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TODAY'S STUDENTS.
This year’s group of incoming Colby students was asked to write about personal experiences with insensitivity and intolerance. Reading the touching and pointed excerpts from those essays in the article that begins on page 10, one is tempted to despair at the acts of injury, betrayal and affront they catalogue. But in recognizing and sharing the causes and consequences of such behavior, the writers also offer hope—and that was surely one of the ideas behind the exercise.

Some people question whether educators should be involved in these matters. They say campus programs against racism and sexism can evolve into the doctrinaire imposition of standards for behavior and thought, a variety of cure that they find worse than the disease. Others respond that the issue is not “political correctness” at all—it’s common decency. Few of the critics, they add, complain about linking education with moral imperatives more to their taste.

An early center of abolitionism and a pioneer in the admission of women, Colby has always sought to discourage hurtfulness of word as well as deed. From this standpoint, it may be worth noting that the largest group of victimizers cited by the students whose papers are featured in this issue were their own teachers, which brings to mind a catch phrase from another era: “If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.”
Better And Better

In its wildly popular September issue on America's best colleges, U.S. News & World Report placed Colby 15th. The College was 20th a year ago, 18th in 1990. Bowdoin slipped from fourth to sixth in this year's ratings, and Bates, after an unlisted year, moved to 23rd. Williams retained the top spot, with Amherst second. While lots of folks take the ratings with a grain of salt, most agree that it's better to be on the list than off.

And Happy Campus, Too

In the shadow of some of last spring's stirrings, it sure was comforting to learn that Colby has the happiest students among all of the nation's coed colleges. So says The Student Access Guide to the Best Colleges, published by the Princeton Review, which may have reached a new level of some sort in the exploding market of college guidebooks. According to USA Today (September 1), the Review surveyed 245 campuses, chosen because they were mentioned as the best by a number of other college guides, polling at least 100 students at each place. The self-ratings (the book also has serious stuff) included "best academics" (CalTech), "most interesting teachers" (Sweet Briar), "most boring professors" (Georgia Institute of Technology) and "worst food" (SUNY/Albany). While Colby ranked first among coed colleges for having the happiest students, it finished third overall behind first-ranked Duke (little wonder if it was a March poll) and all-women Sweet Briar.

Hi, Linus

One day in September, Brad Mundy challenged his organic chemistry class with a take-home problem set. Seems a few of them decided that they wanted to check out their solutions with a higher authority and put in a call to Linus Pauling. Even though the Nobel laureate is 91 and hard of hearing, he was most accommodating. In his lecture the next day, Brad mentioned another famed scientist, and some smarty asked for the area code.

Faculty Fair

The Classics Department showed the film Clash of the Titans, chemists were entertaining with hot air balloons and liquid nitrogen, Murray Campbell was spinning in his chair for physics and Charlie Bassett was waving Old Glory for American studies. Even the philosophers had written found thought on poster board. It was all part of Colby's first-ever Academic Fair, with departments boasting their wares at the Student Center as part of orientation for new students. Oh, it was wonderful! Much more inviting than the departmental teas of yore . . .

Colby Pride

Ludger Duplessis, associate director of financial aid, has received the 1992 National Council of Educational Opportunity Association's National Achiever Award. He was one of 10 winners nationwide to address the association at its national meeting in Washington, D.C. Ludger was an Upward Bound student at Bowdoin in 1973. He comes from an Aroostook County family of 15 who, he says, prior to being chosen for the program "were destined to work the potato or is that potatoe? fields." . . . The syllabus for Environmental Studies 118 (taught by Russ Cole, Dave Fimrange, Jim Fleming, Tom Shattuck and Tom Tietenberg) has been published by the Environmental History Review (Spring '92), in which the team is cited for having developed "a truly notable course." . . . Keith Devlin and David Bourgeaize have received awards under the Faculty Enhancement Program of the National Science Foundation's experimental program to stimulate competitive research.

Familiar Faces, New Places

Joan Sanzenbacher has expanded her duties as director of equal opportunity employment and affirmative action to include responsibilities as director of women's services. Her principal duties are as director of summer programs and special programs . . . Four most recent grads are back working on campus. David Jorgensen, only yesterday Stu-A's tight-fisted treasurer, has returned as assistant director of student activities; Margaret Russell will be an assistant in the Writers' Center; Andrea Solomita is director of sports information; and Anne Bowie is an admissions counselor . . . Among the new faculty are several Colby grads. Daniel Alexander '75 (Ph.D. Boston University) is visiting assistant professor of mathematics; Carol Ann Beach '88 is full-time as women's basketball and soccer coach; and James Fell '66 (Ph.D. UC/Berkeley) is visiting assistant professor of administrative science.

A Handy Handbook

David Mills '57 (English) has published the first number of "The Colby Teacher," an interesting and useful pamphlet that comes from the new Center for Teaching (Room 9, Miller Library). Devoted to the activity of teaching, the publication will provide "advice, ideas and the inspiration that will help you get started if you're new and keep you going if you're old."

Moosecellaneous

For a while it looked as if Colby might borrow the portable basketball floor used last year by the New York Knickerbocker NBA team. Given the sterling record of Colby's basketball teams, the association could only have improved the reputation of the Knicks. . . . Bill Cotter recently received an envelope containing an October 16, 1937 notice from the State of Maine Office of the Attorney General certifying that the Waterville, Fairfield & Oakland Railway has ceased to transact business. Hmm . . . The gymnasiumpifireforced the cancellation of the popular Colby Crafts Fair, and while it only destroyed one computer, it sure did prompt folks to do some safe-site backing up of computer files on other parts of the campus . . . A number of Colby faculty, students and staff had active roles at the summer's GOP and Democratic conventions.
Blaze Damages Wadsworth Gym

“You know the thing about it,” Carl Nelson was telling a reporter from Portland, “is that the place had never looked better. The gym floor had been varnished and the entire facility just looked ready. In all my years here I don’t think I ever felt better about the place.”

It was early September and by then Colby’s director of health services, who is retiring in 1993 after 34 years on Mayflower Hill, could speak wistfully of how prepared the athletic complex had been. Just outside the new training center that bears Nelson’s name, a crew of workers was scrubbing soot from the floor and walls as another treated the corridors with chemicals to counteract the lingering smell of smoke still escaping from nooks and crevices after 10 days.

A fire that began before dawn Friday, August 28, destroyed only a small portion of the complex, but damage from smoke, soot and water extracted a larger toll, ruining the Wadsworth Gym floor and the Dunaway squash courts and several offices—a career’s memorabilia collected by coach Dick McGee went up in smoke—and putting the cleanup and reconstruction bill into the millions.

President Bill Cotter and Athletic Director Dick Whitmore were among the first at the scene, joined by other College officials who began planning for the aftermath even as flames shot towards the sky through the gymnasium roof at noon, stubbornly resisting the best efforts of firefighters from Waterville and surrounding communities.

There was one sobering aftershock to the blaze—the revelation from law enforcement officials that it had been set. But as local and state investigators worked to solve the crime, there were some silver linings. Several firefighters were temporarily overcome, but nobody else had been injured. The College was substantially insured for cleanup and reconstruction costs as well as rental of interim facilities such as a portable basketball floor and a pair of squash courts. And the overall response, both of the campus community and the community at large, helped the College start its fall semester without missing too many beats.

As an expression of gratitude, the College threw firefighters a lobster bake in late September, and the Morning Sentinel reported that the fire had even provided a boomeret for the suffering local economy. A Texas-based firm brought in by Colby’s insurance company to complete the cleanup provided 140 unemployed laborers with four weeks of work.

President Bill Cotter (facing camera, right), Athletic Director Dick Whitmore (third from left) and Physical Plant Director Alan Lewis (right) are flanked by members of Colby’s senior administrative staff as they discuss the athletic complex fire. Clockwise from left are Dean of Students Janice Seitzinger, Administrative Vice President Arnie Yasinski, Whitmore, Cotter, Lewis and Dean of the College Earl Smith.

A Telephone In Every Room

There is no room service from the dining halls, and you cannot ask to have your bed linens turned down, but Colby’s residence halls are beginning to look less like college dorms of yore and more like modern hotels or conference centers.

The latest additions are more than 50 newly furnished and decorated lounges and telephones in every student’s room. Neither of these improvements came easily.

The new furniture—part of a $110,000 refurbishing ordered last spring by the trustees—had been stored in the iceless Alfond hockey rink. When the fire damaged Wadsworth Gym in late August, smoke permeated sofa and chair cushions. At first, chemical treatment seemed to remove the odor and the furniture was put in place. But the smoke residue lingered, and the College’s insurer ordered a new shipment, consigning the damaged sofas and chairs to an area liquidation center.
The phone system was installed by personnel from Colby and various telecommunications companies during a six-week period over the summer, which culminated in a furious weekend of wiring by a small army of 46 technicians.

"It's a job that normally takes six months," explained Ken Gagnon, Colby's director of administrative services. Planning began five years ago when the College reserved the entire "4000" series of phone numbers on a new prefix, 877, that the New England Telephone Company had just established in Waterville. Gagnon said Colby has been paying a monthly service charge on the numbers all this time.

The new system, named Restel, offers several economical and convenient features. Students must provide the phone sets for their rooms, but there are no installation or service charges, and calls on campus and throughout the Waterville area are free, as is an automatic answering system. While there is one phone line per room, individual students who want long distance privileges acquire their own access codes from MCI, and they can even keep constant track of their bill balances (there's a $150 maximum) by placing a toll-free call and entering their social security numbers. Long distance rates are kept low, Gagnon said, because the Colby phones are linked directly to MCI's V-net system in Portland.

Already in the works are two packages of special services that Colby plans to provide for an extra fee, including such features as call waiting, instant redialing and speed-dialing to a list of as many as 25 numbers. Plans for the future include a link between the rooms and the College's mainframe computer. (Now, the only way students can access the mainframe from their rooms is via modem.)

By any standard it is a long way from the old days—just a few months ago—when most students could only be reached or called out on a communal hall phone.

"Last year during Parents Weekend," Doug Hill '94 wrote in the September 17 issue of the Echo, "I saw a student pushing an older man, possibly his father, in a wheelchair along Mayflower Hill Drive.

Hill, a psychology major from Washington, D.C., wondered at first why the pair would risk traversing the campus along a public road when so many paths are available. Then he looked up toward Miller Library and reconsidered. Every route from the drive up the hill to the library seemed to present "a complex maze of barriers" for someone in a wheelchair. "This year," Hill wrote, "I decided to see just how wheelchair-accessible Colby really is.

Hill borrowed a wheelchair at Garrison-Foster Health Center, recruited two friends "to make sure I didn't roll away" and went off. "The rules were simple," he wrote. "I would try to get to all the major buildings on campus without getting out of the chair." He calculated that piloting the chair to all the planned stops would take about two hours.

His first-person article recounted one mishap after another, starting with a steep incline, a group of students in his path who seemed to expect him to roll onto the grassy hillside to get around them and a set of stairs at the entrance to the dining hall at Dana. He detoured to a pair of side doors. "The doors are locked in winter," Hill wrote, "but I'm sure that if I knocked someone would open them."

Going through the food line was no picnic, either, and so it went. The bathrooms in his own residence hall were inaccessible, as was an entire cluster of residence halls at the south end of the campus. The Student Center was a bright exception, presenting no impasses, but only the intervention of one of Hill's helpers kept him from careening into a wall when he tried to roll down the too-steep ramp to the ground floor at Eustis. There were too many stairs at the front, and while an entrance at the north side seemed to provide easier access, there was no way to reach it without climbing or descending a set of stairs.

After more than three frustrating, sometimes grueling and occasionally perilous hours, Hill had a good story and a sobering observation. A few changes would help, he wrote, "but there is not much that can be done about all the hills and the basic design of the campus, which is dominated by stairs. Colby may improve its racial diversity some day, but I doubt there will ever be wheelchairs rolling by on a regular basis."

Doug Hill '94 navigating his borrowed wheelchair on a campus pathway.
West African Musicians—and More—under the “Spotlight”

The Ghanaian music and dance troupe Odadaa! performs in Lorimer Chapel as part of Colby’s new Spotlight Event series. The events, which take place at 11 a.m. each Thursday, are designed to appeal to a broad spectrum of the Colby community and have included debates on abortion and political correctness, a speaker on the men’s movement, a presidential forum and a concert by the Colby College Chorale. Annual campus events like the Bunche lecture, Alcohol and Wellness Awareness Week and the Lovejoy Convocation also are highlighted as part of the series. The series had its origins in a 1991 Trustee Planning Committee report, which recommended that one “spotlight” activity be held each week at a time when no other lectures, performances or classes are scheduled.

Promises to Keep

Successful campaigns of any kind require careful planning, none more so than a campaign to raise funds to sustain and improve a college. While there is no certainty that Colby will soon launch another capital campaign, a good deal of investigation and planning has already begun as the College prepares for that eventuality.

In 1991, still in the afterglow of the very successful Colby 2000 campaign, the Trustee Planning Committee issued a comprehensive report on College issues and priorities through the end of the century. “An inevitable conclusion of the planning process,” the report said, “is that new capital resources will be required if we are to preserve the accomplishments of the past and continue our momentum into the next century.” The committee went on to recommend a study assessing the feasibility of a major, comprehensive capital campaign for the 1990s.

Under the leadership of Randy Helm, vice president for development and alumni relations, and the guidance of the Development Committee of the Board of Trustees, work on that study began immediately, and the planning continues apace. Marts & Lundy, a well-known fund-raising consulting firm, has been engaged to advise the College about its options and has already conducted an internal audit of the development office, its staffing and resources.

The College has made special efforts to consult broadly with all of its key constituencies. A President’s Advisory Committee of key trustees, overseers, alumni and parents was formed and met in New York in September to consider priorities and goals. A campus advisory committee brought together student leaders, faculty division chairs and members of the administrative and support staff for a four-hour planning session in September. Later, the Parents Association Executive Committee held a half-day planning retreat, and a similar gathering was held for more than 50 overseers and members of the Alumni Council Executive Committee prior to the October trustee meetings. Later in the month, the College Educational Policy Committee met especially to consider possible campaign priorities.

Marts & Lundy will conduct a feasibility study this spring to help the College determine the needs that key constituencies feel are most important and approximately how much money can be raised. There is already a clear sense among all groups that priority should be given to building the College’s endowment, particularly for faculty support and student financial aid.
A FIRST-CLASS FIRST IMPRESSION

New Lunder House Provides Admissions Staff
With a Facility that Puts Colby’s Best Foot Forward

By Edward Hershey

From behind the large cherry desk in one corner of his expansive new office, Parker Beverage can glance through a picture window at a panoramic view of the campus he and his staff must stock with top-level students each year.

“What we tried to achieve in terms of feel,” he says, sounding more like an architect or a decorator than a dean of admissions and financial aid, “was a first-class building in every way, but not an ostentatious or an off-putting building.”

You would be hard pressed to find many students at Colby or any other college who trace their decision to apply or attend on the condition of the suite of admissions offices. Yet in the highly competitive and often quirky world of student recruitment, Beverage is counting on a boost from the newly opened Lunder House in his quest to maintain and improve Colby’s position among the nation’s most selective liberal arts colleges. The new admissions and financial aid center is seen as a significant advantage for student recruitment in part because the facilities it replaced were woefully inadequate and in part because the new building promises to provide prospective students and their parents with a magnificent first impression of Colby.
Lunder House—named for Peter '56 and Paula Lunder of Waterville, who donated a significant portion of its $1.2 million cost—differs from every other structure on Mayflower Hill in many ways. It is the only major campus building east of Mayflower Hill Drive and, possibly because deer and moose are far more prevalent in the surrounding woods than wolves of any size or demeanor, it is constructed of wood rather than the predominant red brick.

But then, as the admissions operation at Colby has evolved over the years, more subtle forms of promotion have long since replaced huffing and puffing. "Charming, simple, but first class," Beverage says. "We hope that's the impression we give off in this new building and as a college. We want to present ourselves as a first-class operation inviting to students of all backgrounds. So far it seems to have worked. The quality of our current surroundings more accurately reflects the quality of the programs and faculty and has a connection with the range and vitality of the place."

Beverage, a Maine native who matriculated at Dartmouth and came to Colby from Stanford seven years ago, has taken his share of good-natured ribbing over the reputed size and ostentation of his office and its appointments. Yet, he says, the rich hue of his deskhel where the magnificent view all help achieve the desired image of quality and grace, especially when he invites a key prep school headmaster or the parents of an exceptionally gifted applicant in for a private chat.

"In the old place, when someone asked to see 'the dean' they were ushered through a narrow corridor into a back room," he recalls. "This office lends an air of dignity and importance that was lacking across the street."

In Lunder House's conceptual stage, there had been talk of a New England farmhouse motif. "I never thought it was going to look much like a farmhouse," Beverage says, sounding almost relieved. "I don't think it does now."

During planning and construction, he and several aides (notably Associate Dean Judith Levine Brody '58 and Associate Directors David Jones and Nancy Ryen Morrione '65) consulted regularly with Colby officials like Associate Director of Physical Plant Gordon Cheesman, the Boston architectural firm of Shipley Buhler and the project's lead construction firm, H.D. Winters. There was much debate over exterior color. Barn red? Creme? Green with white trim? White? They settled on a handsome colonial gray.

Early plans noted that with the building set back in the woods there would be no need for air conditioning, but the Lunders, among others, saw that as a frailty. "Many of the students and parents who come for campus interviews are in an agitated, highly nervous state," Beverage says. "The surroundings ought to put them at ease, make them comfortable. Besides, this is 1992. You just don't build a building without air conditioning."

Now that they are working in their new quarters—Lunder House was dedicated in October but opened in July—admissions and financial aid staffers sometimes wonder how they could have operated at all crammed into corners of the Eustis administration center across the street.

"There's certainly a dramatic difference," says Lucia Whittelsey '73, director of financial aid for the past seven years. "It's something we have wanted to happen for a long time, and I am overjoyed."

Until recently, the financial aid office at institutions like Colby was perceived as a back office operation designed primarily to dispense applications, check paperwork and render formula-based decisions. Small wonder, given what Whittelsey somewhat euphemistically categorizes as "a document-based operation." Last year, she says, her staff had to evaluate to determine eligibility and extent of aid for admitted and continuing students.

Under the weight of so much paper, and given its goal of making evenhanded and objective decisions, it is easy to see how the financial aid process might have ignored the human factor in its work—especially in a place like the second-floor corner of Eustis that used to be its home.

"The rabbit warren," Whittelsey calls it now. She and a couple of aides were closeted in tiny offices off a central space where clerical aides and students fomied a mas of flesh and paper. At peak
A far cry from the "rabbit warren" suite of offices across Mayflower Hill Drive in the Eustis administration center, the waiting area, and staff can evaluate cases with applicants and their parents in private interview rooms. And, perhaps best of all in Whittelsey's estimation, financial aid is becoming a regular stop for many prospective students and parents on their initial Colby visit.

"In the old place we saw very few students and parents when they came for their tour and interview," she says, "and, frankly, we did not advertise, because there was no place to see them anyway. Here, people have started making us a part of their information gathering, coming in to ask questions in the summer or fall of their son or daughter's final year in high school, rather than in the spring crunch when they have so little time to consider their options."

"The spring crunch" is a pressure-filled time of the year for admissions and financial aid officers, too. In late March, colleges like Colby prepare final lists of acceptances. Having accepted about a third of each new class in the two early-decision cycles during winter, Colby will fill the remaining 300 to 350 places by offering admission to about 1,000 high school seniors from among the 2,750 or so remaining applicants.

For the 2,000 or so applicants not invited to enroll ("rejected" is a word hardly ever heard in the corridors at Lunder House), the news is not always bad. Some on the borderline are placed on the wait list and do gain entrance, and others are invited to start on Mayflower Hill in midyear. And given the exigencies of the judging process, some students not accepted at Colby will get better news from another, quite similar college on their application list.

This is the climax of a process that begins a year or more before, when high school sophomores and juniors start to consider their higher education options.

"We start out with about 20,000 inquiries a year," says Jones, a former Congressional aide who is the chief numbers cruncher at Lunder House. "I would say that about 85 percent of them are serious. We get them primarily from four sources. They fill out a card at a college fair, send us a letter, respond to a school visit we have made or call us on the phone."

To conduct the outreach programs that help solicit 17,000 serious inquiries, the contacts that turn about 3,000 of them into applications and its part of the winnowing that brings about 450 first-year students and 20 transfers to Colby, the Admissions and Financial Aid Office has a staff of 19 full-time employees and eight part-timers and an annual operating budget that approximates the cost of Lunder House itself.

Administrative secretary S. Carleen Nelson, as precise and controlled as she is diminutive, heads a clerical and support staff that schedules interviews, responds to inquiries, maintains files and supports the work of the administrators. Thousands of copies of the Colby viewbook (a full-color, 72-page general introduction to the College) are mailed in response to inquiries, and so are specialized publications designed for students interested in such areas as the sciences, studying abroad, participating in intercollegiate athletics..."
or applying for a Ralph Bunche scholarship. Once stored under the two stairwells in the basement of the Eustis building, these materials are now stacked neatly in a room of their own at Lunder House.

The administrative staff is led by three associate deans, Brody, Ron Whittle and Tom Kopp, who captain recruiting teams that carve the nation and the world into three parts. From May through January they recruit, meet and correspond with students and parents, conducting a total of 2,400 campus interviews. Autumn is split between campus visits and travel to schools and college fairs, and winter is dedicated to evaluating applications. April (did T.S. Eliot have an admissions dean in mind when he called it the cruelest month?) is devoted to convincing accepted applicants to choose Colby.

Several groups receive special attention. They include students from Maine, members of racial and ethnic minorities, young athletes, musicians, artists, others who promise to add to extracurricular life on campus and sons and daughters of College alumni. This last group are known as “legacies” and are considered an important link to the heritage and tradition of an institution chartered 180 years ago. A total of 94 sons and daughters of 121 alumni—some third-, fourth- and fifth-generation students—now attend Colby.

Some of the most important admissions recruiters are volunteers—alumni who conduct 250 interviews a year around the country, faculty who pitch in to describe programs to interested students and, possibly most crucial of all, a corps of volunteer student guides who conduct visitors on campus tours several times each day, explaining how Colby works and responding to questions.

They have to like the place a lot, match an outgoing personality with a level of patience beyond their years and learn how to move gracefully up, down and around Mayflower Hill while walking backwards.

“I don’t remember who my Colby tour guide was,” says Alison Meyer ’94, an anthropology major from Newton, Mass., “but I remember that he was terrific, tremendously enthusiastic. I was on the three-college tour of Maine, and my tour was what made Colby stand out.”

Meyer returned that fall of 1989 for an overnight visit and then applied early decision. She became a tour guide herself last year and this fall was hired to coordinate the tour program, supervising and scheduling 60 to 70 student volunteers who “really give the [prospective] students a feeling of what the College is like from a student’s point of view.”

Lunder House features spacious waiting and interview rooms, a deck for warm-weather visits and panoramic views of the campus.
It Hurts for a Long Time

As ked to Describe a Minority Experience, Incoming Students Detail Some Telling Episodes

Like many—if not most—American colleges, Colby was grappling with the thorny issue of cultural diversity when author Lorene Cary came to campus last fall to discuss her book, Black Ice, a memoir of her experiences two decades before as one of the first black girls at an exclusive New England prep school.

Cary returned to Colby in the spring to accept an honorary degree and was back again in September to inaugurate the College's new Spotlight Event series before an overflow audience at Lorimer Chapel. Students and faculty had been asked to read Black Ice during the summer, and entering students were asked to write essays about an experience with otherness, a time they or someone they know was in the minority. Here are excerpts from the essays:

It Still Hurts After 50 Years

The young girls are spread out throughout the gym talking in small groups, tying up their basketball shoes or stretching. It is 1942—the uniforms and rules of the game are different, but the nervous anticipation of the first day of tryouts is the same as today. . . . At the end of the second day, the coach posts the team. A young Lebanese girl waits anxiously for the cluster around the bulletin board to thin out in order to read the list. She speaks with no one because she doesn't feel comfortable talking with the other girls, and they would rather not go out of their way to be friends with a shy Lebanese girl. They do, however, respect her athletic ability. It is obvious to the girls that Ann should make the team. A natural athlete, she is by far the fastest runner and the most accurate shooter. The coach, too, must see something special in her, because when she finally reaches the board, he finds her name on the roster.

Ann is ecstatic and vows to work twice as hard. Unfortunately, although the coach is ready to have a Lebanese girl on his team, he is not ready to play her. Ann spends the season working harder than anyone else during practice but sitting on the bench for every game.

My great aunt Ann still won't talk about that time. It fills her with too much frustration. She says that the unfairness, the teasing and the prejudice that she overcame made her into the strong woman she is today, but I feel that a childhood surrounded by ignorance and hatred is a huge price to pay for strong character.

No Room at the Inn

Our first day on the road, my friend Rob and I set out at three in the afternoon and traveled from Virginia northward. We decided to find a place to stay in a small town called Monroeville outside of Pittsburgh, Pa. I pulled into a parking space next to the motel's office. It was getting dark, and while I watched the first few drops of rain—lonely, brave pioneers—splat against the windshield, Rob got out to register. Moments later, he was walking back to the car.
with a puzzled look. The neon vacancy sign cast a red hue on Rob's dark face and long black hair. When he reached the car, Rob told me they wouldn't take us.

As we pulled into the next motel, more drops followed. The rain had picked up. This time both of us left the car. As we entered the office an older woman with short greying hair eyed us suspiciously. As we approached the desk she squinted her eyes and seemed to size us up. I felt like a stranger walking into a town in the Old West. I asked the price of a room for one night and instead of answering, she asked how old we were. We said that we were both 18, and she replied that we couldn't stay there because we were too young.

Before leaving the motel, I asked directions to the bathroom. Rob urged me to just leave but I insisted that I had to go. The two of us walked through a doorway, past the women's bathroom, and as we walked around a bar to get to the men's room, a man sitting at the bar called out to us.

"Hey girls, the women's room is that way." The man looked surprisingly ordinary. He was in his mid to late thirties, bald on top with brown hair on the sides, wore a white button-down collar shirt and had a mustache. An audience leapt from the shadows in the form of laughter. Rob and I walked on. As the bathroom door closed, another remark bubbled forth. Muffled laughter followed.

Going to the bathroom had never before been so dramatic an ordeal, and I took a deep breath as we left . . .

A Child, Not a Creature

She looked like she was wearing a mask from a distance. Only an infant, she sat passively in the stroller while her mother stayed close by her side. As the pedestrians neared they could see her distorted face more clearly. A huge puffy splotch smothered her right eye and extended down to her chin. The color was a brilliant red, a pigment brighter than even the worst of sunburns. Around her neck was a shiny piece of metal that surrounded a tiny hole through her Adam's apple.

It was so easy to stare. The passers-by soon forgot their feet were even moving; their eyes were glued to the creature. They were in a state of disbelief as if she had just walked off the set of a Friday the Thirteenth movie. They were startled and scared. "How grotesque!" they thought or even sometimes exclaimed aloud.

My little sister was indeed different, but I would much rather have it that way than have no sister at all. Hemangioma is a life-threatening illness, and Nancy came close to death many times. She needed constant monitoring and required the use of a machine to assist her breathing. Having had numerous operations and many trips to the emergency room, she practically lived in a hospital her first few years.

Perhaps if people took the time to inquire about her condition and understood that she was extremely sick and not a circus exhibition, they might look at her with sympathy rather than vulgarity.

Confronting Totalitarianism

It was a class in social sciences. This good-sounding name was meant to represent the subject of Marxist philosophy, which every student was bound to study. On that particular day the lesson was on the economic basis of socialist society. Our teacher was enthusiastically stressing the "advantages" of socialist economy and the "decaying" character of modern capitalism. After the class, he stayed in the room to discuss various questions [brought] up by the lesson. In the conversation that followed, I dared to say I saw no essential differences between the economies of socialism and capitalism. My teacher blushed with fury and left the class, shouting at me, "You don't understand anything!" I was shocked at the effect of my words. They had produced an almost hysterical reaction. But I still had to bear its consequences.

They appeared a few days later. My father went to the school for a meeting with the teachers. Coming back home he was looking rather worried, if not upset. He asked me what I had said in that social sciences class. I briefly retold the story. My father was in a rage. Infuriated by my words in that class, he began scolding me. The teacher had recounted the scene to my father and had warned him that further free thinking concerning Marxism can cause me much harm. I thought my father was exaggerating to impress me. I wondered what he was getting at. I was soon to realize. My father's words grew more ominous. Pointing out the possible harms, he enumerated: suspension from school, non-admission to university, arrest. I was stunned. Arrested for an innocent remark! I knew people in totalitarian Bulgaria were sentenced to prison because of their ideas but had never thought of imprisonment of students. For the first time I had personally confronted the realities of totalitarianism . . .

"Are You a Girl?"

It began within the first few weeks at a new school. My sister and I had moved to New Canaan from the Philippines just after the school year had started. Most of the children in our class had been together through preschool and kindergarten, and cliques were well established. It was recess on a chilly fall day. I stood on the edge of the playground with several other first graders, among them my sister, Tatum. Mrs. Johnson, our teacher, put her arm around Tatum and said to one of the other little girls, "Stephanie, why don't you and Linda take Tatum and show her the hamsters." Wide-eyed and eager, the three girls started off. I followed close on their heels. The tone in Mrs. Johnson's voice stopped me before her grip, pinching viciously into my shoulder. "Where do you think you're going? Are you a girl?" I was stunned, humiliated, confused. I had spent the first six years of my life with a twin sister and in the Philippines, where distinctions were not made between the sexes in the early years. I was flabbergasted when Mrs. Johnson seemed so angry at me. I could make no sense of her reaction, but clearly I had violated some rule.

Unfortunately, I was not to grasp the error of my behavior quickly. I continued in blissful innocence to seek the company of girls—at recess, at lunch, during organized game periods in class. Mrs. Johnson became more vociferous in her admonitions. If she caught me playing with a girl she would, in front of the entire class, make a point of how odd I was and yank me by the arm to another part of the room where boys were assembled in play. The boys by this time had responded to her cue and made fun of my predicition for the opposite sex. Girls had boasted, they informed me, and I must be weird if I like them. The girls, too, came to perceive me as different and ran away if I approached. Within a few weeks a letter was sent home to my parents: " . . . We wish to recommend you seek psychological counseling for [your son]. He consistently seeks to play with girls rather than boys his own age. This is not normal behavior and is disruptive to the class."
"Realistic Rebecca"

"Wake up! Wake up! It's Christmas," I squealed anxiously. My mother and father reluctantly climbed out of bed and put on their robes and slippers.

I galloped down the hard wood stairs while trying to imagine what wonderful gifts Santa had brought this year. We finally made it to the tree and sat down to begin the unwrapping of the presents. Each gift was more exciting than the last, and before I knew it I was down to my last present. It was in a big rectangular-shaped box which I gently shook to see if it would give away any hints. I ignored my plea and refused to reveal its secret, so I decided to solve the mystery and open the gift.

Underneath the shocking red paper was a box for the doll that I had written to Santa about. Her name was Realistic Rebecca, and she was not just any doll; she was special because she could drink water and eat baby food. She chewed when you fed her and went to the bathroom after every meal. It was the most enchanting toy a little girl could ask for. I imagined the pretty little blond, blue-eyed doll that I had seen on the commercials, but when I opened the box that wasn't at all what I found. Santa had made a mistake. This wasn't the fair Realistic Rebecca that I remembered. My doll had brown hair, brown eyes and most shocking of all, brown skin. It was like drinking milk when you think it's water. I was completely perplexed. I thought that black children played with black dolls and white children played with white dolls.

I looked straight into my mother's eyes and said, "Why did Santa bring me a black baby doll?" My mom stared back at me as if she were prepared for the confusion and replied, "Dori, Santa did not think you would mind."

That was all she said. The words echoed through my mind. . . Then I thought that if Santa didn't think I'd mind, then I wouldn't. I picked up my new doll and rocked her in my arms. I gazed down upon her petite features and fell in love with her. She was as pretty as the light-colored doll that I dreamed of, she just had a darker complexion. Why couldn't I play with a black doll if he did all the same things as the white Realistic Rebecca? I was almost embarrassed for doubting Santa's wisdom. . . .

Raped at 14

When I was 14 years old I was raped. Until just recently I could not forget what happened. I tortured myself by allowing my pain and guilt to encompass my thoughts. I felt alone and betrayed by the world until this year, when I found a friend whom I could trust; he gave me hope and strength to deal with my suffering. He helped me to see that I was not at fault. I learned from my friend lessons that will endure my lifetime.

When I entered high school I was vulnerable. The atmosphere was so intimidating that I was left open to attack. The caliber of my studies combined with a larger school and new people created a hunger in me for a familiar atmosphere. Acceptance was what I strived to achieve from my peers, but my effort was to no avail. Finally I met someone who gave me friendly, insightful advice. I wanted a companion to spend time with, but because he was older he longed for more than friendship. I was unable to give him what he wanted; moreover, I was afraid that if I told him how I really felt he would desert me. . . . So to compensate for my emptiness I agreed to be more than friends with him.

The situation only became worse; my parents did not understand what I was going through. I no longer felt as though I could confide in them, and the more I pulled away from my parents the more I relied on my friend for support, advice and friendship. I continued to tell my friend what he wanted to hear without sincerity.

My role-playing soon caught up with me; my friend began to place sexual demands on me which I could not fulfill. I became scared of what he asked and avoided him at all cost. At this point I noticed a violent aspect of his personality which I had not encountered previously. My evasive actions only actuated more problems, and soon he cornered me, dramatically changing the next three years of my life.

I did not know what to do or whom to ask for help, so I held my remorse inside. I felt so alone and did not trust anyone. Everyone's motive was to hurt me; my trust in my former friends vanished. I began to think I was at fault and deserved what happened. My parents were oblivious to my tribulation. Furthermore, they continued to inquire about my friend and why they no longer saw him. My moods became . . . passive, and I did not search for companionship. I felt more alone than I ever did before I met my friend. . . . [My fate actually became worse than my previous fears.

For three years I was haunted by my own guilt. I used to think that my destiny could have been avoided. I placed such a heavy burden on my own shoulders that finally I needed to talk with someone. My friends were not a realistic outlet for my problems because I was concerned that they would think of me differently. I felt they would not understand that I was the same person only I needed a friend to listen.

This year I finally found the right person. Since this person was a male, I was reluctant to open up to him. Many times I came close to telling him but never actually accomplished my goal. Somehow I think he knew all along, but just waited until I was ready to tell him myself. . . .
Field of Frustration

Around the house, I was basically treated as an equal among my male counterparts. Nevertheless, when I was talked into joining Little League with my brother it was another story. Expecting to be diving for balls at third base and running to tag people out, I was disappointed when my coach threw me in the outfield with the other girl who was on the team. As everybody knows, the ball never gets hit into the outfield in Little League. During the first few games, I waited in correct stance for the ball to come to me. As the season progressed, I realized this was never going to happen. The other girl sensed this truth as well. Our 6-year-old solution to this problem was to make the best of the time and, of course, practice our square dancing. We might have looked foolish, but what does one expect when a little kid isn’t given the chance to play the infield with the others because she’s a girl?

After a few games, square dancing lost its excitement and I was determined to get some action. I inched my way towards second base and waited for the ball to hit me. Here was my chance to prove myself. The ball was coming right towards me, and I held my glove as I was taught. Sure enough, the ball hit the faded brown leather, and I caught my first baseball for that team. I was getting ready to complete my action and throw the ball to third base when a boy named Willy took the ball out of my glove and did it for me. I stood there, shocked and angry that my chance had been taken from me. Sure, all the parents thought it was cute and he helped me out, but I was mad. My chance to prove that you didn’t have to be a boy to play baseball, as well as my desire to continue with the sport, disappeared. I refused to play in the following seasons. . . .

"Very Protestant"

Lynne’s mother was my second mother. Lynne’s father often claimed that Lynne and I had been switched at birth. I was their real daughter, and Lynne was the alien “rodent” (pet name) that took my place. I vacationed at their summer house in Martha’s Vineyard every year. Lynne’s family lived next door to mine and we both lived at each other’s houses. I never felt different or uncomfortable until that ski trip.

On the way up north, we were all very excited. “The Balsams” was supposed to be a very “ritzy” resort.

“Exactly how fancy is fancy?” I asked. “They always make it easy for the guys—dinner jacket and tie.” Now what, pray tell, does that imply the women in this world should wear?”

“Well, just something nice.” Lynne’s mother replied.

“But how nice—is nice?” I think we should all just wear dinner jackets and ties. Or go naked. It would be so much easier.

Lynne, fashion queen, cried out in horror at this, but her mother was more sympathetic.

“What you have is fine, Miranda. There’s always a wide variety of ‘nice’ in these situations. It’ll probably be very Protestant.”

Protestant? All of a sudden I felt very uncomfortable. No one else in the car seemed to notice anything funny about that statement. They all knew what “Protestant” meant, and it was not what they considered themselves to be. But I, a Protestant myself, had never heard the term used in such a way and it was a bit wary of what it meant. Throughout the rest of the trip I felt very different. I couldn’t understand the jokes in Yiddish, as usual, but for the first time it bothered me. For the first time I became acutely aware and slightly embarrassed by my blond hair, blue eyes and pale skin.

Later I became angry instead of ashamed. I would be horrified and embarrassed if my mother said that something was "probably very Jewish." But by this time it was too late to respond. There was nothing to say. I never felt like a stranger in their house until now.

Unemployed

My father, like most other things in his life, viewed his unemployment as a challenge. He felt that it was a wonderful opportunity to try new things and to explore his different interests. He looked at it not as an end but as a new beginning into a world of opportunity. What he did not expect however, is that this world would greet him in a totally different light.

My father had entered his unemployment with high hopes and expectations, but he had never thought that upon entering this land of opportunity that he would be met with such apathy. What my father was now realizing was that corporate life is mainly based on power and title and that without these he had no identity. . . .

No matter how hard my father tried he still felt separate and apart from all of his colleagues, not because he felt that he was different but because society made him doubt himself. He was met with constant reminders of his unemployment every day. When [he called] colleagues their secretaries would ask what company he was with, and having no response he was left feeling frustrated. The same would happen at receptions and dinner parties, and all left him with the feeling of being an outsider among the “working” class. Regardless of where he was, he found it impossible to ignore these reminders of his situation.

My father overcame this situation the way he did every other, by looking upon it as a challenge. He took his feelings of detachment and used them as an incentive to strengthen his resolve to succeed, and he did.

Choosing Not to Dissect

Before the term began, I discussed with the teacher my concerns regarding dissection, as I had no intention of participating in such a poor excuse for an educational experience. He assured me that other girls had expressed concerns in the beginning of the course and had changed their minds when it came time to dissect. Apparently he was under the assumption that I was just being squeamish and I just needed to stop being such a girl and “dig in” when dissection time rolled around. I informed him that this was not the case, and he told me to see him about it later in the year, when it was time for the “bunny lab.”

Inevitably, the time came to once again tell my biology teacher that I refused to participate in the dissection. . . . Once again the teacher tried to persuade me to change my mind, asking me how I intended to learn about various organ systems without hands-on experience. I told him that I had done quite well in learning the human internal systems without the aid of a cadaver, and that I didn’t believe that we have the right to cut up any creature for the sake of high school biology class. At this point I think he realized that there was little he could do to change my mind.

While the rest of my class was chopping up rabbits, I was in the library, looking over the dissection handbook to get an idea of what everyone else was doing. Then I began on my own project, which was to construct a model of a rabbit that could be taken apart and put back together, so that future students who had moral objections could still have a chance to learn something.

At the end of the six weeks it was time for the exam. . . . When my biology teacher hands back exams, he always tells the class who got the first-, second- and third-highest scores. When he handed back the dissection exams, however, he only announced the first- and second-highest scores. I had gotten the third-highest. . . . ✹
For centuries Tibet has cast a spell over Westerners, from early explorers who risked Himalayan passes to Victorian armchair-travelers who merely dreamed of the region's glories to modern-day jetsetters chalking up yet another exotic locale. Western images of Tibet have piled up like snow, with each layer loosely following the contours below but with the whole mass entirely obscuring the detail underneath. The general drift has been that Tibet is a snowy Shangri-la inhabited by a spiritual, peace-loving yet simple people, in splendid isolation from the rest of the world.

These images—derived from earlier stereotypes about Asia, especially China, and developed at a time when few Westerners traveled outside their own borders—are inaccurate and misleading. And for Tibetans they have been dangerous. Once a cultural and political crossroads, now oppressed by a powerful neighbor abetted by the ignorance of the rest of the world, Tibet has endured a 200-year isolation and its associated costs. The gauzy, dreamy portrait of the country carried in the world's imagination obscures the reality of persecution and of a people struggling for acknowledgment.

Tibet is far less ethereal though no less picturesque than most Westerners have imagined it—a stunningly beautiful land, nestled in the Himalayas, where turquoise lakes reflect snowcapped peaks. Herds of lumbering yaks graze in the valleys, and the mountains teem with rare black-necked cranes, snow leopards and hundreds of other exotic species.

Nicknamed "the rooftop of the world" and "the land of the snows," the Tibetan region, with an average elevation of 13,120 feet above sea level, is the highest inhabited area in the world. But it is neither as cold nor as snowy as outsiders expect it to be. At 11,700 feet, Lhasa is more than twice as high as Denver, but it is at the same latitude as Saudi Arabia and Orlando, Fla. The average temperature in the Tibetan capital in January is 32°F. It does snow sometimes in November and December, but as the days lengthen in January, most of the snow melts.

The melting is aided by one of the sunniest climates on earth. On average the sun beats down on Tibet for more than 3,400 hours.
The Jokhang Temple in Lhasa is at the heart of Tibetan Buddhism. Followers of the religion try to make a pilgrimage to the site a few times in their lives.
per year. This is roughly comparable to the desert area of the American Southwest. In the thin atmosphere of the high Tibetan altitudes, the sun is unfiltered. (Indeed, the high levels of ultraviolet radiation may be responsible for one of the world's highest cataract rates.)

For centuries, natives and foreigners thought that Tibet's mountains exercised a special magic, and today geologists believe they may in fact hold the key to shifts in the world climate. The rapid and continuing upmovement of the Himalayas and their associated ranges are said to affect the trajectory of the jet streams, which control the general climatic patterns over North America and Eurasia, and the runoff from the mountains may alter the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. According to this theory, changes in the Tibetan mountains (as well as those of South America) produced the glacier age.

Some scientists worry that even more drastic and rapid effects on the world climate and well-being may come from the recent denuding of Tibetan forests and grasslands. They fear that because of Tibet's high altitude, the carbon dioxide discharged from its forests and fields is transferred more rapidly into the jet stream than would occur at lower levels and this affects not just the agricultural well-being of China and Southeast Asia but the weather in other parts of the globe as well.

Tibet was once a vast empire stretching across much of Asia. The achievements of this empire are often overlooked; it belies the image of the Tibetans as an isolated and simple people. Yet even today, cultural Tibet is almost as extensive. Tibetan populations still live in much of western China, Burma, eastern India and Pakistan, as well as Nepal, Bhutan and Sikkim.

Geographic Tibet is smaller but still vast, about the same size as the whole of western Europe. All told, the Tibetan highlands occupy approximately one fifth of the total land mass of present-day China, extending over 750,000 square miles through the Asian heartland. Most Tibetan exile groups still consider all of geographic Tibet—and some of the lower-lying areas of western China—part of their country. This includes those areas that the Chinese have now combined into other regions of their country, as well as administrative Tibet.

Administrative Tibet, a unit of the People's Republic of China, is the political remnant of the Tibetan state. Even this area is enormous. It encompasses more than 470,000 square miles, considerably more than one eighth the land area of all of China, a country about the same size as the United States. This seemingly stripped-down version of Tibet is still about the size of all of eastern Europe exclusive of the former Soviet Union.

The Barkhor, near the Jokhang Temple, is filled with peddlers and beggars trying to snag some of the pilgrims' money.
On a trip to Tibet, Nepal and India last summer to research his book, Lee Feigon met with the Dalai Lama in Dharamsala, India, the headquarters of Tibet’s government in exile.

Tibet’s mix of peoples and races is united by language and religion. Despite differences in dialects, Tibetan is considered to be one distinct language, most closely related to Burmese and to the various tongues spoken by a few small groups of Himalayan and Southeast Asian peoples. But in the eclectic nature of much else in Tibet, the written script, adopted from Indian writing, comes from the other side of the Himalayas.

The religion is also eclectic. It most closely resembles Mahayana Buddhism, but it has mixed in elements from the native shamanist Tibetan Bon religion. The resulting Buddhism has developed even more schools than the Tibetan language has dialects. All these schools revere their supreme leaders as “living Buddhas” and believe them to be the reincarnation of the leading gods of the Buddhist pantheon. The best known of these living gods—the Dalai Lama—is the supreme religious and political figure in the country. All Tibetans try to make periodic pilgrimages to Lhasa to show their devotion to the Dalai Lama and the shrines he once inhabited. In the winter they jam the streets of the capital as well as those of the other monastery towns.

Even more numerous than the chatting pilgrims crowding the temples and marketplaces are the dogs. As devout Buddhists, Tibetans believe that departed monks are often reborn as canines and so cannot be interfered with. These are not the majestic mastiffs of the countryside or the aristocratic Lhasa apsos found in the homes of the elite; they are mangy mutts. Everywhere they can be seen scavenging for food, begging for scraps and dozing on sidewalks and along roads. They roam the streets and monasteries of the country, copulating at will and sometimes sinking their teeth into unwary travelers. Cows and sheep also wander the sidewalks of Lhasa, grazing on bits of vegetation. It’s not unusual to see Tibetans walking prized rams on leashes and even bringing them into restaurant kitchens for a bite to eat or drink. And sheep graze in the courtyard of the Lhasa Hotel, where they are quite sensibly used to keep down the grass.

Americans might have a hard time reconciling Tibetan family values. Not only is there a tradition of polygamy—the custom of one man having more than one wife—but also of polyandry, the custom of one woman taking more than one husband. And among the common folk, polyandry seems to have been much more common than polygamy, giving women a fair degree of independence.

In sharp contrast to the country’s backward image, Lhasa is home to the towering Potala Palace, often referred to as the world’s largest wooden skyscraper and one of the most beautiful and complex structures in the world. The palace was built in the 17th century without the use of the wheel. Laborers dragged the beams and other material for this massive, 13-story structure, with 1,000 rooms and more than 10,000 shrines, from the surrounding valleys to Lhasa and then pulled them up the hill overlooking the city. Frank Lloyd Wright kept a picture of the Potala in his studio—the only structure displayed there not designed by Wright himself.

Even the origins of the Tibetan people have been obscured by rumor. Western writers have speculated wildly on this subject. In the mid-19th century, for instance, Joseph Wolff, an eccentric British explorer and missionary born the son of a Bavarian rabbi, popularized the idea of a long-lost population of Jews in the Himalayas. While the Jesuits had long ago seen Tibet as perhaps the site of the Christian kingdom that could not be found in China, Thomas Torrance, an early 20th century Christian missionary, attracted new attention to the “lost tribe” theory with his arguments that the Qiang (a proto-Tibetan tribe most scholars consider to be the main ancestors of the Tibetans) “show Semitic features” and that “many of their customs, too, indicate a close affinity to those of the Hebrews.” Most scholars have long since abandoned this notion, but in recent years the same argument has been advanced by Rabbi E. Avichail, who operates Amishav, an institute in Jerusalem dedicated to finding and bringing back to the fold all of the 10 lost tribes of Israel.

The Nazis also had a fascination with Tibet. In the late 1930s, Hitler and Goering went so far as to send an expedition into Tibet to measure Tibetan head sizes and ascertain that the Tibetans were not Jews but true Aryans.

Access to Tibet was never easy, but until the end of the 18th century, it was a crossroads for the newest ideas and goods from China, India, Persia and the Middle East. Tibet closed its borders only after 1792, when the Chinese forced the country to do so after a series of Gurkha invasions from Nepal. Tibet called on the Chinese for help. Chinese troops pushed back the Nepalese invaders and banned all foreigners from the country, fearful that
the British would join with Nepal against Tibet.

The mountains limited British imperial expansion and marked the boundary between the Asia Britain could conquer and the Asia whose ancient empire eluded Britain. Tibet was seen as the Asian fantasy land China had once been, for it still remained closed well into the early 20th century, long after China opened itself to foreign contact. Tibet even took on the same dualism with which China had traditionally been viewed—as the wealthy, virtuous land that gave birth to much of what we today consider civilization and as a country of heathen barbarians.

Reports of great deposits of gold in the region added even more glitter to Tibet's image and gave cynics an explanation for the Tibetan policy of consistently and successfully preventing foreigners from entering their country. The association of Tibet and gold had been made since the time of Herodotus. By 1800, the British East India Company envoy to Karmandu noted that "the territories of Bhutan and Tibet are said to abound with gold and silver mines . . ."

By the turn of the 20th century, Tibet had arrived in the Western imagination. After Arthur Conan Doyle killed off Sherlock Holmes in a plunge off a cliff with his arch rival, Moriarty, for instance, he resurrected the sleuth by having him announce to Watson that he had escaped from the precipice at the last minute and then had "traveled for two years in Tibet . . . visiting Lhasa and spending some days with the head lama."

But while writers treated Tibet as home of the spirit, British diplomats around the turn of the century saw it as one of the last battlegrounds of imperialism. The weakening of the Chinese empire and Russian expansion into Central Asia had brought Czarist forces to the doorstep of Tibet. Thus began the so-called "Great Game." In 1904, the British under Younghusband invaded Tibet to force trading relations on the country and thereby forestall the Russians. But, realizing the difficulty of maintaining their military presence in Tibet and fearing that the Russians would retaliate in other areas, the British backed off, allowing the Chinese to strengthen their previous loose association with Tibet and the resumption of the country's isolation from the rest of the world.

The result reinforced the image of the country to travellers as a last frontier—one whose isolation buttressed the hope that it offered wisdom, gold and spiritual riches. As war and conflict kept the country cut off throughout the early 20th century, so grew the view of Tibet as the last citadel for the dreams of the adventurer.

In 1959, when the Dalai Lama fled, he declared that "forced labor and compulsory extractions and systematic persecution of the people, plunder and confiscation of property and the execution of certain leading men in Tibet are the glorious achievements of the Chinese rule in Tibet." Cold-war views of communism joined old stereotypes of Asia. The Tibetans were again seen as a simple spiritual people threatened by a new version (communism) of the old Russian plague that the British (in the Great Game) had once struggled long and hard to prevent from entering the country.

Once again the image of Tibet was formed by attitudes toward China, but now it was toward the Chinese communists. This view of Tibet did not change even after U.S. relations with China improved in the 1970s and 1980s. Tibet remained China's alter ego, the country where the evils of communism still showed

Tibetan nomads on the streets of Lhasa. The man is holding a Buddhist prayer wheel in his right hand.
Warshippers leave offerings of money in the lap of the Great Buddha at the Drepung monastery outside Lhasa.

themselves at the very time when capitalism was believed to be sweeping Beijing. After all, the Chinese still oppressed and isolated Tibet even as they allowed Canton to be flooded with Coca-Cola and video games.

As China became an essential stop on any grand tour for the wealthy middle classes of Europe and America, Tibet took on China’s old role as Asia’s most exotic and difficult-to-reach tourist destination. Westerners sympathized with its inhabitants as they did with the oppressed of any Third World country. They applauded the peaceful image of the Dalai Lama, mostly because it could be contrasted with the materialism of their own lives, as well as their belief in the intolerance of Islam, the inferiority of Hinduism or even the gross atheism of the Chinese communists. Tibet had become the quintessential Asia of the Western imagination, the poor oppressed land with an ancient culture and spirit.

In 1989, after the brutal military suppression of Chinese students during the Tiananmen demonstrations in Beijing, the world’s attention focused on human rights abuses in Tibet. The world came to understand that the same Chinese military that oppressed the sophisticated young democratic stalwarts in Beijing also exploited the Tibetans.

Unfortunately, this sympathy for the Tibetans strengthened the view of them as the purveyors of a kind of humble goodness symbolized by the image of the Dalai Lama as one of the world’s true figures of peace and wisdom. Although this image is meant to glorify the Tibetans, it really obscures them. It perpetuates a stereotype of Asians who are either all black or all white, never real people. It contrasts the evil Chinese against the good Tibetans and accomplishes almost the opposite of what it seeks to promote. Instead of treating the Tibetans as a separate people, it casts them again into the shadow of China.

In truth, Tibet’s history is both interlocked with China’s and separate from it. And just as Westerners have now begun to understand the intricacies of Chinese history, it is now time that they understand the complexities of Tibetan society. Whether studying the advanced technology and highly developed trading relations of the medieval Tibetan empire or the sophisticated herding techniques of modern Tibetan nomads, scholars have begun to gain new appreciation for the complexities of Tibetan society. The bright, unfiltered light that strikes the Tibetan peaks lays bare a unique and distinctive culture and history. It is time to reflect this light onto our stereotypes so that the history of Tibet can be rescued from the far reaches of the Western imagination and the clutches of its Chinese neighbor.

Frank Lloyd Wright hung a photograph of the Potala Palace in his studio—the only building displayed there that the famous architect did not design. The palace is often referred to as the largest wooden skyscraper in the world.
FROM SOUTH DAKOTA WITH LOVE

Carol and Charlie Bassett Care Deeply About Each Other and Colby—And the Feeling Is Clearly Mutual

by Gerry Boyle ’78

It’s a September afternoon, and in the kitchen of their Waterville home, Carol and Charlie Bassett are only a few minutes into what will be a two-hour review of their nearly 40 years together. Carol, petite and precise, sits at the kitchen table. Charlie stands with one foot on a chair, running his hand through his hair and over his face as if massaging a massive migraine. In this synopsis of their life story, the Bassetts have barely begun, and already a pattern has emerged.

Charlie (to refer to him as Charles would be like referring to Bill Clinton as William) takes the long solos, his voice squeaking like a saxophone, ranging up and down the scale, repeating phrases so that they hang in the air, the words resonating in the kitchen just as they have for years in Lovejoy 100.

Carol punctuates the solo with a dash of cymbal, a quick flourish of drums. Often drily funny. Usually rooted in fact.

“I started my Ph.D. program at KU, University of Kansas,” Charlie says. “And poor Carol... Gerry, we didn’t have a dime.

We didn’t have a dime in the world. We were just scraping it out. I think I taught four courses for $2,200. But Carol, the first year we were in Kansas, she put up a sign saying she would tutor... I would get up in the morning and she’d be sitting at the kitchen table with some clod, sitting there with him, and I would get home at night and she’s still sitting there with some clod.”

Adds Carol, “Not the same one.”

It’s a contrast that hasn’t been lost on the Colby community, where the Bassetts have been a fixture for 23 years: Charlie as professor of English and guru of American studies, Carol as part-time instructor in mathematics, savior to those who fear calculus. Charlie as the devout and demonstrative Colby soccer fan, whose gyrations at midfield prompted a local sportswriter to dub him “the Joe Cocker of college soccer fans,” Carol as the devoted master of Phi Beta Kappa.

“I can see how people would say they are different,” says the Bassetts’ son, David, 27, an analyst with Citibank in New York. “But I think it’s a complementary kind of difference. Not an opposing kind of difference.”

But they are different. David Bassett says his father is literary, people-oriented, animated. His mother is numbers-oriented, fo-
cused on the next project. And close friends and colleagues jokingly say it's a good thing she is.

“Carol has been the one who kind of keeps things going,” says R. Mark Benbow, retired professor of English and former chair of the department. “She manages their finances so they can stay in the black. She can add. I'm not sure Charlie can, at times.”

It's a symbiosis that the Bassets acknowledge, but with a shrug, as if puzzled that people would find their outward differences remarkable in any way.

“I write the Christmas letters. She keeps the books and pays the taxes,” Charlie says. “You find what you can do, and you split the load. I couldn't do without her, and she couldn't do without me. . . . We share the same values. We're both Catholic. We're both Democrats.”

“I didn't use to be,” Carol reminds him. “Well, you saw the light,” her husband says.

But whatever political difference there may have been, it didn't keep the Bassets apart. Growing up in South Dakota—Carol in Vermillion, Charlie in Aberdeen—they both received undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of South Dakota. They were married in 1956. Charlie went into the Army at Fort Riley and Carol taught at nearby Kansas State. After the Army, he went on to the University of Kansas, getting his doctorate in 1964. Charlie recalls it as a terrific time to come out of graduate school, with baby boomers just hitting college and the Vietnam War simmering but not yet coming to a boil.

On the advice of his thesis director, he reluctantly applied to the University of Pennsylvania, knowing that “people go to Kansas from Penn but they don't go the other way.”

“Then came the letter and it was a job offer from Penn,” he says. “I called Carol and said, ‘They offered me a job. But we can't do that.’ She said, ‘Yes we can.’”

“I said, ‘You can do it,’ ” Carol puts in.

And with a supportive push from his wife, he did do it, but only for five years. It was then that both Penn and Charlie decided that he was a school teacher, “and that's not what they did at Penn.” The Bassets say they opted to look for a place where Charlie could be more comfortable. Somebody at Penn knew somebody at Colby, and a dinner interview with Benbow in New York City sealed the deal.

“What was he like then?” Benbow was asked recently.

“He was just a younger version,” he said. “He didn't evolve.”

“Charlie came full blown. And screaming about teaching at 8 o'clock in the morning.”

But teach he did, arriving on Mayflower Hill in 1969 and making something of a splash landing. Benbow says the hiring of Charlie “was one of the best decisions I made, insofar as I was the one who made it.”

Charlie was the master of the big lecture, the faculty member who turned team teaching from an experiment into a fixture of the Colby curriculum. He linked with William Miller for art, Hank Gemeé for the stock market era high of 1929, Anthony Corrado and Sandy Maisel for government.

“I think I have learned more about teaching from him than from anyone else, in graduate school or at Colby or anywhere else,” Maisel says. He points to Charlie's ability to see “the big picture” in his own subject of expertise and in others. Charlie also is a master, Maisel says, of using student comments to move the lecture along. And he is more than an entertainer.

“There are a lot of professors who are entertaining without substance,” Maisel says. “He has an incredible amount of substance, and he gets it across in a way that really engages the students.”

Even when he teaches alone, Charlie is known to deputize students if he feels that doing so will help them grasp an idea or a relationship or an era. He recalls a time early in his Colby career when he was teaching a course on the 1930s and was playing Benny Goodman records for his students.

“Then came the letter and it was a job offer from Penn,” he says. “I called Carol and said, ‘They offered me a job. But we can't do that.’ She said, ‘Yes we can.’”

“No, I mean really dance.” And he was sincere in asking this. Hereally was.

“I said, ‘Get up here.’ So we're dancing and I'm twirling her in proper 1930s fashion and I look up and there standing in the door is Fred Gillum.’”

Needless to say, Gillum, professor of history, now retired, did not dance with his students. From then on, when Charlie needed a dance partner to better demonstrate the sensibilities of the Big
Colby students have been engaged by Charlie’s stage presence, his seemingly tormented determination to find the right word, the desire for Colby students to learn and grow and prosper.

But time did not mellow him, and over the years, legions of Colby students have been engaged by Charlie’s stage presence, his seemingly tormented determination to find the right word, the desire for Colby students to learn and grow and prosper.

“He just put every one of his students at ease,” recalls Kenneth Fox ’77, an American studies major who now teaches high school English in Brunswick, Maine. “He made something that some kids were afraid of—interpreting literature, this mysterious process that you have to be touched by God to do—he made it seem like Siskel and Ebert.”

With a touch of Phil Donahue.

Lecturing on Hawthorne’s short stories one recent afternoon, Charlie roams Lovejoy 100 restless, moving from aisle to aisle, pausing to hover over one student and then another. He punctuates his thoughts with a big forefinger, his face screwed up as if in pain, his words squeezed out like pasta from a machine.

The subject is the quest for perfection in Hawthorne’s “Rappaccini’s Daughter” and “The Artist of the Beautiful” and the idea that such a quest is, in Hawthorne’s 19th-century New England worldview, unnatural. Bassett is pointing out that the setting of “Rappaccini’s Daughter,” a gloomy mansion in Padua, is meant to be exotic and darkly evil, not just continental.

“With apologies to all of you of Italian descent, you do terrible things,” Charlie booms. “You’re probably ... probably Catholics! You are not Young Goodman Brown.”

Heads raise from legal pads and smiles flicker here and there around the room.

“It would be a difficult class for anybody but him to teach,” says Robert Isaacson, a senior from Sudbury, Mass., after the session ends. “It’s a big class and it’s all seniors, and most of the material people have had before somewhere. But it’s Charlie’s unique style and his view of the material that make it. I know people who signed up for the class not for the material but for him.”

But underlying—and perhaps motivating—the theatricality, the theme parties and the other Charlie Bassett trademarks is a desire for Colby students to learn and grow and prosper.

“He was interested in every part of your life,” says Jennifer Milsap ’90, a Sears Roebuck manager from Portsmouth, N.H. “You could call him at home in the middle of the night and say, ‘I’m really stressed, and I’m not going to get that exam done,’ and he’d give you that grumpy old man bit... In the end, he’s such a marshmallow. He’d do anything for you, is the bottom line.”

And perhaps the common thread running between Charlie and Carol Bassett.

Ten minutes after Charlie concludes his lecture on Hawthorne, Carol walks to the front of a classroom on the fourth floor of the Mudd Building. The class is Calculus with Applications, a course for non-math majors that attracts mostly freshmen and sophomores. They hunch over textbooks and begin to go through warmups for an upcoming quiz on quadratic and linear equations. Carol goes to the blackboard and patiently leads the class through each step. For the next 50 minutes, she asks over and over, “Did everyone get that? Do you understand how we got there?” There is a distinct feeling of the teacher as coach and that everyone in this room is on the same team.

“I think she’s great,” says Joanna Fulman, a freshman from Concord, Mass. “She’s a real live wire. Her enthusiasm adds a lot, and you can tell she’s really devoted to it.”

At Colby, that devotion goes back to 1974. The Bassett’s children, David and Elizabeth, were 8 and 5, and Carol had taught incoming to Colby. But then the College over-admitted and needed a math instructor. Carol got the call nine days before classes were to begin. She’s been teaching ever since.

“The students love her,” says Keith Devlin, chair of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department. “They see her as sort of a mother figure and respond to that.”

Devlin says Carol is especially good with students who have trouble with mathematics, that she is very tenacious and refuses to let them fail.

“When I first came here, there was a saying: ‘Pass it with Bassett,’” Devlin says. “Not that she’s a soft touch. But she’s going to work hard to get you through.”

And not only through calculus.

Talk to Carol about her work at Colby and the conversation frequently leaves the confines of the classroom. She brings up “a great kid,” another who worked hard to overcome problems at home, still another who has it all together. One of those students is Tonya Boyle, a sophomore from Kennebunk, Maine, who had Carol as both teacher and adviser.

“I think she was wonderful,” Boyle says. “She helped me out
when I had problems with my roommate, and she helped me out when I had problems with calculus. And I kind of got to know her on a personal level, too. . . . When I had problems with my family, she would talk about things from her kind of family to make it easier. She's very open and sharing and concerned.”

She'd do anything for you, is the bottom line, to borrow a phrase from this story. And when it comes down to it, that is the Bassett common denominator. Teachers in the purest sense. Offering knowledge and guidance and general assistance.

“We both are teachers,” Charlie says. “When you're both teachers, that's what you do. Carol will come home and she'll say, 'Boy, it really went well today. I finally got 'em to see.' I know what that means.”

It is a bond that links them inexorably, but one that, for a time, seemed to be about to be broken by illness. It is the part of this story that the Bassets did not want featured prominently. It appears here in order of importance. After teaching and students and life at Colby.

Last March, Charlie came home from a trip to the Midwest to find Carol violently ill. She was taken to Mid-Maine Medical Center in Waterville, where tests indicated an intestinal obstruction. Emergency surgery revealed a large tumor in Carol's intestine. The tumor was removed, but for a few days it was touch and go. She survived and, according to her husband, was soon catching up on class work—in the intensive care unit.

“There she is, doing math papers in bed. This is in I.C.U.,” Charlie says.

“But they were just quizzes,” Carol replies.

“We kept going home and carting all these armfuls of papers over to the hospital,” says David Bassett, who, along with his younger sister, Elizabeth, returned home when his mother became ill. “The doctors kept saying, ‘What is she doing?’ ”

After five weeks, Carol left the hospital. Subsequent testing showed that the tumor was caused by a rare form of cancer that had metastasized. The good news was that this particular form of cancer is untreatable. The good news was that it spreads very slowly.

The Bassets gloss over the details of the illness, but they don't gloss over the support they received from friends and neighbors at Colby and in the community.

“This is a time that you know you have been at a place for 23 years,” Charlie says.

Adds Carol: “People have been so nice.”

Charlie: “She got hay fever from the flowers.”

Carol: “The woman at the hospital said, ‘You must have a lot of family here.’ I said, ‘No, those are from friends.’ ”

Charlie: “I guess that’s the glory of a place where you know your students, where you know your friends are your friends. I know that sounds trite but it’s true.”

But then there is the change of tone, the hand sweeping the forehead.

“I was talking to John Mizner, my office mate for many years, and I said to Mizner, ‘I haven’t had to get a meal since Carol got sick.’ Mizner said, ‘You never cooked a meal before Carol got sick.’ ”

But all of that is now history.

Charlie continues to play Lovejoy 100, as well as various seminar courses and special projects. Carol is teaching two courses, half her normal load. She has stepped down as secretary of Phi Beta Kappa at Colby, a position she held for the past seven years, but continues to serve on the executive council. Both handle committee assignments, including the Colby Watson Fellowship committee. Though they have been known to agree, they by no means vote as a bloc.

“I have seen them disagree almost vehemently,” says James McIntyre, associate professor of German and Watson committee chairman. “But no animosity afterward.”

So for the Bassets, life goes on. In September, Charlie was continuing to make his customary appearances at Colby soccer games, sometimes taking in not one but three games in a weekend. This devotion is not lost on soccer coach Mark Serdjenian ’73.

“Let’s just say, when I watch the video of the games at night, you hear him a lot more than you hear me,” Serdjenian says.
Hot on the Trail of a Popular Mystery

By Sally Baker

One of the biggest mysteries about her whodunit, as far as Susanna Hofmann McShea '71 is concerned, is how it got even a modest amount of play in libraries and mystery bookshops, given the level of promotion it received from its publisher.

Becoming a published writer with Hometown Heroes (St. Martin's Press, 1990) was the fulfillment of an ambition McShea had held since she was a teenager. But after confronting one of the unwritten rules of her new profession—that publishers rarely ballyhoo a first novel—McShea, who has a background in advertising and promotion, decided to take matters into her own hands when her second novel, The Pumpkin-Shell Wife, was in the pipeline at St. Martin's.

She sent publicity kits for The Pumpkin-Shell Wife to salespeople, reviewers and trade outlets, hoping to position the book to receive a healthy number of advance orders. Playing off the autumn theme in her title, McShea packaged press releases, copies of newspaper articles about her first book, publicity photos and even a Pumpkin-Shell Wife t-shirt in a black folder, using orange stationery for the release. The kits—which devoured McShea's advance for the book—made the rounds in early summer, and McShea says "the jury is still out" on how effective they were. But, she adds, she probably won't make that kind of effort again, since the publisher has so far reported only a small increase in orders.

Most writers don't attack the problem of how to push a book by sending out t-shirts. But then, Susanna McShea is not just any writer. She is resourceful, a survivor. A death turned her childhood upside down; she left Colby in her sophomore year to deal with an emotional upset that would have permanently broken many people; she coped with a boring job by cranking out not one but two novels, partly on company time; and through it all she retained a quirky sense of humor and knack for sizing up any situation.

"I've wanted to be a writer since the ninth grade," McShea says. "I put it aside because I was busy working and earning a living and getting married—all of those things. Once in a while I would try to write, but it just wouldn't come. When I got to be in my mid-thirties I tried again, and for some reason the writing started to flow. It was almost addictive, like living in a dream."

McShea's professional writing career began several years ago, when she realized that she was in a dead-end job. She worked in advertising and public relations for a large, foreign-owned corporation in New Jersey, but after four years in the job, she was restless.

"It was a good company, but I was really bored," she says. "I had hit my head on the glass ceiling—I think I still have the concussion—I wasn't going to go any farther."

McShea says she went to her boss and told him she could do more. Instead of increasing her responsibilities, he gave her an assistant—to whom she promptly assigned much of her work. McShea decided to use her new free time to write. A self-described "morning person," she began arriving at the office at 7:30 and writing for two hours, dipping into work time. Before she left the company to found her own firm in 1987 she had completed two novels, the unpublished Help Wanted and Hometown Heroes.

McShea says the editors who saw Help Wanted were enthusiastic but unwilling to take a chance on a first novel. When her agent told her that if the book was a "genre novel" it would sell, she turned to the genre she liked best, the mystery.

Hometown Heroes, a classic whodunit, was followed last summer by The Pumpkin-Shell Wife, and McShea is at work on another book, The Gizmo. All three feature a quartet of elder sleuths—the youngest is in her late fifties, the oldest is pushing 80—who live in the fictitious town of Raven's Wing, Conn., based on McShea's native Ridgefield.

"The main street is still used to film commercials," McShea says. "It's a typical New England village. I grew up in a very protected environment."

But the cocoon was forever ruptured for McShea when she was 14. Her mother died, leaving a husband and three children, of whom McShea was the eldest. "That was perhaps the most traumatic event of my life. It really fundamentally changed me," she says. "My world fell apart, and my family's world fell apart, and it made me start to look at the dark side. For a number of years, that's all I looked at."

But the time she came to Colby, McShea says, the strain of trying to hold herself together was telling. "If you go through a trauma like losing a parent at an early age, there's something pretty common that happens," she says. "It's called arrested development. You just stop growing. And that's what I did. I went off to college and I was an 18-year-old with the emotional development of a 14-year-old. It was too big a charade. It was too much to carry off, especially as I started developing relationships with men."

About a month into her sophomore
year, McShea had what she was told was a nervous breakdown. Later, she says, she learned that her condition had been diagnosed as a psychotic break. "I was floridly psychotic without having ingested drugs of any kind," she says. "I called myself later a 'do it yourself' psychotic."

She withdrew from the College for treatment, then attended secretarial school and the Parsons School of Design and worked at a variety of jobs before concentrating on advertising and promotion.

The themes of McShea's books stem from her adolescent pain, and she shows an extraordinary sensitivity to characters who are coping with life-altering events. Even her heroes are wounded. Forrest Haggarty, the town's retired police chief, has been shelved by Raven's Wing and is fighting his son's attempts to put him in a nursing home; Irene Purdy is a persnickety earth mother/midwife who lives in a backwoods cabin and mourns her husband and their never-born children; Mildred Bennett is the mother of a suicide and is dumped by her husband for a younger woman; and Trevor Bradford is a retired doctor who nurses his wife through the final stages of Alzheimer's disease in the first book and is bereft of her in the second.

In Hometown Heroes the four detectives track down a serial killer, and in The Pumpkin-Shell Wife they collaborate to discover the murderer of a suburban housewife who is bludgeoned to death in a seedy New York hotel. Although the action in Heroes takes place in Raven's Wing, The Pumpkin-Shell Wife draws more heavily on McShea's background. Two of the victim's children, post-adolescent Claudia and 14-year-old Cameron, serve as alter egos for McShea at various points in her life. Claudia is trying to regroup after a bout of mental illness, and Cameron is a troubled boy who misses his mother but keeps his feelings in check to spare his family.

For all of their focus on "the dark side," the novels are rich, too, in observation and humor and word play. McShea says she is fascinated by "crime and punishment, right and wrong, justice and retribution," and these form the framework of her books. But, she says, the novels "are as much about people and feelings and family and relationships as they are about murder and mayhem."

McShea says she enjoys having four central characters to work with, because she can "switch channels" from one to another. And although there are some legendary senior citizens in the annals of de-
New COOT Helps International Students Adjust

By Mary Ellen Matava

A s his new classmates hiked the trails of Islesboro and Vinalhaven on their Colby Outdoor Orientation Trip (COOT), Siddartha Choudhury ’93 kept right up. It was when they stopped for lunch or to set up camp that Choudhury got into trouble.

The others were new to Maine from places like Boston, New York and Los Angeles. But Choudhury’s adjustment had another dimension. He had just arrived in the United States from Calcutta, India.

He found American etiquette, such as it is on a camping expedition, somewhat baffling. Three years later, he can remember clearly his sense of doubt and embarrassment when he was shushed for pointing out that someone had undercooked the pasta.

Choudhury’s thorough knowledge of the Queen’s English didn’t help him cope with his first exposure to the American adolescent idiom. He felt left out of conversation after conversation, and jokes that made his new comrades howl were lost on him.

“When they laughed at something I said,” Choudhury remembers, “I wasn’t sure whether they were laughing with me or at me.” Doubt gave way to hesitancy and frustration. A trip that was supposed to introduce Choudhury to his new environment had served only to isolate him.

“American culture just hit me,” he recalls now. “It wasn’t very gradual.”

Because of experiences like Choudhury’s, this year an experiment got underway that was designed to make COOT more of a transition than a shock for international students.

A group of about 30 students from countries such as Japan, the Ivory Coast, Russia and Saudi Arabia learned what to expect in the classroom and at Student Center parties. Student leaders defined common Colby slang, such as “hooked up” and “awesome,” and answered questions about what life at Colby is like for students who are perceived as different. COOT leaders underwent a day-long training session in the needs of international students with Associate Dean of Students Victoria Hershey and Assistant Dean Judy Carl-Hendrick.

“We wanted to give the international students a strong foundation, something on which they could build friendships,” says John Cook ’92, a COOT leader who spent the summer teaching in Colby’s new English as a Second Language program.

For Wang Qi ’96, the first day of COOT at the Colby-Hume Center on Snow Pond in Oakland was a chance to relax and deal with his homesickness. He flew to Maine from Shanghai with a layover in Los Angeles, where he spent two days alone in a hotel. Sprawled on the vast lawn next to the barn that the COOTers called home for two days, Wang admitted he missed his 38 highschool classmates, whom he had known for six years. “We used to be very close,” he said. “Suddenly they’re not around, and they’re several thousand miles away.”

Wang and the others came alive as they gathered in small groups to enjoy the pool or to make a first attempt at paddling a canoe. They exchanged stories about their home countries and talked about their expectations for the year at Colby. Although they had many differences, they took delight in finding things in common.

Two students, one from Spain and the other from Sweden, discovered they graduated two years apart from the same small high school in Switzerland. Wang and Nozomi Kishimoto ’96, from Japan, found some common characters in the Chinese and Japanese written languages, including the identical one for the word love. “I asked Nozomi to write her name and I wrote my own and I said, ‘Hey, it’s the same,’” Wang said.

But the language all were eager to concentrate on was English. Their levels of fluency...
Wang Qi '96 is passed along by his fellow international students during a new COOT designed for students from outside the United States held this fall at the Colby-Hume Center in Sidney.

varied, and one COOT leader found that refreshing. Mikhail "Misha" Liadov, a Russian language assistant, has been in the United States for more than a year. "It's nice to hear everyone not speaking perfect English for a change," he joked.

Junko Kito '94, a transfer student from Japan, spent the summer brushing up on her English in the Colby ESL program, but she still felt self-conscious about her grasp of the language. "I sometimes feel ashamed of my speaking," she said. But when the group played Pictionary, a game in which team members illustrate words for their teammates to guess, Kito guesed the phrase "bungee-jumping." Since returning from COOT, she has become popular with American students eager to practice their Japanese.

Several of the international students said that getting to know the American COOT leaders was especially enjoyable, and many said they would have liked to have met more American students on the trip. A few weeks after the COOT ended, Anabel Torres-Blanco, a Spanish language assistant and exchange student from Salamanca, Spain, said that she was still primarily dependent on other international students for companionship. "Maybe we are together too much," Torres said of herself and the three international students who live in her residence hall. "But I also speak with the American students on my floor. I guess we're not always together."

Several members of the COOT organizing committee and others involved in the effort were critical of the decision to segregate international students from the rest of the COOTers. And Mala Rafik '94, a COOT leader from the United Arab Emirates, acknowledges this sentiment among some of her friends. "Colby is a really welcoming atmosphere," Rafik says. But she is convinced that the atmosphere isn't enough and that international students benefitted from the experience.

"They needed the security of each other, because they know what each other is going through," she says. "Their needs are not any more important than those of the other new students; they're just different."

For Torres and many others, the COOT was an opportunity to have a gradual introduction to Colby life. "I think it was a good idea. When I came here I was completely lost," she said. "We were given a lot of extra information about life on campus."

When one student on the COOT confided that she was nervous about being a "foreigner" at Colby, Rafik was touched by how quickly the others rallied to comfort her. "Women from all over the world were sharing their experiences," she says. "They didn't see each other as a color or a culture. They said, 'Your culture is so beautiful, you're lucky to have it.'"

Father John Marquis, Colby's Catholic chaplain and a veteran leader of many COOTs, assured the international students that Colby is very concerned about issues of diversity and multiculturalism. "We spent a lot of time working through it," he said.

While they tackled tough issues like racism and homesickness and practical ones such as housing, medical care, banking and employment, the group also had fun. They played games to become more comfortable with each other and sang Beatles songs, accompanied by Liadov on the guitar.

On a rainy Thursday they took a boat ride around Casco Bay in Portland and later toured the city's Old Port and went to Freeport.
Top Dog on Campus

A black Labrador retriever puppy named Andy has been a regular fixture in organic chemistry class and senior seminar this year, and although he doesn’t listen to the lectures, let alone take notes, the young canine is learning more important things, like how to sit and not to chew the furniture.

Andy already has a job lined up for when he and his friend, Karen Laidley ’93, leave Colby in the spring—he’ll begin training as a seeing eye dog.

But first he has to go through puppyhood. The Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc., in Smithtown, N.Y., where Andy was born and where he will return for training, enlisted the help of volunteer “puppy walkers” to raise the specially bred pups until they are about a year old. Most of the puppy walkers are Smithtown area families, but Laidley, who lives in Bernardsville, N.J., impressed the foundation staff so much that they agreed to let her take Andy to Colby for her senior year.

“A college is the best place to train him,” Laidley said, pulling doggy toys out of a bag to keep her charge occupied. “There are so many people around.”

Ann McCall, the foundation’s puppy program coordinator, says she rarely places guide dog puppies with college students because she doesn’t think a residence hall is the best environment for them. Laidley’s experience with animals and interest in becoming a veterinarian—and perhaps the fact that she lives in an off-campus apartment—convinc d McCall that she would be a good handler for Andy. “She sincerely wanted to do this for the right reasons,” McCall said. “She’s very conscientious.”

Laidley says she has wanted to get involved with the program for a long time. After years of watching guide dogs working with their new human partners on the streets of Morristown, N.J., she eventually called the foundation to inquire about training the dogs. When she discovered the need for puppy walkers, she knew how she could help.

Her job is to expose Andy to as many situations as possible, so he is well socialized when he becomes a seeing eye dog. She sees to it that he gets plenty of exposure to crowds, public places and high traffic areas in Waterville, and she plans to take Andy into New York City to get him accustomed to urban challenges such as the Subway and busy crosswalks.

Andy rides to campus every morning in the car with Laidley. Usually, he plods down on the floor next to her chair in class and falls asleep, though on occasion he becomes restless.

“This morning in organic chemistry he barked a little, and he pulled his ducky out of the bag of toys,” Laidley said.

The outburst was a small distraction, and chemistry professor Bradford Mundy says he generally doesn’t even notice that Andy is in the class. “It’s not a bother at all. That once bark lasted about three seconds,” he said. “I don’t have a problem with it.”

Sometimes Laidley can’t take Andy to class with her, and she has many friends eager to do so for an hour or so. She received permission from her professors and

Karen Laidley ’93 with Andy

from College officials to take Andy into all campus buildings, including the library and the dining halls. “It’s kind of fun,” said Mary Attenweiler, director of dining services. “Knowing Karen and the situation, we allowed him in.”

Though he can join Laidley at meals, Andy is not allowed human food—one of the many restrictions placed on future seeing eye dogs. Defying his instincts, Andy cannot be trained to retrieve a ball, nor can he play rough with other dogs. To get him ready for his more formal training, Laidley will make sure he is housebroken and that he knows basic obedience commands. “He’s definitely caught on to the ‘sit’ thing,” she said, and so far he’s had only one accident, in the bookstore.

Taking care of a puppy is time consuming, and Laidley admits she sometimes keeps her from her studies. It’s like having both an infant and a toddler in the house, she says, because he wakes her up at night to go outside and she’s into everything. But for Laidley the drawbacks are minimal compared to the returns. “He’s always there. It’s unconditional love,” she said.

She’s gotten permission to take Andy into grocery stores and restaurants in Waterville, and he loves to go to Colby sporting events, where, Laidley says, he barks when the Colby team makes a good play. But she is emphatic when it comes to campus parties: Andy doesn’t go. “I’m a very protective mom,” Laidley said. “He’s my baby and I’d do anything to protect him.”

Andy’s chocolate brown eyes follow Laidley wherever she moves in the room, and he bounds up the stairs at the sound of her voice. “It’s clear she’s his favorite—she says, he gets mad when she leaves him with one of her friends. But come next July or August, Laidley will put Andy in the car for the last time and return him to the foundation. Then he’ll undergo six months of training before he is matched up with the human partner he will guide for the next six to eight years.

“It’s going to be very hard,” Laidley said. “But he’s going to someone who needs him.”

Laidley will get to meet the person Andy will guide when he or she “graduates” from the training program, but she won’t be able to see the dog again until he retires. At that point, she’ll have the option of adopting Andy. McCall said most of the puppy walkers do adopt their retired guide dogs, and if they choose not to, she has a three- to four-year waiting list of people who want them.
Kristen O’Hear’s room is just about as normal as a college sophomore’s comes. Posters line the walls. Framed photos of friends and relatives are perched on the desks and bookshelves. There’s a stereo and a TV. A few clothes are strewn here and there. If there’s one thing that seems out of place, it is O’Hear’s desk, which is extraordinarily neat and clean.

“I have to keep it sterile,” O’Hear explained, reaching into the desk drawers to show the guest the supplies she uses to give herself kidney dialysis treatments four times each day through an abdominal catheter.

O’Hear has a disease called Henoch-Schoenlein purpura (HCP). But unless you saw her in one of the quiet moments when she is cleaning the toxins from her blood you wouldn’t know she’d even heard of HCP—especially if you saw her tearing around as a starter on the White Mules varsity field hockey team.

HCP made its entrance into O’Hear’s life when she was a sophomore at Tabor Academy in Marion, Mass. She noticed some red spots on her feet.

“I thought it must be athlete’s foot,” she said. But doctors had other ideas when the spots didn’t go away and O’Hear started having severe pain in her feet, knees and kidneys. At first they suspected lupus, a form of cancer (“That was scary,” O’Hear said), but a biopsy revealed HCP.

“No one knows how you get it or how to cure it,” O’Hear said. “Eventually it just leads to kidney failure.” The disease is more common in young children, she says, and because she was older, the doctors were more concerned. But the symptoms subsided—the only treatment she was given was iron supplements for the anemia the disease causes—and O’Hear returned to her normal high school routine.

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Her friends at Colby have been helpful and understanding, too, as has her boyfriend, who attends DePauw University in Indiana. She was worried that people might treat her differently because of the disease, and she says she sometimes catches one of the first-year students on the field hockey team looking at her with more than a little bit of curiosity. All of her teammates are aware of the problem, but they don’t back off during practice or hesitate to send her a pass during a game. And that’s fine with O’Hear. “I don’t want everyone feeling bad for me because I have a tube in my stomach,” she said.

“My parents and my brother and sister have been very supportive,” she said. Her sister, Kathleen, works in a Boston-area hospital, where she picks up information about HCP. But medical expertise is not what O’Hear expects from her family.

“My brother and sister try to make light of the disease,” she said. “We use humor to deal with it. I remember telling them, ‘Hey, I have to grow kidney plants for biology. I can’t even grow my own kidneys!’”

As grand as everyone has been, O’Hear admits that there are still times when she wonders, again, why she was singled out by the disease. “I know everyone has problems,” she said, “but I would like one day without checking my medicine and taking my medicine. There’s no physical pain; it’s just inconvenient.”

For the most part, though, she is both tough and philosophical. “I was given a hurdle to jump over,” she said, “not to trip on.”

She is in line for a new kidney if one becomes available—her brother and sister will be tested soon as potential donors—and that would eliminate the need for dialysis. O’Hear knows a transplant could be a long shot, but in the meantime she is trying to learn more about the process. She says she hopes to do an internship at a transplant center during Jan Plan so she can talk with organ donors and recipients.

Colby-Bowdoin Centennial II

This month marks the Colby-Bowdoin football centennial, an anniversary that may seem, in the words of Yogi Berra, “like déjà vu all over again.”

In 1986, much hullabaloo was raised over the 100th game of the series. In some years the teams met more than once, including that first season, 1892, when Colby played only three games. Two were against Bowdoin—losses by 56-0 and 22-4 sandwiched around a 12-0 victory over the University of Maine. It took Colby four seasons and nine games to score its first touchdown against Bowdoin in a 6-6 tie that ended the 1896 season. The following year Colby won for the first time, 16-4.

The Colby and Bowdoin offices of alumni relations have prepared a series of special events to commemorate Colby-Bowdoin Centennial II on the weekend of November 13-14. Returning alumni are invited to a Broadway musical review Friday evening, an alumni/student fun run Saturday at 9 a.m., a men’s alumni hockey game at the Alfond rink at 10:30, an alumnæ basketball game, a tailgate party before the 1 p.m. kickoff, a reception in the athletic complex lobby after the final whistle and an open house sponsored by Ludy ’21 and Pacy Levine ’27 starting at 5 p.m. at Millett Alumni House.

Though the Colby-Bowdoin clash is now considered a small-college classic alongside such venerable final-game matches as Amherst-Williams and Wabash-DePauw, for more than a half century, from 1924 through 1975, Colby’s traditional season finale was against Bates. It was not until 1976 that Colby and Bowdoin consecrated the special nature of their rivalry by elevating it to the final game for each—a tradition that Bowdoin will abrogate temporarily this season because its game with Tufts will be played in Galway, Ireland, November 29.

Bowdoin leads 59-37-9 in a series of long streaks and memorable efforts.

The White Mules have won the last four games, and a fifth consecutive conquest of the Polar Bears would give Colby its longest winning streak since 1959, when the Mules completed a six-game run. Bowdoin then won the next 12 and 24 of the next 28 preceding the current Colby skid.

On the Colby side, there have been many fine individual efforts, but two seem to stand apart. In 1955, Neil Stinneford ’57 ran the opening kickoff back 86 yards for a touchdown, made a saving interception at the Colby 5 after Bowdoin took a 12-7 lead and later snagged an interception, which he returned 102 yards to give the White Mules a 14-12 upset. It was Colby’s only victory that season. Thirty-four years later, in 1989, Brian Cooley ’90 gained a record 247 yards from scrimmage against Bowdoin, scoring three touchdowns in Colby’s 38-20 victory. Cooley was awarded the New England Football Writers’ gold helmet for his play that day. Stinneford’s 102-yard return and Cooley’s total yardage and a 79-yard touchdown run remain College records.

Records can be broken, but memories are forever. “Bowdoin’s quarterback was a fellow named Brud Stover,” recalls Stinneford, now manager of information systems, program planning and inventory control at Cascade Woolen Mills in Oakland, Maine. “He was a boyhood chum of Bill Haggett ’56. Bowdoin was driving for a touchdown, all on the ground, and we just couldn’t stop them. And then this fellow Stover got it in his head that he wanted to throw a pass. To tell the truth, he threw it right over, and I ran the 102 yards. For a lot of years after that, every time I saw Brud Stover I thanked him for throwing that pass.”
Far many a new student, when Alison Coburn ’93 felt overwhelmed in her first few weeks at Colby, she called home for support and advice.

But Alison had an advantage. Her mother was the book on going away to college.


One problem mother and daughter focused on in those long-distance conversations three years ago was the trouble Alison was having with her roommate. The other young woman’s shy demeanor was bothersome.

Karen suggested that Alison simply tolerate her roommate’s reserve. As she emphasized in Letting Go, Karen stressed that Alison and her roommate did not have to be close friends—and that they probably wouldn’t be. Good advice, bad forecast. Three years later, Alison and Denise Matulis ‘93 are still roommates. “Now we laugh about that one,” Alison said. “She’s my best friend at Colby.”

Letting Go is the product of hundreds of hours of interviews with college students conducted by Karen Coburn, an associate dean of students at Washington University in St. Louis, and coauthor Madge Lawrence Tregeer. It was first published in 1988 when Andrew, Karen’s older child, was a sophomore at Macalester College in Minnesota and Alison was a senior in high school.

Karen has had ample opportunity to test her theories on her own children, and for the most part, she says, the nuggets of insight she and Tregeer gleaned from all those interviews have rung true for Alison and Andrew.

Alison agrees. She gives her mother high marks for her performance as a college parent. Over the years, Alison says, she has noticed how vehemently some of her friends argue with their parents over things such as grades and decisions to spend the summer away from home, and she’s grateful for her mother’s savvy. “If most parents had 15 years of dealing with college students, they’d do things differently,” she said.

“My freshman year was a hard year,” said Alison. “We spent hours and hours on the phone talking about it.”

As she does with the students who come to her office, Karen says she just listened to her daughter. “That’s what we learned from doing the book, to try to be a coach and not try to solve problems from afar,” she said. “I encouraged Alison to use the resources at Colby, and the person she turned to was very helpful.”

College students undergo many changes in four years, and Karen advises parents to sit back and let them happen. College is a time for exploration and experimentation, she says, and that can be very positive. In any case, she notes, it’s important to keep things in perspective. She remembers the way she and her husband, Stephen, reacted when Andrew came home from college sporting an earring. “We just laughed,” she said. “We’d seen so much of it. He doesn’t wear it anymore.”

The parent-child relationship undergoes a transformation during the four years of college, and in Letting Go, Karen attempts to guide parents through their end of it. In some ways the title of the book is a misnomer, she said, because it is not about separation. “It’s letting go of the illusion that you can control your child’s life,” she said. “It’s letting them fly, but saying, ‘I’m here for you.’”

A chapter titled “In and Out of Your Life” examines the special problems that arise when college students come home for holiday breaks or the summer. Rules must be renegotiated and expectations articulated. For years, Karen heard from students how loudly their parents protested when they returned home and immediately looked off to get reacquainted with their high school friends. When Alison wanted to do the same thing, Karen says she had to continually remind herself of those talks she’d had with students in her office. Instead of expecting her children to be home for every meal, Karen let them know early which events she wanted them to be around for. “She notified us of the obligations as soon as we got home,” Alison said.

Karen tells parents to be sensitive to their children’s agendas, as she and Stephen tried to be when Andrew was reluctant to invite them to his first Parents Weekend.

“Andrew didn’t want us to come,” Karen said. “When we inquired about Parents Weekend, he said he didn’t know when it was, that most kids’ parents weren’t coming. We decided the message was that he wasn’t ready, that it wasn’t his turf yet.”

By the next year, Andrew was eager for his parents to visit him at Macalaster.

Alison recalls how torn she felt when Karen and Stephen came for Parents Weekend her first year. “I wanted to be with them, and I was happy to have them come, but when we went out to dinner I was constantly watching the clock. I wanted to get
back to the party,” she said. This year she and a few of her friends threw their own party, with their parents as guests of honor.

For all of her expertise, where Alison is concerned Karen is a mother first and a dean/author second.

It wasn’t easy for Karen to take her daughter 1,400 miles from St. Louis to Waterville to begin college, even though she witnessed the ritual each fall on the campus where she works. “My emotions were on a roller coaster just like anyone else’s,” she said. “I wanted to laugh and cry at the same time.”

And when Karen, who specialized in English at college, expressed concern that Alison’s own major in the subject lacked enough courses in classic English literature, Alison’s back went up a bit. Alison says she was well aware of her weakness in that area and already had plans to address it. “I didn’t want to hear it from her because I knew I should have taken those classes,” she said.

Sometimes, Alison says, it might be nice if her mother weren’t quite so clued in to the college scene. “My friends’ parents send care packages with cookies and brownies,” she said. “Mine come with all these date rape brochures and booklets about drinking responsibly.”

Just how successful Karen and Stephen Coburn have been in letting Alison go became clear to them when they visited her last summer in Italy, where she spent the spring of her junior year. She was their tour guide and translator—in effect, they were dependent on her.

“It was a real turning of the tables,” Karen said. “All of a sudden we were on her turf. She was teaching us and telling us what to do. In restaurants he’d order for us and they’d bring her the bill.”

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A Haven from Crime

New federal regulations require all colleges to compile and report campus crime statistics on an annual basis, a dictum that followed some startling Congressional testimony and several journalistic exposés about the danger that lurks in the shadows at sprawling research universities and urban academic centers. At Colby, the first such report confirms that the College is about as safe and secure a haven from serious crime as most students, faculty, parents and alumni might have imagined.

The statistics, compiled by John Frechette, Colby’s director of safety and security, confirm that there were no instances of murder, rape or robbery and no arrests for drug or weapons possession on campus last year. Of the 133 reported offenses, 127 were petty thefts, two were auto thefts, two were liquor law violations, and there was one burglary and one assault. The statistics are detailed in the 1992-93 Student Handbook, which nonetheless advised all students to be aware of their vulnerability, to be alert to suspicious or criminal behavior and to get involved when they think something is amiss.

Frechette said that even the number of petty thefts was probably inflated, because the College wants any error to be on the side of inclusion. Thus, whenever a student reports an item missing, it is listed as a theft.

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New Parent Leaders

Paul Nussbaum of Dallas, father of Ross ’94, is the new chair of the Colby Parents Executive Committee. He has two sets of vice chairs, Ronald and Beverly Hogan of Atlanta, parents of Kelly ’95, and N. Hilton and Mildred Rosen of New York City, parents of Sharon ’93. Among their other leadership activities, Nussbaum and the Hogans and Rosens will work with Kieran Shea, newly appointed assistant director of annual giving, to help solicit donations for the Parents Annual Fund.

Tony and Pokey Huffman of Dayton, Ohio, parents of Shawna ’93, are chairing the Senior Parents Gift Committee. Vice-chairs are Gerald and Myra Doren of Milwaukee, parents of Ari ’93 and Eben ’96. For the third straight year, the senior parents will seek to establish and endow a fellowship for distinguished teaching to aid College faculty research projects. This effort is separate from the Parents Annual Fund, which is supported largely from donations by parents of first-year students, sophomores, juniors and alumni. Last year’s parents fund raised $217,000, and the Senior Parentseffort raised an additional $11 1,000.
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REPORT
OVER THE PAST YEAR I HAVE HAD A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE CHALLENGES CONFRONTING HIGHER EDUCATION IN OUR NATION, BOTH AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE FINANCING OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND AS CHAIR OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

My conclusions at the end of this period of intensive study and debate are:

1. America's system of higher education is the finest and most diverse in the world. It is troubling that none of the presidential candidates and neither of the major political parties has articulated a vision of how to sustain that excellence into the next century. The most serious education problems are in the early years—pre-K through 12—but any national education program that ignores higher education will squander a precious national resource and cruelly frustrate the dreams of those who persevere through twelfth grade only to find the gates to college locked.

2. The special contributions of private colleges and universities are insufficiently understood and their unique contribution to the strength of our mixed system of higher education is at risk.

3. In order to make college affordable, we need radical changes in the federal student aid programs that would: a) reward instead of penalize saving for college; b) make middle-income families eligible for federal grant support just as they were in the 1970s; c) simplify the federal loan programs and introduce more flexible repayment plans; and d) provide a federal income tax deduction for college tuition payments.

The Lack of a National Agenda for Higher Education

President Bush and the governors have articulated in the "America 2000" education reforms a bold vision for improving elementary and secondary education. That plan, however, is essentially silent about higher education even though the president calls for increasing the high school graduation rate from 72 percent to 90 percent. If this admirable goal is achieved, the nation will confront an explosion in the numbers seeking places in colleges that our current system simply cannot absorb. Indeed, even without an increase in the high school graduation rate, the total number of high school graduates will rise from the decades' low of 2.5 million in 1994 to 3.2 million in 2001 and will require some two to three million new places in higher education by the turn of the century.

Colleges and universities have already suffered severe cutbacks in both public and private funding and confront staggering deferred maintenance bills. All institutions also face the need to modernize science, technology and computer facilities if we are to remain internationally competitive. At the same time, the institutions must be prepared to receive a new generation of students comprising many more African-American, Hispanic-American and Asian-American students than has been true in the past.

Despite these multiple challenges, as of this writing in the summer of 1992, the presidential candidates have not suggested any coherent higher education agenda. President Bush has proffered an innovative idea of a $25,000 higher education account for every citizen but has failed to produce any detailed legislation to show how this idea might be implemented. Governor Clinton proposes a program that would combine the elements of the G.I. Bill with the aspects of the Peace Corps so that students can borrow whatever they need to pay for college and then repay it by giving two years of service in the United States. While increased national service by students is a very attractive idea, Clinton's proposal would, in fact, be at least two or three times as expensive as the total cost of the current Stafford Loan Program because, in addition to forgiving the student's loan, the federal government would also have to pay the cost of supporting these volunteers.
The Unique Contribution of Independent Colleges to American Higher Education

In order to meet the larger demands that higher education will face, any sound plan will have to make maximum use of the private education sector. At the start of this century, 80 percent of all students sought their degrees at private colleges and 20 percent at public universities. It was a system that was too elitist, too white and too male. That ratio changed most dramatically in the 1950s and '60s when the accelerating growth of state university systems brought the ratio of public-private enrollment nearly even, creating a mixed system of public and private education that became the envy of the world for its quality of instruction and its accessibility to the largest percentage of eligible men and women anywhere. In the United States it is estimated that 49 percent of the 18- to 24-year-old population is enrolled in higher education as compared with only 19 percent in both Japan and the United Kingdom.

Today, only 21 percent of all students attend private colleges, and our complementary system of public and private institutions is at risk. Private colleges are a precious national resource. They save the taxpayers more than $12 billion a year by relying primarily on private philanthropy and tuition rather than federal and state funds, and, although they enroll only one fifth of college students, the nation’s 1,600 private institutions grant 33 percent of all bachelor degrees, 42 percent of master’s degrees, and 36 percent of all Ph.D.’s. They also award 59 percent of first professional degrees in such fields as law, medicine, engineering and business. Fifty-eight percent of all merit scholars enrolled in independent colleges and universities and, in this century, 79 percent of the U.S. winners of Nobel Prizes were affiliated with private institutions.

Despite a popular view to the contrary, private colleges are not bastions of the elite. In fact, the median family income at four-year colleges and universities is $36,000 at both independent and public institutions. Private colleges also enroll a slightly larger percentage of minorities than state colleges and universities—18.2 percent versus 17.8 percent.

Finally, private colleges and universities constitute an important industry that employs one-half million people nationwide (there are private colleges in every state except Wyoming), generate revenues of more than $45 billion and have a cumulative economic impact in their communities of more than $100 billion.

I do not advocate federal policies designed to increase the share of students at private colleges at the expense of our state university system. Rather, I believe we must take steps to assure that we at least maintain the current balance so that students in the 21st century will have the same educational choices and taxpayers can continue to make the same kinds of efficient investments in our mixed system.

At the same time, public universities must be restored to earlier levels of funding because it is essential that our state university systems, which have become our primary method for guaranteeing access to all students, be of the highest possible quality as well.

Suggestions for a Radically New Federal Student Aid Program

Currently, the federal government provides approximately 11.2 percent of the costs of higher education. This is a remarkable bargain for American taxpayers. In most other countries, the national government pays nearly all the cost of higher education since tuition is essentially free, and living allowances are also frequently provided by the government to students. In the United States, we continue our long tradition of expecting the parent and the student to bear the major cost of college. Thus, while our federal government provides 11 percent of higher education costs (and the states provide 22 percent), American families provide nearly 49 percent of college expenses. Since 1975, as education costs have skyrocketed, the burden on the family has increased from 39 percent to 49 percent while the federal effort has declined from 24 percent to 11 percent. It is time to reinvigorate federal support for our colleges and universities.

Many (although probably not all) of the following suggestions will appear in the final report of the National Commission on the Financing of Postsecondary Education, which will be presented to the president and the Congress in February 1993. These recommendations are the result of nearly two years of hearings and study in which virtually all of the major experts on student financial aid programs have either testified or submitted original papers or both. The nine commissioners, appointed by the president, the House of Representatives and the Senate, are about evenly balanced between Republicans and Democrats, but we have come to a near unanimous consensus on most of these points.

My own conclusions encourage me to put forward a seven-point program.

1. We should have new incentives to save for college expenses, such as an IRA for education. This should be available to grandparents and other relatives of future college students and not simply to parents who, when their children are young, will have great difficulty in saving for college expenses. In addition, such tax sheltered education IRAs should not be counted in calculating eligibility for federal loans and grants. Today, our system of student financial aid discourages savings by reducing the amount of support available to a student whose family has been frugal and has gone without in order to save for education expenses. A targeted IRA for education would, many of us believe, help to increase the national savings rate, which is so low compared to Japan and our other economic competitors.

2. Make middle-income families eligible for federal grant funds once more. When the Pell Grant Program began in the mid-1970s, a family with median earnings of $23,000 was eligible for a Pell Grant, and the grant maximum was $1,400. Today, the equivalent of that $23,000 income is $49,000. The Pell Grant eligibility ceiling should be raised to approximately $50,000 and the amount of a full Pell Grant should be increased to $3,500, which is the inflation-adjusted equivalent of the early grants. (Some smaller steps in this direction were included in the 1992 reauthorization of the Federal Higher Education Act, but because Pell eligibility is not an entitlement, it is doubtful that middle-income families will benefit.)

3. We must simplify the incredibly complicated process by which students apply for grants and loans even though, through simplification, some of the careful refinements distinguishing between one family’s ability to pay and another’s may be blurred. Aid income eligibility should be based upon income only; assets should be eliminated from calculation. Today’s system is so complicated that too many students feel they are being cheated by their college aid administrators because the calculations that underlie awards are impossible to understand for almost anyone except experienced administrators themselves. Student after student in national hearings expressed their frustration with the complexity of this system, and nearly everyone was dissatisfied with the final calculation.

4. Loans to students should be awarded directly by colleges and universities rather than through the extremely costly current system that involves innumerable banks and Sallie Mae. It has been estimated that a system of direct lending by institutions
could save the federal government more than $1 billion a year in the costs of administering the loan program. (Congress, during the summer, authorized a small experimental program of direct lending.)

5. A new option of income-contingent repayments should be made available to students in addition to the current 10-year fixed repayment schedule. Under an income-contingent scheme, a graduate would pay approximately 5 percent or 6 percent of his/her annual income until the principal and accumulated interest is paid. Someone who elects to take a low-paying job out of college (such as a teacher, social worker, etc.) would not be penalized for choice of profession. She or he would pay the same percentage of his/her income on those loans as would the high-income earner who became an investment banker. An IRS collection system should be used, which would also decrease the number of loan defaults.

A graduate taking a lower-paid job would, of course, make more annual payments than the higher earner who would retire his or her loan sooner, but we would also propose that no student be expected to make payments for more than 25 years after college, and if any balance remained at that time, the remaining debt would be absorbed by the federal government.

6. The income-contingent provision, in itself, would help encourage national service by removing the current penalty on students who choose low-paying public service jobs upon graduation. It would also be attractive to try to incorporate some of Governor Clinton’s proposal for loan forgiveness in return for community service. I would suggest that the federal government pay the loan charges during the period of service rather than completely erase the student loan indebtedness.

7. We should seriously consider a program whereby tuition would be tax deductible, at least to some extent, in order to help support those families who are willing to make the extra sacrifices to send their children to college. This deduction should be available to grandparents and others as well as to parents. It is in the national interest to continue to encourage families to make that sacrifice, and a tax deduction for tuition would help to equalize the very heavy taxpayer subsidy that now encourages families to send their children to public colleges and universities where the tuition is kept artificially low.

I would be grateful for reactions and any additional suggestions from readers of this annual report on how to keep private colleges strong and accessible into the new century. In the pages that follow, you will see that Colby has continued to build upon its many strengths thanks to our extraordinary faculty, students, staff, parents, volunteer leaders and legions of loyal alumni and friends.

ROBERT P. MCARTHUR
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND DEAN OF THE FACULTY

Bob McArthur has been a member of the faculty since 1972. He served as dean of admissions and financial aid from 1982 to 1985 and since 1988 has been the vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty. He continues to teach as professor of philosophy. In their senior interviews, members of the Class of 1992 rated excellent teaching and close relations with faculty as the most important components of their four years at the College. This quality is our most precious asset, and though we have long been committed to providing the finest instruction for all of our students, the level of faculty activity and program development in the past year were especially significant.

The Class of 1995 arrived to new curriculum requirements in six important areas—arts, historical studies, literature, quantitative reasoning, natural science and social science, including at least one course from the diversity list (courses that treat issues of gender, race, class, non-European derived cultures, or the workings of prejudice). This new structure seems to be working very well, but we continue to monitor its effect on staffing and enrollment and are prepared to make appropriate adjustments.

Several new programs were established. A major was approved in classical civilization, and minors were adopted in the fields of Chinese, human development, classics and computer science. Grants earmarked for such program development are of immeasurable help, and two are worthy of special note. In its third and final year, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation grant for international studies enabled a number of new courses to be developed and provided additional faculty time for international studies activities, and the largest curriculum and faculty support grant Colby has ever received, from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, supported programs in the biosciences.

The January Program operated under new rules designed to ensure that all courses and independent studies fully occupy student time. One-credit January courses and activities were eliminated, and all courses met three or four days each week for extended periods. A large number of offerings—84 courses were listed—did carry one disappointment, a decrease in the number of off-campus group January programs. We are working to provide a larger array in 1993, especially of less expensive overseas options.

Each year brings its own form of renewal to our faculty. Sixteen new continuing and tenure-track faculty brought fresh insights and energies to 11 departments and programs. Although women are well represented in this group, we still struggle to attract members of minority groups to the faculty. Retirements at the end of the year represented real losses to the College. The four distinguished colleagues who ended their long service to Colby through retirements are Eileen Curran, John Dudley, Al Mavrinac and Dorothy Reuman.

An impressive number of research grants and fellowships were won by members of the faculty: Department of Agriculture Program in Agrarian Studies Fellowship to David Bourgaze (anthropology), National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship to James Fleming (science-technology studies), National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends to David Bourgaze (anthropology) and Seven Saunders (music), Dreyfus Foundation New Faculty Award and Research Corporation of America research grants to Julie Millard (chemistry), Research Corporation of America research grant to Charles Conover (physics), Department of Health and Human Services (NIH) research grant to Paul Greenwood (biology), National Science Foundation research grant to Fernando Gouvêa (mathematics and computer science), Pew Foundation Fellowship at the Kennedy School at Harvard to Patrice Franko Jones (economics) and Maine EPSCoR summer research grants to David Bourgaze (chemistry) and Keith Devlin (mathematics and computer science). A list of faculty performances, exhibits, papers, articles and books appears in Appendix B.
or revised to incorporate additional material on racism, gender issues and homophobia. We continue the dialogue on the delicate balance between coping with speech or writing that demean, insults or harasses and preserving freedom of thought and expression.

W. ARNOLD YASINSKI
ADMINISTRATIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Amie Yasinski has been administrative vice president at Colby for two years. Prior to coming to the College, he worked at DuPont for 10 years in a variety of financial, marketing and planning positions.

In addition to an M.B.A. in finance, he holds a Ph.D. in English and teaches occasionally in the English Department.

Colby's 1991-1992 fiscal results maintained the College's important and long-standing commitment to balancing its budget and operating within its means. The task was more difficult than in any year in the past decade.

EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL EXPENDITURES AND MANDATORY TRANSFERS BY CATEGORY
Fiscal Year 1992

- Student Aid (17.6%) $6.6M
- Educational Plant (8.7%) $3.3M
- Institutional Support (9.7%) $3.7M
- Alumni and Development (4.2%) $1.6M
- Student Services (9.8%) $3.7M
- Athletics (3.3%) $1.2M

Before school opened in September, it was evident that a surprisingly high yield on financial aid offers to entering students would cause a significant overrun in the financial aid budget. In response, restrictions were placed on portions of several materials budgets; among the most important were library books, computers and physical plant equipment. Additional budget pressure from lower-than-expected interest rates and increasing participation in study-abroad programs meant that later in the year it was possible to release only part of the restricted amounts, with the largest release going to library books.

Budget planning for 1992-1993 has been done in a climate of restraint and cooperation. Compensations and financial aid—funds supporting people—were given the highest priority. The student charge increase of 5.9 percent is the smallest percentage in 17 years, and the financial aid budget was increased almost 20 percent. The new budget was balanced with cuts of about 4 percent in most non-financial aid, non-compensation budgets (except that spending for library books has been restored to its pre-restriction level).

Given the expense of high-quality independent education, as parents, students, and college administrators are
so acutely aware, the management of financial aid in the future will be of critical importance. Colby, like virtually all of its peer institutions, will be required to make judicious use of its waiting list each spring until the yield on financial aid offers becomes clear. Relief in the future must come from directions identified by President Cotter in his report and from a successful capital campaign, one goal of which will be to increase endowment support of financial aid.

The value of the endowment at the end of the fiscal year was $88 million, a new high for Colby, but still only one third to one half the size of the endowments of the schools against which we measure ourselves most directly. The investment emphasis is on equity, as opposed to fixed income, in order to achieve the greatest possible long-term growth with reasonable risk. Return for the year of 14.5 percent exceeded the weighted market-index return of 13.7 percent.

Even in times of fiscal constraint, judicious capital renovation and building continue in order to maintain and enhance the quality of the education the College offers. A number of new projects have been completed over the summer, and the College remains very grateful for the generosity of alumni, friends and parents, who provided most of the funds for them.

Other important projects are in progress. A new central heating plant is under construction between the soccer field and the Physical Plant Department building that will replace several old boilers dispersed through the campus and produce a 20-25 percent increase in heating efficiency while reducing both maintenance costs and environmental impact. Renovation of the biochemistry lab in the Keyes Building will include a new second story on the bridge between Keyes and Arey. Student life will get a boost from a new telephone and voice-mail system, now available in every student room. In addition, work has begun on providing cable TV to residence hall lounges, while dining hall improvements will allow greater variety and choice with continuous operating hours in Dana from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

All administrative areas are working on containing costs while increasing quality and effectiveness. The ongoing administrative hiring cap is managed with the aid of Personnel Services, which also has worked to improve the employee evaluation process and to obtain the best possible contracts for employee benefits. The Treasurer's Office produced significant savings by refinancing outstanding bonds at lower interest rates. Computer Services has engaged in extensive long-range planning in the past year to avoid false steps as the demand for information technology continues to increase.

Administrative Services is committed to a new emphasis on customer service while providing mail, phones, copying and purchasing with fewer people than in the past. Special Programs is pushing to maintain enrollment in spite of the difficult economy in the continuing medical education, sports camps and various other programs that ensure that the campus is used as productively as possible in the summer.

The administrative areas of the College will continue to work hard to support Colby's academic excellence, and wise use of resources—human, financial and material—will be key. Suggestions and questions from alumni, parents and other friends are always welcome.

**EARL SMITH**

DEAN OF THE COLLEGE

Earl Smith has completed 30 years as a member of Colby's administrative staff. He has served in a number of positions, including director of public relations, assistant to the president and dean of students and, since 1981, as dean of the College. His responsibilities now embrace student affairs, health services, publications and public affairs and special convocations.

Three emotional issues erupted over the campus in the final weeks of the spring semester, causing some of us who are students of long standing to ponder how much has been done since the activism of 1968-71 and to realize how much is left to do. The outcries—over student power, racial bigotry and sexism—presented some new variations on old themes.

In late March a group of seniors met with President Bill Cotter to express concern about a “lack of communication” on College policy and administrative decisions. They were not malcontents. Many held campus leadership positions and were unabashed in their strong positive feelings about Colby. At the same time, they said they were frustrated that student voices seemed not to be heard, and in April about 200 raised those voices at a lively demonstration outside of the trustee meetings.

At first blush their complaints were puzzling. After all, the Constitutional Convention of 1969 had given students seats on nearly every College committee, in the faculty meeting and even on the Board of Trustees itself. More recently, the new residential life system, implemented in 1984, had created a myriad of new student leadership positions. Indeed, the direct participation of students in Colby governance rivals that of any institution we can think of. Students evaluate their teachers in every course, are invited to submit written assessments in tenure decisions and, in the academic year just ended, had 115 voting places on College committees.

In this light it was tempting to dismiss the stomping around as the product of customary spring frustration after a long winter. (To be sure, some of the complaints did not elicit immediate sympathy, as in the case of the student who moaned a temporary shortage of strawberry jam in the dining hall.) However, after much discussion and many meetings—including an all-campus forum with the president and his senior staff—at least two general problems became evident. First, student leadership has become so broad and decentralized that the lines of student power in decision making have become blurred. Second (and perhaps arising from the first), no one—students, faculty or administrators working on various campus issues—had been effective in communicating to the general student body the full flavor of topics under discussion or, sometimes, the decisions being made.

Under the mandate of the trustee Committee on Student Affairs, a “Committee of Four” was formed (the outgoing and incoming president of the Student Association, the dean of students and the chair of the College Committee on Student Affairs), and before Commencement it had issued a number of recommendations to be implemented over the summer and fall.

In the aftermath of the Los Angeles jury verdict in the Rodney King case and even while the student power move still simmered, a poster depicting the beating of King appeared as an advertisement for the annual Senior Art Show. The artwork was intended as a statement of outrage over injustice, but its use as an advertisement and its embellishment with slogans provoked outrage itself and brought, in President Cotter's words, “a storm of
revulsion and hurt.”

The president, dean of faculty and dean of students circulated a notice to the community decrying the “insensitiveness and poor judgment” demonstrated by the poster. “The College stands firmly by the principle of free speech and the importance of the free exchange of ideas,” the notice said. “At the same time, we encourage civility and support for all members of the community.” A second poster, purposefully using racial and ethnic slurs to test the right of free speech, appeared two days later.

The resulting outcry led to a call by the president for an all-campus forum, which was attended by some 400 students, faculty and staff. Many African-American students spoke movingly about their reaction to the King verdict, to the posters and to the insensitiveness of many members of the community. More than 30 students and faculty—black and white—raised issues of free speech, artistic expression and the need for greater community sensitivity.

The Campus Community Committee, a broad-based group of students and faculty formed by President Cotter last fall and chaired by him, met the following morning for more discussion, and in the following week campus-wide lunch discussions were conducted by student and faculty leaders.

Even while the campus was absorbing all of this, on May 9 a faculty victim of sexual harassment, speaking at a rally in support of women’s issues, told of her attack and revealed the name of her attacker, also a faculty member. He had previously admitted his guilt in the off-campus incident and had been disciplined to the satisfaction of the College and the victim. Her revelation raised the level of campus discussion on this important subject, discussion already heightened not only by the Clarence Thomas hearings but also by the recent exercise of revising Colby’s policy on sexual harassment.

Before the year ended, the president had issued an 18-point plan designed to “redouble our efforts to build an inclusive and supportive campus community.”

Leaving aside the incidents that prompted them, it is evident that the events of the past spring presented many opportunities to make Colby a better place. They provided, as Professor Emeritus Bob Reuman would remind us, a number of “teachable moments,” serving not only to broaden understanding and support for the important work that lies before us but also to enhance the community resolve to see it done.

PEYTON RANDOLPH HELM VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

Randy Helm has served as Colby’s vice president for development and alumni relations since 1988. In addition to his administrative duties, he occasionally teaches courses in the Classics Department.

Carpenters say that for stability and strength, nothing beats a three-legged stool. Colleges are like that. Truly great schools base their reputations on three fundamentals: dedicated faculty and staff, talented students and loyal, active alumni. Colby has been blessed with all three.

During the 1991–1992 academic year, alumni did their part by collaborating with the College’s staff to achieve a broad range of institutional goals—recruiting new students, sponsoring student interns, evaluating Colby’s academic and administrative programs and posting new fund-raising records, to list but a few of their contributions. In fact, over 2,600 alumni volunteered their services to Colby in one form or another last year, making many contributions to their alma mater over and above financial support.

But many—including the College’s top alumni volunteers—feel that we can and must do even more to mobilize and reward alumni involvement with Colby. In May 1991, Chair of the Board of Trustees Larry Pugh ’56 commissioned a Trustee Committee on Alumni Planning to take a hard look at both the overall mission of Colby’s alumni program and the strategies we have pursued in support of that mission. Trustees Dick Schmautz ’62, Bill Goldfarb ’68, Peter Hart ’64, Dave Marson ’48, Beverly Nalbandian Madden ’80 and Alumni Association President Doug Hatfield ’58 worked on this project with Director of Alumni Relations Sue Conant Cook ’75 and other staff throughout the year. Although the final draft of that committee’s report will not be written for a few months, this is a good place to note some of its most important recommendations and to invite alumni reaction to them.
First, the committee found that Colby's overall alumni program already compares very favorably with those of our peer colleges around the country. The number of alumni involved in substantive governance roles is high, as are the variety, number and quality of Alumni Club events around the country (57 events in 14 cities and towns last year) and the number and percentage of alumni participating in reunions.

But the committee also endorsed several new planning initiatives for the years to come. Alumni leaders have proposed a concerted effort to strengthen and broaden alumni pride in the College, ensuring that at least 50 percent of our alumni are enthusiastic volunteers and/or contributors and that all alumni are stakeholders in Colby's continued progress. This will require us to enhance our efforts to recruit, retain, motivate and recognize volunteers, ensuring that Colby volunteer work is meaningful, that volunteer "career paths" are clearly defined and that volunteers receive first-rate staff support. It will also demand a comprehensive review of our communications with alumni and other constituencies to ensure that the work of the Alumni Council and other volunteers is highly visible and understood by alumni, to provide alumni with opportunities to communicate their views on College issues and to capture Colby's fair share of media attention and national visibility.

The committee has asked the Alumni Council's leadership to review that organization's mission and structure and to augment its effectiveness as a channel for alumni participation in College service and College governance.

The committee has also urged alumni leaders, working with College staff, to do a better job of training undergraduates to understand their privileges and responsibilities as alumni and to work with students and their class officers to nurture strong class-based affiliations that can sustain young alumni after graduation and strengthen their links to the College.

All members of the Alumni Planning Committee agreed that we must also work together to mend unraveled relationships with disenfranchised alumni of various eras—providing them with opportunities to reacquaint themselves with Colby as it is today, to express their views on the College's future and to rediscover their loyalty and affection for our institution. These tasks will keep us busy indeed for the next several years!

The successes of this year's development program are fully chronicled in the 1992 Report of Contributions, which will be mailed to all alumni, parents and friends, but we must thank Colby's alumni, parents and other supporters for a few special accomplishments during the past 12 months: the highest fund-raising total in Colby's history (almost $6.8 million); new records for the Alumni Fund, the Parents Fund and the Senior Pledge (over 67 percent of the Class of '92 pledged); the largest 25th reunion gift in Colby history—$34,000—contributed by the Class of '67, led by Class President and Gift Chair Kurt Swensn; three new endowed chairs—one given by Dr. Frank J. Migelis '43 and his wife, Teddi, the other two given anonymously—greatly strengthening Colby's programs in chemistry, government and art; the dedication of the new Carl E. Nelson Center for sports training and therapy and the completion of fund raising for the expansion and renovation of the Bixler Art and Music Center and the Lunder House for admissions and financial aid.

For the second year in a row, our Office of Development and Alumni Relations won "Special Recognition for Total Development Effort"—a national award from the CASE/USX AIMS program, recognizing excellence in planning and execution of the College's fund-raising programs.

It has been a year of accomplishment and introspection—with an ambitious agenda before us. We welcome the participation of all members of the Colby family—alumni, parents, students and friends—in making our College the best it can possibly be.

JANICE SEITZINGER DEAN OF STUDENTS

Janice Seitzinger has been at Colby since 1974. She became dean of students in 1981 and has responsibility for academic advising, housing, residential life, student activities, discipline, safety and security and intercultural affairs.

Colby has made significant progress in its long struggle to create a campus that is more reflective of the geographic and ethnic contours of the nation and the world. With these changes, we have begun to experience the rewards and the challenges of a more diversely populated campus.

This increased diversity was brought to a colorful focus in September when the flags of all the nations represented by our new international students were flown alongside of the flag of the United States at the opening assembly. This new tradition is an important reminder of the many faces of our global community, but of course it also served as a welcoming signal for those who were beginning a new experience so far from home.

In the past year, Colby's international community numbered 33 students from 16 different nations. With 115 American minorities also, the College found itself well on target toward the ambitious goals for campus diversity set forth in the five-year plan adopted by the Board of Trustees two years ago.

As we seek to make certain that the campus is welcoming to students from all backgrounds, a valuable new addition has been the creation of the Campus Community Committee. Chaired by the president, the group is composed of more than 40 students, faculty and staff members representing various religious and ethnic backgrounds and including leaders of a variety of activity and athletic groups.

To provide a focus and a forum for multicultural activities, we also opened the Marson Common Ground room in the Student Center. We are grateful to David Marson '48 and his wife, Dorothy, who gave this space that now features foreign television, newspapers and magazines as well as artifacts and photos provided by international students and others who have lived and traveled abroad.

Students have embraced these multicultural efforts by broadening their social and cultural offerings with various musical programs, dance performances and other special events featuring the sights and sounds of other cultures.

Dining Services has joined in this endeavor as well, serving food from other countries and inviting parents to contribute recipes from home. The year was capped by the traditional "International Extravaganza," where participants sampled food prepared by our international students, enjoyed a talent show and saw students in their native dress.

Efforts to increase international enrollment include the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program this past summer. A small group have begun their college careers after sharpening their language skills through a series of lectures and courses. Judy Carl-Hendrick, a new assistant dean, leads this program and advises all international students in the academic year.
Thanks to the energy and creativity of the Council of Class Officers (COCO), we have strengthened class year identity through competition between the classes, as evidenced by the "Class Competition" featured at halftime of the Homecoming football game. The Class of '94 prevailed amidst the cheers of the crowd and a last-minute challenge from an impromptu group of Bowdoin fans who joined in the fun.

For the third year, deans, faculty members and others have conducted individual exit interviews with seniors, and the process has been rewarding both for the College and the graduates. Some students now arrive for these sessions with pages of notes; others sit back and reflect on their Colby experience. The most prevalent praise centers on the special relationships that have been developed with faculty, the quality of instruction, the opportunities to study abroad and the beauty of the campus. Many expressed regrets at not having taken more courses outside of their majors, and a significant number encouraged the continuing efforts to provide social life functions that either do not include or are not focused on alcohol.

In this latter regard, only about a quarter of our students are of legal drinking age, and we know it is imperative that we provide creative, nonalcoholic programming for the entire campus. To that end, the Coffeeshouse arranged over 33 programs and the Commons and the Student Association sponsored such innovative offerings as "1964, The Beatles," Murder Mystery Cafe, three drive-in movies on Dana lawn (with blankets in place of vehicles), fireworks at the Gould Music Shell and a trip to the Nutcracker Ballet. For those students who prefer to live in an environment totally free of alcohol, we opened our first substance-free hall in Sturtevant, housing 34 students. This offering is being expanded this fall.

This year we are experimenting with an exciting Spotlight Event Program, which will provide lectures, debates and music or dance performances each Thursday at 11 a.m. through each semester. No other events will be scheduled at this time, and we expect the programs to draw large audiences.

The inaugural event on September 10 featured Lorene Cary, one of our May 1992 honorary degree recipients and author of Black Ice, an autobiographical look at the issues she faced as the first African-American woman attending St. Paul's school in New Hampshire in the mid-1970s. This was the same book we asked first-year students to read over the summer and comment upon in their first "college assignment," a short paper on how they handled "being different" at some point in their lives. Those papers formed the basis for residence hall discussions during Orientation Week in September. The presentation also began the College theme for the year, "Community and Identity," which will be the focus for a series of lectures and projects.

PARKER BEVERAGE
DEAN OF ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

A native of Augusta, Maine, Parker Beverage returned to his home state as Colby's dean of admissions and financial aid in 1985. He had worked previously in the admissions offices of Stanford University and Dartmouth College.

The College enjoyed an excellent year in admissions. Faced with a challenging demographic picture and an equally unfavorable economic recession, we were nonetheless able to attract an academically able and exciting applicant pool, to meet our enrollment targets and to remain within our financial aid budget. We were also able to improve upon last year's performance in terms of our overall acceptance rate, yield rate and enrollment of Colby sons and daughters, Maine students, students from outside New England and international students.

We were delighted to welcome 465 first-year students and 22 transfers on registration day, and we look forward to welcoming an additional 30 first-year students on campus in January, students who will have spent the fall on Colby programs in Cuernavaca, Mexico, Dijon, France, and London, England. These numbers of new students slightly exceed the targets we had set.

We admitted our new students from a total applicant pool (including transfers) of more than 3,150. Although applicants to the Class of '96 (2,961) did drop slightly (2 percent) from the previous year, the number of early-decision applicants jumped by 12.5 percent. The size and quality of this early-decision pool enabled us to offer admission early to about one third of the first-year class, to applicants who had identified before January 1 that Colby was clearly their first-choice college.

Our incoming students arrived in Waterville from 37 states (over 40 percent from outside New England) from Maine (12 percent) to Hawaii; and from 23 foreign countries from Bulgaria and Saudi Arabia to Venezuela, China and Japan. Over 60 percent of our first-year students graduated from public high schools, the balance from private and parochial schools. These students came from high school senior classes as small as 13 and as large as 772, and 80 percent of them stood in the top 10 percent of their classes.

Twenty-six members of the Class of 1996 are Colby sons and daughters.

Approximately 7 percent of our entering students are American students of color. This percentage is down from about 9 percent a year ago. We did offer admission to the second largest number of minority students ever, but we saw disappointing decreases in the number of African Americans, Asian Americans and American Indians who decided to enroll at Colby. Fortunately, we were able to double the number of American Hispanic students, and we take additional solace in knowing that this year's new students of color replaced by nearly two times the number of minority students graduated in May.

The 22 transfer students who joined us in September came from a wide variety of institutions, from Texas A & M, NYU and Santa Rosa (California) Community College as well as from Wellesley, Union and Oberlin. Three enrolled from the University of Vermont, and two students enrolled from Miami-Dade Community College in Florida, thanks to the good efforts of President Cotter and Assistant Director of Admissions Maria Arroyo Shaghagi '89, who have established a working relationship with that large and racially diverse two-year institution.

This year would not have been as successful, of course, without the support of our Colby alumni, who not only made numerous referrals of bright students to us but who interviewed more than 200 applicants and represented their alma mater at over 100 college fairs. Finally, thanks to the generous financial support of Paula and Peter Lunder '56 and other alumni, the Admissions and Financial Aid Offices were able, in June, to move across Mayflower Hill Drive to a brand new home, Lunder House. Having already welcomed hundreds of prospective Colby students and their families to this handsome new facility, we look forward to another good admissions year in 1992–93.
MILESTONES

Significant changes involving members of the Colby community in the past year include the following:

Re-elected chair of the board: Lawrence R. Pugh '56, M.A. '82.
Elected vice chair of the board: David M. Marson '48, M.A. '84.


Trustee re-elected to the board: David Pulver '63, M.A. '83, M.B.A.
Trustees retiring from the board and new trustees emeriti: John G. Christy, M.A. '84, M.A.; Robert A. Friedman, M.A. '88, M.B.A.; Gerald J. Holt '52, M.A. '84, M.B.A.; Beverly Nalbandian Madden '80, M.A. '86, M.A.

Trustee resigning from the board: William D. Wooldredge '61, M.A. '88, M.B.A.


Overseers re-elected: Judith de Luce '68, Ph.D.; Ellen Brooks Haweeli '69, Peter C. Schwartz, LL.B.; Gregory W. Smith '73, J.D.; Lael Winnie Stegall '62, M.S.; Judith Prophett Timken '57.

Overseer retiring: Allan J. Landau '55, L.L.M.; Deborah Nutt Miner '68, Ph.D.

Faculty appointed by the president to a named chair: David H. Firmage, M.A. '88, Ph.D.; Clara C. Piper Professor of Biology; Edwin J. Kenney Jr., M.A. '88, Ph.D.; Distinguished Teaching Professor of Humanities; Thomas R.W. Longstaff, M.A. '84, Ph.D., Dana Professor of Religion; G. Calvin Mackenzie, M.A. '86, Ph.D., Distinguished Presidential Professor of American Government; James W. Mehean Jr., M.A. '82, Ph.D., Herbert E. Wadsworth Professor of Economics; Bradford Mundy, M.A. '92, Ph.D., Miselis Professor of Chemistry.

Elected faculty emeriti: Eileen M. Curran, M.A. '73, Ph.D., professor of English; John M. Dudley, M.A. '86, Ph.D., professor of physics; Albert A. Mavinic, M.A. '58, Ph.D., J.D., Dana Professor of Government; Dorothy S. Reuman, M.A., associate professor of music.

The Colby community was very saddened by the death of Jack Bober '64, overseer.

At the 171st Commencement in May, bachelor degrees were conferred on 457 members of the Class of 1992, and honorary degrees were awarded to the following recipients: Lorene E. Cary, Litt.D.; William H. Cooley Jr., LL.D.; Leo Marx, Litt. D.; and John Scully, L.L.D. William H. Cooley Jr. was chosen by the senior class as the Commencement speaker, and Christy M. O'Rourke '92 was the class speaker. The class marshal was Hilda E. Westervelt '92, and Jennifer G. Alford '92 was the Condor medalist.

Robert C. Maynard received an LL.D. from the College as the 39th Lovejoy Fellow.

FACTS ABOUT COLBY

Faculty
All teaching faculty: 179 FTE (1991-92)
Ph.D.'s or terminal: 93%
Tenured: 82

Salary Scales
(average for full-time faculty 1991-92)
Instructor: $29,666
Assistant Professor: $35,421
Associate Professor: $47,516
Professor: $66,411
All Ranks: $48,723

Students
Full-time enrolled: 1,680
Men: 819
Colby sons and daughters: 71
Women: 861

Majors of 1992 Graduates
Administrative Science 18
American Studies 37
Anthropology 8
Art 25
Biology 53
Chemistry 5
Classics 2
Classical Civilization 2
Econ Asian Cultures 7
Languages 10
Economics-Mathematics 1
Economics 50
English 59
French 12
Geology-Biology 1
Geology 1

Geographic Distribution of Students
Alabama 2
Alaska 4
Arizona 1
Arkansas 2
California 50
Colorado 14
Connecticut 167
Delaware 3
District of Columbia 12
Florida 12
Georgia 6
Hawaii 2
Idaho 5
Illinois 30
Indiana 1
Iowa 2
Kansas 2
Kentucky 3
Louisiana 1
Maine 212
Maryland 22
Massachusetts 561
Michigan 8
Minnesota 15
Missouri 6
Nebraska 1
Nebraska 1
New Hampshire 84
New Jersey 55
New Mexico 1
New York 139
North Carolina 5
North Dakota 1

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Financial Aid
In 1991-92, over $10.5 million, including funding from all sources, was awarded to students. Approximately 39 percent of the undergraduates received grant aid from the College itself. Every student entering in the Class of 1995 who demonstrated need—approximately 46 percent of the incoming first-year students—received financial aid. Grants ranged from $200 to $21,050.
Colby also offered the Parent Loan Program in 1991-92. Eligible parents of full-time students borrowed between $2,000 and $15,000 a year and will repay the loan over 10 years at a fixed 10-3/4 percent interest rate. Because so many commercial options are now available, however, the College is phasing out the Parent Loan Program. Beginning with the Class of 1996, parents who choose to borrow will do so through commercial lenders. The option of securing the loan with home equity also has been offered.

Tuition and Fees (1992–93)
Tuition: $16,810
Room: $2,650
Board: $2,650
General Fees: $800
Total: $23,090

Alumni
20,000 alumni reside in 50 states, the District of Columbia, 68 foreign countries and three territories. There are 28 active alumni clubs across the country.

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THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

Financial Highlights

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Gifts and Bequests

| Annual Fund                        | $2,290,000 | $2,955,000 |
| Capital                            | 3,494,000   | 2,954,000   |
| Life Income                        | 645,000    | 472,000    |
| In Kind                            | 435,000    | 171,000    |
| Total Gifts and Bequests           | $6,864,000 | $6,552,000 |

Colby Student Financial Aid

| Number of Students                 | 664         | 670         |
| Percentage of Students Aided       | 41%         | 39%         |
| Scholarships                       | $6,601,000  | $6,165,000  |
| Student Loans                      | 733,000     | 636,000     |
| Parent Loans                       | 961,000     | 970,000     |
| Campus Employment                  | 787,000     | 734,000     |
| Total Student Financial Aid        | $4,062,000  | $8,505,000  |

Endowment and Similar Funds

| Book Value as of June 30           | $76,660,000 | $73,618,000 |
| Market Value as of June 30         | $87,899,000 | $78,144,000 |

Life Income Funds

| Book Value as of June 30           | $6,426,000  | $5,903,000  |
| Market Value as of June 30         | $7,036,000  | $6,133,000  |

Physical Plant

| Net Investment in Plant as of June 30 | $50,278,000 | $45,880,000 |
| Indebtedness as of June 30           | $11,575,000 | $9,675,000  |
A sunny September afternoon brings out smiles at the president’s reception for first-year students: (l-r) Sarah Gutman, York, Maine; Julie Cyr, Old Town, Maine; Karen Hansen, North Andover, Mass.; Jean Van Til, Mount Vernon, Maine; Nicole Youell, South Orange, N.J.

President Center addresses the Class 1995 during orientation, the first time all the members of the class are assembled—and the last time until Commencement.

APPENDIX A
The Corporation 1992–93

Corporate Name
The President and Trustees of Colby College

Officers
William R. Cotter, M.A. ’79, L.H.D., J.D., Waterville, Maine, President
Lawrence Reynolds Pugh ’56, M.A. ’82, Reading, Pennsylvania, Chair of the Board
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Sidney Weymouth Farr ’55, M.A., M.B.A., Waterville, Maine, Secretary
Douglas Edward Reinhardt ’71, M.B.A., Waterville, Maine, Associate Vice President for Finance and Treasurer
Earl Harold Smith, B.A., Belgrade Lakes, Maine, Dean of the College
Janice Arno Seitzinger, M.A., Oakland, Maine, Dean of Students
Parker Joy Beverage, M.A., Waterville, Maine, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid

Board of Trustees
Richard Lloyd Abedon ’56, M.A. ’86, J.D., Tiverton, Rhode Island, Chairman, Abedon & Company (1994)
Frank Olugbogun Apanaku ’71, M.A. ’87, M.D., Chicago, Illinois, Surgeon and Medical Director, Emergency Medical Services, Jackson Park Hospital (Al. 1993)
Alida Miliken Camp (Mrs. Frederic E.), A.B., M.A. ’64, L.H.D. ’79, East Bluehill, Maine
Levin Hicks Campbell, M.A. ’52, LL.B., Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States Circuit Judge, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals-First Circuit (1995)

Susan Comeau ’63, M.A. ’87, Wellesley, Massachusetts, Senior Vice President, State Street Bank and Trust Company (Al. 1993)
William R. Cotter, M.A. ’79, L.H.D., J.D., Waterville, Maine, President
James Bartlett Crawford ’64, M.A. ’90, M.B.A., Richmond, Virginia, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, James River Coal Company (1995)
Deborah A. England ’85, M.A. ’92, J.D., Boston, Massachusetts, Attorney, Hale & Dorr (Al. 1995)
Robert Michael Furek ’64, M.A. ’90, M.B.A., West Hartford, Connecticut, President and Chief Executive Officer, Heubelien, Incorporated (1995)
Jerome F. Goldberg ’60, M.A. ’89, J.D., Portland, Maine, Attorney (Al. 1994)
Peter David Hart ’64, M.A. ’89, LL.D. ’85, Washington, D.C., President, Peter D. Hart Research Association, Incorporated (1993)
Robert Spence Lee ’51, M.A. ’75, Beverly Farms, Massachusetts, President, Horwatt, Incorporated (Al. 1995)
Paul Donnelly Paganucci, M.A. ’75, J.D., New Hampshire, Retired Chairman, Executive Committee, W. R. Grace & Co., Vice President and President, Emeritus, Dartmouth College; Chairman, Leeward National Bank (1995)
Lawrence Reynolds Pugh ’56, M.A. ’82, Reading, Pennsylvania, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, VF Corporation (1993)
David Pulver ’63, M.A. ’83, M.B.A., Pine Brook, New Jersey, President, DP Investments, Inc. (1996)
Robert Sage ’49, M.A. ’74, Newton Centre, Massachusetts, President, Sage Hotel Corporation (Al. 1993)
Robert Edward Lee Strider II, M.A. ’57, Litt.D ’79, Ph.D. ’79, Brookline, Massachusetts, President Emeritus, Colby College

Barbara Howard Traister ’66, M.A. ’88, Ph.D., North Hills, Pennsylvania, Professor of English, Lehigh University (Al. 1994)

Mary Elizabeth Brown Turner ’63, M.A. ’89, M.A., New York, New York, Publisher/Editor, Black Masks Magazine, Professor of Arts, New York University (Al. 1995)1


Faculty Representatives

Henry Albert Gemery, M.A. ’77, Ph.D., Oakland, Maine, Dana Professor and Chair of Economics (1994)

Richard James Moss, M.A. ’90, Ph.D., Waterville, Maine, Professor of History (1993)

Student Representatives

William F. Higgins ’93, Hingham, Massachusetts (1993)

Karyn J. Rimas ’93, Methuen, Massachusetts (1993)

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5 Died September 1, 1992.

Overseers

Harold Alfond, L.H.D. ’80, Waterville, Maine, Chairman of the Board, Dexter Shoe Company, Visiting Committee on Physical Education and Athletics (1993)

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Joseph Fred Boulos ’68, Cape Elizabeth, Maine, President, The Boulos Companies, Visiting Committee on Special Programs and on Art and the Museum of Art (1993)


James Robert Cochrane ’40, Palm Springs, California, Board of Directors, Former President, The Seiler Corporation, Visiting Committees on Admission, on Career Services and on Physical Education and Athletics (1994)


The Colby Eight entertain alumni on Homecoming Weekend.

At the opening of the Marson Common Ground Room, the multicultural center in the Student Center, Associate Professor of Religion Nikky Singh talks with David Nugent, assistant professor of anthropology.
At the fall meeting of trustees and overseers, new Colby overseers are (front, l.-r.) Jane Whipple Gooding '55, Kenneth N. Hatt '51, Peter Geoffrey Gordon '64; (back) F. Rocco Landesman '69, Thomas John Watson III '67, Allan Van Gestel '57.

Mary Abon Colonna '76, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Visiting Committees on Administrative Science and on Education (1994)

John R. Cornell '65, J.D., L.L.M., Lakewood, Ohio, Senior Partner, Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, Visiting Committee on Student Health Services (1996)

Judith de Luce '68, Ph.D., Oxford, Ohio, Professor, Classics Department, Miami University, Visiting Committee on Classics (1996)

Robert Edward Diamond Jr. '73, M.B.A., Tokyo, Japan, President and Chief Executive Officer, Credit Swiss First Boston Pacific Inc. (Tokyo), Visiting Committee on Economics (1994)

Roger Frederic Dumas '60, M.B.A., Boston, Massachusetts, Investment Consultant, R. F. Dumas Co., Visiting Committees on Mathematics and on Student Affairs (1994)


Curtis C. Harris, M.D., Bethesda, Maryland, Chief, Laboratory of Human Carcinogenesis, National Cancer Institute, Visiting Committees on East Asian Cultures and Languages and on Biology (1995)


Susan Smith Huebsch '54, South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, Real Estate Broker, Visiting Committees on Career Services and on Physical Plant (1993)

H. Alan Hume, M.D., Oakland, Maine, Medical Director, Garrison-Foster Health Center, Visiting Committees on Chemistry, on Biology, on Health Services and on Women's Studies (1993)


Edith Kemper Jette, M.A. '62, Boston, Massachusetts, Co-founder, The Friends of Art at Colby, Visiting Committee on Art (1993)


Charles Cutler Leighton '60, M.D., Ambler, Pennsylvania, Senior Vice President, Merck, Sharp & Dohme Research Laboratories, Visiting Committee on Biology (1994)


Peter Harold Lunder '56, Waterville, Maine, President, Assistant Treasurer and Director, Dexter Shoe Company, Visiting Committees on Physical Plant, on Art and the Museum of Art and on Physical Education and Athletics (1994)


Alan Bennett Mirken '51, Roslyn, New York, Executive Vice President & Publisher, Abbeville Press, Visiting Committee on American Studies (1996)

Jean Pratt Moody '56, M.Ed., Cape Elizabeth, Maine, Visiting Committees on Student Affairs and on Psychology (1995)

Allan M. Parker, Celyng, Switzerland, Ryco Asset Management Ltd., Visiting Committee on History (1996)


Peter C. Schwartz, L.L.B., Glastonbury, Connecticut, Partner, Gordon, Muir and Foley, Visiting Committees on Student Affairs and on Development and Alumni Relations (1996)


Gregory White Smith '73, J.D., Charlottesville, Virginia, President, Woodward/White Inc., Visiting Committees on American Studies, on Anthropology and Sociology and on the Library (1996)

Henry Joseph Sockbeson '73, J.D., Laurel, Maryland, Director, Native American Rights Fund, Visiting Committees on Music and on History (1993)

Lael Swinney Stagall '62, M.S., Washington, D.C., Director of Finance and Planning, Communications Consortium, Visiting Committees on Russian Studies and on Women's Studies (1992)

M. Anne O'Hanian Stozoski '72, M.A. '74, Warwick, Rhode Island, Chairman, President and CEO, Fleet Bank of Maine, Visiting Committees on
Apprentices: Visiting Committees 1991-92

Physics and Astronomy: October 17-19, 1991 / Lawrence McQuade, chair; David Childs, professor; David Peak, Union College, consultant; Alice E. White, AT&T Bell Labs, consultant.


English: March 8-10, 1992 / Professor Barbara Howard Traister '65, chair; Allan Van Gestel '57, professor; Dale Robertson, department of English, Amherst College, consultant.


Student Affairs: May 3-5, 1992 / John W. Field '66, chair; Jean Pratt Moody '56, Roger F. Dumas '60, Ann Hanson, dean of students, Middlebury College, consultant.

Alumni Council Executive Committee 1991-92

Douglas S. Hatfield '58, chair; Albert F. Carville Jr., '63, Vice chair and chair of the Career Services Committee; Susan Conant Cook '75, secretary-treasurer; Victor F. Scalese Jr. '54, past chair of the Alumni Council; Ronald W. Lupton '71, chair of the Alumni Fund; Germaine Michaud Orloff '55, chair of the Alumni House Committee; Stephen C. Pfaff '81, chair of the Athletics Committee; Forrest W. Barnes '56, chair of the Awards Committee; John B. Devine Jr. '78, chair of the Nominating Committee; Elizabeth J. Corryda '74 and Cynthia L. Auman '80, National Club coordinator; Scott F. Mc Dermott '76, Special Projects; Solomon J. Hartman '67, chair of the Admissions Committee

APPENDIX B

A Selection of Faculty Publications and Other Achievements

Anthony A. Anemone Jr., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Russian Language and Literature

Charles W. Bassett, M.A. '80, Ph.D., Dana Professor of American Studies and English
of English
and American Humanities Council and “Let’s Talk About It” in Maine” Advisory Council.

Silvia Bermudez, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Spanish
N.E.H. Summer Seminar, Cornell University.

Pamela A. Blake, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Government and of Women’s Studies

Robert T. Bluhm Jr., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology

Christine Bowditch, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Sociology

Roger W. Bowen, Professor of Government and of East Asian Studies

James F. Boylan, M.A., Assistant Professor of English

Patrick Brancaccio, M.A., Ph.D., Professor of English and of Performing Arts

Francis T. Bright, Ph.D., Visiting Assistant Professor of French

Lyn Mikel Brown, Ed.D., Assistant Professor of Education

Cedric Bryant, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English

Michael D. Burke, M.F.A., Visiting Assistant Professor of English

Cheshire Calhoun, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophy

Debra Campbell, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Religion
"From a Female Institute for Young Ladies to the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, 1873–1895," presented at the joint meeting of the American Society of Church History and the American Catholic Historical Society, University of Notre Dame.

Murray F. Campbell, M.A., Ph.D., Professor of Physics
"Far-Infrared Observations of Models of the W3-IRS5 Protostellar Cloud," presented at the Astronomy Society of the Pacific, the University of Wisconsin (coauthors M. B. Campbell ’94, C.N. Sibley ’93, P.M. Harvey, D.F. Lester, N.J. Evans, H.M. Burner, L.G. Mundy, G. Oldham, K. Richardson, M. Griffin and G. Sandell).

Arthur K. Champlin, M.A., Ph.D., Professor of Biology
"Cryopreservation of Mammalian Gametes and Embryos," presented at University College Cork.

Ronald G.A. Chuett, B.A., Taylor Lecturer in Classics
"The Transition from the Historical to the Symbolic Pompey," presented at Pomona College.

Daniel H. Cohen ’75, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophy

F. Russell Cole, M.A., ’90, Ph.D., Professor of Biology

Charles W.S. Conover III, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Physics
"Ionization of Li Rydberg Atoms by a Circularly Polarized GHz Microwave Field," presented at the American Physical Society Division of Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics Meeting, Chicago, III. (coauthors C.H. Cheng, C.Y. Lee and T.F. Gallagher) / "Dynamics of Excited Molecules in External Fields" received a grant of $5,630 from Research Corporation.
Guy T. Filosof, M.A. '81, Ph.D., Professor of French
"Colloque International sur Marivaux et les Lumières," presented at the Université de Provence, Aix-Marseille, France.

David W. Findlay, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics

David H. Firmage, M.A. '88, Ph.D., Clara C. Piper Professor of Biology

Robert Fisch, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science

James R. Fleming, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Science-Technology Studies

Batya Friedman, Ph.D., Clare Booth Luce Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science

Kenneth S. Ganza, M.A., Ziskind Lecturer in East Asian Cultures and Languages and in Art

Henry A. Gernert, M.A. '77, Ph.D., Dana Professor of Economics

Rebecca L. Gerber, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Music

Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Ph.D., John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Associate Professor of Sociology and of African-American Studies

K. Frederick Gillum, M.A. '65, Ph.D., Professor of History

Jill P. Gordon, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Philosophy
"Character and Character Change in the Menu," presented at the Northern New England Philosophical Association, Colby College.

Fernando Q. Gouvea, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Paul G. Greenwood, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biology

Jonathan F. Hallstrom, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Music

Peter B. Harris, M.A. '89, Ph.D., Professor of English


Charles S. Haus, M.A. '90, Ph.D., Professor of Government


Beverly G. Hawk, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Government

Editor, Africa's Media Image. Praeger, 1992 / Panelist, "Renewal of the Woman as Cultural Subject," the African Studies Association, St. Louis, Mo.

Jan S. Hogendorn, M.A. '76, Ph.D., The Grosman Professor of Economics


Yeager Hudson, M.A. '77, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy


Patrice Franko Jones, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Economics and of International Studies


Peter H. Kahn Jr., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Education


Gay Kempley, M.A.E., Visiting Instructor in Art

Paintings exhibited at O'Farrell's Gallery, Brunswick, Maine / Jewelry exhibited at Harbor Square Gallery, Camden, Maine, and at Signatures and at The Society of Arts and Crafts, Boston, Mass.

Susan Kenney, M.A. '86, Ph.D., Professor of English


D. Whitney King, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Chemistry


William M. Klein, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology


Gregory G. Kolden, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology


Howard L. Kolence, M.A. '83, Ph.D., Professor of English and of Performing Arts

Director, The King and I, Opera House. Waterville, Maine / Caucho, St. Jean, and Ageus, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Theater at Monmouth, Monmouth, Maine.
Cast members of the performing arts production of The Country Wife are Edward "Ned" Brown ’93, Long Lake, Minn., James Hayes ’92, Boston, Mass., and Ken Chen ’95, Akason, N.H.


Harriett Matthews, M.A. ’84, M.F.A., Professor of Art
One-person show, Colby Museum of Art / Group Show, Frick Gallery, Belfast, Maine.

Robert P. McArthur, M.A. ’84, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy; Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty

Abbott Meader, M.F.A., Associate Professor of Art
Paintings exhibited at Le Vatout, Waldoboro, Maine / Short films shown on WCBB.

Julie T. Millard, Ph.D., Clare Booth Luce Assistant Professor of Biochemistry

Thomas Morrione ’65, M.A. ’83, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology

Jane M. Moss, M.A. ’90, Ph.D., Professor of French

Richard J. Moss, M.A. ’90, Ph.D., Professor of History

Randy A. Nelson, M.A. ’90, Ph.D., Professor of Economics and of Administrative Science

Robert E. Nelson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Geology
“First Records of Perigonia pallitennis (LeC.) and Perigonia nigraecps (DeJ.) (Coleoptera: Carabidae: Perigonini) from Maine: Easternmost Records for...”

James I. Northrup. Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science

"Finding Optimal Orthotropic Composites," presented at SIAM Conference on Optimization.

David L. Nugent, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Anthropology


Jorge Olivaras, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Spanish

"Otra vez Cecilia Valdes: Arenas contra Villavertde," presented at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky

Patricia Onion, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English

Advisory Board, "Let's Talk About It" in Maine.

Adrianna M. Paliyenko, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of French


Russell A. Potter, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English


Tamae K. Prindle, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Japanese


Scott H. Reed III, M.F.A., Visiting Assistant Professor of Art


Ursula Reidel-Schrewe, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of German


Hanna M. Roisman, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Classics


Joseph Roisman, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Classics and of History

"Creon and the 'Authoritarian Personality,'" presented at Comparative Drama Conference XVI, the University of Florida / "The Backdrop of the Battle of Tanagra," presented at The Classical Association of the Middle West and South, the University of Texas.

Sonya O. Rose, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Sociology


David R. Ross, Ph.D., Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics


James Richard Ruggio, Ph.D., Professor of English

"Eat," Shenandoah / Reading at Cornell University and reading residency at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Dianne F. Sadow, M.A. '88, Ph.D., Professor of English

Plenty of snow makes for plenty of fun at the 1992 Winter Carnival.

University College Cork's Steven Gale, visiting artist in performing arts, discusses a scene with Beth Pisko '93, Middletown, Conn., and Melani Clark '95, Juneau, Alaska.

Jean Sanborn, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English, Director of the ‘Writers’ Center

In "Step," Response / Panelist, "The Essay Dies in the Academy," Conference on College Composition and Communication, Cincinnati, Ohio / "Writing and Class Discussion," presented at Unity College / "Protein Tutors: Many Shapes, Many Students," presented with Colby Writers’ Center tutors at the National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing, the University of Vermont / Publication Award from the Maine Council on English and Language Arts.

Betty Sasaki, M.A., Instructor in Spanish

"The Antice of Ethics: Reading Strategies in Góngora’s Soledades," presented at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference.

Steven E. Saunders, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Music


Richard C. Sewell, M.A., Adjunct Associate Professor of Performing Arts

Director, A Midsummer Night’s Dream and The Playboy of the Western World, and producer, Our Country’s Good, Macbeth, St. Joan and One Inch Fellow, The Theater at Monmouth, Monmouth, Maine.

Thomas W. Shattuck, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry

"Multivariate Statistics for Large Data Sets: Application to Individual Aerosol Particles," Analytic Chemistry (coauthors M.S. Germani and P.R. Buseck).

Nikky-Guinder Singh, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Religion


Dale J. Skrien, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science


Wayne L. Smith, M.A. ’83, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry

"Nitrogen Fixation Revisited: Poly(pyridyl) Complexes of Ru and Os," presented at the University of Maine at Orono.

Nina Jerome Surflch, M.A.E., Visiting Associate Professor of Art


Mark B. Tappan, Ed.D., Assistant Professor of Education


Linda Tatelbaum, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English


Saranna Thornton ’81, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Economics

"Can Forecast-based Monetary Policy Be More Successful than a Rule?", presented at the meeting of the American Economic Association and at the A.B. Freeman School of Business, Tulane University.

Thomas H. Tietenberg, M.A. ’84, Ph.D., Christian A. Johnson Distinguished Teaching Professor of Economics


Christine M. Wentzel, M.A., Adjunct Associate Professor of Performing Arts (Dance) / Choreographer, The King and I, Opera House, Waterville, Maine.


APPENDIX C
A Selection of Student Achievements and Publications

Watson Fellows (1992-93)

Jennifer G. Alfond '92, Russian Studies
   An Outdoor and Environmental Education Program for Children in Rural and Urban Areas of Russia.

Hilda E. Westervelt '92, Classics, Art
   Retrace Pilgrimage Routes between Vezelay, France, and Santiago de Compostella, Spain, to Study the Romanesque Sculpture in Churches along the Way.

Senior Scholars

Bryan E. Chase '92, Religion
   The Religious Justification of Violence: A Look into the Crusades.

Lisa L. Churchill '92, Geology-Biology

Brooke D. Coleman '92, Psychology
   Voices: Three Stories and a Novella

Craig K. Damrauer '92, English
   A Momentary Loss, Stories by Craig Damrauer.

Pika Ghosh '92, Art, English
   The Third Eye of the Hindu Goddess Durga.

Alexandria J. Peary '92, English
   The Imperial Shoe Palace, A Collection of Poems.

David P. Provencal '92, Chemistry: A.C.S.
   Involvement of Free Radicals in Peroxidatic Reactions Catalyzed by Chloroperoxidase.

Robert N. Sibley '92, Chemistry: A.C.S.
   Characterization and Implementation of a Continuous Flow Trace Metal Pre-Concentration System for Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectrometry.

Theodore N. von Wallmeoich III '92, Biology: Environmental Science Concentration

Other Scholarly Achievements

Robb A. Aldrich '94, Chemistry, and Sarah E. Charnecki '95, Chemistry
   "The Effect of Media Composition and Ionic Strength on the Rate of Fe(II) Photoreduction in Aqueous Solutions," presented at the 204th American Chemical Society National Meeting (coauthor Professor King).

Anthony J. Balduardo '94, Biology, Kristian K. Parker '94, Biology: Environmental Science Concentration, Kendra L. Smith '92, Biology: Environmental Science Concentration, Economics, Karin L. Wagner '91, Biology: Environmental Science Concentration

Chantal N. Begin '92, Psychology, and Gregory B. Rideout '92, Psychology
   "Psychological Sequelae of Nonconsensual Sexual Contact," presented at the Maine Psychological Association, Bangor, Maine (coauthor Professor Kolden).

"Nonconsensual Sexual Contact and Dissociative Symptoms," presented at the NASW Maine Chapter Annual Conference, Augusta, Maine (coauthor Professor Kolden).

Matthew B. Campbell '94, Physics, Mathematics

Lisa L. Churchill '92, Geology-Biology
   "Three Pliocene and Holocene Insect Assemblages from the Kantishna River Drainage, Central Interior Alaska, Maine Geologist (coauthor Professor Nelson).

Kristin A. Corey '92, Psychology

Claudia M. Hackethal '92, Chemistry: Biochemistry
   "Isolation of Initiation Factors from V.10x1.2 genes," presented at the 206th Annual Colby-Bates-Bowdoin Conference on Undergraduate Research in Biology.

Mary Beth Heiskell '92, Biology: Environmental Science Concentration

Stephanie M. Clement '92, Biology: Environmental Science Concentration, and Cameron E. Howe '92, Biology: Environmental Science Concentration

Adam S. Learner '93, Psychology
   "Counterfactual Thinking and Multiple Choice Tests: The Role of Memory Distortion," presented at the annual meeting of the Maine Psychological Association, Bangor, Maine (coauthor Professor Klein).

Nicole M. Letendre '92, German
   "Outstanding Achievement in Acting," awarded at the German Theatre Festival, Mount Holyoke College.

Lisa B. Pruneau '93, Government
Robert N. Sibley '92, Chemistry


Daniel A. Starr '92, Biology


Angela M. Toms '92, Biology


Theodore N. von Wallmenich '92, Biology: Environmental Science Concentration


Maude M. White '93, Chemistry: Biochemistry


Annual Senior Art Exhibit


1992 Summer Research Assistants

Robb A. Aldrich '94, Chemistry, and Sara E. Charmecki '95, Chemistry

"Determination of the Photochemical Quantum Yields for Fc(II) Reduction in Well-defined Electrolyte Solutions," with Professor King.

Tina M. Beachy '93, Chemistry

"Effect of DNA Methylation on Mitomycin C Crosslinking," with Professor Millard.

David C. Berner '95, Biology, and Theodore N. von Wallmenich III '92, Biology: Environmental Science Concentration

"Ultrastructural Analysis of Chromium-tolerant Bacteria Isolated from Toxic Waste Sites," with Professor Fekete.

Karyl K. Brewster '91, Biology: Environmental Science Concentration

"Conservation of Endangered Hawaiian Biota," with Professor Cole.

Matthew B. Campbell, '94, Physics, Mathematics

"The W3.1R3 Protostellar Cloud and Related Objects," with Professor M. Campbell.

Kate B. Diana '94, American Studies

"Data Compilation for a Study of Seafaring Women of New England," with Professor Rogers.

Ramsey A. Ellis '94, Biology


Zachary F. Gelis '94, Performing Arts

"A Rewrite of the Software Simulation Package CPU SIM," with Professor Skrien.

Daniel C. Howe '94, Biology: Environmental Science Concentration

"Information Coding for a Study of Environmental Views and Values of Children in an Impoverished African-American Community," with Professor Kahn.

Ho Wa Leung '94, Physics

"Study of the Stark Effect of Heavy Alkali Atoms Using Supersymmetric Quantum Mechanics," with Professor Bluem.

Jennifer Marden '94, Chemistry

"DNA Binding of Anthramycin Analogues," with Professor Millard.

Christopher C. McQuilkin '92, Physics, and James A. Porter '95, Physics, Classics

"The Dynamics of Ionization of Alkali Metals Using Fast Pulsed Electric Fields," with Professor Conover.

Leif J. Merryfield '93, Anthropology

"Technological Change and Its Impact During the Plains Indians Wars, 1866-77," with Professor Rogers.

Alexandria J. Peary '92, English

"Bibliographic Checking for Professor Lubin's Book 'Picturing a Nation: Art and Social Change in 19th-Century America'" (Yale University Press, 1993).

Stephanie G. Pennix '95, Undeclared


Louann E. Pope '94, Economics, Mathematics


Barrett L. Smith '93, Geology: Biology, and Kathryn H. Swaggert '94, Geology

"Hydrogeology of the Great Bog Near Horse Point, Maine," with Professor Donnell.

Benjamin F. Trevor '93, Sociology

"Bibliographic Research on Urban Schools and Educational Reform," with Professor Bownitch, and "Bibliographic Research on American's in Britain in World War II," with Professor Rose.

Paul H. White '94, Economics

"An Economic Analysis of Leveraged Buyouts and Share Repurchase," with Professor Meeshan.

Kristin J. Winkler '93, English

"Bibliographical Checking for Professor Archibald's Edition of "Eats's Autobiographies""
APPENDIX D
College Prizes 1992

Senior Marshal
Hilda Elizabeth Westervelt

Phi Beta Kappa
Elected in Junior Year
Jason Oliver Nixon
Karen Grace Santoro
Hilda Elizabeth Westervelt

Elected in Senior Year
James Thomas Albright
Craig H. Appelbaum
Patricia Langham Baldridge
Chantal Nathalie Begin
Katherine Mary Bredbeck
Thomas Anthony Capozza
Peter J. Carney
August Bradley Cenname
John Martin Cook
Kristen Anne Corey
Michelle Lee Corrigan
Jane Elizabeth DeStefano
Karen Lynn Dixon
Louise Charles Dorogi
Kathleen Morgan Droune
Amy Fang
Emily Caroline Fisher
Joshua Dennis Firthugh
Jane Stephanie Friedman
Michael Alain Gerard
Pika Ghosh
Johua Colby Green
Erica Sue Gregg
Alec Norhem Haavik
Claudia Maria Octavia Regia Hackerthal
Sarah Ruth Hamilton
James Vincent P. Hayes
Jennie Jean Holman
Christopher James Jordan
John Christian Kliick
Christopher Clark McQuilkin
Caroline Stafford Morris
Stephen John Murphy
Masashi Nakagome
Alexandra Jennifer Peary
Anne Kathryn Phirpps
David Paul Provencal
Nancy Wilson Putnam
Suzanna Marie Regnier
Amy M. Richters
Gregory Ben Rideout
Michele Lee Rowell

Margaret Annette Russell
Katherine Angela Ryneartson
Erika Juall Sayewich
Polly Christine Sheridan
Robert Neavyn Sibley
Peter Dennis Read Smith
Daniel Aaron Starr
Curtis David Stevenson
Elizabeth Harrington Thornton
Angela Marie Tong
Eric James Turner
Sara Ann Vaccio
Yvonne Michele vanVeenendaal
Ashley Nichols Weld
Wendy Ilene Westman
Calbrath Rodgers Wheaton
Stephen C. C. Wong
Aaron Mark Zeisler

Member of the Class of 1993 elected as a junior (March 1992)
Brittany Elaine Ray

General Prizes

George F. Baker Scholarship Awarded to seniors demonstrating strong qualities of character and motivation, recognition by their contemporaries, superior academic performance and an expressed interest in a business career.
Class of 1993: Emilie Louise Abair, Jennifer Lynn Bierwirth, Sarah Beth Burditt, Siddhartha Shankar Choudhury, Cristen Marie Coleman, David Lord Frothingham, Lisa Bently Prenaveau, Scott Whitman Reed, Christopher Michael Wilder

Bixler Scholarship Awarded annually to top-ranking students, known as Bixler Scholars, in recognition of their academic achievements. The amount of each scholarship, which is not announced, is determined by need.

Condon Medal Gift of the late Randall J. Condon, Class of 1886, awarded to the senior who, by vote of classmates and approval of the faculty, is deemed "to have exhibited the finest qualities of citizenship and has made the most significant contribution to the development of college life." Jennifer Grace Alfond '92
Charles A. Dana Scholarship: Available to qualified sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The purpose of these scholarships is to identify and encourage students of good character with strong academic backgrounds who have given evidence of potential leadership. Class of 1992: Peter James Carney, Kristen Anne Corev, Amy Fang, Pika Ghosh, Michele Lee Rowell, Margaret Annette Ruggiell, Robert Neavyn Sibley, Sara Ann Vaco, Wendy Ilene Westman; Class of 1993: Diane Decker, Sean Robert Holland, Maria Mikiyong Kim, Jennifer Anne Largen, Katharine Crulshank Thomas, Jeffrey Mark Westler, Kristin Jane Winkler; Class of 1994: Stephen Michael Cranfill, Kerry Anne Enright, Deborah Rose Fitzgerald, Dawn Renee Kalloch, Patricia Ann Marshall, Sarah Amy Whiteley, Christopher Michael Wilde

Arthur Galen Eustis Jr. Prize: Awarded to a member of the junior class who, as an advisor to first-year students or as a member of the residence hall staff, has exhibited qualities of integrity, leadership, warmth of personality and concern for others. Jonathan James Eddinger '93

Lelia M. Forster Prize Awards are made to the first-year male and female student who, "by their academic performance, the respect they command from their classmates and the constructive contribution they have made to life on the campus, have shown the character and ideals most likely to benefit society." Lindsay Anne Bennigson '93, Erin Taichi Mansur '95, Michael Tyrone Miller '95

Lieutenant John Parker Holden II Award: For students who exemplify the ideals of citizenship, responsibility, integrity, and loyalty. Thomas James Maines '95

Kim Miller Memorial Prize Given by the alumni secretary and the dean of students to an outstanding junior man who exemplifies the qualities of friendship, individualism, and leadership. Jonathan Kent Yorznak '93

Lorraine Morel Memorial Award Given to a junior woman who, by her sense of purpose and service, has made significant contributions to the academic and social life of the campus. Marjorie Lucille Yeager '93

The Jacqueline R. Nunez Award: Given to a woman with outstanding qualities. Elizabeth Harrington Thornton '92

Student Association Service Awards Given by the Student Government Association for service to the College for contributions made quietly and unobtrusively. Marinel Serafin Mateo '94, David Shane Jorgensen '92, Tulio Nieman (staff)

Philip W. Tirabassi Memorial Award: Given to the junior man who has "willingly assisted his classmates, promoted the best interests of the College and maintained a superior academic average." Edward Cleveland Brown IV '92

Departmental Prizes

James J. Harris Prize (administrative science) Sarah Beth Burditt '93, Brian K. LaRose, Katherine Goodrich Rogers '93

Ernest L. Parsons Prize in Administrative Science Kristin Margaret Ellis '92, Jennifer May Jarvis '92, Debra Marie Stinchfield '92

The Wall Street Journal Award Brian Levi Seidman '94

Charles Hovey Pepper Prizes in Art: Lisa Harcourt-Black '92, Gregory Louis Long '92, Matthew Anthony Noyes '92

Marjorie D. Bither Award (athletics): Jennifer Grace Alford '92

Donald P. Lake Award (athletics): Thomas Anthony Capozza '92

Ellsworth W. Millett Award (athletics): John Michael Daileanes '92, Heather Shaw Hamilton '92, Sura Alexia Dubow '92

Norman R. White Award (athletics): Robert Anthony DeLello '92, Meredith Trott Johnson '92

Webster Chester Biology Prize: Julie Kathleen Eells '92

Alan Samuel Coit Biology Prize: Angela Marie Toms '92, Ashley Nichols Weld '92

Thomas W. Easton Prize (biology): Cameron Elizabeth Howe '92

Samuel R. Feldman Award for Premedical Studies: Claudia Maria Octavia Regia Hackerthal '92

Mark Lederman Prize for Study of Medicine: James Thomas Albright '92

Mark Lederman Scholarship(s) in Biology: Nicole Lynn Anderson '93, Bethany H. Tilton '93

American Institute of Chemists Award: Robert Neavyn Sibley '92

Undergraduate Award in Analytical Chemistry: Michael Lee Genco '93

Accreditation by American Chemical Society: David Paul ProvenCAL '92, Robert Neavyn Sibley '92

Evans Reid Prize in Chemistry: David Paul ProvenCAL '92

John B. Foster Memorial Prize in Classics: Hilda Elizabeth Westervelt '92, Amy Fang '92

East Asian Studies Prizes: Ms. Sun Elizabeth Cho '92, Tiare Danielle White '92

Breckenridge Prize (economics): August Bradley Cenname '92

Robert W. Pullen Prize (economics): Calbraith Rodgers Wheaton '92, August Bradley Cenname '92

Christian A. Johnson Prizes (economics): Krstin Ann Naxon '92, Michelle Lee Rowell '92, Katherine Abigail Smith '92, Steven Neal Swartz '92

Andrew Blodgett Award (performing arts): Jessica Maclachlan '92, Glen Alan Porter '92

Mary L. Carver Poetry Prize: Alexandria Jennifer Peary '92, Cecily Brooke von Ziegels '93

Students and faculty march from the chapel to Bidle to protest the not-guilty verdicts in the trial of Los Angeles police officers charged with beating Rodney King.
Louise Coburn Prize Speaking Contest (fall)
First Prize: Erika Julu Sayewich '92
Second Prize: Matthew Thomas Dubel '94
Third Prize: David Christopher Leavy '92 and William Francis Higgins '92

Louise Coburn Prize Speaking Contest (spring)
First Prize: Andrew Nathan Rhein '92
Second Prize: Christopher Allen Ward '92
Third Prize: Kathryn Sawyer Martin '92

The Murray Prize Debates (fall)
First Prize: Daniel Clayton Demeritt '94 and Matthew Thomas Dubel '94
Second Prize: Jason Thomas Goldberger '93 and Sean Robert Holland '93
Third Prize: Donna Lynn Burbank '92 and Jennifer Beth Lock '94

The Murray Prize Debates (spring)
First Prize: Omar Bar Lateef '95 and Mark Richard Merzon '95
Second Prize: Jason Thomas Goldberger '93 and Sean Robert Holland '93
Third Prize: Christopher Everett Lovine '93 and Arthur Kennedy Steimer '92

The Forrest Goodwin Prize Speaking Contest
First Prize: Cicely Yvonne Finley '94
Second Prize: Jane Elizabeth DeStefano '92
Third Prize: Peter Beal Annable '92

Solomon Gallert Prize for Excellence in English Erika Julu Sayewich '92

Hannibal Hamlin Prize Speaking Contest For First-year Students
First Prize: Dhumal Narendra Atriabale '95
Second Prize: Margaret Murphy Suggs '95
Third Prize: Miles David Molyneaux '95

Elmira Nelson Jones Prize for Creative Writing Brooke Danielle Coleman '92, Craig King Demaruer '92, John Patrick Purcell Jr. '92

Katherine Rogers Murphy Prize for Original Poetry Sean Marshall Gibbons '94

Geology Alumni Award Harry Davidson Evans IV

The Thomas C. Bove Endowment Award in Geology Susan Yuk-Fong Lee '92

F. Harold Dubord Prize in Political Science Peter J. Carney '92

Laurie Peterson Memorial Prize in Government Karl Andrew Oliver '93

The Jack Foner Essay Awards (history) Aaron Fiske Davis '92, James Vincent Hayes '92

William J. Wilkinson/Fullam Prize (history) Michael William Dreesen '93, Karl Andrew Oliver '93

William J. Wilkinson Prize (history) James Vincent Hayes '92

Harrington Putnam Prizes for Excellence in German, Nicole Marie Letendre '92, Lori Ann Dubson '94, Ingrid Esther Kristan '94

Colby College Chorale Award Steven Russell Earp '92

Colby College Jazz Band Award Juan Manuel Holden Huerta '92

Colby College Collegium Musicum Award Vanessa Constance Lloyd '93, Crawford John Strunk '93

Colby College Wind Ensemble Award Anne Kathryn Phipps '92

Ermanno Comparetti Prize (music) Anne Kathryn Phipps '92

Symphony Orchestra Award Robert Neavyn Sibley '92, Hilda Elizabeth Westervelt '92

Wind Ensemble Award Anne Kathryn Phipps '92

John Alden Clark Essay Prize in Philosophy and Religion Caleb Edward Magon '94

The Religion Prize David Miles Moore '92

Stephen Coburn Pepper Prize in Philosophy Tracey Elise Hardman '92, Drew Walter Hoyt '93

William A. Rogers Prize in Physics Howard Loren Katz '93

Paul Perez Psychology Award Gregory Bert Rideout '92

The Edward Colgan Psychology Award Emily Caroline Fisher '92

For Excellence in Anthropology Joshua Dennis Fitzhugh '92, Craig D. Merten '92, Ruth Nisha Purushotham '92, Nicole Felicia St. John '92

The Albion Woodbury Small Prize Polly Christine Sheridan '92, Eric James Turner '92, Brenden Daniel Van Wynberghe '92

For Excellence in Sociology Anne Merrick Bowie '92, Polly Christine Sheridan '92, Eric James Turner '92

Crew club members take their new shell, the "Dolly C. Hume," for its inaugural voyage.
APPENDIX E
A Selection of Events 1991-1992

Lectures
Dana-Bixler Convocation "Religion, Ethnicity, Social Change: The Cases of the Sanctified Church," Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, John D. MacArthur Associate Professor of Sociology and of African-American Studies, Colby

Thirty-ninth Lovejoy Convocation “Truth in the Modern Age,” Robert C. Maynard, editor and publisher, The Oakland Tribune

The Kingsley Birge Memorial Lecture “Satanism in America: Myths and Realities,” David G. Bromley, department of sociology, Virginia Commonwealth University

The Martin Luther King Celebration Lecture “The Continuing Crisis in Social Justice: Activism in the ‘90s,” Dr. Joyce Ladner, civil-rights worker and vice president for academic affairs, Howard University

The Grossman Economics Professorship Lecture “GATT Going: The Crisis in World Trade,” Jan Hogendorn, Gronman Professor of Economics, Colby

Phi Beta Kappa Lecture "The Illusive Discovery: Thoughts on 1492 and Hereafter,” John Demos-Knight, department of American history, Yale University

Guy P. Gannett Lecture “Choices and Challenges: Health and Community on Campus,” Dr. Richard Keeling, director of student health at the University of Virginia and president of the International Society for AIDS Education

Clara M. Southworth Lecture “Illusion of the American City,” Richard Haas, illusionistic architectural painter, New York City


"Negative Politics in Government," Governor John R. McKernan

Senator George Mitchell Policy Forum on Health Care in America, with Dr. Uwe Reinhart, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University; Dr. Stuart Altman of Life Plans, Waltham, Mass.; and Senator Mitchell

One Hundred and Seventy-first Commencement Bill Cosby, actor, entertainer and educator

Other Lectures, “Sex, Drugs and Things to Drink,” Brad Mundy, Montana State University / "The Business Novel: Window on the Humanity of Capitalism," James Berger, department of economics, Borough of Manhattan Community College of NYU / "The Too Big to Fail Policy and Bank Mergers," Edward Kane, department of economics, Ohio State University /

Readings

**Visiting Writer Series**
- James Tate, poet / Dara Wier, poet / Carthie Pelletier, Maine novelist, author of *The Weight of Winter* / Robert Farnsworth, poet and former Colby professor / Ann Copeland, fiction writer / Tony Hoagland, poet

**First Annual Clark-Donnelley Reading**
- Martin Cruz Smith, author of *Nighthawks*, *Gorky Park*, *Stallion’s Gate* and *Polar Star*

Music

Music at Colby Series

**Recitals and Midday Programs**
- A Noonday Concert: Colby Woodwind Quintet *"The Five Mules"* / Noontime concert of computer music composed by Colby students / Colby Piano Trio—Tony Heg, Beth Hallstrom and Steve Witkin / Kathryn Phibbs ’92: oboe, trumpet, flute, and tenor saxophone / Kimberly Eremias ’92

**Student Association Concerts**

**Other Musical Events and Performances**
- Jane Powell, jazz, motown, rhythm and blues / *"The Light Band"*: benefit concert for Mid-Maine Interfaith Shelter / Colby Jazz and Wind Ensembles / Colby Cabaret / Broadway Musical Revue / 17th Century Music Workshop with Robert Greenlee / Multicultural Music / Winter A Cappella Invitational featuring the Colby Eight, the Brown Higher Keys, the South Shoreaires and the Tufts Beebubs / East End Jazz: Quartet featuring Carl Dimow / Percussion Workshop with Ben Harm and Alagia, a popular Georgetown band / Aztec 2-Step / Betty Grant’s Jazz Ensemble / *"Say Yes to Life!"* with duo Alice and Albert / Rugg Burgess displays feats of ESP and hypnotism / Willy Porter / A Celebration of World AIDS Day / Diva!: The Indian Festival of Lights / The Martin Luther King Jr. Concert/Dance: C.J. Chenier and The Red Hot Louisiana Band (zydeko Music) / Foss Arts with live music, art, open microphone, food, fun, tie die / Lesbian Comedienne Lea DeLaria / Sabarah Sabin, one-woman show with music, poetry and history of African-American women / Coffeehouse Concerts: Tom Pirozoli and Teg Glendon, Ellis Paul, Catie Curtis, Linda Waterfall, The Story, Patsy Wheelan, Jason Eslick ’92, Dexter Morrill, David Dempsey, Erika Wheeler, Cindy Kallet

Exhibits

**American Impressionist Paintings and American Art** / *"The German Image: Contemporary Works on Paper"* / Daphne Cummings, recent work / Colby College Fall Faculty Group Exhibition / The Joan Whitney Payson Collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist Art / Alex Katz: Exhibit / Harriett Matthews: Sculptures and Drawings / *"The Artist’s Eye,"* guest curator Rackstraw Downes

Drama

**Performing Arts Productions**

**Powder and Wig Productions**
- (student directed) Improv Cabaret / One-Acts Festival / *A Streetcar Named Desire* / Colby Improv Company (donations accepted for The Daedalus Project for AIDS Research) / The Almost-Spring One Acts

**Dance**
- Colby Dancers: in concert: *"Rhythm Enrapped"*

Division of Special Programs

Continuing medical education programs in addiction medicine, anesthesiology, audiology, child abuse, diabetes management, emergency medicine, family medicine, forensic medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, ophthalmology, orthopedics, pediatrics, surgical techniques and urology / Master Piano Institute, Church Music Institute and the Portland String Quartet / Estate Planning and Tax Institute and the Institute for Management / Athletic camps in basketball, cheerleading, field hockey, football, running and soccer / Great Books Institute / Various Maine groups such as Maine Baptist Women, Maine Chartered Life Underwriters, Maine Genealogical Society, Maine Lung Association, Maine State Employees Association / Conferences for Colby departments in alumni relations, biology, computers, Japanese and mathematics.

The Class of 1992 looks ahead to the podium on the Miller Library lawn, where Bill Clinton gave the 1992 Commencement address. The day called for coats and blankets, but the class got a warm sendoff from the popular television entertainer.
Fifty-Plus

Correspondent:
Marjorie Gould Shuman '37

PRE·TWENTIES
With justifiable pride, Harold E. Hall '17, Norway, Maine, celebrating his 75th reunion, led the parade of reunion classes around the track in the Fieldhouse, waving cheerily from his balloon-decorated wheelchair.

TWENTIES
Wonderful advice was offered by Marguerite Rice Lary '23, Scarborough, Maine, who spends her winters in Boynton Beach, Fla. She urges us to "See every portion of this exciting world. Don't miss Portugal; Cornwall, England; Italy; Greece; Holland; Paris—and the Great Wall of China!" She also suggests that we become collectors of her daughter's cornhusk dolls (see Colby, August). ... A correction is in order: Paul W. Gates '24, Ithaca, N.Y., professor emeritus at Cornell, has written eight books, not 87. Sorry for the error, but even eight is an accomplishment! ... True to custom, Mary Watson Flanders '24 once again made the pilgrimage to Colby in June with her two sisters, Elizabeth Watson Gerry '27 and Jean Watson '29, all of whom live in Fort Myers, Fla. After the reunion they planned to spend the summer in Maine.

TWENTIES
buy green bananas!" ... Independent Evelyn "Evie" Kellett '26, Lawrence, Mass., drove to the reunion in June, accompanied only by her little dog, Princess, who incidentally was very well behaved in the dorm room at Dana Hall. ... Six members of the Class of 1927 returned for their 65th reunion: Louise Lippert Dibble, Westbrook, Conn.; Helen Coburn-Smith Fawcett, Berkeley, Calif.; Marguerite Chase Macmber, Sunday, Fla.; Marjorie Rowell Shane, Winthrop, Maine; Florence Wolf Siegel, Hollywood, Fla.; and Theodore G. Smart, Paris, Maine. ... Nellie M. Dearborn '28, Portland, Maine, is glad to report that the Portland Colby Alumnae group has widened its horizons by meeting with the Massachusetts Colby group. She remembers when, because of the early curfew for women students, fraternity friends would send up baskets of food on a pulley to the second floor of Foss Hall in the evening. ... Our sympathy to Wendell R. Grant '28, Houlton, Maine, whose wife of 58 years died on July 5. He reports that she was a guest of the Class of '47 at Ricker Classical Institute on July 25, when he also celebrated his 70th reunion there as the only living male member of the class of '22 and the only teacher present. He expects to go to California for Christmas and for the rest of the winter ... Myra Stone Knofskie '28, Manchester, Conn., writes that she and her husband have had cataracts removed recently. Also, she has had several lunches with her classmate, Marion Daye McKinney, Simsbury, Conn. ... Congratulations to Weldon R. Knox '28, Laytunvillie, Md., and his wife for celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on July 21. ... Three members of the Class of 1928 seemed to be enjoying the various events on Reunion Weekend: George Hawes, Carson City, Nev.; Harriet Tewle McCroary, Winthrop, Maine, and Alberta Van Horn Shute, Augusta, Maine. ... Doris Wyman Lord '29, Concord, Mass., reports that she had a nice trip to Nova Scotia with her daughter recently. She keeps busy in the community gift shop and plays the organ part time at Sunday services.

THIRTIES
Popular retired Professor of German Philip Bither '30, Waterville, Maine, was warmly greeted at reunion along with his wife, Marjorie, retired physical education instructor at Colby, as was dean's secretary Frances Thayer '30, Waterville, now retired, who is also a recipient of the Colby Brick Award. ... Donald E. Allison '30, Westerly, R.I., writes, "After retiring from being principal of a junior high and five years at Milton Academy, I am spending my time running our Winnipaug Day Camp. This is our 48th season, and we are still enjoying it." ... John A. Chadwick '30, Cromwell, Conn., reports that he is still ambulatory in a group of which 90 percent are using walkers and wheelchairs: "Its members have so many needs not in staff job descriptions that my whole day is hop-skip-and-jump meeting such needs. Newcomers think I am staff." ... Lee F. '31 and Barbara Merrick Brackett '33, Phillips, Maine, write, "We are in the slow lane now, although we have a big garden and mow three acres of lawn. We, too, spend winters in Florida. I fear that all those that I was close to at Colby are now gone. I find it sad to drive by the old campus on College Avenue and wish that something could be done with it." ... Adrian T. Cloutier '31, Portland, Maine, and his wife, Lucille, spend summers in Portland or at Kennebunkport with family and winters at Delray Beach, Fla., whenever possible. ... Enthusiastic traveler Phyllis Fisher Gulliver '31, Fort Fairfield, Maine, journeyed to New York City last April to see a couple of Broadway shows, then in May went to Michigan for the Holland Tulip Festival and in October to Hawaii. When not traveling, she does volunteer work at the local nursing home. ... Frances Page Taylor '31, Tavares, Fla., says that she is happily retired; however, it was a shock to her to discover that she was a year older than the local Baptist church. ... Eleven members of the Class of '32, listed in the recent "Top of the Mountain," showed up at Colby for their 60th reunion! ... Frederick Roy Knox '32, Enfield, Conn., writes, "It has been an eventful summer personally so far. On June 5, I officiated at my granddaughter's wedding. On June 13, my ninth grandchild was born, and a grand-nephew was born on the same day. On July 11, I administered a renewal of vows to one of the 12 couples I had married in 1942—in the same church, and the entire wedding party were able to be present. On July 18, I participated in my granddaughter's wedding. On July 24, I performed my youngest sister's committal service in the family lot. I am the oldest, and she was the youngest of eight. Now we are six." ... Maxwell D. Ward '32, Bowdoinham, Maine, also has a new granddaughter, born when he and his wife were visiting in Los Angeles last March at the time of earthquakes. They are proud of their Colby granddaughter, Rebecca Pease '91, who
has been working at the Shakespeare Theatre in Cedar City, Utah... Evelyn Stapleton Burns '33, Norway, Maine, lives alone on a 98-acre farm but travels a lot, visiting friends and family. For the past 10 years she has served on a national board for her church and has worked on social issues. Already she is hoping to see many of her classmates at the 60th reunion next year.

J. Patrick "Paddy" Davan '33, Westbrook, Maine, warmly advises all of his classmates to "Keep smiling and in good health." Best wishes to Summer "Pete" Mills '34, Farmington, Maine, who recovered sufficiently from heart surgery last winter to attend the reunion in June... Donald H. Rhoades '33, Claremont, Calif., geology major and retired professor of theology, had a chance to review a lifetime interest in glaciers by visiting Glacier National Park in August with his wife, Dorothy (Gould '36). They also visited their two granddaughters in Seattle, Wash., and Roger '40 and Ruth Gould Stebbins '41, in Sequim, Wash., before flying home... Portia Pendleton Rideout '34, Augusta, Maine, enjoyed her annual visits with classmate and summer neighbor Arthur Stetson '34 and his wife, Helen, who come north from Silver Spring, Md., to spend a few weeks at a cottage on the lake. On July 8, Portia joined several other classmates for a mini-reunion at the home of Louise Williams Brown '34, in South Portland, Maine. Those present were: Lois Crowell, Cape Porpoise, Maine; Jo Porter Cunningham, Freeport, Maine; GretaMurray Connors, Brownville Junction, Maine; Eleanor Wheelwright Ness, Auburn, Maine; B.Z. White Morse, Springvale, Maine; Harriet Peck, Saco, Maine; Annie Tuck Russell, Orlando, Fla.; Madeline Higgins Stanley, Hallowell, Maine; and Elizabeth Weeks, Claremont, Calif., and Hannawa Falls, N.H.... Avis Merritt Churchill '35, Southington, Conn., was in Waterville in late July. "Memories of the old campus came flooding back," she said. "The new campus is wonderful, but I feel like a stranger there. Does anyone else feel the same way?"

Robert Colomy '35, Sacramento, Calif., has been retired since 1980 and has made six trips back east since then, four by car, enjoying the beautiful country. But since his only sister lives in Nova Scotia and her birthday coincides with the reunion, he has not been back to Colby in June... Mary Small Copithorne '35, Exeter, N.H., reports that she is in good health and keeps active. Her professional activities continue, which help her to feel useful and stimulated. She has been taking writing courses and loves them. Alto, she is proud to report that her grandson entered Colby in September, and that his mother is of the Class of '65... Robert Estes '35, Rangeley, Maine, lost his wife of 53 years four years ago and in 1991 remarried. He still maintains his grounds, works up four or five cords of wood a year and has added to his lakefront so that there is now 500 feet cleared. In July he was elected to the Lugging Hall of Fame... Charles E. '35 and Winnifred White Houghton '36, Intervale, N.H., celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary last year with a cruise on the St. Lawrence and Saguenay rivers. This past June they had a good visit at Boothbay with Ralph "Ronnie" Williams '35 and his wife, Barbara, Southport, Maine. Winnifred says that her frequent trips to Waterville have ended since the death of her mother last March... Three former roommates from Dutton House days to Fogg Hall met at the June reunion: Elinor Chick Ross '35, Concord, Mass.; Peggy Jordan Lewis '35, San Diego, Calif.; and Dottie Washburn Polley '35, Concoctook, N.H. Missing was their other roommate, Pat Therneau Chaplin '35, Salisbury, N.C., who could not come... Betty Thompson Clark '36, Waterville, Maine, traveled to Italy in May with Sigrid Tompkins '38, Portland, Maine. They especially enjoyed the hill towns near Florence. In June she had lunch and a mini-reunion with Billie MacCarey Whitmore '36, Ellsworth, Maine, Anita Thibault Bourque '36, Hampton, N.H., and Ruth Millett Maker '36, Marion, Mass. "For two hours we were back in Foss Hall and on the old campus—wonderful nostalgia!" They hope to make this an annual event.

Edmund N. Ervin '36, Waterville, Maine, an almost-retired physician, writes that he is still working occasionally when they need someone to help out in a well-child clinic and a developmental education clinic, which he started a few years ago. "My wife, Hilary, and I are on the advisory board of the Colby Museum of Art. Since the addition of the Davis Gallery, she has been working two or three days a week as a docent at the museum, plus many other chores."... Raymond W. Farnham '36, Bath, Maine, expects to return to Emerald Isle, Fort Walton, Fla., by December and will return to Bath by April 15. Meanwhile, he enjoys retirement and has attended both a family reunion and his reunion at Madison High School. He plays golf in a senior league. Happily his illness of last year is now under control... Loyal and modest John Dolan '36 manages to keep track of his Colby friends and to return to Colby every spring. Recently, one of his former students spoke glowingly of his skill as a teacher of Latin... Alice Boucque Hartwell '36, Waterville and Ocean Point, Maine, expertly manages her three houses, but when she needs to get away she boards a freighter for a sea voyage, such as the one she took last winter along the coast of West Africa... Beulah Fenderson Smith '36 acknowledges that she still writes poetry and a nature column for the York County Star. She and her daughter Qusan battle the onslaught of tourists at their Elmire Campground each summer but enjoy hunting, walking the beach and running their six dogs in the winter. Travel doesn't lure because, she says, she is "already here!"... Robert M. Smith '37, North Berwick, Maine, tends his huge garden and orchards and fights off skunks, woodchucks, porcupines and deer. Like the Class of 1932, 11 members of the Class of 1937 came to Colby for their 50th reunion. They're listed in the recent newsletter. Sara Cowan, Portland, Maine, had a wonderful idea for a place for the group to get together, but plans weren't formulated in time, so they gathered instead in the Dana Hall lounge... Ruth Yeaton McKee '37, East Boothbay, Maine, traveled to Sundance, Utah, in August for a reunion with her three children and respective families. It was the first trip west for her two little grandsons... Betty Wilkenson Ryan '37, New York City, responded to the lure of the Maine coast and the mountains of the Adirondacks for her vacation... "Marble "Jill" '38 and Hazel Wepfer Thayer '37, Orrs Island, Maine, made a hurried trip to California to be with their older daughter when she faced serious surgery in late June... Ardent traveler Louise G. Tracey '37, China, Maine, went to Scandinavia early in the summer and found it worthwhile but tiring. However, she hoped to go to Greece, her first love, in October on a special tour called "In the Steps of St. Paul," perhaps the last trip on her present passport... Ernest "Bud" Frost '38, North Myrtle Beach, S.C., is finding that life without his wife, Ruth (Fuller) '36, is lonely, but he's trying to adjust to housework, etc... Ed Shuman '38, Penney Farms, Fla., and West Oneonta, N.Y., has enjoyed showing his new wife interesting places in Florida such as St. Augustine, Daytona Beach, the Kennedy Space Center and Disney World. They also have visited Williamsburg and Washington, D.C., to be with Ed's daughter and her husband. At Easter time they flew to Southern California to meet their youngest granddaughter and family, and on the way north in May they stopped off in Atlanta to see their youngest grandson. While in West Oneonta for the summer, they have had visits from Marjorie's two children for a dual birthday celebration in May. After the trip to Colby they stayed for a few days in Ocean Point, then traveled across New Hampshire and Vermont... Maynard C. '38 and Lubov Leonovich Waltz '41 have just moved from Basking Ridge, N.J., to a new condo in Exeter, N.H., to be near their respective families and "300 miles closer to Colby"... Biologist and photographer Gardiner Gregory '39, Orland, Maine, could not attend the reunion in
June because his Saturnian dreams were hatching. He still hopes that Colby can use some of the outstanding photographs that he has taken of Colby people and events, in addition to those he has already given. . . . Nat and Helen Carter Guptill '39, Newton, N.C., seem to have worked out retirement travels to mutual satisfaction when Helen and their two daughters, plus a granddaughter, took a trip in the summer to Quebec. Nat stayed home to feed the cat and water the plants! . . . Lucky Arlene Post Osius '39, Lighthouse Point, Fla., admits that while the rest of us were glued to the TV watching the Olympics, she and Peg Johnson Kenoyer '40, Lantana, Fla., flew to Madrid and on to Barcelona, where they boarded a ship that took them along the coasts of Spain, Portugal and France and all the way to England. . . . Congratulations to Lucy and Donald Thompson '39, Pembroke, Maine, for celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in September, with a garden reception hosted by their children. .

FORTIES

Thank you, Katheryn Reny Anderson '40, Sun City Center, Fla., for returning the yellow card. Hope to hear more from you soon. . . . Richard L. Chasse '40, Waterville, Maine, is a happily retired physician who now enjoys being a horticulturist. He and his wife are also fans of historical novels. They have been around the world 1 1/2 times. . . . Ruth Levensalor Crowley '40, Key Largo, Fla., reports that she and her husband, Francis, have recently moved into a retirement complex. In October they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking a trans-Panama Canal cruise. . . . Sailor John T. Foster '40, Keene, N.H., spent July sailing the Maine coast from Cape Elizabeth to Rockland with a friend. They caught a bluefish 31 inches long. In the winter they hope to motor-tour the Southwest. . . . Some people just can't stop working: Ernie Marriner '40, North Monmouth, Maine, has taken on responsibilities such as:

Bob Rice '42, Bremerton, Wash., had a circuitous trip back from Colby in June, touring parts of New England, including his childhood home in New Haven, historic Williamsburg, the Atlanta and Denver airports and Dillon, Colo. Then in July, he and his wife, Shelley, went on a tour of WW II islands of the Pacific, including Guadalcanal, which was celebrating the 50th anniversary of the historic battle there. . . . Our new vice president, Oren R. Shiro '42, Waterville, Maine, reports that he still is playing golf and has shot scores that are good for his age—and even better. Coach Eddie Roundy would be proud of him! Now if you haven't returned the yellow cards, it's not too late. .

Newsmakers

Oscar Chute '29, former superintendent of schools in Evanston, Ill., was honored for his "lifelong contribution to the education of Evanston youth" by the Rotary Club of Evanston at their "Autumn Magic at the Botanic Gardens" dinner. . . . Ruth Lewis Nowlan '41, who is an active community volunteer in Foxboro, Mass., and has been employed by the town's Boyden Library for three decades, was the subject of an admiring feature in the Foxboro Reporter. Nowlan is planning to retire from the library early next year.

Milestones

Marriages: Norman Palmer '30 to Gurina McIlrath.


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B.A. Royal Spiegel and Charlie Lord report on the Class of '42 reunion: "From the superb social hour and dinner at the home of George '41 and Martha Rogers Beach on June 4 to the final banquet at the Alumni House on June 6, the Class of '42 gives an A+ to the College and another A+ to the committee that made the whole weekend a splendid success. Almost 50 of our classmates were present, and with the addition of assorted husbands, wives and adoptees, we had a group of approximately 80 from states as far away as Hawaii, California, Illinois, Wisconsin and North Carolina, to name a few. Although we had never lived on Mayflower Hill, many returnees stayed in Dana Hall and rejoiced that what had been 'a million dollar dream' in our day was ours to enjoy 50 years later. . . . At Martha's home (a day before other returning classes were on campus), the committee prepared a cocktail party before our dinner under an outside tent. For that and all of its other good works, outgoing president Lin Palmer presented Colby mugs to: Martha Beach, Sue Rose Bessey, Ann Jones Gilmore, Tee Laliberte, Bob Rice, Oren Shiro and Chris Merrill Wysor. Mugs were also presented to Phil Wyor, our poet laureate of the Colby book that had been mailed earlier to all classmates, and to Betty Anne Royal Spiegel for compiling the "Colby Calendar" of that book. Lin Palmer, in turn, was given an illustrated book titled Colby for his years as president. In quick succession, Oren Shiro was catapulted to the vice presidency of the 50+ classes (to which we have just graduated) with the promise of becoming president of that group the following year. . . . Next day we were up early to catch a bus to Bath for a jolly boat trip on the Kennebec to Gardiner and back. We were back in time for the cocktail hour and award banquet, where our classmate Cliff Cane received a Colby Brick and a standing ovation for his long-time service to Colby. . . . Next day, just after the parade of classes and just before the lobster bake/barbecue—tasty as always, despite the rainy weather—it was announced (through presentation of huge mock checks) that our Alumni Fund contribution had soared way past its $35,000 goal to $54,477. With additional capital gifts, our grand total reached close to $80,000. The reunion gift committee under co-chairs Sue Bessey and Tee Laliberte deserves a big hand for this achievement, as do all the committee members. . . . Our '42 social hour and dinner followed in the evening as a fine finale. Al Newell set up a video of our own graduation (formerly a movie taken by his family) featuring not only Al but all of us in caps and gowns, and no one could see that we had aged at all! This was a big treat, as was a display of photographs of the old campus—but the Milk Train doesn't stop here anymore—alas. . . . Dinner was followed by humorous anecdotes offered by Bob Rice, Jack Stevens, Milt Hamilt, Mel Locke, Al Newell, Robinson Burbank, Jack Philson (husband of our deceased classmate Muriel Carrell) and Les McNally (husband of Priscilla George McNally, who was present). Dancing followed to the music of Al Corey's Quartet. . . . In addition to the boat trip and the fine food, the weekend's seminars, faculty talks, exhibits, films, campus tours, golf tournament and special '42 tour of the art gallery were enjoyed by many. And, oh yes, in preparing this report,” adds B.A. Spiegel, “I happened to run across our 'Welcoming Packet' from the College and presented to all of us on arrival. Boldly printed on the cover was the charge for the entire affair—listed as $0.00.”
43 Reunion planning weekend is at hand, and you should be hearing much more about it in the coming months. As I go over your recent responses about memories of Colby, it is interesting how many of you mentioned coffee and donuts at the railroad station, learning to play bridge, riding the Blue Beetle, the Pine Tree Tavern, etc. However, only Priscilla Moldenke Drake mentioned the wonderful antique furniture that Colby inherited and put downstairs at the "new" Mary Low Hall. Priscilla and Bill now live alone in their 10-room, 90-year-old house but because they live nearby so do their daughters and grandchildren frequently. They hope to get to Colby for the 50th. . . . Did you see Hilda Niehoff True's "Equal Time" letter in Colby? Brava, Hilda! One of her memories is about Huck Kraft as the mule escort at football games. I'm sure Hilda will be remembered in Georgetown, Mass., as the member of the Conservation Commission who was "purged" from the group and, as a result, the entire commission re-signed. . . . Geraldine Fennessy Parker has retired from teaching, and George '42 is a pension consultant. Gerry spoke of the wonderful friends made at Colby, learning the "scientific method for solving problems" and those 8 o'clock classes with "Bugsy" Chester. . . . Elizabeth Field Blanchard, now assistant to the chaplain at the East Pasco Medical Center (Florida), remembers the fun times in the chem lab and the sad sight of men in classes leaving for military service before Christmas of our senior year. She and Leon took a cruise to Alaska (on a "sister" to the Love Boat) and found it "Spectacular." They are planning on being at the 50th . . . Millicent Bolling Smith wrote that everything she remembers about Colby is good, especially the English Department and the Glee Club. She feels that her academic life started at Colby, and she is still excited about learning. She attends Elderhostels and among other pursuits is a docent in the Native American discipline of the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian. She talked with Jane Soule Engert '42 at a Washington Colby Club meeting . . . Ruth Graves Montgomery said she "started to grow up to be away from home" at Colby and remembers Miss Runnals's excellent teaching of math. . . . Carolyn Nutting Martin is an enthusiastic gardener. She recalls her limited budget while at Colby—she wasn't alone in that respect!—and greatly enjoyed her work at the library and her association with Miss Runnals as well as Glee Club and the Chapel Choir. . . . Another noted singer in the class was Louise Trahan McCombs, who considers her association with musical groups at Colby the impetus for the singing groups and a church choir she formed while she and Mac were stationed in Germany. One of the highlights of her life was getting together German and American choirs for concerts and fraternization. More to come later.  

44 Will the following please come out of the woodwork: Dick Nazario '43, Milt Stillwell '43, Abe Ferris '43. I realize that you are not members of '44, but you are of our era. I look through the class notes of the classes of '43 and '42 and later classes but find nothing about your whereabouts and current activities. . . . I received correspondence from the questionnaire for an earlier issue but was delayed in reporting about the following because of space limitations. Gertrude Szadzewicz Collison lives in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and states that she attended Colby because her high school Latin teacher recommended that she go there. Gertrude never regretted her choice. Because of WWII she accelerated her studies and graduated in the summer of '43. Class president Vivian Maxwell Brown's most recent class letter requested news of Gert's whereabouts and, astoundingly, both live in upstate New York. From my recollection of that area, Hornell can't be too far distant from Niagara Falls. I spent several months after Colby in New York and remember the Great Lakes Region as God's gift to mankind. . . . James M. Whitten writes from Melbourne Beach, Fla., where he has retired after several years as a teacher/professor at the University of Maine. Jim chose Colby while living and working in the Fairfield-Waterville area and was prompted by Prof. Fullam to aim for graduate school in education studies. The G.I. Bill made it possible for him to do so. As you all may recall, I asked if you had fond memories of your short tenure at Colby, and Jim responded that he had some bad memories. "John Thompson and I were shut out of campus activities because we were married. A professor flunked me on a final exam because the V.A. ordered me to be at Togus on the day of the exam, but there were so many exciting seminars with Profs. Wilkinson and Fullam." It was 1942 when Jim entered Colby, and he hastened his studies and made commencement in '44 but regrets the acceleration because he missed too much. In retrospect, I, too, attempted that route and now feel we all missed a good deal of the joy that comes from attending a college such as Colby. I looked forward to spending four of the best years of my life on campus but World War II intervened. . . . E. Joy Paddison Cook wrote a lovely letter in March. Joy is now living in Schoon Lake, N.Y., a village in the Adirondack Mountains. She has retired from being a real estate broker in Maryland to this lovely scenic area of upstate New York. Her hobby is painting, and her work is now being exhibited throughout the region. Joy has been in touch with Jane Lodge Stradley '43, who says "puts in a seven-day week on her two farms—cattle in Kemblesville, Pa., and sheep in Princess Anne, Md." . . . Eleanor Eisdorf Watson chose Colby because Bates seemed to emphasize teaching and that was the last thing she wanted to do. So what does she do? She ended up teaching for 25 years. She remembers Dutton House by the railroad tracks—when the trains passed, everything shook! Another memory was going to Noel's Bar on Silver Street with friends, feeling very wicked and grown up. . . . The response to my questionnaire was gratifying. I am still digging through. . . . Josephine Pitts McAulay wrote to remind me of our public speaking class in the Chapel. It was an experience like nothing else! Prof. Libby conducted the course with only eight girls and 40 boys—great ratio. That's where I acquired the title "Judge." . . . Keep in touch so that I can be in touch and please do not wait for a questionnaire write and keep us updated on your activities. Your classmates want to
know how you are doing. I am writing this in July, and when it comes out in print I will have returned from the Pacific Northwest, having visited Jim Daly '41 and Nancy Curtis Lawrence—with a side trip to explore the scenic national parks of the region. And while I'm there, of course I shall visit my daughter and her family—particularly my grandson, Justin Kern. I am looking forward to our 50th in '94, aren't you?

Correspondent:
Dorothy Sanford McCunn

45 Nota bene: less than three years left until our 50th anniversary bash! Keep it in mind. We are a small class, so we'll need a big turnout. Some of you are already reminding me in letters... Frances Willey Ripper writes that she is doing a lot of traveling, some for pleasure and some work-related. Fran lives in Hickory, N.C., and does music promotion for Columbia Artists in New York City. Her territory is Virginia to Florida. Fran has recently traveled to New Zealand and Australia. She hasn't returned to Colby since 1971, when her daughter graduated. Fran is the proud grandmother of eight. Her spare time is taken up with sports, church and bridge. If Fran's bridge game is still as good as it was at Colby, I sympathize with her opponents. They don't have a chance! In my book, she was a world-class player then. It was good to hear from you, Fran. Nancy Burbank Allured '47, also lives in Hickory, and they frequently see each other. ... Eleanor Mundie O'Neill is a retired special education teacher living in Calais, Maine. She and her husband have returned to the house they left 40 years ago. Her spare time is taken up with volunteer work at the local hospital and the school system as well as with improving her bridge game. In 1943 Eleanor transferred to the University of Maine at Orono. She enjoys seeing the Miller Library steeple as she drives by the Colby campus. Eleanor is the mother of three children, and although she is now retired, she doesn't know how she ever found time to work. Eleanor keeps busy walking three miles a day and biking five miles. Her most recent trip was to Hawaii... Betty Lohnes Grudin writes from State College, Pa., that she and her mathematician husband are both retired but active. They have recently moved to a total health-care facility, run by Quakers, in the mountains of Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Penn. Prison Society and visits the county prison. She is campaigning for Lynn Yeakel, who is running for the U.S. Senate. Betty oversees local recycling efforts, she gardens and she drives children to Head Start-type programs. She, too, plays bridge. Betty has recently visited her son in Denmark and traveled with him through Finland and Sweden. Each summer Betty and her husband camp on Beausoleil Island in Georgian Bay. They also have camped in Black Canyon in the mountains of Colorado, and they have plans to visit the Grand Canyon and California this year. Betty says that "Women's Lib" came too late for her, as "Bugsy" Chester told her there were absolutely no jobs available for women biology majors. ... Sorry, this is all the space that I am allowed. I still have some nice letters and interesting news that I will give for next time. Keep the correspondence coming in!

Correspondent:
Nancy Jacobsen

46 I heard from Hannah Karp Laipson, who reports that she retired as professor of English at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester, Mass. However, she is still busy on the governing board of Common Cause/Massachusetts and Jewish Family Service of Worcester. All is well with her and Mike's three children and the grandchildren. ... Talking with Marie Kraeler Lowenstein's husband, Larry, I caught up with their doings. Marie was busy with her position as director of development at Ethical Culture/Fieldston Schools in New York. Larry has a second career as director of development for Horace Mann School in New York City. He sold his landmark Madison Avenue restaurant a couple of years ago. They have three children and six grandchildren... Tex and I had a grand week at a South Carolina coastal island called Edisto Beach. This is Prince of Tides country, full of decaying or made into bed-and-breakfast plantation houses. My personal peak was buying a 12x18 box of just-picked blueberries and eating them by the handful on the drive back to Atlanta. ... I've gone through our reunion questionnaire for ideas, and under memorable Colby experiences the Blue Beetle tops the list and Nancy Parsons Ferguson's comment sums it up: "There I was helping push the Blue Beetle back up Mayflower Hill after a concert in Waterville."

Correspondent:
Beverly Benner Cassara

47 June of 1992 saw the 45th reunion of the Class of '47, after which the 50th in 1997 will be the last. How does that grab you? Obviously, there will be a large group of us joining the 50-plussers. Festivities this year included cocktails at the home of our vice president, Dorie Meyer Hawkes; two lobster feasts—one on campus and the other at Alden Camps on Belgrade Lake—dancing to Al Corey's band, bridge, cribbage, hikes, conversation and brunch in Roberts Union. Tommy Burke from San Diego came the farthest, with Tossie Campbell Kozen and Dorie right at home in Waterville itself. Guests of the class were the Bithers. Although the 1947 class was one of Colby's smallest (less than 150), Stan Frolojo reported that we gave $16,000 to the Alumni Fund this year. Looking forward to the 50th, I pass along the suggestion that we make it a three-day event to include golf and more. Give President Cal Dolan your ideas... Most of us are well into retirement by now. The latest news I heard about is Shirley Lloyd Thorne, who is leaving her work as psychological counselor in the Brookline, Mass., school system. She has plans to take further training and hang up her own shingle, as well as to work with an international women's organization. ... Jane Wallace Lamb says, "Freelance writing is the ideal occupation. You can go on indefinitely, meeting new people, discovering new fields, exploring the world's endless wonders and writing about them from whatever angle you choose." ... I was interested to hear that Nancy Burbank Allured has been involved in Elderhostel programs in North Carolina, Colorado and Greece. Elderhostel is a wonderful program. I wonder how many others have taken advantage of it? ... Just about everybody loves to travel. The Richard Sampsons have been to the Holy Land this year—down the Nile to the Dead Sea and the Pyramids. David Weber gave a paper in Hong Kong and in New Delhi in August. He is only partially retired since he still does library consulting and works at the Stanford University libraries part time. He will have climbed Mount Whitney before you read this. Dorie Hawkes was also among the travelers, visiting Egypt before the gulf war and doing Greece in September of '92... As for myself, I am glad to take on the responsibility of class correspondent and I hope you will all write to me. I am teaching one graduate course at the University of Southern Maine, International Adult Education. As a member of the executive board of the International Council for Adult Education, I went to the NGO Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in June, and I am editing a book on international adult education. I agree with Done that retirement gives you the opportunity "to evaluate the important from the least important in life" and with Nancy Allured that "we should all be grateful for the good health to enjoy it all."

Correspondent:
Kay Weisman Jaffe

48 Another couple of months have passed with another class column due and only one correspondent from Colby '48 in the post box. Since he's a classmate
who has done some distinctive sorts of things, we will quote his entire letter. "Six and a half years ago I became a widower and shortly thereafter retired from the Postal Service (I had already retired from the Army). A few months later I moved from Santa Rosa, Calif., to San Francisco. Since then I have lived a full life. I do volunteer work at the International Visitors’ Center, for the local repertory theater, at a hospital, at the Asian Art Museum and, occasionally, at the local PBS TV station. Every so often I take time off to do some traveling. As I am something of an adventurer, I have been to South America (looking for evidence of visits of extraterrestrials), Soviet Central Asia (I was the first foreigner to visit Soviet Jewish dissidents in Frunze, Kirgizia, Israel (as a volunteer with the Israeli Navy) and Syria (met journalists in Damascus; also visited Jews who are held hostages in Aleppo). Recently I went to Indonesia, where I witnessed the burial rites of several tribes. Obviously I have difficulty finding traveling companions. If you know anyone interested in visiting the Middle East, please let me know. I hope to make it to the ’93 reunion. That is if the Iranians don’thave other ideas! If you are ever in the San Francisco Bay area, please contact me. Peg Clark Atkins and her husband visited us in Santa Rosa some years ago." Best wishes are extended from Phil Shulman, who wrote the above, from 2269 Chestnut St., Suite 285, San Francisco, CA 94123. At Tanglewood this summer, I saw Bob Lucy ’47. His wife, Barbara Lindsay Lucy, was in our class. She died last year after a long illness. They courted while we were all at Colby, so Bob spent as much time with our class as with his own. He had major surgery last spring, and the follow-up procedure prevented him from attending his own 45th. I think I extracted a sort of promise from him that he would try to attend ours next June. Some of you will be receiving questionnaires soon, so please answer ASAP.

Correspondent: Anne Hagar Eustis

Thanks to some of our friends who sat right down and answered my latest questionnaire, we have some class news again! But don’t think that lets the rest of you off the hook. We need your news now! This time around we have heard from Jeanne Hall, who lives in Lakewood, Colo. Jeanne has a private practice as a licensed clinical social worker. Her partner, Bob Fowkes, is an ordained priest in the Episcopal Church. Jeanne claims to do such ordinary things as “golf-swim-bridgebook review clubs” and the “pursuit of Jungian psychology.” The latter sounds quite out of the ordinary to me! But the extraordinary thing she does is “daydream about that book I’ve never written.”… Another new face in our column is Martha Bennett Headley, who summers in Alton, N.H., and winters in Murrells Inlet, S.C. Martha and her husband, who own and operate a real estate brokerage in New Hampshire, run a cottage colony on Half Moon Lake in Alton in July and August. With a manager to run the New Hampshire business in the winter, Marty and her husband, Richard, hit the “open road” in their 30-foot motor coach. Richard’s multiple sclerosis, which he has had for three years, restricts him to a wheelchair. “His spirit is excellent,” Martha says, “and we continue to travel as much as we can, using handicapped van with a lift and hand controls so he can drive both the van and the motor coach.” More power to you both! … This is great—another classmate heard from! Carol Carpenter Bisbee keeps out of the rocking chair teaching math to eighth graders. That would do it! Carol does ordinary things like visit and/or entertain 14 grandchildren, sing, read, swim, etc., but on the extraordinary side, she climbs cathedral towers in as many of the world’s cities as she can, rings English handbells, and—at 66—coaches cheerleaders! Although she has been sort of adopted by the Class of ’47 and attends their reunions, she “sure would love to see some of you, too!” Well, our reunion is in two years. Carol, so we’ll see you there! … Cynthia Crook Lieck is busy doing something all the time, whether it be boating on their trawler around Chesapeake Bay, hiking, exercising, volunteer work or having lots of company. Her family includes her husband, Chuck, two daughters, two grandchildren, two cats and two grand-horses! Now that’s different! The latter are Arabians, and Dickie and Chuck enjoy the horses and when their daughter is 70 and a half. She says, “The college has changed as everything else has mostly for the good. For those who haven’t been back for some time, you should return. You would be proud of your college.” Reunion ’94 might be a good time! … Mary Bauman Gates and Buddy ’50 continue to “lead a good and happy life here in White Plains.” Although Buddy is retired, Mary states emphatically that she is not. With a partner, she still runs tag and estate sales and enjoys the business. She gets satisfaction from helping others while having a good time doing it. Mary skis at Sugarloaf one week every winter and is looking forward to when she is 70 and can ski for free! Under the category of things she enjoys to do, Mary is doing a needlepoint antique chair for each grandchild, of which there are eight—“all adorable and smart, too! Naturally!”… I really do enjoy relaying your news to the class, and I am grateful to those of you who keep the news coming. Keep up the good work!

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Teaching the Green

Ruth "Bernie" Roberts Hathaway '41 says she had a great time at her 50th Colby reunion last year, and she might have enjoyed coming to Mayflower Hill again last summer for her first reunion as a member of the 50-Plus Club. But she had other plans.

Hathaway was selected by the Foundation for Global Community (formerly Beyond War) to represent the organization at the Global Forum, a gathering of nongovernmental organizations, ecological watchdogs, human-rights advocates and others that was timed to coincide with the Earth Summit in Brazil. For nearly a week in June, Hathaway helped staff the foundation's information booth in Rio's Flamengo Park, guiding visitors through displays and videos designed, Hathaway said, "to explain that we are in a new thinking revolution." The group's focus, she said, is to teach people to live in harmony with each other and the earth.

"The earth does not belong to us; we belong to the earth," she said. "We're part of it and we need to be caretakers of it."

Hathaway joined Beyond War in 1984, and she now serves on the council of the foundation's Gulf of Maine "bioregion," or division. Her interest in "green" issues and in peace and justice concerns goes back many more years, however. She and her husband, Henry, reared their five children in Lunenburg, Mass., near Fitchburg, and tried to live simply, she said. The family always had a big garden, for instance, composting much of their kitchen waste—a practice the Hathaways continue on a smaller scale in their New Ipswich, N.H., home now that their children are grown.

In 1980, Hathaway helped form the Montachusett People's Action Committee (MPAC), based in Fitchburg, serving on the group's peace and justice committee and chairing its safe energy committee. MPAC held rallies, sponsored speakers and occasionally acted out its convictions, as when it staged a mock evacuation from Fitchburg to Keene, N.H., to prove that the state's evacuation plan would not work if there was an accident at Seabrook nuclear power plant. Under her leadership, the safe energy committee spearheaded a successful campaign to block investment by the local electric utility in Seabrook.

While working with MPAC, Hathaway applied for a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management to go into area schools and teach children how to rid their homes of toxic materials. "Although big companies are responsible for most hazardous waste," she said, "households are responsible, too. I thought we should start there."

She began in local elementary schools ("The children were old enough to hear what I was saying and young enough to take these things very seriously," she said) and, in 1988, received another grant to help expand the program into high schools, targeting juniors and seniors who were conceivably within a few years of starting their own households. Her message was simple: you don't need toxic chemicals to clean your home, and if you have any such substances lurking in your garage or cupboards, you should dispose of them safely. Hathaway pressured Lunenburg to institute periodic pickups of hazardous materials.

Armed with a slide show, a chart and handouts that list chemical cleaners and their "green" counterparts, Hathaway still lectures to school, church and civic groups in her area. And while she says it sometimes seems like an uphill battle to convince people that her concoctions really will do the job—baking soda, vinegar and cream of tartar are the primary elements in her arsenal of cleaners—she is prepared to devote her life to the work.

"I'll do this as long as I am able," she said.

Newsmakers

The Belfast, Maine, Waldo Independent caught up with Carol Carpenter Bisbee '49 earlier this year for an article about her participation with the Penobscot Bay Singers, a group that specializes in classical choral singing. Bisbee told the paper that despite a lifetime of singing, she still has a musical wish list. What's at the top? "Light opera—Gilbert and Sullivan," she said.

Mileposts

Correspondent:
Nancy Ricker Sears

50 Alan Silberman, who is in retailing and real estate, writes from Stamford, Conn., that his three young children are keeping him young with tennis, skiing, bike riding and hiking. Lauren, 16, is a singer, actress and artist at the Hotchkiss School; Alison, 13, is a pianist and horseback rider; and Bobby at 11 is a hockey player. Al should stay in very good shape if he listens to these coaches. . . . Bob “Rosie” Rosenthal played father of the bride in the late summer. Remember the wonderful lyrics he used to write for Ken Jacobson’s songs? Some of us still have the albums in our archives. Maybe they could consider some tunes for our next reunion? Give it some thought, boys . . .

Paul Titus tells about handling 32 political campaigns at the city, county, state and national levels and says that the significance of it all is that he needs ZANTAC every time he thinks about politics. Those familiar with ZANTAC will understand its effect, presumably beneficial. . . . Margaret Rodgers Jones keeps very busy as a trustee of a retirement home and perennial church worker. Over the years she has worked on the staff of libraries and art museums and says they “are ever with me.” She enjoys reading biographies and histories and has given up on comics “because they no longer are.” It seems there is some truth to that. Anyone wishing to debate the point is welcome to space in this column. Send your copy to N.R.S. . . . Charlotte Cowan Sutherland says that what keeps Fred and her young and active is involvement in Christian ministries and camping all over the country. They serve MMAP, the Mobile Missionary Assistance Program, a national hookup to the needs of many. Ministering to them are retired Christians on “Wheels,” that is, RVs. Chardy and Fred are co-chairs of the regional coordinators for Fred’s prep school, Northfield Mount Hermon.

. . . A phone call from Gerry Frank revealed that he has had a triple bypass and is making a spectacular recovery. He walks and walks—and walks. He also reports that congratulations are due to Barbara Starr Wolf on the arrival of a new granddaughter. . . . More news from our classmates in the next issue. Keep the mail coming and write to each other. It’s great to hear from you!

Correspondent:
J. Nelson Beveridge

53 I have received many responses about attending our upcoming 40th reunion. Judith Schiff Sokoll is planning to attend and has made a suggestion that we set aside time for groups with special interests (bridge, stamps, etc.). . . . Dana Anderson gave a firm yes on attending, a yes on golf and “perhaps something at the Outing Club, a pub crawl if any of the old spirits remain, and invite Howard, Ludy and Pacy Levine to one of our parties.” . . . Mary Jane Fitzpatrick Cashman, Bob Grodol, Roger Huebsch, Bob Harris, Frank King, Art Klein, Ted Lallier, Mimi Price Patten, Prudence Belcher Schuler, Bob Gordon, Carol Carlson Van Alstyne and Barbara Forrest Young all plan to be there. So do Chase and Nan Murray Lasbury, who suggest a side trip to Camden/Bar Harbor/Ogunquit. . . . Phil Hussey spent the month of August in North Haven, Maine, sailing with his family and grandchildren. He has suggested “a funny golf tournament at the Samoset Hotel (Rockland).” . . . Florence Fisher Hooper “will be there if we can have a lobster bake at the ocean.” . . . George Pirie is working on a special tribute to be made in Clifford “Whitey” Johnson’s memory. George is a travel agent’s dream and has been spending his spare time on trips to Germany, Hawaii, Florida, the Dominican Republic and Scotland. George is retiring as a dentist effective October 30.

Correspondent:
Eleanor Edmunds Grout

56 1992 will surely be remembered as the year without a summer. So we, like everyone else, kept busy with pursuits other than ones requiring warm, dry weather. Some of you have taken the time to answer the questionnaire sent you. Thank you very much. There are many I would love to hear from and have not. Please take a few minutes and write a note if you’ve deepened the questionnaire . . .

Rev. Franklin Huntress Jr. wrote from England that saw Yvonne Noble at a Yale gathering at the ambassador’s residence. “We both raised our glasses to Colby, to the class and you the tax payers who paid for a delightful evening—also, for God, Country and Yale!” Frank also saw Don Rice at a Governor Dummer Academy 40th reunion. Frank says Don’s golf swing has been adjusted, so he is ready to take on the Dekes again. . . . The answers to the questionnaires were very interesting. Many people responding expressed concern about the greed and self-interest that have become too commonplace in today’s world. Rev. Huntress expressed concern about what things stand for today and in particular education and what it stands for in life. A desire for re-establishing basic values was evident in the responses. Frank’s address, for those who might want it is: St. Clemens Parishion, Lincoln Road, Skegness, PE25 2QN, Lincolnshire, England . . . Bunny Henderson Morse has taken early retirement from Digital Equipment Corp. after 12 years as financial operations analyst. Bob has also retired temporarily from his insurance business. Bunny and Bob are planning a move in September ‘92 to the gulf coast of Florida, where they both plan to work at least part time. Bunny’s mom and dad, Paul M. Edmunds ’26, were both residents of the Hunt Home in Nashua, N.H., at the same time. Bunny tells me her mom was a 1916 summa cum laude grad of Colby and she and Dad “talked Colby a lot.” What better way to spend those golden years than with friends and memories of college. Bunny has seen or heard from Carolyn Donley Inman, Bobbie Barnes Brown, Ellie Rieg George and Betty Harris Smith ’55 . . . John Marshall wrote a fun response to the questions, as might be expected. His answer to “How do you express yourself artistically?” was “living with Joan Williams Marshall.” John would most brag about his marriage, too. Lucky Joan! As for what keeps him healthy, he responded: “a wife who won’t let me eat c— or gain back a pound.” He has seen Don Rice, too . . . Tom Newman wrote that his biggest concern is taxes and that he also has seen Don Rice. Don seems to get around to Colby friends more than most of us . . . Alfred “Al” Clapp Jr. writes from New York, N.Y., that the issue of long-term care is a special interest of his and that he has written extensively on the subject. Al’s wife, Alice, is a kindergarten teacher of music and piano. They have two sons: Alfred III and Thomas T.
I. My son-in-law has been helping his son-in-law build their house, and I have had a ball with my two granddaughters, who are 5 and 3. Before I say bye for now, I must tell you some sad news that reached me from the Alumni Office. Our classmate Charmian deVesty Farley passed away on July 14, 1991; no other details were given. That’s the news from here—keep the letters coming. We need more news for next time.

Correspondents
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1953
J. Nelson Beveridge
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1954
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1955
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1956
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1957
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Headliners
Paul Christopher Jr. ’51 (pictured above at center) received the American Cancer Society’s St. George Medal—its highest honor—in recognition of his 25 years as leader of the Society’s Massachusetts Division.

Newsmakers
Frederic Toppan ’57 received the Alumni Award from the Fessenden School in Cohasset, Mass. ... Mabelle McKeveit Grolljahn ’59 joined the office of Karen Carnivale Real Estate in Leominster, Mass.

Mileposts
Deaths: John Delea ’55 in Hyannis, Mass., at 61. ... Paul Williams ’57 in Rocky River, Ohio, at 58. ... Susan Fetherston Frazer ’59 in Paris, France, at 54.
Groundwater Prophet

The right choice from a philosophical perspective can also pay off in ways more tangible than self-satisfaction. "Of course," said David W. Miller '51, "but sometimes it takes a while."

Miller is co-founder, chairman, president and CEO of Geraghty & Miller, a Long Island-based world leader in groundwater supply and environmental services that last year grossed more than $131.2 million. It is hardly a place he could have envisioned for himself when he arrived at Colby in the late '40s.

"I wanted to be a conservationist," Miller remembers. "In those days, nobody ever thought much about that, and there weren't the environmental programs there are today. I really admired the work being done by Dr. [Donaldson] Koons, so I majored in geology because that was as close to conservationism as I could get."

Miller went on to Columbia University, where he earned a master's degree in geology and confronted another crossroads. "In those days geologists had two choices," he said. "You could go into the oil business or you could find something else. I chose groundwater."

The year was 1953. Miller understood what it would take most of the rest of the planet nearly two decades to discover—that the usable water supply was a finite resource rapidly being despoiled by a range of toxic pollutants. He went to work for the water resources division of the U.S. Geological Survey.

In 1957, Miller and another government staffer, James Geraghty, went off on their own, establishing the firm that still bears their names. "In those first years we worked mainly on developing water supplies for industry and construction," Miller said. "There was a widespread drought in the '60s, and frankly that's pretty much what kept us going."

But Miller was still a prophet before his time. As the drought eased and U.S. planners and developers became more sanguine about the availability of water, Geraghty and Miller went overseas for business, consulting in areas where water had never been plentiful. "We divided up the world," Miller said. "I did South America and Asia. He did the Arab countries. I worked in Thailand, Colombia, what was then East Pakistan, Honduras, Mexico. I commuted. I would spend one to two months on site. It was a lot of time away from home. One year I logged more than 200 working days out of the office."

If there was a watershed moment in Miller's career it was the first "Earth Day" in 1970. Almost overnight, the nation and ultimately the world started coming to grips with the enormity of the environmental issues at hand. Through the '70s, Geraghty & Miller expanded, performing a variety of consulting roles for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and by the end of the decade the firm had 85 employees. It was only the beginning. Suddenly, industries here and abroad were under pressure to participate in environmental cleanups and produce expansion plans that passed ecological muster.

Hardly any consulting firm was more experienced or qualified than Geraghty & Miller, and today the company, which went public in 1988 and is traded on the NASDAQ exchange, deals primarily with industrial clients, employing 1,100 individuals in 46 offices around the world who provide services that attack ecological issues at the surveying and planning stages through construction and management of cleanup operations.

Miller and his wife, Paula, a biologist with expertise in hydraulics, raised five children despite their hectic pace. Mrs. Miller works for the company, as do three of the children, including two Colby alumni, Andrew '80, a geologist assigned to the Jacksonville, Fla., office, and Judith '82, who directs community services. Under a company mandate that all executives spend a third of their time on projects, Miller continues active in his field and will not even discuss retirement.

There has been time, too, for sailing, tennis and art. A prized Henri Matisse drawing is on loan to the Colby Museum of Art, and Miller is becoming more involved on the campus that started him off. He was recently elected a Colby overseer.

This year Miller was named "master entrepreneur of the year" on Long Island as part of a program honoring business leaders sponsored by Inc. magazine and Merrill Lynch. He says he always thought environmentalism would become important but refuses to accept credit for his prescience.

"I never expected this to happen," he said. "I was hoping my interest would find some form of commercial success, but I never thought this huge an industry would develop around it."
Correspondent:
Katherine P. White

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Replies from my questionnaire are pouring in. I will send a complete report soon. Meanwhile, Judy Dignam (who lives in the next town) gets the medal for first reply. Her favorite relaxation is rollerblading! . . . Ann Dudley Dewitt has been overseeing the computerization of the Social Security Disability Agency for Maine. In recent years that department has had a 40 percent growth in claims to 17,000 per year, and its system is now serving as a model for other states. Chester Lewis reports that his kids are doing some very interesting things, including one son who's a paramedic for an ambulance company. . . . Liz Boscasile Mavis is hoping to keep her school counseling position in spite of Connecticut's budget cuts—bad timing especially with twin sons entering college. She reports that Judy Ingram Hatfield recently arranged a Colby get-together of Wendy McWilliam Denneen, Charlotte Woods McPhetres and Debbie Wilson Albee at Carole Richardson Merson's home in Falmouth, Mass. Carole then gave them a tour of Wood Hole. . . . Margaret Hibbard Miller, who writes of the tragic loss of her son. She writes that "priorities change drastically—life is short." . . . Todd Marchant is enjoying his kids even more even while contemplating sending both of them to college. . . . And Russ Zych, who lives in New Jersey, is in the textile business and commutes to New York. He has three grown sons—all living at home. "A phenomenon of the '90s," he says. Our class seems to be adapting to and moving with the '90s. As Judy Dignam writes, "Let us know the secret of anyone who is in better shape and 30 years older!"

Correspondent:
Penny Dietz Hill

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To those of you who sent me a Christmas letter or wrote since then and still have not seen your news, I am in the home stretch of using up all the letters. Some will get held for the next edition, but then I will be totally out of news—hurrying, surely you have some news to share? . . . Hank Wingate is an educational consultant in Scarsdale, working as an alumni development officer for Collegiate School in New York City. His wife, Margo, works at Sloan Kettering hospital as a patient representative. They recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and the marriage of their son Robert. Their other son, Peter, is a student at Colby. Hank wanted to take the opportunity to send his best to Dick Walton '60, Tom Kirkendall and Ned Gow . . . .

Amy Eisentrager Birky writes from Lincoln, Neb., where she and her husband, Gordon, are living. They traveled back to England to revisit the area where she was a Fulbright exchange teacher. They have also visited Alaska. When they wrote, their daughter Erica was on track to graduate from Macalester College. . . . Those who attended our reunion will fondly remember the great canvas banner with Class of '61 on them made by Liz (Rowe '63) and Bev Lapham. Bev is happy to be in that business after 27 years on the "treadmill" as a banker. Now he is doing what he wants—he works very hard for nine months, then has three months to ski, hunt, climb and read. . . . Gale Holt Golden Hartstein writes from Burlington, Vt., where she is a social worker and assistant professor of clinical psychiatry at the University of Vermont. She is happily remarried and now has four children, two daughters-in-law and two grandchildren. She has written a book (subject not disclosed) and is looking for a publisher for a work in process. Her husband, Gabe, is a senior engineer at IBM. After her daughter graduated from Brandeis University with honors in music, they went on a "grand tour" to attend concerts from Vienna to Geneva. Her son received a letter of commendation for his service as a U.S. Navy hospital corpsman during Desert Storm. . . . We are looking forward to Judy Dunnington Vollmer visiting us next time she visits her friend in Vienna, the town next to us. She spent the holidays there and visited all the places she remembered from her days just after Colby. Also living here, as they have for many years, are Tom and Dotty Boynton Kirkendall. The highlight of their year (and their excuse for missing the reunion) was a three-week trip to Europe, during which they traveled from Zurich through Switzerland, Italy, Austria and Germany, skirting and traveling the Alps. Tom presented papers at an international conference describing the efforts to rescue a misplaced satellite. His part was to build and analyze an experiment that was flown in October '90. The Kirkendalls have a summer home on North Pond. Their third child has only a year to go in college, so they are looking forward to finishing 15 kid-college years. . . . A letter arrived from Paoli Family Medicine. It was from Bill Bainbridge, a family practice physician. He says going through a divorce is "like taking off a fur coat in July." He can't believe that he has turned into "a jock." He is into karate, weightlifting, biking, cross-country skiing and tennis. Last summer he planned to sail for two weeks of the Virgin Islands. Last year he spent two weeks in England and Scotland. He said Scotland is beautiful. . . . Willie De Kadt Juhlin and her husband, Thor '59, are living in Morrisstown, N.J., where she teaches English as a second language. They administer a youth lacrosse league and own an industrial roofing business, so they are both very busy. Congratulations are in order for Willie—she was named teacher of the year at her school last year! For fun they have gone to London, taken a hot air balloon ride and gone on a windjammer cruise. . . . Please write soon.
Correspondent: Judith Hoagland Bristol

Thank goodness that Linda Nicholson Goodman was efficient and saved some information for my first column — now that I'm doing this, I appreciate you, Linda. . . . Anne Ticknor McNece has been a special education teacher for 17 years in Boxborough, Mass. She and husband Rob have four sons, ages 26 to 20, and two daughters who are still in college. Wow! We did miss you at the reunion, Anne. . . . Alice Shest Loffredo is a manager of a staff that tests computer systems releases and provides user support in the claims department of Prudential Property and Casualty in New Jersey. Alice has two daughters, ages 22 and 23, and has been divorced for more than 12 years. She writes a column for a local weekly newspaper and studies astrology — which is, I agree, "a far cry from her French major at Colby. . . . Pat Millett Kent is a librarian in Thomaston, Maine, with three grown-up sons who have in turn provided her with three grandchildren. Pat has been married for 30 years to her "best friend, Charles." Pat says they share "a love of travel and family." . . . Hank Phillips and his wife, Dedra, who live in Pottstown, Pa., have two daughters, ages 22 and 19. Hank has been in trade development for the past four years and stays active by running regularly, skipping on the local ski club's race team, windsurfing and playing tennis. . . . Ed Kyle, our new Alumni Council representative, and wife Penny have one son, Ted, who graduated from Middlebury this year. Ed has been a civil engineer and administrator with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation for 23 years. He also skis, hikes and plays tennis. . . . Bill Waldeyer serves as director of guidance at Agbury Park Middle School in addition to owning his own business, B & B Trophy, with wife Barbara. Bill has a daughter and a son who attends Wake Forest. . . . Cy Theobald, an administrator at the Kent School, and his wife, Jean, have two adopted sons, ages 23 and 24. Cy says he stays mentally alert by "dealing with 200 adolescents at one time." Agree? Cy also said that he has "seeing eye" dogs. Can you explain your connection? . . . Dick Mittleman has been an attorney for 27 years. He and his wife, Linda, who live in Providence, R.I., have two sons, ages 26 and 24. Dick stays active by swimming three times a week and using a Nordic Trac. That's hard work! . . . Cal Pingree married Barbara on October 4, 1991. Cal, who owns his own insurance business, plays golf and works out regularly. Cal brought his bride to Colby to the 30th reunion. Welcome again, Barbara! After a reunion you become a Colbyite, too. . . . Al Neigher is an attorney specializing in media and entertainment law in Fairfield, Conn. Al and wife Silva, only married for 14 years, have two children, ages 9 and 11. Al represents a lot of publications, a radio station and lots of film producers. He recently represented author Peter Golenbock in connection with the publishing of Personal Fouls, a chronicle of Jim Valvano's basketball program at North Carolina State. Personal Fouls became a national best seller, and shortly after publication both Coach Valvano and the chancellor of North Carolina State resigned. Sounds very interesting, Al. . . . Janice Turner Ransley is a physician involved in anatomic and clinical pathology. Janice has lived in California for the past 22 years. Her four children (ages 19-30) include a freshman at Berkeley, Janice gardens, skis, travels and still makes time for the San Francisco Symphony and Opera. It was great having Janice and her husband, Derek — who is a technology business planner with Chevron Research and Technology — back at Colby for the first time. I believe, since graduation. . . . Peter Leonianti, single for the past 10 years, says that he's "not worried about time running out until Peter Jaffe settles down." Peter L. teaches economics in Newton, Mass., and took part in a Deke ski trip last spring with Jay Webster, Jay French and Don Crowley '58 to Steamboat Springs to see John "Spud" McCale. . . . Craig Malsch is a VP in textile print sales for swimwear, sportswear and aerobics and dancewear in Los Angeles, Calif. Although divorced, Craig has a daughter aged 12 and son aged 15 in Connecticut who he says are "neat kids." He bikes daily on the beach but also rollerblades, rides motorcycles and skis. How hard is rollerblading, Craig? . . . Ann Tracy is an English professor and novelist who, she admits, was influenced by Colby's own Mark Benbow. Ann exercises almost daily to help her severe arthritis. By the way, her wit is as sharp as ever! Her dream career — Anglican bishop. Family unit — Guido the cat. Ann is located at SUNY Plattsburgh. . . . Do keep those questionnaires coming! But you don't have to send information on a form. Just drop an informal note or call. I'll appreciate any efforts: I'm at 343 Sunset Boulevard, Houston, TX 77005 — home. (713) 667-2246. school. (713) 861-3100. 

Correspondent: Jo-Ann Wince French

In May I had the most beautiful letter from Rosemary Blankenship Hubbard. Rosemary and husband Al (originally of Class '61 but graduating in our class) celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. Rosemary reminisced about meeting Al 31 years ago on the steps of the Women's Union. She also has vivid memories of climbing Mr. Karahdin that year and experiencing a fear of heights. But unlike me, who am still not too crazy at looking down from above, Rosemary and Al have now made mountain climbing a hobby and climb every summer. Upon Al's graduation in 1963, they went to UPL, where Al entered grad school. Rosemary eventually came back to Colby to finish her degree; in her letter, Rosemary added that he was a member of the Charlotte Oratorio Singers, and now she and Al both sing in their church choir. Over the years, Rosemary has taken various courses for fun and even went to law school for a while but missed being with her family. She is now an officer in the Salvation Army Auxiliary and chair of the local women's and children's shelter committee. And in her spare (?) time, Rosemary also runs a small bedding plant business. The Hubbard children, Rachel, Philip and Michael, are all grown now, and a grandchild, Adam, who has severe cerebral palsy, is very dear to them all. As a postscript to her letter, Rosemary added that she did receive two awards for outstanding community service in Lafayette. One was for saving an old school, which is now on the historic registry, and another was for instituting a program bringing Protestant and Catholic teenagers from Northern Ireland to Lafayette to learn to live together in peace. Rosemary concludes: "God has been good to us, and has been by our side through hard times and sunnier days." It appears to me that the world is a much better place for people like Rosemary! Thank you, Rosemary, for sharing your past 31 years with all of us . . . Lillian Waugh will be co-directing the West Virginia University Center for Women's Studies for the 1992-93 year — while continuing to work with equity and curricular issues and research on women in higher education. She and her husband are also attempting to keep up with a 14-year-old daughter, who is in national-level Math counts and future problem solv-
Correspondent: Sara Shaw Rhoades

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Here are the results of the April questionnaire on politics. Of the 21 returns, three were anonymous and only five were from people who had returned the 1991 questionnaire, so I have new viewpoints to report. In general: all respondents vote regularly, about half voting mostly along party lines, citing philosophical differences with the party. Half report their local elections are nonpartisan. Fourteen report receiving questionnaires from elected representatives, and 11 fill them out for reasons that include: "I believe they’re useful," "they help when well crafted," "even though they oversimplify the issues, representatives should have some idea of what their constituents want," "it perpetuates the illusion of self-determination," "I don’t fill them out, but write in the margins explaining my answers and challenging them on specific issues; to date, no one has replied" and "so far the only response I’ve gotten seems to be solicitation for campaign funds." Among the reasons given for not filling out questionnaires: "the questions are worded to lead the response," and in most cases, there is not a simple yes/no answer and "questionnaires do not shape the decision-making process but rather aid the cry for crypto in developing voter profiles so they’ll know what to say where and when." ... Fifteen of you predicted that Bush/Quayle would be the Republican ticket (four people misspelled Quayle—which is some sort of statement), and 13 predicted Clinton would carry the Democratic banner. No one guessed Al Gore unless I count Dick Larschan’s "someone with a full head of hair." All the other hopefuls were mentioned, and a few noted Perot. In addition to Dick, I’m grateful to Martha Hincks Kellogg, Ray Perkins, Hans Onsager, Cate Camp Lund, Sue Sawyer McAlary, Skip Thayer, Suzanne Noyes Magee, Jon Pitman, Phil Choate, Kitty Hartford Huntley, Art Fulman, Annette Peterson Greenberg, Joan Phillips Thompson, Sally Page Carville, Jack Mechem and Bruce Lippincott for many interesting comments. Hope they give you something to think about... . Answers in response to "How are we going to encourage good people to run for office?" ... Public financing of campaigns. Limiting what candidates can spend. Stop looking into their private lives. Pay reasonable salaries, limit terms, focus on the public person and his/her record and articulated positions. Avoid dwelling on the irrelevant. Shorten the campaign. Stop responding so critically to every mistake and misjudgment. Pay sufficiently and reform the system so their efforts become effective. By upgrading education nationally and improving media output. First we must get the masses more interested in and informed about politics and government. Appeal to their latent sense of idealism. Focus on running the country, not the states, towns or people. Pay more, clean up consumption (self-indulgence). Have national leaders who stand for positive changes in American society. Focus on helping youth and families. Examine the source of economic and media control. Beats me. Are you running?... "How about limiting campaigns to one month?"... Excellent idea. Maybe two months. Couldn’t be done. Dubaks might have made it. I recommend two months, then one week for primaries, convention, two months to election. Total four months... . I have lots more material, but it has to wait for the next issue.

Correspondent: Richard Bankart

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David Begg has moved from Harvard to become professor of anatomy at the University of Edmonton in Alberta, Canada, where he teaches and does research... . Jonathan Moody has left Whittier College in California to become chaplain at Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio. He’s also associate professor of religious studies. In his spare time, he leads Habitat for Humanity programs and advises student religious groups. His son is now at college. "He’s at Bates. We’d try to bring them up to be independent." You may recall Peter Mudge reported Habitat for Humanity work a year ago... . Ellen and Lew Krinsky spent 10 days last March visiting their daughter at Tel Aviv University, their fourth trip. Lew spends part of his spare time interviewing and recruiting prospective students in the Houston area, where he has been elevated to senior VP at the stock brokerage Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc. He also is an active (we knew that) officer and trustee of Seven Acres Jewish Geriatric Center, a 300-bed Houston nursing home... . Last month I reported Dave Parish’s similar involvement with the Jewish geriatric centers in Miami. Perhaps our class will spend the 30th reunion hammering together a new geriatric center?... Eliot Terborgh generates lots of frequent flyer miles traveling to Asia, where half his company’s business is generated. His kids cash in the miles flying from Colby and the U of Virginia back to California. He sees Peggy and Allen Post, Bob Young and the Randy Antiks. Eliot "loves to see Colby alumni, so please look us up when you come to San Francisco."... Nancy Godley Wilson teaches French and English as a second language. She and John ‘63 spent 18 days in Angers, France, chaperoning a student exchange program in March. The tables were turned in April when the host families’ students visited the U.S.A. This past summer the Wilsons were summer managers of an Appalachian Mountain Club family camp on Three Mile Island, Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H. They have two in college... . Harold Kowal’s daughter Elizabeth graduated from Colby this past June. Daughter #2 was accepted as a member of Colby

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Lora Kreeger Sandberg is an attorney with a large Chicago law firm. Lora and Tom live in the Lakeview section of downtown Chicago and would welcome visitors. You will be sharing space with "one dog, two cats, two gerbils, a sort of fish and (until recently) one vicious talking Amazon parrot." Recent guests included a second visit from a Gulf war Marine pen pal of their 9-year-old daughter "and the Roman­ nian National Junior Gymnastics Team."... John Tewhey recently celebrated the fifth anniversary of Tewhey Associates, a five-person hydrogeologic and environmental consulting firm in South Portland, Maine. Your correspondent continues as a self-employed business consultant in New Jersey and recently returned from two weeks and 2,500 km of youth hosteling (sorry again Miss Ford!) around Sweden, destination #48 of 308 on the Century Club list needed to “have seen the world.”... Hail, Colby, Hail!

Correspondent: Robert Gracia

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Our 25th reunion weekend started for about two dozen early birds on Thursday night at the Snow Squall restaurant in South Portland. Outside the clouds hung low, while within the air sparkled with conversation and laughter awakened from cherished memories as old friendships were renewed and rekindled. Of particular note on this evening, Ron Boothby ’68 returned to the Class of ’67 after a 25-year absence. At various Portland night spots, classmates made a late night of it as they caught up on two and a half decades of news. With the sky gray and the wind blowing cold and raw off the water on Friday morning, the resolute band made its way to the waterfront for the harbor cruise, where they were joined by many other classmates. In general, we could recognize each other, but thank goodness for those name tags! (What an awful job those photographers did taking those H.S. pix?) Then it was off to Waterville for a welcome cocktail hour and the annual awards banquet. ... We needed
those "PGRs" we had our freshman year for all that rain on Saturday, which forced the Parade of Classes indoors. "Reflection knew how to have a good time. we have fewer classes behind us, man year for all that rain on Saturday from the Middle of the Parade." those "PGRs" we had our freshman year from Hong Kong, middle age and suburbia, we still knew how to have a good time. Kurt Swenson and Doug Schar presented the record 25th reunion gift of $134,000. After emceed by we adjourned to Foss-Woodman Dining Hall for the class dinner, emceed by Irv Faunce, and the awarding of a Class of '67 tradition, the "Colby Rocks." Along with the usually strong contingent from Maine and the rest of New England, class members came from far and wide. The international contingent included Dick Heend, who arrived from Hong Kong, Mike and Pam Cooper Picher, Sarah Shute Hale and Jim Katz from Canada and Barry Bothelho from Italy. The most unique mode of transportation was employed by Sue Daggett Dean and her husband, Roqs, who bicycled from Arizona. The middle of the nation was well represented by Trodger Anderson from Colorado, Sue Harden Johnson from Minnesota, Laurie Hunt Beasley from Chicago and Dave Watters from Ohio. Carolyn Kresky came from Atlanta, Ann Russell Starr and Linn Poulson came from Virginia and Leanne Davidson Kaslow and Susan Findlay Chavez represented Maryland. The Mid-Atlantic region sent Jeanne Philson Sommers and C.C. Ravaon Mershon from Pennsylvania and Jim Thomas and Chris Sinton from New Jersey. So, for those of you who said it was too far to go, you've just lost your excuse! We'll expect to see you at the 30th. Phyllis "P.J." Jaibert recently returned from an exciting canoe trip on the Allagash with Carol Beers and Patty Whittemore Jenkins. Along with Carol's 79-year-old mother and two other friends, Phyllis, a registered Maine guide, spent five days on the river and all reported a wonderful time. If you have a longing for both peace and adventure, call Phyllis to arrange a wilderness trip. Joe Candioco, professor of English literature and director of the graduate program at the University of Arkansas, visited his native Connecticut last August for a family reunion along with his wife, Anne Marie, and two children, Jean, 10 and Nicholas, 2. Along with his teaching and administrative duties, Joe publishes scholarly articles on Elizabethan literature and is active in the affairs of his local parish church. Congratulations to Bob Gruber on the birth of his grandchild, Brandon James Lorrekovich, born during the time of our reunion. This event explains Bob's absence from Mayflower Hill this past June; he thought it prudent to stay in Washington (state) and tend to family matters. We'll look forward to checking on Bob's serve and ground strokes in 1997. Sandy Miller Keohane will be featured in a fall edition of the Boston Globe Magazine home section as she provides examples and information for us novice home decorators in the art of decorating mantels. With holidays approaching, Boston-area alumni should be on the lookout for Sandy's feature. After the events of last June, Annette Sandrock wrote: "Dear Classmates of '67, before June 4, I had this little compartment in the back of my mind labeled "Colby College." It contained four years of varying experiences ranging from the absurd to the sublime—some quality, others questionable. If I were to think of this little block of memories as a cake, this past weekend was definitely the frosting. It was remarkable seeing you in your varying degrees of splendor and renewing a camaraderie I had allowed to fade and diminish as the realities of life dominated these past 25 years. I invite, yes, even challenge any of you to call on me if you get to Martha's Vineyard. With love, Annette Sandrock, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568." Annette, thank you very much for your thoughts, and I hope you have a convertible sofa. Let me make a plea to all of you to send information so that Judy Gerrie Heine, who is working with me on the class column, and I can attain our goal of recognizing all classmates before our next big reunion in 1997. I hope to hear from you. 

Correspondent: Anna Thompson Bragg

Remember Cherrie Dubois! Her name appeared at the bottom of many alumni news columns. Since being our class secretary, Cherrie has taken a very active interest in Poland, its language and its people. Several summers ago she spent three weeks in Warsaw and also traveled throughout the country. She has come to know the country very well, especially its history and the way of life there. A student of the Polish language, she says it is extremely difficult. Keep studying, Cherrie! When Virginia "Ginger" Dupont Eckert wrote to me, she was busy working on her master's degree in counseling psychology at the University of British Columbia. She works in a high school that serves students from over 40 different countries. These students are first-generation Canadians who come from families of immigrants. It sounds like a challenging job. Ginger is also the mother of three children. If you pass through Potomac, Md., you might run into Edward "Sandy" Hoe. Sandy is the proud father of three teenagers and is an attorney in Washington, D.C. He owns a getaway house in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, which has proven to be a great "relaxer" for everyone. In his spare time Sandy is a member of the board of the Homeowners Civic Association and has kept in touch with community activities. To those of you who have not seen your name in print, please be patient. Also, some of you will be receiving a new questionnaire in the future, and I would appreciate your filling it out. Thank you to everyone.

Headliners

Diane Hilton O’Connor ’62 received the Distinguished Service Award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where she is deputy chief of the news division. Peter Hart ’64 was popular with national and international reporters throughout the 1992 presidential election. As head of Peter D. Hart Research Associates, Hart was called on to assess the impact of the Democratic campaign by The New York Times, the BBC and NPR, among other news outlets. Trance on Trial, coauthored by Jerrold Shapiro ’64, won the Manfred S. Guttmacher Award for Literature from the American Psychiatric Association. Richard Davis ’65 received the Henry F. Barry Memorial Pacesetter Award from the Independent Insurance Agents of Massachusetts. Gary Knight ’66 was named Volunteer Banker of the Year by the Maine Bankers Association.

Newsmakers

Peter Laylin ’60 was Colby's representative at the inauguration of Susan P. Hannon as the University of Puget Sound in Washington. Paul Keddy ’61 was named vice president of finance at Glattfaller Insurance Group in York, Pa. Richard Lessard ’62 was May volunteer of the month for his work with the United Way in Hackettstown, N.J. Malcolm MacLean ’63 was elected vice president of the Essex County Bar Association in Massachusetts. Ken Nye ’64 shared home improvement tips with the readers of the Portland Press Herald earlier this year. Nye described how he and his wife, Ann Schmidt Nye ’64, built a dual work station in their family room. Ken Gray ’65, a professor of vocational education at Penn State, says the notion that everyone should go to college is flawed. He told the Centre Daily Times of State College that if he had children he would ask them to consider alternatives to four-year colleges. David Mayo ’66 was honored by the Massachusetts Council of School Presidents for his contribution to
With Children She Means Business

If you want to talk to an expert on kids, Dr. Martha Schatt Abbott-Shim '64 has all the credentials.

She is a professor of early childhood education at Georgia State University in Atlanta. She is a consultant specializing in the assessment of early childhood programs. She is active in several statewide children's advocacy organizations. She has a master's from Boston University in testing and measurements and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in behavioral science, in addition to her B.A. in economics from Colby. And, perhaps more important, she has a 22-year-old daughter at Smith College, a 20-year-old son at the University of Vermont and a 9-year-old daughter and 2-year-old son at home.

Marty, as she was known at Colby, was going to be a scion of a different variety when she took her economics degree. But she learned that apples don't fall far from the tree. "My mother ran a preschool in the home," she explained, recalling her childhood on Long Island. "I was going to prove I could do something different."

She did end up squarely in the early childhood business, but her career now has branches sprouting from branches. Contacted about an interview for Colby, Abbott-Shim phoned back shortly after 11 p.m. one Wednesday night when she arrived home from a meeting. The interview couldn't wait because she was flying to Spain the next morning to address an international conference in Seville on techniques for the assessment of early childhood programs. As 11:30 approached, she answered one call-waiting beep and declined a second. She agreed to send information from her consulting firm's office the next morning but wouldn't get to the university office for other material.

In addition to the two offices, teaching, research, family responsibilities and speaking engagements, Abbott-Shim is also the outgoing chair of the Georgia Child Care Advocacy Coalition and, since June, is president of the Georgia Association for Young Children. She was recently appointed by the governor to the Georgia Child Care Council. The coalition addresses the public policy end of children's needs in Georgia; the association is a professional group of public and private teachers and administrators as well as parents; the council decides on some of Georgia's federal block grant money for child care is used.

How did she progress from economics to early childhood issues? "I was always interested in young children and families, first as a young professional with children and later as I came to be an old professional with children," she said, joking about the 20-year spread in the ages of her own children.

As that interest operated in bigger and more influential arenas, Abbott-Shim established two main goals: to improve the quality of care and education for children and to strengthen public policies that benefit families and children. One of her big achievements towards the first goal is her "Assessment Profile for Early Childhood Programs," developed with Annette Sibley, Ph.D. It provides administrators with a step-by-step guide for comprehensive review of their programs.

Addressing public policy, she said, "The economic issue is salient . . . you've got to have funding or all the research is for naught. It's a struggle for working parents. They're caught in a real dilemma. They need the most effective situations, and those situations aren't always available."

Perhaps not surprisingly, one of Abbott-Shim's goals is to achieve better unification of the disparate groups that work for and represent children. "We need to rally support for children's issues in a more unified and collaborative way," she said.

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The Seventies

Correspondent: Nancy Austin

71 Answers to the survey question “What ever happened to?” were as varied as the Class of ’71 itself. David Freeman and Curt Hall wonder what’s happened to “All the hopes of the JFK era” and “The notion that we ask not what our country can do for us but what we can do for our country.” … Ron Lupton, who described himself currently “politically brain dead,” remembers “The ridiculous (?) optimistic naiveté of us and the ’60s.” … Barbara Kroeste Meldrum senses a loss of values. … Mary Hefferson Capers, program coordinator at the Wallingford Community Day Care in Wallingford, Conn., also wonders about “the pacificism of our generation who now raise their children on TV and ninja turtles.” … For an anonymous respondent and Deborah Wentworth Lansing and Jeff Hood, “What ever happened to?” evoked dreams of “The way it was,” “Life with no responsibilities” and “Hitchhiking.” … Sandra Rau Ferrari expressed my disbelief in the rapid pace of time passing, wondering what ever happened to “the last 20 years.” … Others asked about the lives of Colby contemporaries, classmates, professors and staff. Here’s the information I’ve discovered so far about the folks we remember: Ralph Nodine is president of Lewiston Tomorrow, Inc., and is living in Portland. … Ron Sills is the principal of Mr. Blue Junior High School in Farmington, Maine. … Dave Simonson resides in Newport, News, Va. … Richard Handel owns Halcyon & Bar Harbor Goldsmith in Bar Harbor, Maine. … William Schirmer is a family physician at the Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine. … Deborah Nelson Averill is a librarian in the Bangor school system and is living in Orono, Maine. … Jeff Edwards is an attorney and makes his home in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. … Steve Fleischman resides in Plymouth, Mass. … Gin Leslie, who now resides in Warwick, R.I., is a planner for the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. … Steve Leon owns Soleil, Inc. in Los Angeles, Calif. … Bill Mims lists Pawleys Island, S.C., as his permanent address. … J. Field Reichardt is in Spring Lake, Mich. … John Witte is an instructor of English at the University of Oregon in Eugene. He’s published poems in many magazines, and his book is available through the university bookstore. … Michael Pastushok is president of Entertainment World, Inc., located on the Pacific Coast Highway in California. He lists his permanent residence as Mahwah, N.J. … Jeffery Nordstrom is an associate professor in the biological science department at Fordham University, Bronx, N.Y. … Marguerite Hunsiker lives in Washington, D.C., and is a senior cartographic researcher for the National Geographic Society. … Olga Lange Willmann is the associate artist director for Wooden Boat Publications of Brookline, Maine. She’s living in Brookville. … Notice: If you are a Class of ’71 Chi, ATO or one of the folks that frequently visted the Littlefields, please send me a note. As for assorted “freshman-year roommate,” give me a break! Without names, I’m at a loss to respond. Here’s as far as I’ve gotten in my attempt at tracking down the Class of ’71 ATOs: Eric Joerg is the controller for Kendall Co. in Augusta, Ga. … Until next time, “Be Brave.”

Correspondent: Janet Holm Gerber

72 Gary Chris Deitchmiller, a podiatrist in West Vancouver, B.C., wants to hear from some friends in other classes: Henry Sockbeson ’73, Charles MacGregor ’73 and Nour Nahm ’73. Surely and be in touch. Henry and Dee Fitzgerald Sockbeson were at the reunion, where Henry, along with Allan van Gestel ’57, gave a tremendous talk/debate on Indian land claims. Henry’s an attorney for the Native American Rights Fund in Washington, D.C., and represents Native Americans in several ongoing land claims. How coincidental that for the past several years his main adversary has been a Colby grad—Allan, the attorney who represents the landowners disputing the Indian claims. Henry and Dee live in Laurel, Md., with their son, Henry, a third grader. … David and Liz Ross Withnell missed the reunion due to the birth of their third child, Benjamin, at the beginning of June. … There was some amazing distance traveled back to Mayflower Hill for the reunion. From points west we saw Ted White, Scottsdale, Ariz., April Nelson McKay, Venice, Calif., Ellen Kinney, Kirkland, Wash., Andrine Smith Zuberer, Alameda, Calif., Roz Teto Johnson, Walnut Creek, Calif., and (last but not least!) Sandy Manoogian Pearce, Fargo, N.D. And President Bruce Haas read a message to all from Dean Ridley (a dentist overseas in Diego Garcia), who wanted to be with us. Speaking of Bruce as class president reminds me to introduce our class officers for the next five years: Bruce—president, Nancy Round Haley—vice president, myself—secretary/class correspondent, Mitch Kaplan—Alumni Council rep., Dick Valone—clips agent.

Let us hear from you. … Finally, in my line of duty as class correspondent for the past few years, I’ve seen Janet (Peretheran ’73) and Larry Bigelow twice. Each time Larry has teased me with mention of sights of Class of ’72 friends he sees—Karen Sawyer Caggiano, Johna Sencabah Wadsyke, Mike Caggiano and so many more. Well, we haven’t hooked up yet and I’d still love to get all that “scoop.” So, Larry, a plug from all of us—please write.

Correspondent: Anne Huff Jordan

73 Our class had its reunion planning weekend on July 31, at Colby. Any suggestions, please contact the reunion committee members. Thanks! Also, if you’d like to be the next class correspondent, call me: (508) 359-5025. … Hope Gottlieb’s address seems to be hot in demand, so here it is: American Embassy Paris Consular Section, APO N.Y., 09777, USA. Phone: (809) 547-2171. Best to write or call ahead for directions to her exact location! Hope you found her last March, Joan Emery! … Robin Barnes is associate professor of history at Davidson College in Davidson, N.C. He and his wife, Ann, have three children, Maggie, Molly and Morgan. I think he would enjoy hearing from close friends at Colby. … Jean Beckman of Evansville, Ind., is teaching organic chemistry as well as serving as chair of the department of chemistry at the University of Evansville. On her return to Colby in the summer of ’91, she enjoyed talking shop over lunch with Wayne Smith of Colby’s Department of Chemistry. … Susie Yovic Hoeller of Van Alstyne, Texas, has added numerous pets to her abode, including one peacock, 12 chickens, 49

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two goats and three horses. She and Ted still make wine and boast 50 gallons of 1991 vintage "Chateau Holier" cabernet sauvignon. Sue misses all winter sports, especially ice hockey and skiing. She would love to teach history at the college level someday. . . . Joe Mattos of Waterville, Maine, still principal at James Bean School, has these interesting tidbits to share: son Justin, at 5, started cross-country skiing last winter with no help; Joe has served on the town's recycling committee, and he's been playing tennis once a week. In addition, Joe was recently accepted into the Maine School Leadership Academy, a statewide program that is piloting one of Bush's America 2000 initiatives. Joe has applied for doctoral studies in educational administration at the University of Maine. Seventeen '71 and '73 guys got together with Joe for a Cape weekend of golf in May '91! They celebrated turning 40. . . . Lee Brandwein's child is in first grade at Joe's school, by the way! . . . Karen Wintringham of Stamford, Conn., recently had the opportunity to return to Colby for the first time since graduation. Her son, Rob, on the varsity basketball team at Williams, played Colby in Waterville. Shewas very impressed with the campus and all of its new buildings. . . . Visitors in the past year to Penny Wolf Burns in St. Croix were Debby Keyes of Portland, Maine, and Jean Strachl Moss of Ipswich, Mass., who traveled with her baby, Nicole, born in September '91. . . . Stay tuned for upcoming information on Reunion '93, and please plan to attend!

Correspondent: Stephen B. Collins

74 It's almost two decades since some of us worried about academic deadlines, but your unreliable correspondent is evidence that not everybody learned from the experience. Class notes are due Friday, it's late, and I'm going north at dawn for 350 miles in canoes with Chet Hickox. Destination Kangiqsujuajek, Quebec. . . . Paul Harrington called—to report that he started Bristol Bay Seafoods in Davisville, R.I., in 1989 and is busy running that. He and wife Nancy (Haden) are into "Corvetting," boats and the beach. Paul said he gets his contact lenses from optometrist Scott Surdut in Cranston.

. . . Harriet Hults Wall reports from Philadelphia that she's had a healthy son, lived in Africa for three years and passed two bar exams since 1974. . . . In June, Jim Heald of Austin, Texas, celebrated the release of his third album, "Defenders of the Forest." Jim wrote all the songs and produced the album. His first two albums were "This Ain't a World Where It Pays to Be Meek" and "Standing on the Great Wall of China." . . . Norman and Christine Bogosian Rattey report that they were moving this summer but will still be in Brunswick, Maine. Norm's a lawyer practicing in Auburn, and Christine has hers hands full athome with two daughters and a son. . . . John Ladky checked in from Atlanta to complain that the construction business hasn't been thriving of late. Reports he took up climbing and that he spent last year recovering from a broken back but didn't say if those were related. . . . Rochelle "Shelly" Weiner Kaplan writes from New York that she learned classical guitar and got into music theory and sight-singing at Mannes College before going into sales ("SALES!!") as she put it) in the printing business . . . Craig and Cathy Downes Weston in Brantree, Mass., report that he's a staff intern with an HMO and a medical school instructor, and she's a partner in management consulting at Errigo & Young. . . . Toinette Fournier-Lewis, M.D., is also in medicine—as an assistant professor in the department of anesthesiology and medical director of the post-anesthesia care unit at the Bowman School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C. In 1988 she and husband John M. Lewis, M.D., co-wrote a book, Near Misses in Anesthesia: Lessons Learned. . . . Cindy Vector Kahle of Houston, Texas, mother of three children, won a Jefferson Award for public service and appeared on the Oprah Winfrey show in connection with her public service work with abused children through Child Advocates, Inc. . . . Anyone have fresh news? Don't be afraid to write. . . .

Correspondent: Susan Gearhart Wuest

75 Here is a quick summary of Don Bell's 1991 Christmas letter, which reads like a travel brochure. In March he broke skiing the three aspen in Aspen, in April qualified for his third consecutive incentive sales trip with COGNOS, where Don is a senior sales representative selling Power House Fourth Generation Language software—thus four days in Cancun, Mexico, followed by six days at Club Med, Cancun, for some extra R & R, where he just happened to meet "eine fraulein," who invited him to her home in Munich; in August a three-week trip to Europe, highlighted with sightseeing in Bavaria and outdoor opera in Verona, Italy; in October a return to Wayland, Mass., to attend his 20th high school reunion, which he organized. Don fills any spare time with skiing, photography, construction/remodeling (helping friends remodel their Aspen condo) and "forever reading!" . . . It was great to hear from Bill Whidden last March. For 10 years until May 1991, Bill lived on Maui, where he designed and built custom windsurfing sail under his own company label, Free­dom Maui. Next came a move to the state of Washington and the Columbia River Gorge, where he set up his own company again. However, Bill now feels that he has made his mark on the windsurfing industry and is looking for a new career challenge, such as an upper-level management sales or marketing position with an active sporting goods or apparel company. In October 1991, Bill married Heather Macomber in a Newport, R.I., ceremony complete with reception on a sternwheeler sailing out of Newport Harbor! Jack O'Brien and Jim Schmidt were in attendance, as was Gil Hanson, who was at Colby for our first two years. Bill and Heather honeymooned throughout New England, enjoying the fall colors "after many years of deprivation on Maui." Anyone in the area is invited to visit the Whiddens, who recently moved to a home on the river in Underwood, Wash., very close to the best sailing on the river. . . . Taylor Bond Sufetta, Norman, Okla., is a full-time mother to Samuel, 8, Michael, 7, and Sarah, 4. Husband Joe is a professor of environmental microbiology at the University of Oklahoma. Taylor wrote that they "built a house with a volleyball court and lots of room" and that over the summer a month-long trip to Australia was planned—business for Joe and sightseeing for Taylor. . . . Gerry Connolly sent me his business card, which reads: Head of the Upper School, Providence Country Day, East Providence, R.I. This fall he will be acting headmaster. When I heard from Gerry in April, he was busy watching Christian Laettner and Duke play basketball. It turns out that Gerry coached Christian in 1983–87 when he was in Buffalo, N.Y. Gerry and his wife, Alicia Rodriguez '78, were looking forward to trips to Venezuela in the spring and then Italy over the summer. . . . Peter Luckey is a pastor of a local Congregational church in Oak Park, Ill. He and his wife, Linda, business manager for Chicago Theological Seminary, have two sons, Christopher, 6, and Daniel, 3. A three-month sabbatical was planned for this summer; Peter decided to begin a doctor of ministry program. . . . Since her divorce, Candy Skelly Crouch wrote that she was newly engaged last year. Her two sons, Ryan, 10, and Ian, 8, are both very sport-minded. This summer a trip to the mountains of North Carolina and camping in Maine, including a visit to Colby, were in their plans. Candy also has expanded her business; she is the owner of Peter Parker Child Care in Darien, Conn. . . . For those of you waiting to see your names in print, just be patient—I'm not forgetting anyone. I found that if I space out the news that I seem to get all at once, I can then write a column for each issue fairly easily. Thanks!

Correspondent: Noél Barry Stella

76 As I write, the weather is steamy and hot, but the girls are swimming at a neighbor's pool and I have the house to myself for a few precious hours. It's an effort to remember that you will be reading this column in November, long after our summer hiatus. . . . Nancy da Silveira reports that a year ago she
spent 12 months as a Fulbright lecturer in American culture at the University of the Azores. After a short stint in Los Angeles, Calif., she reverted to island life and is now teaching at the University of Madeira, spending her free time at the computer by an ocean view working on a film script. According to Nancy, “Hollywood can wait.”... Meanwhile, back in the United States, John Lumbard and his wife, Anne, have put down roots in Hollis, N.H., where John is general partner in Lumbard Investment Counseling. They have two girls, Laura and K.C., and are involved in local conservation issues and the Scouts. John wrote that Charlie Fitts has taken a job as a professor at the University of Southern Maine, Cass Gilbert also manages money and Mike Boyson is in the business of picking money managers for his clients. John went rafting on the Penobscot with Boyd Allen ’75, Pete Cox ’75, Norm Rattey ’74 and Brian MacQuarrie ’75. They managed to run Nesowadnehunk Falls without capsizing but weren’t so lucky in Big Pockawockamus Falls.... Dan Mallove practices law in Seattle. He and his wife, Althea, have three sons: Zachary, Nathaniel and Jakob. Dan reported that Jamie Stubner also lives in Seattle, practices law and has two daughters, Caitlin and Carly. From Japan, Elizabeth Johnson-Suenaga would like to hear from others who are facing the challenge of raising bilingual children. She and her husband have two sons and work in the family photography business. Elizabeth also teaches English at the local Catholic Girls School. Her address is 5-24-36 Shimasaki, Kumamoto City 860 Japan. ... George Quimby left Colby in 1974 and went on to graduate from Clark University in 1980. He is now a surgical resident at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and planned to begin training in urologic and transplant surgery over the summer. He and his wife, Cheryl, have two sons, Elijah and Taylor. George sends his regards to former organic chemistry partner Dave Raue ’75, with whom George has lost touch. ... Janet Breslin Gilmartin and her husband, Richard, live in Hong Kong with sons Jason and Kenton. Janet writes that they have lived abroad for over 10 years and that she expects the move back to the States in a few years to be a bit of a culture shock. To say the least! ... Our class has really gathered around the globe. Dan Dittmann and his wife, Martha, live in Seattle, where they operate an advertising and graphic design firm from the house, relying heavily on fax machines and computers. Dan saw Wally Gorman during a stopover and Joth and Karen Brown Davis when Jon played a basketball game nearby. ... Jane Souza Dingman seems so busy that I don’t see how she had time to write. She and her husband, Charles, have five children: Andrew, Amanda, Eben, Emily and Susannah. In her “spare” time, Jane is a Scout leader or both girls and boys and a part-time local news correspondent in Leeds, Maine. ... I have enough news for about one more column, so please call or write when you receive the next questionnaire! 

Correspondent: Leslie A. Ramsay

77 As a prelude to my first column as your new secretary/treasurer, let me give you a hint of my childhood, when one of my favorite things was to play in the woods next door on Christian Hill in Amherst, N.H. There, where I delighted in pulling out the delicately scented ground pine, I learned the mysteries of networking beneath a forest floor. To network above ground, I enjoyed the gathering of our clan at our 15th in June. Professor Charles Baggett, guest speaker at our dinner, buoyed us up and made us appreciate our Colby heritage in a fresh way. Quietly I lauded his passion over the proper usage of “that” against “which” in good writing (he did not, however, explain the difference!). I browsed leisurely through the bookstore, where timely titles like In Our Defense: The Bill of Rights in Action jumped out at me. The time to read I will steal—in time. Claude Monet’s Gladiolus in the new Pogany brochure at the art gallery captivated me. In this painting, a secret favorite of mine, we glimpse the stolen glance of a solitary, curious woman holding herself upright with a parasol and meandering through a colorful garden. I am not Miss Jean of “Romper Room” speaking through my magic mirror, but I saw Melanie Dorain Green, Janet McLeod Rosenfield and Heidi Neumann Hansen at cocktails before dinner. And I got at the same dinner table with Chris McKeown Burny and her husband, who had traveled from Falls Church, Va., to be with us. Pamela Landry Tichman is now a graduate student at Yale University and living in New Haven, Conn. She informed me that Carolyn Fraizer and her husband have opened an inn in Michigan. I enjoyed talking with Ligia Campana Chadwick, who lives in Ellicott City, Md., and with Denise Martell Martin of Portland, Maine. I ruminated on Colby alumnus Ernest Marriner ’13’s speech to us 19 years ago in which he said that a handful of us would meet our life’s partner freshman year. How prescient he turned out to be when I saw Liga and Denise with their husbands, Jerry Chadwick and Mike Martin. Bob Keefe, one of New England’s Merrimack Valley natives (like me), was there with his wife from the Deep South and their adorable tot at the crawl stage. They have “compromised,” geographically and live in the greater Minneapolis area. Saturday night I saw Bob Estes eying the Roberts dance floor from the balcony. A few blinks later, he was tripping the light fantastic himself. Sue Woods and Peter Breu and their young family are new neighbors of mine in Manchester, N.H., and I was happy to meet up with them finally in Waterville. I also was pleased to meet Ann Atherton Poulin, who was there with Colby’s hometownet, Mike Poulin. I attended with my senior year roommate, Amy Schuetz, a project manager for a real estate auction house in Kingfield, Maine. We’re still sisters after all these years. R.P. Higgins said hello to me and I didn’t recognize him at first. He was there with his better half and their new baby—and pleased as punch to boot. Our 15th lives on, and I hope to work with the Alumni Fund.... Leaving our 15th and going back in time, I had a visit last summer from Carol Hurtig Kratzman of Fairfield, Conn., where she is a happy mother of two and a quilter. Sally Byrd, last I heard, had returned to Stanford University to specialize in virotherapy. She is living in Redwood City, Calif. ... In the spring of 1990, I spoke with Andrea Yelle’s mother, who said that her daughter was at the French Embassy. ... Janet Josselyn is a construction lawyer and lives right in downtown Boston. ... I have as of a few months ago returned from a year’s leave of absence, during which I worked at the Hillsborough County Department of Corrections here in Manchester, N.H., primarily in its law library. I hope to work with the women, housed in a separate facility in Grasmere, at a later time. (I wish to compliment Mark Lyons, whose Aunt Lydia I will always think of as a nice, knowledgeable colleague.) My finale to my first is: Is Anybody Writing? 

Correspondent: Susan Gernert Adams

78 News from our nation’s capital came from a cluster of Colbyites there. Michael Scott is program manager of the Office of Thrift Supervision, an S & L regulatory agency. He brings to the job the master’s degree in public policy he got at the University of Michigan back in 1982. Off the job he can be found pumping iron, doing aerobics or curled up with a good book in his new home. ... Nearby neighbor Jennifer Meade is kept busy as an administrative assistant at The World Bank, where she’s been for the past 10 years. Otherwise Jennifer enjoys Scottish country dancing and making crafts and, like many people in our class, is actively involved in her local church. ... Down the road in Falls Church, Va., Ted Bristol writes that he’s VP of government relations for Sugamo Associates, a firm that represents amateur athletes. Ted’s been on the government track for a while, having previously worked as a legislative director to U.S. Representative Norm Dicks. ... Dan More says he travels the world to places like Nigeria, Australia, Brazil and the Middle East in his job as an investment
Headliners

Ron Lupton '71 was slated to argue a case before the U.S. Supreme Court in October, and earlier in the year he served as an advisor to A Practical Guide to Achieving Excellence in the Practice of Law, a text for lawyers and law students.

Mileposts

Births: A daughter, Allison Miller, to Louis and Carrie Miller Federici '76 ... A son, David McKendree, to James '78 and Susan Conant Cook '75 ... A daughter, Margaret Casidy, to Phil '77 and Janet Deering Bruen '79 ... A daughter, Elizabeth Anne, to Rick and Lucinda Kearns Hepp '78 ... A daughter, Anne Field, to Christopher '78 and Leah Jackson Morrissey '78 ... A son, Michael Benjamin, to Lois and David Linsky '79 ... A son, Charles, to Patricia and Robert Lizza '79 ... A son, Benjamin Howard, to Nick '79 and Kim Rossi Nichols '79 ... A daughter, Hillary Ann, to Robert and Julia Sydow Palmason '79.

Marriages: Cynthia Jevne '72 to Robert Buck in Fairfield, lowa ... Richard Levassur '79 to Theresa Daigle in Bar Harbor, Maine.

Correspondent:
Emily Grout Sprague

I was thinking about Janet "Jacie" Corde Hurd and on a whim called her at the office to say hello. After she got over the shock, we had a wonderful conversation! She had a lot of interesting news that I hope she won’t mind sharing with the rest of you. She and her husband, Charlie ‘78, are living in Chanhassen, Minn., with children Max, 6, and Lyda, 4. Jacie works as an account executive for Harrington & Righard and Parsons in Minneapolis. Jacie and Charlie were in New York City in mid-July to attend the wedding of Weld Butler '80 at St. Lawrence University in Canton. The wedding was attended by a lot of Colby alumni, among them: Emily and Bill Leete, Steve Singer, Chris Mellon '80, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lenk, Rick Kline '80, Kim and Cecily Cannon Schildbach, both from the Class of '80, and others. In other news from Minneapolis, Lisa Turner '80 and Brad Warner happily announced the arrival of Arthur Nicholson "Nick" Warriner on April 29. For those of you who missed the July 5 issue of The New York Times, Stacey Cox Slowinski was interviewed and featured in an article about a complicated struggle between her borough of Tinton Falls, N.J., and the Monmouth County highway department. Stacey is the chair of the Tinton Falls Historical Preservation Commission, which is trying to preserve the historic character of the town and prevent a four-lane bridge from going through the center of the town's historic district. Thus far, there has been no resolution to this conflict. In Massachusetts, Thomas "Om" Wells has completed his master's degree in education and is living in Dorchester and teaching at Richard P. Mather School, also in Dorchester. Gerrit White '78 is also teaching, but he's at the Winchendon School in Winchendon, Mass. Please forward your news to me soon. The next issue will include some more detailed and diverse information on the activities of our classmates. I'm looking forward to hearing from a lot of you!

Newsmakers

Jim Hayes '76 self-published a book, MSing in Action, about his battle with multiple sclerosis ... Peter Kraft '76 joined the Portland, Maine, law firm of Verrill and Dana ... Tommy Boy Records, founded and chaired by Tom Silverman '76, has grabbed its share of the new lately as the label continues to sign artists on the forefront of rap, hip-hop and other forms of "street music." Tommy Boy was the subject of recent articles in The New York Times and The New Yorker and of a long report on NPR's All Things Considered ... Glenn Newsome '77 was the subject of a feature article in the Lawrence, Mass., Eagle-Tribune. Newsome recently finished a stint in the National Health Services Corps, which provides medical care in under-served areas. Newsome worked — and continues to volunteer — at a clinic in Lawrence with a 1,000-1 patient/doctor ratio. "It was very stressful," he said ... Alice Jellema '78 was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church ... Gary Lamont '78 was named head of the marketing and sales department at McKesson Water Products Company in Pasadena, Calif. ... Lee Roberts '78 was profiled last summer in the Santa Fe New Mexican. Roberts crafts sought-after brass lamps at his abode in Popoquay, N.M. ... Thomas Staples '78 was appointed corporate controller of Sandborn Inc. in Wrentham, Mass. ... Brian Hoffmann '79 joined the Denver law firm of Brownstein Hyatt Farber & Steele in Colorado Springs. ... A journalist went into the field — literally — for the Elgin, Ill., Courier-News and found biochemist and butterfly enthusiast Doug Tarun '79, who is volunteer manager of the Illinois Nature Conservancy's butterfly monitoring program.
A Great Investment in Japan

Twenty years ago no one would have predicted that a degree in East Asian studies would lead to Wall Street and responsibility for managing a $435 million mutual fund. Least of all Elizabeth Allan '74, vice president of Scudder, Stevens & Clark Inc., and portfolio manager of Scudder’s Japan Fund—America’s oldest and biggest mutual fund investing exclusively in Japanese securities.

It was 1970 when Allan arrived on campus—the year after the big antiwar strike and a few months after minority students occupied Lorimer Chapel. Fashions favored jeans and tie-dye (the first time around), and students weren’t exactly flocking to the Career Services Office to meet recruiters from Fortune 500 companies and big investment counsel firms.

Against first-year student interested in language and culture, Allan signed up for the experimental Center for Coordinated Studies’ cluster program on East Asia. After spending her junior year in Japan, she graduated in 1974 with a degree in East Asian studies.

Little did she know then how well her career would personify fund’s portfolio. Then, during August, the Nikkei went up 23 percent mid-summer to go from cautious to aggressive with the cluster program on East Asia. After spending her junior year in Colby Prider Robert E. L. twitter famed treatment on “genderinity and the liberal arts.” And little did her less visionary classmates realize what a presence Japan would become in today’s global village.

Nobody is questioning Allan’s vision this fall. After watching the Japanese stock market’s Nikkei average fall almost 60 percent since she took over management of the Japan Fund in 1990, Allen picked mid-summer to go from cautious to aggressive with the fund’s portfolio. Then, during August, the Nikkei went up 23 percent.

“We were just lucky, I guess,” she said modestly. The fact that American investors poured increasing sums into The Japan Fund as the Japanese market continued its downside this year required some savvy investing under high-stress conditions.

Understanding Japan is Allan’s key to navigating the country’s financial markets. Besides her Colby degree and her junior year abroad, Allan also earned a master’s degree in East Asian studies from Indiana University and has lived in Japan twice. She spent a year there teaching English in 1975–76 and spent almost four years in Tokyo with her husband and two daughters during the late 1960s.

During 1990–92, as the Japanese market plummeted, Allan kept loses well below the market average by focusing on the long-term outlook. Her strategy was to favor companies standing to gain from major societal and economic changes she senses are percolating in the island nation. Discount retailing is an example. “When I lived in Japan, the Japanese wanted the highest quality of everything,” Allan told The Los Angeles Times in July. “Now there is much more of an emphasis on price.”

Projecting that down-scale discounters will pick up market share from up-scale retailers, Allan picked Aoyama Trading, a discount clothing retailer focused on suburban areas, and Shimachu, a do-it-yourself building supply and furniture chain. Expecting growth from an $80 billion public works initiative, Allan bought Sumitomo Forestry to play the homebuilding market and Maeda Road in anticipation of government roadbuilding contracts.

Prior to joining Scudder in 1987 as the first employee in the firm’s Tokyo office, Allan worked for the Japanese firm Nomura Securities on Wall Street and got an M.B.A. from NYU at the same time. She credits a statistics course she took earning a master’s in sociology at Princeton for steering her toward investment counseling as a career.

Her husband, Jim Polacheck, is a global quantitative strategist for the British firm Baring Securities, and the couple has two daughters, ages 7 and 3.

Allan said she travels from her home office in midtown New York to Japan two or three times a year to keep current on trends and developments and to check out businesses of interest. “I like to keep the trips to 10 days so I only have to be away from the family for one weekend at a time,” she said.
Correspondent: Patty Valavanis Smith

80 Due to the very well-coming volume of responses from last fall's questionnaire, the items below may not be exactly timely. However, you can remedy that situation by sending in the latest edition of our annual questionnaire, which should have been mailed by the time you read this. Or call or send me a quick note anytime. . . . Darcy MacKinnon Sledge is a banker for Credit Suisse, where she heads up the leveraged finance group. She, husband Joseph and 2-year-old Kyle are enjoying their home in the historic district of Westport, Conn. . . . Weld Butler, investment counselor and president of Harbor Advisory Corp. in Portsmouth, N.H., married Sarah Kirby, an environmental geologist, in July. He reports that Rick Cline, his wife, Laura, their nine-year-old (I'm sure I'm reading Weld's penmanship correctly) children and dog recently moved from Virginia to West Dennis, Mass. . . . Linda Alter has left her home and hot tub among California's redwoods and moved to St. Paul, Minn. She's working as a sales rep for BlueLine Software, where she promises not to succumb to the high pressure of her sales job of old. . . . Romni-Jo Posner '78 and John Carpenter have welcomed daughter Alison to their active family, which includes 4-year-old twin boys. . . . Warren Rosenthal is director of economic development in Worcester County, Md. He and his wife, Lynne, will celebrate their son Benjamin's second birthday in December. . . . Since November 1990, Sue McLeod MacReynolds, stepmother to two teenagers, has had two daughters, moved to a new home in Vienna, Va., and opened a restaurant with her husband called "Red, Hot and Blue" in Manassas. She's still a systems engineer at The MITRE Corp., where one of her colleagues is Dr. Gail Walker, formerly of Colby's Math Department. . . . John Fierlage is a pilot for Delta Air Lines and still flying F-18s in the Marine Corps Reserve. He and wife Carol and 4-year-old David moved to Maine last June, and he's looking forward to catching up with classmates now that he's back in New England for the first time since college. . . . Paul Faulkner and his wife, Sue, are living in Windsor Locks, Conn., where he's an account implementation manager for Cigna Corp. Paul's been busy as a youth hockey coach, rollerblading or playing hockey and offering informal political commentary. . . . Roberto Hernandez has been enjoying working in the United States for the past two years as the manager of Unisys Technical Support at Software Clearing House in Cincinnati, Ohio. He and his wife, Lorena, live in Kentucky with daughters Adriana, 11, Liza, 8, and Cristina, 3. Roberto had been working for the Central Bank of Costa Rica until November 1986 and was hired as a consultant for Unisys of the Dominican Republic, where he lived for two years. Afterwards, he returned to Costa Rica and took on a variety of responsibilities for several companies. He'd like to hear from Jim Lowe, Russ Fleming and Bill Beck. . . . The gold medal (yes, this is being written during the Olympic season) for the most exotic—and mysterious—response to date goes to Alfred Seaby. He and his wife, Spring, live in Volcano, Hawaii, and he says only that his occupation is "farmer and entrepreneur, Volcano Ola's Polynesian." Tell us more, Al! Can we come visit? . . .

Correspondent: Beth Pniewski Wilson

81 Bob Ryan and I had lunch together at Quincy Market last summer while he was visiting from San Francisco. Bob is a partner at the law firm of Scadden, Hamilton & Ryan and does insurance defense work primarily. He says San Francisco is like Boston without the winter. . . . On my way to have lunch with Bob I ran into Melissa Maggioni. She and JIm O'Sullivan '82 had a second child, Catherine Evelyn, born April 15. Melissa is working for Kodak as a national sales manager. . . . I also saw Lisa Hallee at the legal department at the Gillette Company in Boston. Lisa has been an attorney at Gillette for three years and recently moved from Boston to suburban Newton. . . . Marda Sharkey Collett is living in Guildford, England, with her husband, Tom, and 3-year-old daughter, Abigail. They are there on a two-year assignment with ARCO, and Marda says any Colby alum visiting England should look them up. They are traveling as much of Europe as possible during their stay. Last July Marda visited with Michele Andrea Haley in Roanoke, Va., for the christening of Michele's second child, Benjamin, who was born in January. Michele also has a daughter, Jessica, who is 4 years old. Marda writes that Michele is taking time off from practicing law for now, and Marda is also taking off time from college administration to be at home full time with their children. . . . Alison Jones Webb is living in Waterville and is an economics consultant for Maine Tomorrow, an economic development and land use consulting firm. Her husband, James Webb, is a history professor at Colby. They have two children, Elizabeth and Isaac Daniel. . . . Jon Light is living in Harrison, N.Y., and is working for Banque Paribas as an assets liability manager in their New York branch. He and his wife, Melissa Waters, are parents to identical twins, Ryan and Matt. He sees Peter Coccia as, his wife, Leslie, and their son, Matt, quite often. . . . Whit Symmes is living in Seattle and is the owner of Moss Alley Motors. In July 1991, he and his wife, Marianne Jones, had a daughter, Elley. Whit is wondering how we are supposed to send our kids to college with the soaring tuition costs. . . . Tim Springer is living in Minneapolis and owns Wage Reduction Research, an environmental commission. . . . John Densmore is living in Wardboro, Vt., and is a real estate agent at Mount Snow. He and his wife, Jennifer, were married in September 1990. . . . Kathy Burrill Gaddar is living in South Portland, Maine, and is the director of administration at Criterium-Mooney Engineers in Portland. She and her husband, Sergio, have a 2-year-old son, Nicholas Christian. . . . Cheryl Salisbury Pratt is living in Weeks Mills, Maine, and is working as an administrative assistant for the Family Violence Project in Augusta. She has a son named Andrew. . . . Ed Rowland is living in Bristol, R.I., and is a branch manager for Liberty Travel in Boston. . . . David Mitchell is living in Fort Kent, Maine, and is an optometrist. He and his wife, Tammy, have two children, Alex and Adrienne. . . . Jennifer Sears Supple is living in Freedom, N.H., and is a biology teacher in Conway, N.H. She and her husband, William, have two sons, William IV and Jared. Jennifer received her M.S. in ecol-
It may seem long past, but as I write this, we just finished our 10-year reunion! It was great to see all of the people who were able to attend. One hundred plus people were preregistered, but many more braved the morning rain to drive up for the day. Although all outdoor games and activities were canceled, people found one another, and everyone enjoyed renewed friendships, making new ones, and meeting the next generation of our classmates! Many people attending traveled from various points along the East Coast or Midwest, but we had a few people show up from further away. Matt Fiegel and Bob Hoffman came from California; David Strage made the trek from London and Leah Maher from Germany!... Jeff Brown wrote to say that he and Susan French Fine had their own Colby reunion April 9 in Swaziland, Africa; Susan is there with her husband, Patrick, and son Joshua working for USAID and will be moving to Uganda soon. Jeff is living in Johannesburg with his wife, Jessica, and daughter Hannah for an 18-month program with his company, SmithKline Beecham.... I heard from a few other classmates who could not attend. Susan Winslow Kuta had a baby boy named Joseph Paul at the end of April. Cindy Koehler Bernstein had a son July 14 named Samuel George. Lisa Clark Bureau had a son named Alexander on July 26. Also on the baby front: Gary Westerman and his wife, Anne (Edwards '83), had a son named Kenneth Edwards on April 5. Nancy Briggs Marshall was due around Labor Day, and Susan Wechsler Atkins was expecting her second in October. ... Andy Brantner writes from New York to say that she is on her way to Tokyo for two to three years. She is expecting the experience of living there as a lawyer to be quite different from when she was there as a student!... Since this is my first column, that's it for news on classmates. I am hopeful that people will send me an update on what they're doing. It will be some time before another questionnaire gets sent out—so send a postcard or letter.

Correspondent: Mimi Rasmussen

83 I must offer this column in two parts since so many of you wrote with news. Keep writing and watching for news in our next column. Get excited about our June reunion! Call me if you have any questions. ... Phil Allen's letterhead was Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, Mass., where Phil is doing a second postdoctoral fellowship in experimental medicine. He lives in Jamaica Plain and sails, mountain bikes, skis and rock climbs to stay happy. We'll see Phil in June. ... Emily Baker and husband Shu-Ming Peng live in London, England. Emily's freelance writer and her husband is an international equitiestrainer.... A very brief update from Anne Baxter was highlighted by the June exhibition of her sculpture at the Galerie Jacques Baily in Paris, Anne's home.... Jennifer-Jean Clark is in Marblehead, Mass., as an assistant professor. She has formed an eight-member modern dance company named Jarc Dances, Inc., wherein Jennifer-Jean is its artistic director/choreographer.... I must agree with Victoria Cole's view that some of our hottest issues this year have been abortion, education and the environment. As an election year, it's been an interesting one. Vicky is in Los Angeles working as a designer for a greeting card company. She is also starting her own freelance business, focusing on hand-printed books and greeting cards.... Michael Collins reported from Tustin, Calif., where he is a sales manager for Ajax Electric. He and wife Lyann, a vice president for HandsOnSoftware, enjoy life with Eben Cray Collins, born in September 1991. ... From Shorewood, Wis., came news of Scott Dow and Ashley Lasbury, whose first child was due in October. Both Scott and Ashley are in the insurance business. ... Two cats, two dogs, fishing, boating, reading and volunteer fire fighting are just a few of life's pleasures for Chris Easton, who lives with wife Patti in Ithaca, N.Y. Chris is in the fourth year of his Ph.D. program at State University of New York at Binghamton. They expect their first baby at the end of 1992. ... Beth Lynch Forrest wrote from Hollywood, N.Y., to tell us about her busy lifestyle as mother of Matthew (born in April) and a six benefits analyst at Philip Morris in New York. She and hubby Warren juggle jobs with home ownership and parenthood.... Finally, I ran into Phineas Gay up here on beautiful Mount Desert Island in June. He was visiting our area after attending a fête for Jon Northrop. I do not have all the details but it was good to see Phin!'... For now I must close—please keep up the good work on getting yourselves to drop a note. Janice Sandeen's postcard from Oakland, Calif., was just a quick note of their recent move. Janice has my name and address label programmed into her computer. Now, the rest of you go right off to do the same!

Correspondent: Sally Lovegren Merchant

84 Many thanks to all who answered my plea for news! ... Jim Johnston sent a wonderful note that chronicled his years in medical school at Ohio University (1984–88) and subsequent internships, fellowships and upcoming residency in ophthalmology. Jim recently presented a case at a national neuro-opthalmology meeting. Only 20 cases are chosen a year, and it is considered a great honor to present one. Congratulations! Jim mentioned he would like to hear from Marc Garson. ... Letty Roberts Downs is teaching math, coaching and running a dorm with her husband, Christopher, at the Hotchkiss School. One of her colleagues in the math department is Arthur Eddy '54. ... Rob Graham was recently promoted to director of development for Reebok in Thailand. Anyone traveling in Thailand can reach him at Reebok, 19th Floor CP Tower Building, 311 Silom Road, Bangkok, 10500, Thailand. ... Andrew Christy is living in Hong Kong, where he works for Leo Burnett Advertising and is responsible for direct marketing. Andrew married a former Hong Kong police officer, Mei-ling, last spring. Prior to moving to Hong Kong, Andrew worked in China for two and a half years teaching English and then worked for Estee Lauder Cosmetics in New York and Singapore.

Correspondent: Mary Alice Weller-Mayan

85 Due to the death of my brother-in-law in the V-22 Osprey tilt rotor aircraft, I was unable to compile a column for this issue. However, please send me your news for my next column. Best wishes to you all.

Correspondent: Gretchen Bean Lurie

86 I was pleased to receive such a great response from so many '86ers after my last questionnaire. Now that I have two in tow (Paige Clark Lurie was born in July and joined big brother Hunter, now two years old), my free time is truly a thing of the past! Please keep your letters coming so that I can easily keep everyone updated.... Wendy Birbrower Solomon enjoys motherhood and life in Pittsburgh. Daughter Jordan arrived in March and provides Wendy with a busy schedule. ... Catherine Woodward Gill is on maternity leave from the law firm of Goodwin, Proctor & Hoar so that she can take care of Courtney Nicole, who arrived in April. Cathy was elected president of the Colby Club of Boston and looks forward to hearing from any alumni in the area who are interested in planning events. She also reports that we have a celebrity among us. David Epstein was spotted on ABC (channel 5 in the Boston area) giving the weather report. Watch...
Our fifth-year reunion was a big success! The Class of 87 broke the record for largest turnout ever. For those who couldn’t make it, you were missed, and we hope you’ll be able to make it to the 10th. For those who were there, thanks for coming, and thanks to all who helped make the weekend a memorable one. You will all be receiving a questionnaire soon that will give you a chance to update me on what’s new (especially those I haven’t heard from in years) and also let your officers know what you did/didn’t like about the reunion and what you’d like to see for the 10th. It’s not too early to start planning.

For those who don’t already know, the following were elected class officers for the term 1992-1993: president—Tom Hubbard, vice president—Mike Ashley, secretary/treasurer—Lucy L. Tucker and Alumni Council representative—Kelly Powers. In closing I’d like to thank you in advance for responding to the questionnaire and wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season!

 Correspondent: Emily J. Isaacs

88 Thanks to all of you who took the time to fill out the rather goofy survey I sent out to you. As for the other 90 percent of the class, are you a surveyphobic? I without a mailing address/ Do you have a fax? No, I don’t dare to ask the question. "Who are we voting for in November ’92?" I hope it’s not a question for me to answer, for of course I have one. First, recall our school days when you were confronted with a multiple-choice question for which none of the choices was really quite right or desirable. What did you do? Well, of course you gritted your teeth, swore at your professor’s maliciousness and filled in the box that seemed least incorrect. The lesson here is, it’s okay, you’ve done it before, you can darken the circle next to the name that seems least problematic: the man least likely to promote the ghettoization of the urban poor, least likely to push relations between women and men to the days before Gloria Steinem was born, and, amongst other things, least likely to spend vast quantities of taxpayer money paying off his son’s lousy investments. . . . Becca Bruce writes after a recent visit with Mary Shepard Disandro and her first child, Sarah ("adorable with a strong little personality"). Having had enough of the banking world at Shawmut Bank, Becca will spend the fall in the Arizona desert in a program called Arcosanti, which involves seminars in urban development and the environment followed by work building an environmentally safe city. After the program is complete—her stint if not the city—Becca is heading off to graduate school in urban and regional planning. . . . Finally, Sue Maddock writes from Boulder, Colo., to announce, amongst other things, her engagement to Garrett Hinebauch (welding next June). Since she’s "engaged Lisa Kerney to spread the word," this news may not be news at all.

She is working for American Wilderness Experience selling backcountry adventures to vacations and dude ranches. Garrett is working on construction. They often see Brian Connors, who, having fin-
Voyages of Discovery

Growing up in Connecticut, Dan Parrott '83 was fascinated with National Geographic and felt a "burning passion to travel." Since his sophomore year at Colby he has journeyed to many off-the-beaten-track places in traditional sailing vessels.

"It's adventure, an opportunity to travel in a very unusual way. You see the world from the perspective of coming into ports. You earn your way," said Parrott. One of only a few thousand freelancers in the world of traditional sailing, he moves from ship to ship and is usually at sea for 10 months a year. Currently he is captain of the topsail schooner Harvey Gamage.

In 1991 Parrott served as first mate on Pride of Baltimore II, a Baltimore Clipper faithfully replicated all the way from the raked masts and low freeboard down to the carriage guns. In port, Pride II is open to the public free of charge, and visitors are thrilled, Parrott says. "You have something to offer—'Here we come, out of the mist of time, a thing of beauty and interest'—as opposed to coming and saying, 'Show me, what do you have?' We have something to bring to the party."

Pride II's engine, radio and radar, synthetic line and wire for shrouds are a fact of life for a modern professional mariner and don't detract from the ship's effect, Parrott says. Sailing without modern navigational technology "would be playacting. It wouldn't be learning skills necessary for the 20th century."

Parrott discovered his vocation during his sophomore year when he joined Seamester, Long Island University's one-semester liberal arts course aboard Harvey Gamage. On the voyage from the Virgin Islands to Mystic, Conn., he had textbooks and classes and papers to write, Parrott says.

"I truly did see Seamester as an extension of the goals of a liberal arts broad base of learning," he said. "You need history, electronics, navigation, computing, weather. I was astonished by the variety of things you needed to know."

Parrott earned a master class IV license at the Maritime College in Sydney, Australia, studying technical courses such as coastal and celestial navigation, cargo handling, buoyage, radar, radio and gyrocompasses. He also holds a 1,600-ton ocean master's license and says he would like to take a stab at commercial shipping because he's intrigued by tankers and wants to satisfy his curiosity—although the world of shipping is "kind of dull" compared to sailing ships.

"I love the long passage at sea," he said. "You get into the rhythm of the watch. You're much more aware of the sea and the sky. It's entertainment. They become your friends almost." Off watch his interests are his guitar and scrimshaw. Many traditional sailing tools are no longer found in hardware stores, so he makes his own, sometimes carving them ornately, inlaying with ivory or different kinds of wood. An English major at Colby, Parrott also takes along certain books or a particular author to study. And letter writing helps a sailor to stay in touch.

Even though the work at sea is largely mundane, he says, like checking the bilge areas for water, there are glorious moments when the ship is slipping along in the sun in a perfect breeze with all sails up.

Over the years Parrott has operated mostly in the Pacific. Since 1989 he has served three tours aboard the three-masted topsail schooner Tole Mour, carrying medical and health services to remote atoll villages of the Marshall Islands. This year the program expanded to include troubled Marshallers and Hawaiian teenagers. "They have to bust butt and respect authority," Parrott said, "but they get cared about, which is often a new experience for them."

Currently on his first tour of the Atlantic since 1984, a months-long voyage from Connecticut to Chesapeake Bay to the Caribbean, the captain of Harvey Gamage says the passengers are encouraged to join in jobs that take a lot of hands, like hoisting the big sail. For the passengers it's an adventure holiday. "It's definitely not transportation," said Captain Parrott. "It's travel."
Headliners

Edward Tinson '80 and Kathryn Bolduc '81 were promoted to second vice president at UNUM Corp. in Portland, Maine. Tinson in capital planning, Bolduc in retirement security. . . . Rob Graham '84 was named director of development for Reebok in Thailand. . . . Lincoln Peirce '85 has published his first book, Add More Baked, a collection of Peirce's Big Nate comics.

“Big Nate,” created by
Lincoln Peirce '85

Newsmakers

When the Boston Globe's Patsy Lehman wanted to write an article about child safety, she called Ellen Freedman '81, director of the Boston Childhood Injury Prevention Program. She reported that falls are a primary cause of injury in small children, and she gave advice on how to prevent such accidents. . . . Stephanie Vrattos '81 was Boston group sales manager for Shear Madness, a whodunit at the Charles Playhouse. . . . Robert Wallace '81 is the new controller of the Superior, Wis., Evening Telegram. . . . Carson Stanwood '82 opened a public relations office in Jackson, Wyo., and caught the attention of the Jackson Hole News. "Everybody said it wouldn't work, that the town wasn't ready for a PR man," Stanwood told the paper. But he said he had picked up several clients, and living in Jackson Hole doesn't hurt. "It gives them an excuse to come here," he said. . . . Diane Zavotsky '82 joined the medical staff of the Charles Cole Memorial Hospital in Port Allegany, Pa., and opened a family medicine practice in nearby Emporium. . . . Karen Jo Giammusso Shapiro '86 received a doctorate in clinical psychology from the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology and is associated with the Luk Crisis Center in Fitchburg. . . . Lars Smith '86 joined the law firm of Sheehan, Phinney, Bass & Green in Manchester, N.H. . . . Heather C. Anderson '87 is the new editor of the Amesbury News, an Ipswich, Mass., weekly. . . . Louisa Bell '87 was pictured in the Boston-based City Year Newsletter as one of four volunteers who helped raise $453,000 in City Year's annual Serve-a-thon. . . . Carrie Keating '87 joined the Portsmouth, N.H., public relations firm of Prince and Associates as an account executive. . . . Andrew Sulya '88 is coauthor of an article in the journal Analytical Chemistry titled "Column Liquid Chromatography: Equipment and Instrumentation."

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After much contemplation, he received new from [insert name] and was sure to become Clover Burns '92. In February, [insert name] conceded to become Clover Burns '92. The correspondent Brad Comisar wrote that [insert name] would never accept Clifford Seifer. Correspondent Brad Comisar writes that [insert name] will never accept Clifford Seifer.

Lyndsay Graham

... Kendra Heywood writes that after working for a dentist and at the mall for several months, she landed a "real" job as an editorial assistant at Houghton Mifflin Publishers in Boston. She loves her job, sees her buddy Stephanie Vore daily (Stephanie works in the audiovisual department) and has even met some "great" Bowdoin people. ... Audrey Wittemann and Laura Henderson returned to the States this summer after a year teaching English at a private academy in San Sebastian, Spain, in the Basque country just 20 miles from the French border. They learned many Basque traditions while working on their French as well as Spanish. In addition to teaching, traveling and going to San Sebastian's fantastic beaches, Laura dabbled in translation and Audrey honed her writing skills. Earlier in the year Audrey had an article published in a Connecticut daily newspaper about EuroDisney. ... Jennifer Hartel is back in Maine, managing an exhibit on Maine Indians from a Portland museum while writing a puppet drama of Wagnerian proportions. ... Hilary Greene, decedent exasperate, is studying the artistic and literary underground of Prague, Czechoslovakia. ... Clifford Burns '92 writes that he married a wonderful man, Clifford Seifer, last February.

The happy couple have been living on Cape Cod in Orleans and planning for the arrival of another Colbyite. ... William Douglas is doing graduate work at Portland State University to acquire a grant from the EPA to investigate radon levels in southwestern Oregon. ... Beth Ackroyd is a first grade teacher for Paterson Public Schools in New Jersey. She finds that the kids are great but the system is even more of a challenge. While vacationing in Colorado with Michele Friel, she ran into Jen Flynn, Carol Rea and Kurt Whited. ... Patricia Birows writes from Coventry, R.I., where she is employed by Rhode Island Sports Medicine as a physical therapist intern. She enjoys her job, which daily involves her with athletes. During the summer, Patricia toured the Dominican Republic with Melissa Ackerly. ... Dan "Jazzy D" Raymont is managing Allison Beat, a funky clothing store in Boston. After Colby, Jazzy spent eight months acting professionally, doing such shows as "The Rocky Horror Show," "Lion in Winter" and "My Three Angels." Having survived eight months on one meal a day (oatmeal with raisins), he became a field coordinator for Senator Harkin's presidential campaign. Although Shauna Blanchard sent a postcard of a beautiful beach in Africa, she writes that she doesn't live anywhere near the coast as she continues her three-year term in the Peace Corps. Shauna works on a coffee cooperative program for USAID, restructuring coffee marketing in the northwest province of Cameroon (from the Coffeehouse to coffee marketing!). She finds her work challenging, especially to motivate the people not to depend on the government to bail them out of bad situations. The summer brought the rainy season, so Shauna and her motorcycle didn't get around Cameroon easily. ... Carol Cumming is working outside of Paris for EuroDisney in the information and reservation center. Earlier in the year, Carol took courses at the Sorbonne while doing an internship at the L'Usine Art Gallery. She finds Paris "absolutely amazing." Employed by the Japanese government in the JET (Japan Exchange and Teaching) Program, Susan Colavecchio teaches English to junior high and high school students, edits work for fellow teachers and plans seminars and workshops in English. She loves her job and the opportunity to learn a foreign language and experience another culture firsthand. Susan has also traveled to the Philippines, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand and South Korea. More next time.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our successful column in August and to those who sent news again for this issue. Keep those letters coming, and be sure to note my new address. ... We compared notes, and be sure to note my new address.

Correspondent: Katie Martin

Well guys, it's hard to believe that I'm already sitting down to write my first column for the alumni magazine! I'm still on a high from graduation. Listening to Bill Colby (and Christy O'Rourke—great job, Christy) has certainly beat everything that has happened to me in the two months since graduation. (By the time this column gets to you, that two months will have grown to fifty—aaahh!) You guessed it—I haven't found a real job yet. I'm working for a publishing company as I read the want ads. I am also rushing to complete this column early! (because I leave today for Paris for two weeks. (The one plus to being unemployed—endless vacation time!). ... I have heard exciting news from numerous other '92 grads who are now spread across the United States. First of all, I just got back from a weekend at Helen Suh's house, where we reunited with Rachel Klein, Nicole Dauteuil and Kelly Evans. We compared notes, and this is what we came up with. ... A number of our classmates are now in Los Angeles, getting ready to become Teach For America's next class of teachers, including Felicia Gefvert, Roger Schulman, Eric Johnson, Katherine Rynearson, Judd Braverman, Grace Grindle, Bill Baldwin and more. Good luck, you guys! Another popular area is Washington, D.C., and vicinity, where Deb Stinchfield, Erika Sayewich, Devon Tucker and Caroline Earle are now living (not together) and working. At summer's end, Devon will be off to Germany to work at a university (which one I don't know). Also moving to D.C. (and sharing an apartment) are Rachel Klein, Dave Edelstein (working at Resources for the Future), Andrew Eldredge and Ryan Stronger. ... I also heard from Anne Bowie, who is now employed by Colby's admissions office, having taken over Anita Terry '89's position. She says the new building is beautiful, and so is her new office. She will be doing a lot of traveling around this year—she's already hit some New England schools and has plans to go to Colorado, Minnesota and Virginia! She also informed me that over July 4th weekend, she was in the emergency room with her foot playing volleyball, only to leave less than a week later to travel around Europe on cutrates with Trevor Sides. ... Also, I received news from Deb Fuller, who is now living in New York City and is working for the ad firm Ammirati and Puris on the BMW account. She is living alone, but in search of an apart-

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mention with Sarah Hamilton, who will be teaching and coaching field hockey at a private school in New York City come September. Liz Cimino wrote me a note the other day, just before going to the wedding of Kim Derrington '91 in New Hampshire. She is looking in the Boston area for a job and helped John Rimas in his campaign for Massachusetts state rep. from Methuen. I'm sure that they were also gearing up for the July 25 wedding of Jane DeStefano and Greg Becker, where there were to be a number of Colby grads. Congratulations, Jane and Greg! Other miscellaneous news—Nicole Dauteuil will be back in her hometown of Johnsbury, Vt., teaching ninth and eleventh grade English at St. Johnsbury Academy. Jeannette Riddle was working in a hospital for the summer and getting ready to join Up With People in September. Kristin Nixon is working in Boston for Putnam. Julie Eels was waitressing in Connecticut for the summer. Kevin Smith, Dave Dore and Ted Bosco were in Waterville for the summer painting houses. Theo Von Wallmenich and Laura Kuske also lived in Waterville for the summer. Sarah Bramhall planned to move from one Portland to another (the one in Oregon), where she was to begin work for the United Way in mid-August. Josh Reynolds is also working in the Portland area. Obviously, this news comes to you from only a small fraction of our class. If this news is incorrect, please correct me, and if you have any exciting news, or just want to see your name in print, please write me a note or call. That way I don't have to make things up about you or rely on word of mouth! And I love mail, so you'd be making me happy too! I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Newsmakers

Brinton Banta '90 is assistant account manager at Lawner Reingold Britton & Partners, a Boston advertising firm. . . . Gary Doherty '90 is defensive line coach at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. . . . Greg Jacobson '91 is deputy press secretary for the gubernatorial campaign of Frank Flaherty in Rhode Island. . . . Elizabeth Reutlinger '91 is spending the year teaching English in Namibia with WorldTeach, a nonprofit organization based at Harvard University. . . . Jill Camuso '92 was hired as a teacher of Spanish at the Essex Elementary School in Massachusetts. . . . Ruth Purushotham '92 is serving as a United Methodist Board of Global Ministries missionary to Bangalore, India. . . . John Rimas '92 passed up a chance to work in the Detroit Pistons' p.r. office to run for the Massachusetts legislature. "This is something I want to do more," Rimas, who lost the race, told the Lawrence, Mass., Eagle-Tribune. "This is where my heart is now." . . . Eric Turner '92 is ice hockey coach and assistant director of admissions at Kents Hill School in Readfield, Maine. . . . Kimberly Zimmerman '92 is a VISTA volunteer in Lowell, Mass.

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Leonard Mayo '22, Educator, Presidential Advisor, Humanitarian

Leonard W. Mayo '22, an advisor to five presidents and an educator whose work helped shape American social policy on child welfare, mental retardation and physical disability, died at his Chagrin Falls, Ohio, home on September 1, three days before his 93rd birthday. He was born in 1899 at the Berkshire Industrial Farm in Canaan, N.Y., where his father, William W. Mayo, Class of 1879, was headmaster. At Colby, where he was an English major and a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, he displayed the energy that characterized his later life: he was captain of the track team, an honors student, a class officer, a member of debating and dramatics groups and on the student council and the staff of the Echo. "Real worth requires no interpreter," reads the caption under his photograph in the 1922 Oracle. Beneath the list of his activities are the words: "we have no room to say all the nice things we would like to say about Len...he is one of those whom you can't get along without, for he is always helping somebody."

He was a humanitarian in the broadest sense of the word, believing in the basic worth and potentiality of people and holding himself to a standard of conduct that would help to improve the quality of the world for families and children. He began his career as program director at the Opportunity Farm for Boys in New Gloucester, Maine. Following graduate work in sociology at New York University and the New York School of Social Work between 1929 and 1934, he served in various administrative capacities at the Maryland Training School for Boys, at the Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., on the faculty of Columbia University's New York School of Social Work, with the Emergency Relief Bureau and with the Welfare Council of New York City. His efforts on behalf of children included service as president of the Child Welfare League of America from 1935 to 1945 and as chair of the Federal Commission on Children in Wartime from 1942 to 1946.

From 1941 to 1947 he was dean of the School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and was vice president of the university from 1947 to 1950. He left Case Western to become executive director of the Association for the Aid of Crippled Children in New York, where for the next 15 years he focused attention on the house-bound child. From 1956 to 1973 he was president of the International Union for Child Welfare. He also was president of the National Conference of Social Work in 1948, chair of the National Commission on Chronic Illness from 1948 to 1956 and chair of the social welfare department of the National Council of Churches of Christ from 1951 to 1960. In 1955 he was a member of the United States delegation to the United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders. He was appointed chair of the Council on Rehabilitation of New York State in 1959 and in 1963 was the recipient of the Albert Lasker Foundation Award in World Rehabilitation.

Between 1930 and 1960 he served on four White House Conferences on Children and Youth. As chair of President John F. Kennedy's Commission on Mental Retardation and vice chair of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped in the administrations of Johnson and Ford, his recommendations had a major impact on modern approaches to care of the mentally retarded. For his work he received a president's citation for distinguished service. Later he was chair of the National Advisory Board to the Developmental Disabilities Technical Assistance System and a consultant to the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 1976 he returned to Case Western's Mandel School of Applied Sciences as a visiting professor, and in 1978 the school established its first fully endowed chair, The Leonard W. Mayo Chair in Family and
Child Welfare. He served during the 1980s as a development officer and at the time of his death was a member of the Mandel School’s visiting committee. At the Case Western Reserve commencement in 1992, he was awarded an honorary doctorate. Colby awarded him an honorary doctor of social sciences in 1942. From 1957 to 1969 he served on the Board of Trustees. In 1966, following his proposal for a new major combining social and natural sciences that would provide the basis for a coordinated approach to social problems, he became the Human Development Program’s first professor, a position he held until 1971. He viewed this early interdisciplinary program as a reaffirmation and declaration in new terms of the College’s basic concepts and convictions, a view he also held of Colby’s historic Constitutional Convention, which he chaired in 1969. He also served on the Educational Policy Committee and on the Alumni Council, directed the Fulfillment Campaign in 1960 and was a Friend of Art. He was awarded a Colby Brick and, in 1981, the Distinguished Alumnus award.

His credo, first written in 1945, was reaffirmed in 1989 on the 65th anniversary of his marriage to Lena Cooley Mayo ’24: “...I believe ... not only in the value of but the necessity for health, medical and social services, both voluntary and governmental, and in their respective and joint contributions to the well-being and freedom of people.” As one born to privilege, he said, he recognized that he had “a debt ... to mankind that must be repaid in my community within my lifetime.”

Surviving Colby relatives include his sister, Julia Mayo Wilson ’27; cousins Louise Coburn Smith Velton ’33, Helen Smith Fawcett ’27 and George Irving Smith ’49 and his great-nephew, Harold Kent ’52. He is also survived by his wife, two daughters, five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Boswell Scholar

Marion Starbird Pottle ’18, who cataloged the papers of James Boswell at Yale University, died on May 24 in Ithaca, N.Y. She was 94. She was born in Oxford, Maine, and educated in Oxford schools. At Colby she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and earned a German prize in her junior year. She was a member of several clubs and societies, including the Equal Suffrage Association and the Literary Society, was president of student government and was a delegate to the national student government convention. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority. After Colby she earned a bachelor’s degree in library science at Simmons College and a master’s in English at Yale, where she worked as a cataloguer and librarian at the Yale Law Library. With her husband, Yale Professor Frederick Pottle ’17, she compiled and in 1936 published the Catalogue of the Private Papers of James Boswell from Malahide Castle in the Collection of Lt.-Col. Ralph Heyward Isham, and when a larger collection of Boswell papers was deposited at Yale in 1949, she continued that work. Catalogue of the Papers of James Boswell at Yale University is soon to be published by the University of Edinburgh Press. When she received an honorary doctorate in humane letters from the College in 1977, a Yale senior research associate and a professor of English called her work on the Boswell Papers “a feat of scholarship” and said “publication of the catalogue will climax a sustained and self-effacing contribution to the world of learning.” She served the College as class agent, was a member of the Maine Club of New Haven and the New Hampshire Historical Society and, during World War II, worked in the Red Cross British war relief effort. She received an honorary doctorate from Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio. She is survived by a son, Christopher. She was predeceased by her husband, a son, Samuel, a daughter, Annette, and her sister, Marguerite Starbird Lunt ’22.

Textile Company Vice President

Robert E. Sullivan ’19, a textile chemist and vice president of the Anchor Thread Company in Groveville, N.J., died May 26 in Trenton, N.J., at age 95. He was born in Camden, N.J., and was a lifelong resident of the state. At Colby, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, he served on the Echo staff, was editor of the 1919 Oracle and graduated as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He obtained graduate degrees from the University of Pennsylvania in 1920 and the Philadelphia College of Arts and Sciences in 1925. He was past president of the Delaware Valley chapter of the American Association of Textile Chemists. At the start of World War II he volunteered with the U.S. Army Ambulance Corps and was assigned to the emergency room at St. Francis Hospital in Trenton, N.J., where for the next 50 years he volunteered more than 22,500 hours of service. He also was active in church work and served for 24 years on the vestry of Christ Episcopal Church in Bordentown, N.J. He is survived by his wife, Olivia, three sons, 11 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and several nephews and nieces, including George A. Parker Jr., ’42, Geraldine Fennessey Parker ’43 and David B. Parker ’68.

Economics Professor

Claude L. Stinnett ’26, who taught economics at Earlham College in Indiana for 35 years, died on July 28 in Richmond, Ind. He was 93. Born and educated in Brownsville, Maine, he joined the Earlham faculty after earning his B.S. from Colby and a master’s from Brown University. He was chair of Earlham’s economics department when he retired in 1972. He served in the Army during World War II and worked for the United States Office of Price Administration and Office of Price Stabilization during World War II. He was a member of the Rotary and was a Mason, and served on the board of the Mary Hill Home and Interfaith Housing. His wife, Helen, predeceased him. He is survived by a daughter, a granddaughter and a grandson.

Former Trustee

Bettina Wellington Piper ’35, a former College alumni trustee, died in Waterville, Maine, on July 27. She was born in Monticello, Maine, and was educated in Houlton schools and Ricker College before matriculating at Colby. After receiving her B.A., she taught for two years in Aroostook County, Maine, then attended the Katherine Gibbs School. She worked as secretary and junior executive of the Kearfott Company in New York City from 1937 to 1945 and moved to Waterville the following year. She was a member of the First Congregational Church and past superintendent of its Sunday School. She was a member of the P.T.A. and the Thayer Hospital Auxiliary and Community Chest. Elected alumni trustee in 1964, she also served on the Alumni Council and on her class reunion committee. She is survived by her husband, Albert ’36, one daughter and one grandson.
Keyes Fibre Company Executive

Burleigh E. Barker '44, a corporate controller for Keyes Fibre Co., died June 19 in Waterville, Maine, at age 73. He was born in Norridgewock, Maine, and attended Coburn Classical Institute and Waterville High School. In 1940 he enlisted in the Army and served as a captain in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was employed by Keyes Fibre Co. from 1946 until his retirement in 1981. He was president of the Waterville area Chamber of Commerce in 1960 and over the years served on several community committees, including the Community Chest and the March of Dimes. He was president of the Bangor Chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants, director of the Maine Children's Home, trustee of Seton Hospital and president of the Arnold Trail Sportsman's Association. He was also a member of the Pleasant Street Methodist Church, the American Legion and the Waterville Masonic Lodge. He is survived by his wife, Frances Brewer Barker '42, a son, a daughter, four grandchildren and a cousin.

Distinguished Jurist

Ernest I. Rotenberg '45, who served on the Massachusetts probate court bench and was once named the country's leading trial judge, died on July 7 in Brewster, Mass. He was 67. He was born in Attleboro, Mass., and prepared for Colby in the local schools. At the College he was a member of Tau Delta Phi fraternity and participated in the drama club, in the band and orchestra and on the tennis team. He received his B.A. in government from Tufts University in 1945 and his J.D. from Boston University in 1947. He began practicing law in Attleboro in 1948 and was a trial lawyer and an adjunct professor at Suffolk University before his appointment to the bench by Massachusetts Gov. Francis Sargent in 1973. He served as assistant district attorney for the Massachusetts Southern District in 1968-69, was town counsel for Seekonk in 1969-73 and was special assistant attorney general from 1969 to 1973. He was a member of numerous professional and civic organizations and was a past Attleboro city council member. He published many articles on legal topics and lectured at several Massachusetts colleges and universities. His work on the Probate and Family Court was far ranging, including the development of one of the earliest and most successful mediation programs and a decision that restored the option of aversion therapy in the treatment of severely autistic children. He was a member of the board of trustees of Southeastern Massachusetts University, which awarded him an honorary degree in 1981. In 1988 he received the Paul Harris Fellowship Award of Rotary International, the organization's highest tribute, and the Franklin N. Flaschner Judicial Award, the American Bar Association's award to the most outstanding judge in the nation of a court with limited and special jurisdiction.

Advertising Executive

Janet Cooney Thompson '54, the founder of her own advertising firm, died in Jamestown, R.I., on May 14 at 59. She was reared in Pelham Manor, N.Y., and at Colby she played field hockey and developed an interest in journalism. After Colby she graduated from Katherine Gibbs School and attended the College of New Rochelle and Columbia University. She worked as a copywriter for the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency during the 1950s, then was a freelance writer for many years before joining a New Canaan, Conn., advertising firm, Charles Gardner, Inc., where she rose to vice president. She was vice president of the Madison Avenue and Elm Agency in 1975-76, then formed her own firm, Ad Ventures Unlimited, Inc., in New Canaan, and, later, another firm, JCT Thompson, Inc. In 1977 she was listed in Who's Who in American Women. She was an active community volunteer, working to eliminate barriers for the disabled in public buildings and, when her daughter was denied admission to Little League, forming and coaching in a girls' league. She is survived by her husband, Harding, a son, two daughters and three grandchildren.

Boston-Area Dentist

John P. Delea '55, a retired Brockton, Mass., dentist, died in Hyannis, Mass., on June 13. He was 61. He was born in Boston and raised in Brockton, graduating from Brockton High School in 1948. At Colby he majored in chemistry, was secretary of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and a member of the hockey, golf and freshman football teams. He earned a dental degree at Tufts University in 1959 and practiced in his hometown for over 30 years. He served as a captain in the Air Force and was for many years a clinical instructor at Tufts Dental School. He was a member of the American Dental Association, the I.R. Hardy Prosthetic Conference and many other professional organizations. He is survived by his wife, Jane, seven children, including Maura Delea Glynn '80, Thomas '84 and Michelle '89, and four grandchildren.

Professor of French

Susan Fetherston Frazer '59, a professor of romance languages at Wesleyan University, died on July 28 in Paris, France, at the age of 54. She was born in Plainfield, N.J. At Colby she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority and served on several committees. A French major, she was president of the modern romance language society, was awarded the French Prize and graduated with Latin honors. In 1962 she received an M.A. in French from Wesleyan University, where she began teaching in 1965 as a teaching assistant. From 1973 to 1990 she was an adjunct lecturer and in 1990 was named an adjunct associate professor. Since 1967 she had been responsible for the placement of Wesleyan students in French language and literature courses. She also published translations and numerous articles in scholarly journals and was a contributor to L'Hermé, the definitive critical collection about the French surrealist poet Robert Desnos. She was a member of the Modern Language Association and the American Association of Teachers of French. Over the years she supported Colby thoughtfully and generously in spirit and deed, representing the College at inaugurations of college presidents and serving as a class correspondent and as a member of the nominating committee of the Alumni Council. She is survived by her husband, John, a daughter and a sister.
LETTERS

Colby welcomes letters from readers. We reserve the right to edit for brevity and clarity. Please send correspondence to Managing Editor, Colby, Office of Communications, Colby College, Waterville, ME 04901.

"New Visibility" Lauded

I am writing in response to two items in the May issue, the article on the student gay/lesbian group, The Bridge, and the letter from Robert Batten '48.

First of all, congratulations to the Colby community for supporting The Bridge. There was certainly no such group in my time. I can only guess how our lives might have been changed by its presence. Colby from 1961 to 1965 was not very different from the college 15 years earlier that Mr. Batten describes. Gay and lesbian invisibility was real. Oh, we knew about some faculty members and even a few students, but generally silence prevailed. My personal reaction was different than Robert Batten's, however, since I didn't yet realize I was gay, and a sad situation not uncommon among my contemporaries. One of the reasons for this might be that we didn't see ourselves reflected in the curriculum. In fact, probably the only students whose life experiences were reflected to any extent in the course of study were white, heterosexual European males. In other words, in those days, a liberal education wasn't so liberal.

Fortunately, diversity and inclusiveness are more valued in the '90s. As an educator, I am involved in a project to help my school's curriculum provide windows through which students can see the diverse experiences of others and mirrors where they can see their own lives reflected. I hope that Colby is again in the forefront, as it has been in so many other worthwhile endeavors, and that its curriculum allows a multitude of voices to be heard.

Bob Gordon '65
Columbus, Ohio

Correct Title, Please

In your August edition you were kind enough to note my appointment as an overseer of the Colby community for supporting The Bridge. I refer to my own letter to Colby, a more valued in the '90s. As an educator, I am not sure how our lives might have been changed by its presence. Colby from 1961 to 1965 was not very different from the college 15 years earlier that Mr. Batten describes. Gay and lesbian invisibility was real. Oh, we knew about some faculty members and even a few students, but generally silence prevailed. My personal reaction was different than Robert Batten's, however, since I didn't yet realize I was gay, and a sad situation not uncommon among my contemporaries. One of the reasons for this might be that we didn't see ourselves reflected in the curriculum. In fact, probably the only students whose life experiences were reflected to any extent in the course of study were white, heterosexual European males. In other words, in those days, a liberal education wasn't so liberal.

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Another Voice From Rio

As a television producer at the Rio Earth Summit, I very much appreciated Professor Thomas Tietenberg's succinct analysis of what went on at the world's largest environmental forum. To the list of special interest groups that shaped the proceedings, he might have added the Vatican and conservative Muslim clerics. They were successful in eliminating any reference in the UNCED documents to population growth and family planning. The burden of addressing that controversial subject fell to Senator Al Gore. In a parliamentary forum in downtown Rio, chaired by singer John Denver, Gore brought the issue into proper focus. He acknowledged religious concerns but insisted that population control is as much a North/South issue. Those in the North, he said, where birth rates are low, live in societies with enough wealth to supply an economic safety net through unemployment compensation and social security. There is no such safety net in Third World (read Southern) countries, so parents have large families to ensure old-age security. A more equitable distribution of wealth would be an effective form of birth control, Gore said. So would the empowerment of women, he added.

One personal observation of the "greenhouse" impact in Rio. Going out to RioCentro (where the UNCED sessions were held) early one morning, we got stuck behind a long line of buses. The fumes were so thick we thought it was nighttime.

William C. Winslow '57
New York, N.Y.

No Mention of Grandson

I have always enjoyed reading Colby, but I'm very disturbed with the article "All the State's a Colby Stage" [August].

The conductor and director [of a production at Lakewood Theater] was Stephen Quint, who is my grandson. No mention was made of him in the article. We are very grateful to Mary Recchio, Alumna at Large, who directed the chorus rehearsals. She did not direct the orchestra, however. This opera group was created by Stephen in 1985 and since then I have been indirectly involved, doing the chore which no one else has had the time to do.

Stephen is not a Colby graduate, but since he is my grandson, I feel he should have been recognized along with George Coleman, Nina Tilander, Patricia Helm, Tony Hess and Mary Rector.

Mabel Clough Dysart '34
Pittsfield, Maine

Corrections

On page 18 in this issue, the figure given for the Class of 67's 25th reunion gift is incorrect. The class gave $134,000.

Due to an editing error in the August Alumni at Large, the wedding of Marie Devito '79 was misdated. She was married in June 1992.

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A1 Columbus Jacket, M - XXL, $79.95:
Navy insulated jacket with polar fleece lining
A2 Navigator Jacket, S - XL, $39.95:
Unlined shell jacket available in Black, Green, or Red

Picture B
A3 Classic Crew, S - XL, $39.95:
Navy striped crew with embroidered Colby
A4 Varsity Jacket, S - XL, $199.00:
Quilted-lined letterman jacket with leather sleeves and collar; Available in Navy Wool/Brown Leather (shown) or Black Wool/Black Leather
A5 Cambridge Crew, S - XL, $39.95:
Natural colored crew with zip collar; embroidered logo

Picture C
A6 Tapestry Crew, S - XL, $49.95:
Embroidered appliqué on Navy or Ash Reverse Weave crew
A7 Traditional Crew, S - XXL, $37.95:
Reverse weave crew with Colby name and seal (not available as shown; only available with gray body)
A8 Long Sleeve Crew, S - XL, $32.95:
White with left chest logo
A9 Quilted Crew, S - XL, $31.95:
Quilted-shoulder crew with full chest logo