linda Alter decided to leave her highly successful but highly stressful computer software management job and embarked on a hiking expedition in Nepal and extensive travels throughout the U.S. She's now working in sales with a nonprofit educational publishing company in California that produces health-related materials, and she also serves as a fifth grade teacher's aide. Thank you for the great response to my questionnaire. There's more to follow, and additional news is always welcome.

83 "As always, keep those cards and letters pouring in. The more you write, the more we'll know about each other." So says Sarah Lovegren Merchant, who is anxious to keep the Mt. Desert mail carriers busy. "One thing Kelly Dodge brought to light about us is that we have not been giving money to the College," Sarah notes. "I am sad to report that our class has the lowest annual giving record of all the classes. I am not proud of that. But I am proud enough of our class to ask each and every one of you to join me in helping our class leap back up in the standings. Think about it and respond generously to those envelopes from the Hill. Kelly, by the way, has moved to Lowell, Mass., to be closer to his job at Frontenauer Nonwovens/Pennon Division as merchandise manager. He'd just gotten back from Venezuela when he wrote. Karla Hostetler is a grant writer with Arctic to Amazonia Alliance (a nonprofit organization that seeks to link indigenous groups worldwide in the effort to protect native land rights).

She lives in Watsfield, Vt., near the Sugarbush ski area — 'in case anyone wants to visit.' Dan Matlack and wife Allison write faithfully to let us know all is well at Westtown, Pa. Thanks, Dan! From Atlanta, Holt Thrasher scrawled a quick note saying that he is off to Switzerland to get a master's in international business at IMD. He left New York and Smith Barney behind. But he had recently become engaged. We will need details, Holt, keep us informed. It was great to hear from Janice Sandeen in Oakland, Calif. She has her master's of fine arts from Rhode Island School of Design and is now a sculptor and furniture artist as well as a full-time assistant professor and head of the wood/furniture program in the school of fine arts at California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland. Janice says she reads every issue of Colby, especially because she's so far from New England. Hopefully, we can see some of her work in Colby sometime. Janice lives with her boyfriend in a great house with her studio right there. Pam Kovaly O'Brien wrote from Needham, Mass., about the hectic life of a Digital marketing manager. She is also pursuing her M.B.A. at Babson. She and attorney hubby Kevin do get a chance to relax and ski, however, and hope to get away to ski out west this year. Good luck, Pam! Norwood, Mass., is home to Karin Foster Palmer, a computer systems consultant, her husband, Ralph, a computer engineer, and daughter Elizabeth, now 1. Karin told us that Lisa Murray Donohue's baby, Amanda, was born in October of 1990 and that her son, Andrew, was 15 months at the time.

Katie Jannen Donnelly was expecting her first in January of 1991. I ran into expectant mom and dad Peggy Hessler Moore and Tim in Ellsworth. The baby was imminent at that time. Peggy and Tim are still busy with work and with their son. Terri Lewis Clevenger and John '81 wrote from Norwalk, Conn., to tell us of their expectant state. April is the due date for #1. Terri loves her job as a public relations executive specializing in health care at Gross, Townsend, Frank & Hoffman in New York City. John's a marketing manager at Pepsi Cola Co. Terri noted that Suzy Desrousches had just moved to Norwalk for a two-year stint in the home office of Dellotive and Touche.

Joey Schreiner is senior marketing research analyst at Warner Lambert Co., where he has worked since 1988. She lives in Summit, N.J., and has received her M.B.A. She says that Beth Schroeder works for Loon's-Sayles in Boston as a fixed income credit analyst. Beth Lynch is a benefits analyst for Philip Morris in New York City and Cindy Milton Mehnerd and Colby, March 1991.
Headliners

Peter Forman '80 is the new Republican leader of the Massachusetts House of Representatives ... Scott R. Russell '83 was named chair of the foreign language department and overseas program director for Proctor Academy in Andover, N.H., and is studying for his doctorate at Brown ... Donald L. Baker '84 received the Bank of Boston's New England Banker Award for Vermont ... Michelle Cheeseman '88 is studying in Ecuador as a Fulbright Scholar ... Photographer Anestes G. Fotiades '89 showed his work in an exhibit titled "Five Year Shadow" at the Rader Art Gallery in Worcester, Mass.

Newsmakers

Robert Motley '80 joined Coldwell Banker Commercial Real Estate Services as a leasing specialist for Greater New Haven, Conn. ... Elizabeth Pizzurro Ossoff '81 has been named assistant professor of psychology at St. Anselm College in Manchester, N.H. ... Ginny Low Pomeroy '81 is helping athletes in the New Britain, Conn., area as a physical therapist for Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Associates ... Dorothy E. Distelhorst '82 has joined her father, Fred, at his dental office in Vail, Colo., where the Vail Daily recently caught up with her ... Ellen E. Smith '82 has joined the accounting firm of Douglas R. Leatham ... Deborah H. Bombaci '83, an M.B.A. candidate, was selected to participate in Babson College's International Management Internship Program in Switzerland ... Betsy D. Gilliss '83 has joined the public relations firm Creamer Dickson Basford/New England as an account executive in the Boston area ... George A. Raiche II '83 has joined the chemistry faculty at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y., as an assistant professor ... John S. Munsey '83 is a senior environmental consultant at Dunn Geoscience Corp. in Albany, N.Y. ... Cheryl Snyder Hogan '84, a senior at Bridgeport (Conn.) Engineering Institute, has won a scholarship in mechanical engineering through a grant from the McLean, Va.-based Association for Manufacturing Technology ... Sandra Winship Eddy '84 and her mother, 10-year veterans of the mother/daughter tennis circuit, were runners-up at the National Clay Tournament in Pensacola, Fla. ... Rick Anderson '85 has opened Anderson Insurance Agency, Inc., in Grafton, Conn. ... Hannah E. Blake '85 was named assistant project manager at Bennett Contracting Inc., in Albany, N.Y. ... Anne Cookson '85 has been named administrative assistant of the Aaron Group in Bethesda, Md. ... Kate P. Lucier '85 is an associate in investment banking with the Bank of New York affiliate, BNY Associates ... Andrea V. Sarris '86 is a producer at Three East Video Productions in Portland, Maine ... Rebecca E. Binder '87 has joined Marketing Basics Applied, a sports marketing, advertising and public relations firm, as promotion and public relations manager ... Jennifer C. Cooke '89 has joined the accounting department of Della Femina, McNamee.

Mileposts

Births: a daughter, Meredith Lee, to Alan and Robin MacLeod Goodridge '80 ... a daughter, Hannah Mary, and a son, Geoffrey Stephen, to Chris and Ruth Hankins Lawler '82 ... a daughter, Lydia, to Curtis D. '82 and Deena Schwartz Ball '83 ... a son, Jackson Rhinehardt Clark, to Anne Rhinehardt-Clark '82 and Michael Clark '82.

Marriages: Alice D. Domar '80 to David A. Ostrow in Concord, Mass. ... David J. Harvey '80 to Caryl A. Brandland in Portsmouth, N.H. ... Helynne Bruen '81 to Adam Winter in Nahant, Mass. ... Jeffrey T. Davis '81 to Ellen M. Fox in Cranston, R.I. ... Pamela A. Heleen '81 to Donald G. Spear in New Bedford, Mass. ... Jacqueline L. Gage '82 to Russell L. Kahn in Flye Point, Maine ... Karen J. Scott '82 to Louis H. Dennis in Marblehead, Mass. ... Troy A. Dages '83 to Stephanie A. MacBurnie in Boston, Mass. ... Mark G. Maher '83 to A. Leslie Papandreou in Peabody, Mass. ... Christopher C. Chabot '83 to Heather L. Frasier '86 in Exeter, N.H. ... Roberta C. Bloom '83 to John R. Boarth in Monroe, Conn. ... George J. Katz, Jr. '83 to Lisa F. Goldenberg in Boston, Mass. ... Ann D. Slater '83 to Joseph W. Canavan in Ipswich, Mass. ... John R. Gagne '84 to Susan M. Meyers in Hydes, Md. ... Barbara A. Wilkes '85 to Thomas A. Sheehan III '85 in Wenham, Mass. ... David K. Blake '86 to Marylu Williams in Reading, Mass. ... Robin D. Clisby '86 to Theodore L. Pelcar in Laconia, N.H. ... Carolyn L. Kuenne '86 to David B. Jeppsen in Charlotte, Vt. ... Gregory J. Maheras '86 to Elizabeth A. Welch in Boston, Mass. ... Jennifer Erlandson '87 to Michael Ayers '88 in Long Island, N.Y. ... Gretchen A. Weiser '87 to Joseph Carney, Jr., in Hingham, Mass. ... Tamsen C. Wolfe '87 to C. Vincent Quirk III in Belmont, Mass. ... Ann M. Armstrong '88 to Robert Ashton Baines in Paoli, Pa. ... Mark E. Giancola '88 to Katharine A. Mumford in Towsun, Md. ... Nancy J. Delorey '89 to Stephen Cox in Martha's Vineyard, Mass. ... Jennifer L. Pattison '89 to Michael Douglas Gilvar in White River Junction, Vt.

Deaths: John H. Scalley III '82 in Pompano Beach, Fla., at 29.
amy carlson reports

that she is "still working through those questionnaire responses" and writes that "dana hanley is wearing many hats these days as an attorney at the hanley law office, a maine state representative and the owner of lantern realty. dana married debra tierney '83 on september 1 and did take a break from his hectic schedule to honeymoon in st. john's, u.s.v.i. after graduating from the wharton school last may, ginger bushell spent three weeks in bolivia helping create jobs for people with disabilities. she's now working for patagonia in southern california in their corporate strategy department... sarah jane lund is enjoying the benefits of being a travel agent. she recently made trips to disney world, the bahamas, england and scotland. she belongs to two health clubs and, like many of her classmates (myself included), prefers chocolate to oat bran... tim crowley is the owner of cruise holidays in nashua, n.h., a travel agency devoted exclusively to cruise vacations. tim does admit to occasionally joining some of the groups he puts together... maura Cassidy is also doing a lot of traveling as a sales agent for continental airlines (most recently to australia, new zealand, sweden and las vegas). she gets most of her exercise running through airports... meg and william lloyd are living on a dairy farm they bought three years ago in avon, n.y. (south of rochester) and are busy raising two little boys, coyne and andrew. he passed along this advice for his classmates: 'getting married is a much smaller change for your life than having children. i would not go back, but be ready and prepared.' william works as a financial consultant for merrill lynch... david hill is a systems analyst/software engineer for westat inc., and lives in rockville, md. as a part of his efforts to help the environment, david is an officer of a project that sends inner city youth to colorado to work in the mountains for the summer. he's also a trail supervisor for the potomac appalachian trail club... also in maryland, marian leerburger is working for the department of defense and teaches politics at the university of maryland (where she is studying international relations and national security). she recently returned from a trip to the bahamas chaperoning a group of 14- to 21-year-old sea explorers... nathan 'waldo' emerson recently married leslie mattson and is living in jackson hole, wy., where he's a ski instructor. he says skiing 150 days a year is a great way to stay in shape... susanneolson married tom matthews on june 1, 1990, and is also living in jackson hole. she has devoted a lot of time to training her bernese mountain dog to work with search and rescue teams in the area. sue currently works for the jackson hole racquet club resort but plans to open a business in the near future. paula thomson drove out to attend sue's wedding and reported that it was beautiful. paula lives in maine and works as an environmental planner for the north kennebec regional planning commission... fletcher kittle and katie lyons kittle '83 are living in concord, mass., with their two children (one and three years). fletcher works for bolt, beranek & newman and is studying computer science at harvard... nancy silverman levinsky is a buyer/supervisor for louie's clothing and lives with her husband in portland, maine. she teaches tennis at a nearby day camp and does aerobics regularly... robert graham is living in bangkok, thailand, after almost three years in seoul, south korea. he's a senior development manager for reebok... at the time of this writing, vanessa alonso desimone was expecting her second child. her first, emily, was born in july 1988. she's recently moved into a new home in new jersey and has been busy remodeling... thomas delea received his m.b.a. from carnegie-mellon last may and is now a financial analyst for conoco, inc., in houston, texas. tom is an avid runner and recently joined an ice hockey league in houston."

85 "paul hausen is living in paradise and loving it," reports correspondent maria alice weller-maynard. "he has recently become the head of circulation at the key west library in florida... beverly rice started graduate school in the fall of 1990. she is pursuing a master's degree in teaching at boston university."

86 "my husband and i recently received a chain letter promising us lots of good luck as long as we don't break the chain," begins a note from gretchen bean lurie. "we were naturally delighted by the possibility of a nice surprise. however, as we thought about all the good fortune and happiness we had shared during 1990, we wondered what more we could ask for. we had a strong and healthy marriage, a beautiful new home and a wonderful baby boy. then it dawned on us—a college education for our future colby grad! (financial aid officers, are you reading this?)" "and now for news from some other classmates. scott croll is having fun while working winters as the assistant manager of tamarack nordic ski center in mammoth lakes, calif., and summers as a ranger in north cascades national park, wash."
Flying High

As Tom Claytor '85 embarked in December on a seven-continent, two-year flight around the world in his 1981 Cessna 180K, he said he hoped his solo trip would parallel the trips of another professional bush pilot—Charles Lindbergh.

"He was one of the first people to see so much of the world from the air," Claytor said as mechanic at LaFleur field in Waterville prepared his plane for the long journey. "The changes he saw led to his later dedication towards conservation. My work is an update of his original vision."

In 1985 Claytor won a Watson Fellowship to spend a year in Africa studying bush pilots. He stayed on for two-and-a-half more years and became a bush pilot himself, flying conservationists, anti-poachers, anthropologists and documentary film crews into outlying areas of East Africa.

"Bush pilots are a link between advanced society and the primitive," Claytor said. "It is in these remote areas of the world where the dramatic changes are taking place: where the rain forests are being cut down and animals are being poached. I'm interested in documenting the change. It's really very important for the future of humanity to find a balance between technology and the wisdom of nature," he said.

Claytor learned to fly at LaFleur while he was at Colby, sweeping floors for Telford Aviation in exchange for a small salary and, more important, flight time. He earned his commercial and instrument licenses and later qualified to fly seaplanes and multi-engine planes.

His plan to fly around the world captured the attention of the Explorers Club, which helped him with funding and awarded him one of its prestigious expedition flags, and of the Alfred A. Knopf publishing house, which put him under contract to write a book about his experiences.

But even with an advance from Knopf and other contributions, Claytor's finances came up short when the price of fuel rose after Iraq invaded Kuwait. He postponed his trip from early August to early December.

Claytor calls the plane that will carry him on his journey a "classic bush plane." The Cessna has been fitted to meet his needs, with a removable 100-gallon auxiliary fuel tank, all new radios and navigational equipment and a global positioning system to help Claytor determine his location on long over-water flights.

Flying over water puts him at the greatest risk—the Atlantic Ocean flight from Canada to Greenland is 300 miles—but Claytor has a healthy respect for it and has equipped his plane with survival gear. Quick changing weather may also give Claytor some trouble, and that's where his experience and intimate knowledge of his plane will come in handy.

Life in the mountains is good! ...

Nick Ophuls received his J.D. degree cum laude from Tulane University in May 1989 and now practices law in Texas. He spent two recent summers in Europe and enjoyed traveling through Spain, Switzerland, Germany, Austria and Italy ... Craig and Alison Capstick Carlson were married on August 19, 1990, in Bermuda. Many Colby friends attended, including bridesmaid Karen Mitchell and usher Peter Taubkin. Karen spent a year in Europe working for Digital Equipment. Her desk was only about 20 feet away from Phil Guarino's, and she also had a chance to visit Collette Cote on a trip to France. ... I had a postcard from Andy Docherty when he was three months into a Westpack aboard the U.S.S. Reuben James with the U.S. Navy. He had already put Yukosukia, Japan, Vladivostok, U.S.S.R., and Chinhae, Korea, behind him and expected further stops in Subic Bay and Pearl Harbor. ... Paul Duca wrote to me about one of the best times in his life. He took a cruise to Freeport and Nassau and enjoyed snorkeling, parasailing, jet-skiing and playing blackjack at the casinos ... In Lee Scammon's last letter, she said she was enjoying the sun, surf and fun in her new Huntington Beach, Calif., home. ... Peter Coley is working as a vice president for Smith Barney/Harris and Upham in Boston. ... David Quillen and Amy Bailey were married last June in Alabama. David is now finishing his third year of medical school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. ... I have run out of news from all of you, so it's time to fill up my mailbox with lots of letters. I might even consider another chain letter, as long as you promise more good luck! Best wishes to you all for continued happiness and success!"
Lucy Lennon writes from Portland, Maine, beginning with the news from closest to home. "First for some Portland news: Heather S. Anderson and I ran into Peter Murphy and his fiancée Jennifer Lane! Peter and Jen informed us of their recent engagement and their plans to be married July 20, 1991, here in Maine. Peter has applied to business school and hopes to begin next fall. They aren't sure where they'll end up, but they expressed a desire to come back and settle in the Portland area. Lots of luck to you both in everything...Speaking of Heather Anderson, those of you who know how well she's doing at her job in the insurance business won't be surprised to hear that she's been promoted again! When we spoke, Heather planned to move to Connecticut on January 1 to be regional manager for Connecticut and Rhode Island. After a few years in her new position, Heather plans to move back to Maine...Jennifer Milburn wrote to let me know she's engaged to marry Paul Flaxam June 29, 1991. Jen is working as a production editor for Cutter Information Corp. in Boston and is pursuing a master's in English literature at Harvard...Peter Bowers is engaged to be married to a fellow University of Connecticut medical student. Both Peter and his fiancée, Jean Stadlack, are in their fourth year of medical school, and Peter plans to stay to continue with a pediatric residency in July...Dave Bullock added a note to the bottom of my Alumni Fund letter to inform me that he's engaged to be married on June 22 to Christine Finch. (Speaking of Alumni Fund, don't forget our class has a big reunion coming up, and it would be great if we could break some records in our annual giving!)...Heidi Schmalz is engaged to be married in June of '91, and Bill Clapp married Caroline Knowles '89 this summer. Bill and Callie are living on the N.H./Maine border, where they both teach and coach at Berwick Academy...Angela Piscitello has a job with First Boston in Connecticut, where she is working in equity research portfolio strategy. She's engaged to her high-school sweetheart, Lt. Mark Lurie, and will be married next June...Susan Kaplan wrote that she is engaged to former Colby psychology professor Lew Lester and will marry when she completes her master's degree at the Smith College School for Social Work. She's doing her first year of clinical placement at the Veteran's Administration hospital in Bedford, Mass...Congratulations and best wishes to all of you who have gotten engaged. Terry Scally is no longer with Reebok but is working for an advertising agency in Boston that deals with Reebok, and she's loving it...Jane Nicol is working for Lotus in Cambridge and doing a lot of traveling for them.

When I saw her, she'd recently gotten back from Hawaii and was off to New Orleans!...Pam Blanchard is still at Brooks Academy in Andover, where she is having a good year in admissions and coaching tennis as well...Kathi Harnett, after finishing up a great internship in NYC this summer with a federal judge, has been working hard in her second year at Fordham Law...Elizabeth Warren is still working for Tab newspapers in Boston...Tony Fazzone '88 is in D.C. studying at Georgetown University...Kim Ryan is still in the Big Apple with Women's Wear Daily and but she has gotten a great promotion and is now covering the fashion scene at exciting parties and glamorous events in the city...Jennifer Erlandson Ayers moved to the D.C. area after marrying Michael Ayers '88 in a beautiful wedding this summer on Long Island, where Colby grads from both classes had lots of fun! Jen has relocated to Prudential's Baltimore office, and Michael is very busy with his second year of med school at Georgetown...Thanks to Tom Hubbard, Beth Healy and all of you who returned your questionnaires, I can fill you in on the following: Beth wrote that she is off to the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University and has left the insurance business. Congrats and good luck, Beth! She also told me that Sue Costello is living in Newton, working for AT&T, and doing well...Tom Hubbard is still with the Thomson Group in Boston and is keeping himself busy traveling all over the United States and Canada. He's living in the South End of Boston with Eric Green, who's working for ADP, a company that does payroll systems...Scott Bates is also in the Boston area working for

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Oracles for Sale

The Oracle has an overslot of old yearbooks and is selling them at reduced prices to alumni. For the classes from 1976 to 1988, the price is just $10 including shipping and handling. For classes 1989-1990, the price is $25. To order an old Oracle, please make checks payable to Colby College—Oracle. Let us know if you would like a receipt and include the name, address and telephone number where you want the book sent. Mail to Oracle, c/o Student Activities, Colby College, Waterville, ME 04901.

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the Weber Group. Scott managed to find the time to row in the Head of the Charles last year! R.B. Klinkenberg and Ned Scheetz have both left Boston. R.B., after returning from a windsurfing trip to the Gorge, has settled in Burlington, Vt., where he is working for Harrington's. Ned is in graduate school at Duke. Ken Vopni is trading on the foreign exchange for Tullet & Tokyo in Toronto, where he has recently bought a house. Sue Payne is managing a Talbot's store in Newport Beach, Calif. I've heard from Adam Rosenberg, who's returned to Portland, Maine, to continue with carpentering and remodeling after spending three years in Santa Cruz, Calif., where he helped rebuild after the 'Great Quake.' Since graduation, he has traveled and experienced America and Europe by motorcycle. Rick Huntress sent me a picture of his adorable daughter, Rachel Marie, born in April 1990. Congratulations, Rick! Rick married Victoria Fairchild in June of 1989, and he and his wife are working in molecular biology labs at Massachusetts General Hospital and the New England Medical Center, respectively. Ciara Reynolds wrote from Zaire, where she is in her second year as a Peace Corps volunteer. She sounds like she is having a wonderful experience learning about the people of Zaire and their culture. She has even learned to speak an indigenous language, Tshiluba. Art Nagle is getting his master's in education at the University of Virginia. I heard from Dana Friedman, who has been in California since graduation and is working at the Creative Impact advertising agency as a public relations director. He also told me that Bill Stearns is living in San Francisco and Jon Foote '88 is in Telluride, Colo. Although Dana hasn't been back to Maine since graduation, he swears he'll be back for our fifth reunion. I'm going to hold you to that, Dana.

I spent some time with Mary McCartney at Homecoming this year and found out that she is living in Chestnut Hill, Mass., and doing really well working for Lanier Voice Products as a senior supply specialist. (Tom Hubbard, Mary Reineman, Heather Anderson, Shaun Sullivan, Peter Murphy and Katri Harnett also made it up to Colby that weekend to help plan for our reunion. If any of you want to help, let us know!) I received a postcard from Hannah Howland, who informed me that after graduation she traveled in Vienna and Morocco with Todd Bishop, then ended up in Boston working for Houghton Mifflin. She gave up the 9-to-5 life a year ago and is now living in San Sebastian, Spain, painting and playing classical guitar. She runs into Colby people every once in a while and wrote that Todd Bishop is living in Boston in a huge industrial studio space doing German translations. Aimee Good is in Cambridge working in publishing and plugging away at sculpture, and Andrew More is working at MIT. Jim Louis wrote to say he's in his third year at the Syracuse University college of law, which is keeping him very busy. Elaine DeBerardinis will be graduating in '91 from law school and will take the N.J/N.Y. bar exam in February. She is completing school in 2 1/2 years through a special program. After passing the bar, Elaine hopes to move to NYC to live with Lauren Frazza '88 and work for her father's law firm in the city. (Jim and Elaine, thanks for your offers to help with our class reunion. We'll definitely take you up on that!) . . . One last bit of info from the far corner of the United States—

I spoke to my old roommate Carolyn 'Cecie' Crowe, who's been in Alaska for two years but is just now spending her first winter there and is a little cold! Cecie traveled extensively when she first graduated and has done and seen lots of exciting things. Last year she was quite busy helping to clean the oil spill in Valdez. She's been fishing out there and enjoying the Alaskan way of life. Cecie hasn't had too much opportunity to get back East but she promised to try and make it for our reunion. (Cecie, stay bundled up and watch out for those 40-mile-an-hour winds!) That's all the news that's fit to print, for now anyway. Keep the letters coming!
Johnson wrote that the worst thing she's had to do since graduation was pay bills, but after two trips to Brazil following graduation and the drive from New York to Houston, where she is pursuing a Ph.D. in clinical neuropsychology, I can't imagine why! ... Other weddings (proving that despite the abuse I received in the space provided for 'spouse's name' in my survey last winter, many of you are tying the knot): belated best wishes to Kathleen Murphy and Marcus Fellbaum of County Cork, Ireland, who were wed June 30, 1990, and to Peter Reed and Laurie Meehan '88 who were married November 17, 1990. Peter is working for the Gallo winery and living in Lebanon, N.H. Wendy Dauphinais wrote that she ran into him in a grocery store giving taste tests of Gallo wine, proving that she 'runs into Colbyites everywhere' in her job as a news reporter/anchor in New Hampshire. Look out, Dan Rather!... Also with Gallo is Jon Nash in Manchester, N.H., who fondly recalls 'an early 10:30 a.m. grilling by Basset for not reading any O'Connor (I remember a similar class—except it was Henry James).... Hopefully by now Brenda Freund Sullivan will have finished her master's in journalism at the University of Hartford, so she can sleep late once in a while. She also works at Arthur Anderson & Co. as an auditor and lives with Kathy Keller and Isser Gallogly. Kathy is participating in a professional development training program for Shawmut Co. ... My mother hopes Randy Barr is studying harder in his med school classes at UMass than when she taught him in high school. How many years until we can call you 'Dr. Barr'? Incidentally, I hope all our classmates who've entered med school are doing well (hello, Dave?). I seem to hear from people just before classes begin, but never again. If anyone has news of these folks—are they alive? do they drink 20 cups of coffee a day to stay awake? do they have malpractice insurance yet?—let me know ... Melinda Pittis has a job title about five feet long at the N.Y. League for the Hard of Hearing, where she is assistant to the director of the career counseling/job placement department (how do you fit it all on a business card?!) She's working towards fluency in sign language and ultimately looking at a master's in education for the deaf (incidentally, Melinda, Ohio cornfields sound like paradise to me right now!) ... I don't know if these two are still in Spain, but I'm sure they're doing something interesting: Tucker Offutt is teaching English as a foreign language in Salamanca, enjoying Spanish cooking, la marcha and traveling across Spain and Europe. Sorry I missed the Pyrenees, Tucker! Brendan Cahill is a vintner for Torres de Ona wines in Alava, pursuing interests in wine and Spanish literature. Between work and travel to Argentina, he is working on a critical biography of the Basque poet Jaime Rodriguez as well as arranging aid for Central America and East Africa for Amnesty International and Oxfam ... I'm amazed at all the class news I've received, even over here in Japan. Thanks for all the letters! for those who have yet to write, please do!"

**Corrections**

In the January issue of Colby, the classes of Howard I. Mosher '68 and Laura Hyer '78 were misidentified and the names of Sue Tauer-Ano '76 and Ruth Cadwell '41 were misspelled. J. Philip Bruen '77 is employed by UNUM.

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**C O L B Y C L U B B E R S**

For Matt Dumas '91, the chance to get together with Matt Frymier '90 of Boston's Putnam Companies and talk about a career in investments was invaluable. "I knew Matt," Dumas said, "and that made me more comfortable, getting some real answers from the horse's mouth."

Dumas and Frymier conferred earlier this year at an informal reception organized by Albert Carville, Jr. '63, chair of the Alumni Council's Career Services Committee, and Carol Sly '80 for the Boston Colby Club. The event was planned in conjunction with Boston Recruiting Day on January 11, when representatives from a consortium of area companies interviewed seniors from several small New England colleges. Colby has participated in Recruiting Day since 1984, and according to Linda Cotter, alumni liaison in Career Services, and Director of Career Services Jim McIntyre, the involvement of area alumni was a natural progression.

"The idea," said McIntyre, "was to get students interviewing in the Boston consortium program to meet alums from those companies."

The event was so successful that it gave rise to plans for similar efforts in New York and Portland.

Thirty-five alumni, most of them recent graduates, were on hand at the reception to answer questions, from "How is the job market after graduation?" to "What is it like to live in Boston?"

Dumas—who attended the reception along with his father, Roger Dumas '60—went on to interview with a Putnam official the following day. "Matt Frymier definitely gave me the background I needed on the position I was applying for," Dumas said. "It helped my interview ... Whether we were there to interview or not, [the reception] gave us some valuable insights on the careers available."

Dumas's roommate, Matt Melander '91, talked with Jeremy Springhorn '84, a biochemist, about possible paths to graduate school in that field. Senior Pam Young, who is considering a legal career, met with Cathy Woodward Gill '86 of Goodwin, Proctor & Hoar, a Boston law firm. And Pam Came '76, vice president of the Boston Club and an executive with Stride Rite Corporation, and Colby Trustee Beverly Nalbandian Madden '80 of Fidelity Investments, were also popular targets for questions.

"There was a lot of talking," Sly said. "Mainly it was a good chance for the '90 graduates to catch up with the seniors ... Before the evening reception idea got underway, alums who knew of the consortium would come on their lunch break to see the seniors. We figured that if the seniors had to travel this far for interviews the next day, they should have time to see old friends and hopefully get information about certain companies from them beforehand."
Charles P. Angwenyi, Kenyan Banking Leader

Charles P. Angwenyi ’64, L.H.D. ’88, a prominent figure in Kenya’s financial establishment and a professor of economics, died in Nairobi, Kenya, on January 15, at age 52. He was born in Kisii, Kenya, and graduated from St. Mary’s School, Kisubi. An economics major at the College, he held the Ph.D. program there for a number of branches. In 1980, Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi appointed him chair and CEO of the National Bank of Kenya Limited, the country’s first national financial institution. He held that position until 1988, when he returned to the University of Nairobi as professor of economics. He was also a member of the councils of Moi and Kenyatta universities.

In the nineties, he explained that it never occurred to her that he was a liberated woman: “I was just always moving for something better. I was always looking for more money or a challenge.” She is survived by a son, three daughters, and her husband.

Liberated Woman

Laura M. Stanley ’22, who took a job doing housework. At 16, arriving unannounced, she asked to be admitted to Waterville’s Coburn Classical Institute, from which she graduated as class valedictorian. After receiving a scholarship to Colby, where she majored in French and helped support herself by doing housework in one of the women's residence halls, she taught for five years at the Goodwill-Hinckley Home for Girls and Boys in Hinckley, Maine. Later, while working as a clerk for a lawyer, she studied law books, and in 1936 she passed the Maine bar examination, 10 years before earning her law degree from George Washington University. In the 1940s, she was a lawyer with the Veterans Administration in Portland, Maine. She also practiced law in the Washington, D.C., area and was one of the first women to argue a case before the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1950 she joined the faculty at Westbrook Junior College in Portland. During the 1950s she also taught at several Maine high schools. She earned a master’s in English from Mercer University in Macon, Ga., in 1954. She also taught French and Latin in New Palitz, N.Y., and was active in a variety of organizations. In her nineties, she explained that it never occurred to her that she was a liberated woman: “I was just always moving for something better. I was always looking for more money or a challenge.” She is survived by cousins.

English Professor

Hilda M. Fife ’26, a former University of Maine English professor and Colby trustee, died on November 11, in Portsmouth, N.H., at age 87. She was born in Greenland, N.H., and taught in a
Colby. She majored in Greek and one-room elementary school in Kittery, Maine, before attending Colby. She majored in Greek and earned Phi Beta Kappa honors. She did graduate work at Boston University and the University of Chicago and received her M.A. and Ph.D. from Cornell University. She became an associate professor of English at Hampton Institute in Virginia, then was an assistant professor at Alfred University for five years. She was the English staff at Concord Academy for one year before becoming professor of English at the University of Maine, where she served from 1946 until her retirement in 1969. Later, she taught courses in English literature and Maine literature at the university’s Portland and Orono campuses and addressed meetings of historical societies. She was the founder of the Maine Old Cemeteries Association and was editor of the association’s newsletter. She was also active in the Kittery Maritime Museum and Rice Public Library in Kittery, as well as the Maine League of Historical Societies and Museums. She also held membership in numerous professional associations, including the Modern Language Association and the National Council of Teachers of English. She served the College on the Alumni Council, on the Friends of the Library and on the Board of Trustees and was a dedicated and enthusiastic class correspondent and volunteer in the planning for many class reunions. She also presented addresses at the College and sponsored a financial aid fund for Maine students and children of Colby alumni. The College awarded her both a Colby Brick and a Colby Gavel. Predeceased by her sister, Barbara Fife Stearns ’27, she is survived by a brother, Rodney A. Fife, three sisters, Janet Hawkes, Dorothy Locke and Joyce Williams, and several nieces and nephews, including Carol Stearns Clement ’61.

**Longtime Pastor**

Leomuel K. Lord ’29, a prominent Methodist minister, died September 21, in Concord, Mass., at age 83. Born in Winterport, Maine, he was an honor student in Winterport schools. At Colby he was a member of the track team and was active in YMCA affairs. He received national recognition as a member of the debate team, and he served as president of Phi Kappa Delta in his senior year. At 19, he began a ministry of over 50 years in the Methodist Church by assuming a student pastorate in Bingham, Maine. He subsequently was student pastor in Pittsfield and Madison. He received his bachelor of Sacred theology cum laude in 1939 and his doctor of theology in 1941 from Boston University School of Theology, which honored him with its Distinguished Alumni Award in 1966. He was minister to various churches in Massachusetts, and as superintendent of the Worcester West District of the Methodist Church from 1968 to 1974, he served 68 churches with 17,000 members. For 18 years he was ministerial delegate to the General Conference of the United Methodist Church, the international governing body of Methodism, and for 20 years he was chair of the New England Conference Board of Ministerial Training. A well-known lecturer on youth and pastoral counseling, he had a weekly counseling program on Boston’s WBZ radio for several years. He was an outspoken advocate for civil rights and racial justice and served as chaplain at the Reformatory for Women in Framingham and was founding president of the Middlesex Association for Mental Health. He is survived by his wife of nearly 62 years, Doris Wyman Lord ’29, three daughters and his brother, George W. Lord ’31.

**Colby Volunteer**

Donald B. Tupper ’29, who was a longtime member of Colby’s Alumni Council, died October 16, in Vero Beach, Fla., at age 87. He was born in Worcester, Mass., and attended Herbs Academy and Vermont Academy. From 1928 to 1930 he was a sales engineer for the Arrol Manufacturing Co., and then became the Portland, Maine, sales manager for L.G. Balfour Co., a position he held for many years. As an Alumni Council official and a member of the Fund Committee, he was a leader in the Fulfillment Campaign and the Fund for Continuing Achievement Campaign in the late 1950s and early 1960s. He was presented a Colby Brick in 1962 as “a focal point in the maintenance of the Colby spirit” in the Portland community. He is survived by his son, Richard B. Tupper ’52.

**Engineer, Teacher**

Clarence Aubrey Dyer ’30, who worked as an engineer for Honeywell Inc. for 30 years, died April 30, in Camp Hill, Pa., at age 81. He was born November 9, 1908, in Sumner, Maine, and graduated from Canton (Maine) High School. A physics major at Colby, he played ice hockey and baseball. After graduation from Colby he earned a master’s degree in physics from Wesleyan University. He returned to Maine to teach at Ricker College in Houlton, from 1932 to 1943, when he moved to the Philadelphia area to work for Honeywell as an engineer and head of customer training. He retired in 1973. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Works Dyer ’32, three children and 10 grandchildren.

**Speech Teacher**

Gertrude Snowden Giles ’31, a longtime public school teacher, died September 29, in Marblehead, Mass., at age 81. She was born in Deer Isle, Maine, and graduated from Monongah High School. An English major at Colby, she participated in debating, dramatics and public speaking and was editor of Colbiana. While studying at the Curry College School of Expression, she acted with the New London Players in New Hampshire, an affiliation that lasted for several years. She also studied at Boston University and Harvard and received a master’s degree in education from Salem State College in 1974. In the 1930s, she taught English and history and coached public speaking, debate and dramatics in Kingfield, Maine, and Concord, N.H., and in the late 1950s began a 20-year tenure at Marblehead High School in Massachusetts, where she made many innovations in the area of public speaking. She was adviser to the Student Council and was especially creative in her role as faculty adviser to the school yearbook. She is survived by her son, Anthony S. Giles ’66, two grandsons and several nieces and nephews.

**Executive Secretary**

Rosamond Fuller Barker ’33, who was an executive sec-

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Colby, Margare, was active in the Holy Cross School and served a class president and treasurer of student government during her senior year at Colby. She took secretarial courses following graduation and worked for several years in New York City. She left New York for Portland, Maine, where she was employed by the Portland Research Institute. She spent three years in Germany with a Stanford research team. After her retirement she traveled extensively in the Orient and Europe. She was active in the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Palo Alto, Calif., and delivered Meals on Wheels. She is survived by one sister, Eleanor Barker McCargar '37.

School Librarian
Laura Tolman Brown '36, a professional librarian and active community worker, died September 24, in Schenectady, N.Y., at age 76. Born in Schenectady, she attended Schenectady High School and was lifelong resident of the area. At Colby she was a history major and president of the camera club. She worked in the College library's Catalog Department and on the circulation desk, which led her to an interest in library work and a bachelor's degree in library science from the State University of New York at Albany. She was a library media specialist at Van Corlaer School in Schenectady for 18 years before her retirement in 1975. In retirement she continued her interest in photography and history, researching the Shakers and the photographic history of Schenectady. She was a member of the Schenectady Historical Society, the Schenectady Photographic Society, the New York State Retired Teachers Association, the American Association of University Women and the Order of the Eastern Star. A member of the Schenectady Doll Club, she also lectured on the subject and donated a permanent doll exhibit to the Schenectady Library. Her Colby relatives include the College's founding president, Jeremiah Chaplin, her father, George E. Tolman '04, her aunt, Lela Mae Tolman '03, and her father's cousin, Dean J. Tolman, Class of 1898. Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Carlton H. Brown, two daughters and two granddaughters.

Prize Speaker
Carolyn Beverage Keene '41, died September 23, in Gray, Maine, at age 71. She was born in Waterville, Maine, and attended Oakland High School. An English major at the College, she was active in the Arts Club, Library Associates, dramatics and public speaking, for which she won the Coburn Prize Speaking Contest. She also participated in tennis, volleyball, field hockey and softball. She became a substitute-care worker for the Maine State Department of Human Services. A resident of Gray for 48 years, she was a member of the Portland Advent Christian Church, Pleasant River Grange, Windham Historical Society and Friends of the Library. Survivors include her husband, Donald, three sons, two daughters, a brother, a sister, Thelma Beverage Parker '37, a nephew, Richard M. Beverage '73, nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Media Communicator
Richard Barratt Beal '51, a corporate media executive, died January 1, 1989, at age 59. He was born in Williamsport, Pa., and graduated from the Haverford School. At the College he was president of Delta Kappa Epsilon and president of the Inter-fraternity Council, wrote for the Echo and served on several student committees. Following service in Korea as a second lieutenant with the anti-aircraft artillery, he attended the Charles Morris Price School of Journalism. He was director of media for Doremus-Eshelman Co. in Philadelphia before joining the media staff of the N.W. Ayer & Son. For 13 years he was executive vice president of the Foundation for Full Service Banks, which conducted the banking industry's national advertising program. Later, he published his own bank marketing magazine. In 1977 he formed The Marketing Department, serving as director and managing partner. He was a director or trustee of several township organizations involved in land and water conservation and recycling. His service to the College included his work as an alumni interviewer and class agent and as president of the Colby Club of Philadelphia. In 1985 he moved to Centre Harbor, N.H. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, three sons and one daughter.

Agency Administrator
David S. O'Neil '54, an administrator at colleges and other nonprofit agencies, died in Burlington, Vt., on June 4, at age 60. He was born in Springfield, Mass., and attended Mamaroneck High School in New York and Boston University before coming to Colby. An economics major at the College, he also studied social psychology at the New York University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, where he worked as an assistant registrar before taking a position with the American Advertising Company in New York. From 1969 to 1973 he was vice president for administration at Franconia College in New Hampshire. Over the next several years he served as executive director of the Southeastern Vermont Action Agency and of Threshold House in Plainfield, Vt. In 1979 he became business manager of Oakwood School in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., then moved to a similar position at Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine. He was also president of Innovative Creations Company in Denver, Colo. He is survived by three sons, Dylan, Sean and Collin.

Honorary Civil Rights Leader
William Montague Cobb, Sc.D. '34, a physicist, educator and former president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, died November 20, in Washington, D.C. A leader in the civil rights movement, he served as president of the Howard University Medical School for more than 40 years.
Colby welcomes letters from readers. We reserve the right to edit for brevity and clarity. Please send correspondence to: Editor, Colby, Office of Communications, Colby College, Waterville, ME 04901.

Colby Hailed

It's not often that I write, but I do want to compliment you and members of your magazine staff on the new format for Colby.

Reader reactions will let you know to what extent you can satisfy your diverse audience with a single publication, but this audience of one finds it right on the money.

A top quality job. Congratulations!

David Van Allen '56
Corning, N.Y.

As one who has before complimented you and Colby on the quality of your publications, may I congratulate you on your first issue of the new "combined" magazine and endorse the notion of a single publication. The distinctions between Colby and Currents was probably clearer to you than to many readers—and the separate journals perhaps confusing. I think you have a good alumni magazine, useful also to undergraduates—and the quality of content and appearance-design is outstanding.

Osborne F. Ingram
Cohasset, Mass.

The January issue of Colby was excellent—and the coverage of "Alumni At Large" most appreciated.

Yes, an outstanding promotion—and eagerly looking forward to the next issue.

Bob Bruce '40
Watertown, Conn.

Chef Perkins

I was saddened to read of the death of Cy Perkins. I had been coached by him in the hammer throw in 1942 and 1943 with some success. Because of the war, there was no varsity indoor track team in 1943 and 1944. Consequently, the inter-fraternity indoor track meet in March 1944 became quite important—with a large turkey as the prize.

We non-frats won. There were about eight of us and our star performer was Jerry Lewis '45, who excelled in the dashes and broad and high jumps.

We now had a problem, which was the price turkey, since we had no kitchen or dining room in which to prepare and eat the turkey dinner. Cy and his wife came to our rescue by preparing the turkey and all the fixings and inviting us to their house to eat the excellent dinner, for which I have always been grateful.

Although I realize that Cy should be honored lest for his culinary ability than for his gentle and generous nature, this incident illustrates his care and concern for his boys through the years.

Charles A. Hannigan '44
Bailey Island, Maine

Fact Check

I question the "facts" in Lou Deraney's '44 letter regarding the origin of the song "All Up To Cheer For Dear Old Colby." This song had been played and sung for many years before I entered Colby in the fall of 1928, and I doubt that either Al McCoy or Fred Waring was involved in its composition.

I am amazed that Colby would print such a letter without verifying the "information" contained therein.

G. Alden Macdonald '32
Anna Maria, Fla.

Colby's alma mater, "Hail Colby Hail," was written by Karl R. Kemnison '06 and is sung to the melody of "Oh Canada." "Hail To Colby" was written in 1936 by Fred Waring. "On To Victory," a song by an anonymous author that contains the line "All up to cheer for dear old Colby," appeared in the 1948 Colby Song Book.
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