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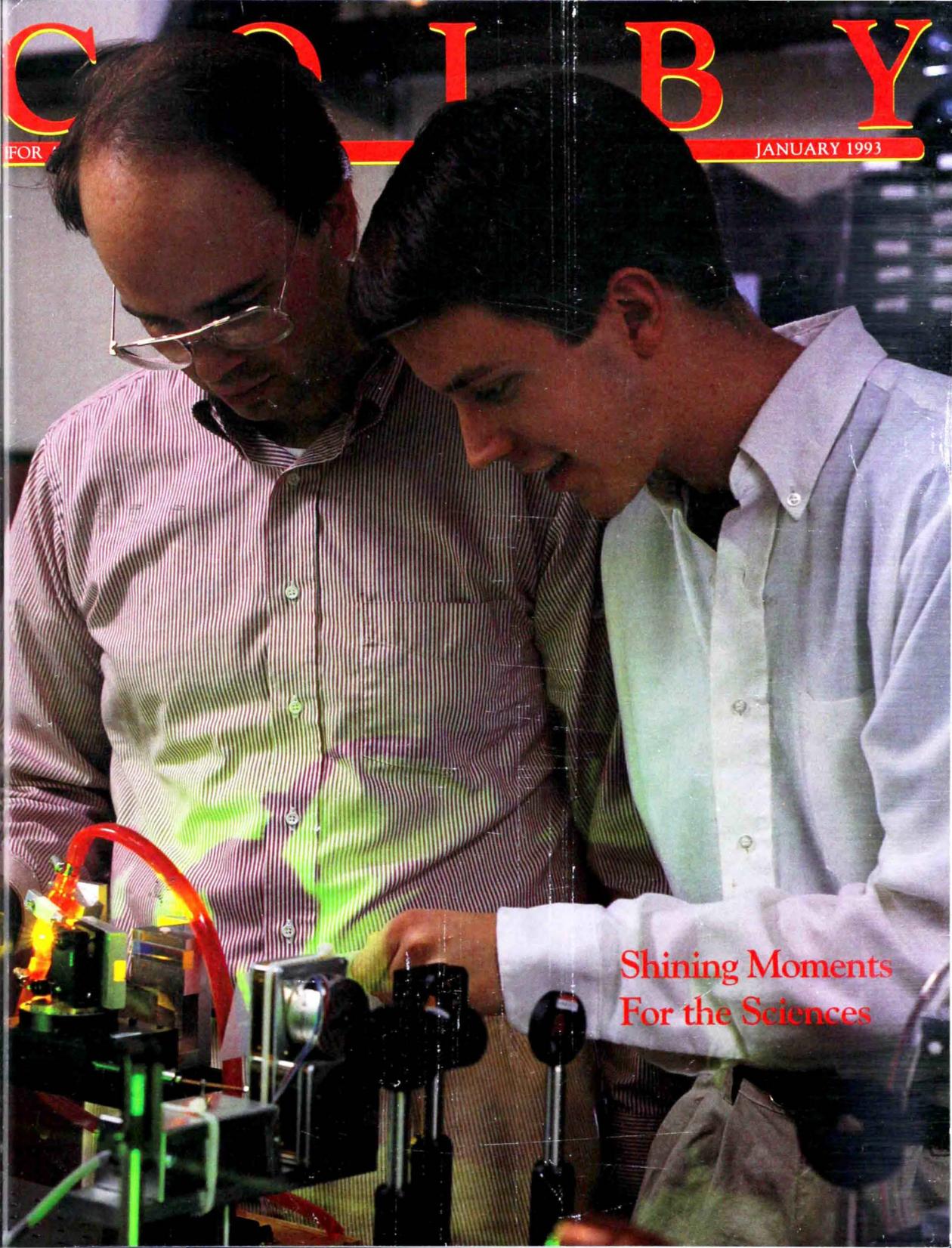
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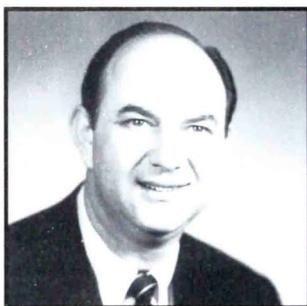
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Keith Devlin, whose life and work are examined in the article beginning on page 14, is a mathematician by training but a dabbler in realms both empirical and philosophical.

Devlin sees mathematics everywhere—in physical structures, in language, in the innermost workings of the human mind. He also sees beyond mathematics into the very center of what he and a few other deep thinkers from around the world see as the emerging science of information, and he is participating in a study that may forever change the way we view the process of communication.

It is people on the edges of academic disciplines who tend to poke and prod conventional wisdom and make it prove itself, Devlin says, explaining why it excites him to swap ideas with sociologists and anthropologists and engineers in their joint quest for the new science. And that notion seems to hold true outside of the academic life as well.

Take this magazine, for instance. Two and a half years ago, when Director of Communications Ed Hershey said he planned to merge *Currents*, a zippy tabloid, with venerable *Colby* magazine and retain the best features of both—and that he was going to do it virtually overnight—there were skeptics. Nobody can do that, they said. You need studies. You need a plan. You need a year.

But Ed did it. He backed conventional wisdom into a corner and, if we can believe the response from *Colby* readers, created a college magazine that serves its purpose as well as any in the country.

This month Ed takes up a new position as vice president for public affairs at Albright College in Reading, Pa. Those who will try, on these pages, to live up to his standards at *Colby* wish him the best. ♦



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### Science Is Hot

Thanks to an organized infusion of funds and enthusiasm for the sciences on Mayflower Hill, Colby students like John Dudek and Geoff Harvey (page 8) can build lasers, Maude White (page 9) can do meaningful research in biochemistry, David Berner (page 10) can isolate novel strains of bacteria and Lyn Millett (page 12) can rove around a make-believe computer world while deepening her appreciation for technological ethics.

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## Ring in the New

In case you haven't heard, new state-of-the-art carillon bells have been installed in Lorimer Chapel. They are the gift of John Briggs '52 and his wife, Carol, of Pleasanton, Calif., in honor of Dean of Men Emeritus George T. Nickerson '24 and his wife, Ruth, of Waterville. They ring the Westminster Chimes on the hour and will be used for other music, either from an automatic digital system or from a keyboard. They were dedicated at ceremonies in early December. The bells replace the College's original set, installed in 1947, which used vacuum tubes in the amplification system. The old equipment could no longer be repaired, and the chapel bells have not been rung for several years. The original carillon bells, like the new ones, memorialized Colby men and women who died in the service of their country.

## Colby Makes a Point

President George Bush has recognized senior Heather Vultee and the volunteers of Colby Friends in his 1,000 Points of Light Program honoring service to others. Heather received the award on behalf of the student volunteer group at a November presentation at the White House. The Friends program, begun five years ago, matches some 50 students with local youngsters, ages 5 to 11, many of them from single-parent families. They participate in various recreational and social activities. Vultee is coordinator of the program.

## SAT Up, Take Notice

The College Board reports a rise in SAT scores for the nation's high school class of '92, halting a slow decline in scores over the past several years. This year's average of 423 on the verbal sections is a single point above the average of a year ago. The 476 on math sections is two points ahead of last year. Colby's admissions committee is studying the use of standardized tests in the admissions process, and, until the study is

completed, the College will not release test scores as part of the published profile of entering students.

## SOARing

More than 50 faculty, administrators and staff members have formed a Colby chapter of SOAR (Society Organized Against Racism) to complement the successful student group assembled three years ago. Veteran English Professor Pat Brancaccio and his wife, Ruth, serve as co-chairs. The chapter began its activities with a marathon reading of *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* in December. Some 20 faculty and staff members took turns and read the work aloud from start to finish.

## Students Care

Each of the four residential commons has incorporated volunteer service into its annual program, and the activities—too numerous to list—have ranged from staffing Salvation Army kettles to sponsoring a dance-a-thon for UNICEF. Hundreds of students are involved. On the political side, it is worth noting that every last one of some 300 students registered to vote in Waterville cast their ballots in the November election. You can't do any better than 100 percent.

## To Name a Few

Steve Saunders' book, *The Music of Stephen C. Foster: A Critical Edition*, was named the 1991-92 Choice Outstanding Academic Book. Choice is a leading review journal of the entire field of academic publishing and libraries. . . . Jim Boylan's novel, *The Planets*, was named a "book of the year" by *The Times of London*. . . . We read about Government Professor Tony Corrado's role as Senator John Kerrey's "money juggler" in *Newsweek's* special edition on the presidential election. . . . Len Reich (administrative science) has been invited to present a paper in Havana at a first-ever U.S.-Cuban conference on the history of electrification.

## Missing You

Mary Ellen Matava, associate director of communications at Colby since 1988 and this magazine's photo editor for the past two years, is returning to the Maine daily journalism scene. She'll be covering Brunswick for the local *Times Record*.

## Moosecellaneous

Three new Colby babies—all girls—were born within 72 hours of each other in November. Guilain (government) and Eliza Denoux welcomed Miss Genievie; Batya Friedman (math and computer science) and Peter Kahn (education and human development) became parents of Miss Zoe Bat-Ami; and Sarah and Adam (sociology) Weisberger greeted Miss Abigail. . . . The Maine deer hunting season had hardly begun before Eric Rolfson '73 (development) had exceeded the bag limit. He got one with his Mazda on a Friday and another with his pickup the next Monday. The Rolfsons were unharmed—not so the deer . . . or the vehicles. (Lots of deer in Maine this year; many killed by rod and by traffic). . . . An unexpected but most interesting addition to the fall overseer/trustee meeting schedule was an impromptu election discussion by trustee Peter Hart '64, well known Democratic pollster who was often seen on public television and the commercial networks during the election season. . . . Career Services director Cindy Yasinski reports an increase in the number of students taking advantage of offerings in her office. The number of scheduled off-campus recruiters remains about the same as a year ago. More than 60 institutions were represented at a hugely successful Graduate and Professional School Information Fair at the Student Center before the holidays. . . . Searches are underway this year to fill 11 faculty tenure-track positions.



## Bringing the World to Benton

**M**ore than three dozen Colby students are participating in a new program designed to enrich the classroom experience for 800 first through sixth graders at Benton Elementary School, six miles from campus.

The Colby-Benton connection materialized this fall, largely by a happy coincidence. Soon after Benton art teacher Tamar Etingen was appointed chair of her school's Cultural Diversity Awareness Committee, she found herself at a banquet listening to Colby's Ralph Bunche Scholars speak about the importance of reaching out to their communities. It didn't take long for the bulb to light up, Etingen said.

Early in the school year several dozen interested students and 22 Benton teachers had dinner together on campus, and the program started to take shape. Ana Maria Vaal Da Silva '94, student coordinator for the exchange, said the program has been very inclusive from the beginning, with minority and majority students actively recruited. It is a program about diversity, not aliens, she said.

"We've asked the Benton teachers, 'Please do not treat the Colby students as exotic objects,'" Vaal Da Silva said. And indeed, the impact has been mutual.

When Dhumal Aturaliye '95 from Sri Lanka stepped to the blackboard and wrote the characters that mean "hello" in his native Singhalese alphabet, 25 sixth graders literally gasped in unison, awed by the beautiful, exotic script.

When Betsy Burleson '96 asked Benton School second graders to look in their lunchboxes, she was less interested in what was for lunch than in how it was wrapped.



Liz Kawazoe '95 of New Braunfels, Texas, in Benton.

Burleson led the students in a lesson about reusing, recycling and composting as part of an environmental studies unit.

Saudi Arabian Nizar Al-Bassam '96 loved the unreserved curiosity of first graders. "It was great," he said. "They wanted to know everything, anything. Who is the king married to? What does she look like? How many sand dunes are near my house? How many camels do I see every day?"

Etingen says the Benton School population is homogeneous and includes a number of low-income students.

"There's a sizable portion of my student body who have never met a living, breathing college student," she noted. Just having Colby students in the building and in classrooms could open up new horizons to the grade school children, Etingen said, and having African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Caribbean, African and European students participate adds an even richer element.

Projects either planned or underway at the Benton school include a presentation on the African-American Kwanzaa celebration by Cicely Finley '94 from Chicago, Miriam Montrot, a visiting student from France, teaching her native language to first

graders and a variety of students tutoring or helping out in the classroom as needed.

Etingen also developed a unit on Caribbean carnivals for this winter and spring, including construction of big carnival masks. Working with students from Angola, France and Cote d'Ivoire, Etingen figures she can make all kinds of connections between Caribbean carnivals and their African and French roots.

"There's a theme they use in the Jamaican carnival: 'Out of Many People, One,'" she said. Which sums up a big part of what the Colby-Benton

connection is all about.

## Stellar Year for Lovejoy Ceremony

**S**ydney Schanberg, an award-winning reporter and author who is now a columnist and associate editor of New York *Newsday*, received the 1992 Elijah Parish Lovejoy award at the 40th Lovejoy Convocation in November.

Schanberg's lecture, which focused on the U.S. government's ability to limit and manipulate press coverage of the gulf war, was itself given nationwide coverage in the press. But even that was eclipsed by the attention paid the following day to a national conference at Colby, "The Election and the Media," held in conjunction with the convocation. Two panel discussions were taped and aired worldwide by C-SPAN.

A native of Clinton, Mass., and a graduate of Harvard, Schanberg joined *The New York Times* as a copyboy in 1959 and became a reporter the following year. He covered the Albany state house and served

as a correspondent in New Delhi, where he covered the 1971 war between India and Pakistan, and in Singapore, where he covered all of Southeast Asia. In 1976, Schanberg won the Pulitzer Prize for international reporting for coverage of the fall of Cambodia. The Academy Award-winning film *The Killing Fields* was based on Schanberg's book. In addition to the Pulitzer and Lovejoy awards, Schanberg has won two George Polk awards and two Overseas Press Club awards.

Colby President William R. Cotter presented Schanberg with the Lovejoy medal at a dinner in his honor prior to the convocation. In the light-hearted remarks that have become the custom after the dinner, Cotter teased Schanberg for his undying devotion to the Boston Red Sox and presented him with a unique gift—a poster depicting in excruciating, frame-by-frame detail the ground ball that went through Bill Buckner's legs and allowed the New York Mets to wrest the 1986 World Series from Schanberg's beloved (and hapless) Red Sox.

"In an age of tabloid sensationalism and the sound-bite attention span," Cotter told Schanberg in the honorary degree citation he read later at Lorimer Chapel, "your career has cut against the grain, attacking corrup-

tion and exposing injustice with thoughtful, thorough and persistent journalism."

In his own lecture and the question period that followed, Schanberg lived up to his reputation as a reporter, editor and columnist with an iconoclastic bent toward his own profession as well as the subjects it covers. He derided the U.S. for barring reporters from covering the war without military escorts and censoring stories that had little or nothing to do with military security and chastised most reporters for not resisting these practices. In one instance, Schanberg said, censors eliminated a passage reporting that members of an American unit watched a porno movie the night before moving out on a mission.

"When reporters play yes-men and yes-women to the government, we not only damage ourselves but also our country," Schanberg said. "I wonder how many reporters and editors have such a short memory that they've forgotten our loud chorus of agreeability and affability when Lyndon Johnson bamboozled us with his fabrication of that Gulf of Tonkin incident. It's a good memory to hang on to.

"During the Iraq thing, a group of people and some civil libertarian lawyers decided to file a lawsuit. I joined in the lawsuit with other writers and some small media organizations. Most of them would be described as liberal organizations—the *Village Voice*, *Mother Jones*, *L.A. Weekly*, *Harper's* magazine. William Styron joined. The suit sought to tear away these controls on reporters' movements. It said they were unconstitutional, an unconstitutional interference with freedom of speech. And it laid out a very careful case of the precedents that had already been set in other wars by the commander-in-chief, who allowed freedom of access, voluntary observance of the security rules. The government's answer to that lawsuit was that under

the constitution, the president is commander-in-chief, and to challenge [him] 'would be impermissible at any time and is unthinkable in time of war.'

"Well, 'unthinkable' is not a legal word, it's a political word. It's one of those labels that suggests that anyone who entertains such a thought—the thought of giving the press access to the war—just might not be a good American. The smear seemed to do its work—its work was to intimidate—because the mainstream press did not come in and join that lawsuit, even though its birthright was really at stake.

"How did this lawsuit come out? The government dragged its feet, and it stonewalled, and finally the war was over. So the lawsuit became moot. The federal judge in New York, who ruled on it and said the situation had now changed and this was now moot, did something else, however. He rejected completely the government's argument that it was unthinkable to question what the government was doing in war, toward the press or anyone else. It was not unthinkable to stand up and dissent. So there is that little consolation from the ending of this lawsuit.

"The television networks, the major ones, never even considered joining that lawsuit. Much of the television community, in fact, wasn't disturbed at all about the press restrictions. They were getting what they needed from roof tops and other sites in the war theater. Pretty pictures, pictures of missiles coming in, pictures at the briefings of the bombs going boom right down the chute. Perfect bombs. Precision bombing. Of course, no one told us at the time that only 15 percent of the bombs were these computer-guided bombs. The rest of them fell all over the place."

Lovejoy, a native of Maine, and an 1826 graduate of Colby, is considered America's first martyr to freedom of the press. He was slain November 7, 1837 in Alton, Ill., defending his abolitionist newspaper against a pro-slavery mob. Colby established the award in 1952 for an editor, reporter or publisher who has contributed to the nation's journalistic achievement.

The day after the formal convocation, three members of the selection committee, Martin F. Nolan, associate editor of the *Boston Globe*, William Kovach, curator of the Nieman Foundation at Harvard University, and Jane Healy, associate editor of



Video operator records panel for C-SPAN telecast.

the *Orlando Sentinel*, joined several other nationally prominent figures in the conference on the election.

L. Sandy Maisel, Dana Professor of American Democratic Institutions at Colby, chaired a morning discussion on the media's role in the election. Panelists were Peter Hart '64, the pollster who numbers NBC and *The Wall Street Journal* among his clients, Tom Oliphant, political columnist for *The Boston Globe*, Brooks Jackson of CNN and David Shribman, then Washington correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal* who has since been named Washington bureau chief at the *Globe*.

After lunching with Colby students, the panelists participated in two afternoon sessions. One, on the historical significance of the 1992 election, was chaired by G. Calvin Mackenzie, Distinguished Presidential Professor of American Government at Colby, and included Oliphant, Kovach, Jackson and Anthony J. Corrado Jr., an assistant professor of government at Colby who has been active in national Democratic campaigns. The other, chaired by Hart and focusing on the relationship between the polls and the media, included Shribman, Nolan, Healy and Maisel.

## New Look? More Books

If you're looking for toothpaste, a bottle of aspirin or an M & M's "half-pounder," the folks at the Colby bookstore in Roberts Union will be glad to direct you—across campus to the Student Center's new Colby Corner Store.

A recent reorganization—of space, personnel and philosophy—has meant big changes for the bookstore, where snacks and sundries once seemed to take up more room than books. Most such items have now been moved to the Corner Store next to the Spa.

The bookstore's new look was devel-



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## Neither Rain Nor Fog

Rain and fog kept comedian Paula Poundstone from entertaining nearly 800 fans at Colby during Homecoming Weekend, but her plane landed safely and on time when she returned to Waterville in November for two shows in the Student Center, sponsored by Student Activities and Lovejoy and Johnson commons. Jon Blau '94 (left), president of Lovejoy, and Keith Dupuis '93, president of Johnson, joked with Poundstone between acts, during which she pondered the August fire in Wadsworth Gymnasium. "Wow," she said. "It must have been some game!"

oped in response to recommendations by a committee chaired by Professor Ursula Reidel of Colby's Department of German and Russian and store manager Bruce Barnard. Their mission, according to Jennifer Waters, who was hired in August as the store's first general books manager, was to give the written word a more central place in the store—and in the Colby community at large.

"Their studies of the way a college bookstore should operate revealed that in any academic institution's bookstore, a good general books department was vital," Waters said. "Out of that came the desire to emphasize books. Now, that's the department you see first as you walk in the door."

Beyond stocking dozens of new titles—including backlisted books by authors as diverse as Toni Morrison, Vaclav Havel and Chinua Achebe—Waters also has begun publishing the monthly *Colby Book Review* newsletter, has instituted twice-yearly receptions honoring faculty authors and is organizing a book discussion group open to anyone in the Waterville area.

Waters says she is especially pleased with the response to a recent call for students to review books for the newsletter. "We review three books per issue," she said, "and we're already three months ahead."

Waters, whose desk sits in the middle of the expanded books department, already has noticed a few trends among Colby book-buyers. "What's hot?" she said. "Jim Boylan's *The Planets*. Anything by Doug Adams. And the students are buying Milan Kundera, Gabriel Garcia Marquez. That's who they want to read."

## Exclusive Collegian

You may not have heard of Patricia Gorman, administrative secretary to College Director of Special Programs Joan Sanzenbacher, but she got more than 236,000 votes in Maine in the November election.

Gorman was one of two statewide electors—and 535 nationwide—committed to vote for Bill Clinton and Al Gore in the Electoral College balloting, which was conducted December 14 in Augusta and 50 other locales. And while her name was not on the ballot, Gorman actually was one of the three individuals everyone in Maine voted for or against.

Maine has four electors, but under a system used only in Maine and Nebraska, voters choose only three—two statewide and one in their congressional district. Thus for a time early on election night it was thought that Ross Perot had a chance to carry the state's western congressional district and win a single elector.

Gorman participated in a time-honored ceremony at the state capitol, taking an oath and casting one of the four votes, which were then transmitted to Washington.

Gorman has no illusions about the political implication of her strong plurality. "I realize," she said, "that they were voting for Clinton and not me."

# Science Is **HOT**

NEW PLANS AND FUNDS ARE  
FUELING EXCITEMENT AT  
AREY, KEYES AND MUDD

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*By Steve Collins '74*



In the Mudd Building, physics students send brightly colored laser beams streaking across a darkened laboratory and fledgling biochemists manipulate DNA, the very stuff of life. Next door in Arey, environmental biologists of tomorrow produce bacteria that gobble toxic waste. And just about anywhere on campus, a Colby student can sit down at a computer terminal and strike up a conversation with someone in California or Bonn or Borneo.

The sciences are not what they used to be. Long gone are the days when you could tell a major by spotting a slide rule or getting a faint whiff of Bunsen burner gas. Today's students of science must be proficient with tools and techniques unheard of just a few years ago—and must prepare to adapt to still newer ones ahead.

How does a small, liberal arts college like Colby keep up with such a proliferation of scientific advances? Not easily—and at quite a cost.

That's the assessment of Robert McArthur, a philosopher by discipline who made science a top priority after he was appointed dean of faculty and vice president for academic affairs in 1988.

"It was clear that science was an agenda that needed to be pushed here," McArthur said. He gathered the science chairs, gave them a title—the Science Planning Committee—and asked them to chart a new course for the future of science at Colby. They met each week for two and a half years and traveled to other colleges before publishing a report carrying high aspirations and a matching price tag.

"This was to get us to where we thought we should be in science—which, at the time, it was clear we weren't," McArthur said. "We had rather small enrollments, not bad by New England standards but low nationally. The images of the sciences on campus were not particularly high. We knew we had a backlog of equipment and renovation needs that were not being ad-

ressed because there was no coherent plan in place."

Colby is well ahead of the national average in the number of science majors it graduates, annually sending 17 to 20 percent of its seniors off with a science degree, against three to four percent nationwide. But the strongest centers of liberal arts science education, places like Swarthmore, Reed and Oberlin, produce nearly 30 percent science majors and send far more graduates into Ph.D. programs in the sciences.

Although the College is still a distance from each of the plan's nine targets, significant strides have been made in the past two years, thanks in part to a series of foundation and government grants to help finance major physical and curricular renovations and to the hiring of a gangbuster crew of new, young professors who are leading the charge into the next century [see Gifts & Grants, page 23].

One day a new science building will stand on what is now a parking lot in front of Arey. For now, a third-floor bridge is about to link the biologists at Arey and the chemists at Keyes, providing a convenient corridor that will be a lifeline for the new program in cell and molecular biology/biochemistry.

And the commitment extends beyond new facilities and futuristic equipment to the needs of teachers and students who will use them. New faculty receive \$50,000 in startup money from the College to pursue their research, for example, as well as generous travel and study grants. And, because science teaching has drifted away from rote techniques into "interactive" learning, they are encouraged to hire student researchers.

"We want to balance that equation and be just as strong in science as we are everywhere else," McArthur said. "The problem is that being strong in humanities and in social sciences in general is simply a matter of who's here on the faculty, as long as we back them up with a strong library. We've built very strong departments in those divi-

sions. In science, it's not simply a matter of the people. The people have to be very good, but the facilities and the equipment have to also be very good, and it's a much bigger challenge."

Beyond the justifiable need to invest in the sciences in order to continue as a true undergraduate center of arts and sciences, Colby is already discovering a second benefit from the commitment to modernize. The exciting new faculty and their incredible scientific machines are attracting heightened interest and providing greater choice for students, who must take more science courses to graduate.

"The new area requirements have doubled the amount of science many students will take," McArthur said, "so enrollments are increasing. This is only the second class in the new requirement structure, the renovations are just now being finished and some of the staff changes are new. But by this spring or early next year we hope we'll see substantially higher declarations of majors in the sciences. Study after study has shown that American global competitiveness depends on having a very well educated scientific work force."

McArthur says there is a new attitude toward the sciences on Mayflower Hill. "I think there's a sense among the students that this is the now thing, this is the new Colby," he said. "There's a big push on, it's happening. They can see the construction going on around them, the new people. There's a lot of faculty excitement that translates into student excitement. The people in the science division are making this happen."

Steve Collins '74, an English major who crammed for an astronomy final in his own days on Mayflower Hill by painting constellations on his dorm room ceiling with iridescent paint the night before the test, was set loose in the science complex recently to see for himself. His reports, which follow, mirror the excitement and the promise of science education at Colby.

## Excitement's in High State

**“B**efore we built one in this lab, when I heard the word ‘laser’ I thought it was some real complicated thing,” John Dudek said.

“He wanted to show us this is not some mystical phenomenon,” added Geoff Harvey, referring to Professor of Physics Charles Conover.

The two juniors built a helium-neon laser for a lab assignment in Physics 241. They used the laser for an experiment called The Michelson Interferometer, which proves that the space between the sun and the earth is not filled with ether. The proof was and is a prerequisite for Einstein’s Theory of Relativity, which helps to locate this story in the Physics Department.

Low-powered lasers, like the Dudek/Harvey garden variety helium-neon laser, are part of everyday life in the developed world. In addition to powering laser printers, they run grocery-store check-out scanners, transmit long-distance telephone calls and read compact disks in CD players and computers. Simple diode lasers, which can be replaced for about \$15, shouldn’t really cost more than a buck, according to Conover.

In the lab next to Conover’s office, however, is a setup that comes closer to achieving the mystical qualities non-scientists still perceive in the laser (which is an acronym for Light Amplification through Stimulated Emission of Radiation). It is a pair of tunable, pulsed million-watt ND:YAG (neodymium yttrium-aluminum-garnet) lasers, and these babies can vaporize a grapefruit or leave you blinded by the (amplified) light.

“You have to be very careful and know exactly what you are doing—you don’t want these things getting away from you,” said sophomore Jim Porter, a physics and classics major who works with Conover as a lab assistant. He punctuated the warning by pointing out a burnt spot on the cabinet door.

Conover uses the big laser to study matter in highly excited states. While there may

*Charles Conover, the lasermeister.*

be a real correlation among undergraduates, highly excited states and exploding grapefruits, Conover is an atomic physicist and has other ideas. His scholarly research involves studying individual nitric oxide molecules and how they behave after he uses the laser in a big vacuum chamber to cook them up to highly energized “Rydberg” states.

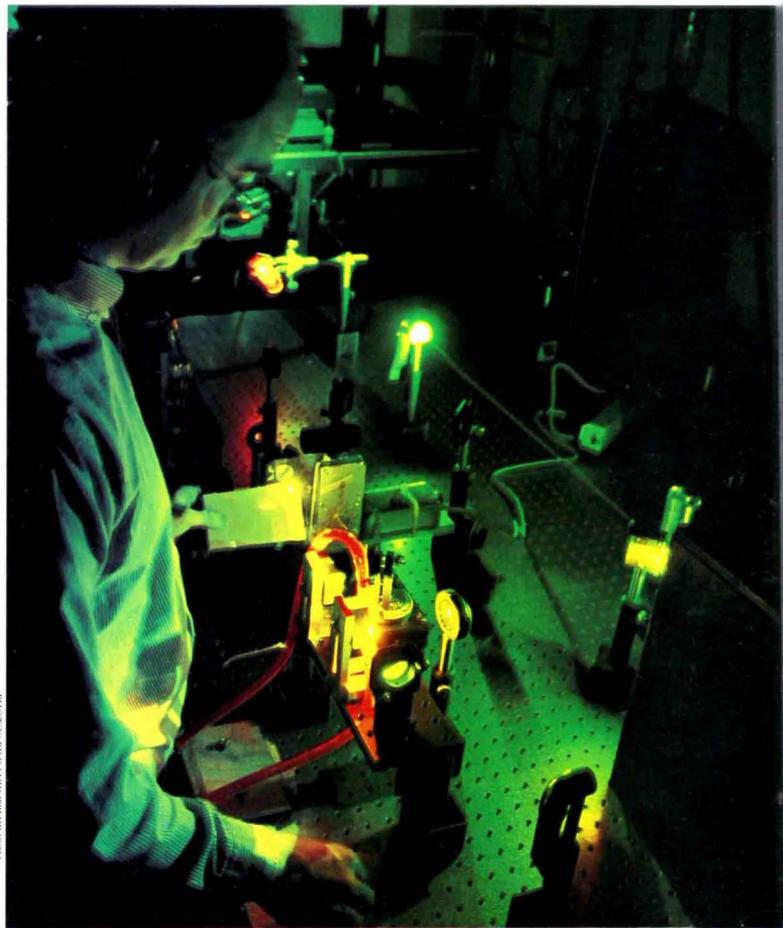
“We’re studying the dynamics—the motion of electrons—of these highly excited molecules,” Conover said. “We’re exploring the possibility that the motions of the electrons may be chaotic.” A few years ago the possibility of chaotic motion in highly energized matter was a theoretical issue, he added, but science marches on. “It is a technical argument at this point,” he said.

Studying Rydberg states is a small branch of physics and may never have serious appli-

cations outside of physics departments and laboratories, Conover admits. Nevertheless, it’s an excellent field for a physics program like Colby’s because it is focused, it is topical and it is feasible to carry on the research with Colby’s facilities.

Ultimately the research could have implications for understanding the Los Angeles area’s photo-chemical smog problem, in which pollution intensifies with exposure to strong sunlight. More germane is the role of the research in the educational process.

“The basic reason people give me money to study this is because it trains students,” Conover said. That’s true of most research grants from small colleges and universities alike, he maintains. “For the students, it’s the experience—knowing what goes into research on a day-to-day basis as a scientist—that’s important,” he said.



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## She Relishes Research

**M**aude White '93 is a bio-chemistry major who talks of a career in research with the same steady confidence she displays handling radioactive dye in the chem lab.

"I've wanted to be a doctor since I was 13, but it was a genetic engineering course that really turned me on to this," she said. "I'm applying to med schools now. I'd really like to work in pediatric neurology."

White is working on genetic research with Professor Julie Millard of Colby's Chemistry Department. Her side of the conversation never falters as she mounts a gel electrophoresis experiment that will help determine how an anti-cancer drug identifies and targets malignant cells. Decked out in protective goggles, a white lab coat and a badge that will alert her if there is any unexpected exposure to the radioactive compounds, White *looks* like a medical researcher. And the look is not a deception.

The experiment she is doing involves exposing DNA to Mitomycin C, an anti-cancer agent. Using the gel electrophoresis technique, she and Millard can see how efficiently the drug reacts with different strands of DNA. Ultimately, the idea is to design new anti-tumor drugs that zero in on the cancer-causing DNA without causing the serious side effects associated with present-day chemotherapy.

White transferred to Colby after meeting Biology Professor Arthur Champlin when they were both doing research at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor. "I came to Colby expecting to do research—specifically molecular genetics," she explained. Millard arrived a semester later and hired White as a lab assistant.

"Julie's really great," White said. "She dumps the whole thing on me. She's not standing over my shoulder; it's pretty independent. And it's not cookbook laboratory work," she said. "At a university with a graduate program, undergraduate lab assistants wouldn't be doing this. They'd be washing dishes."



*Maude White '93 can do meaningful research as an undergraduate.*

The hours she is logging in true lab research and a scholarly paper she and Millard wrote that is slated for publication in *Biochemistry* are both big assets as she applies to medical schools and as she looks for jobs, she said.

Between her research work and courses she still wants to take at Colby, White is having trouble fitting everything in. One idea she had to shelve was a research project

she conceived to run gel electrophoresis separations on her own family's DNA. Learning to use Colby's electron microscopes took precedence. She needs those skills for another project that involves planting a rat gene in a laboratory mouse and then studying the sciatic nerves of successive generations to gain insight into a rare disease of the nerve sheathing in humans.

When White decided she couldn't do



Julie Millard and Maude White '93 are a faculty/student team studying cancer cells in the bio-chemistry lab.

the DNA experiment, the idea was picked up by Tim Seston, another senior who is interested in genetics. Seston had blood samples of his parents and his twin sisters taken at the health center last fall. He is planning to run the experiment during January to satisfy the research requirement for his bio-chemistry major.

By examining the banding patterns, he should be able to identify any band in his own DNA with a band in either his mother's or his father's DNA. The same will be true for his sisters—but with some added drama. People who meet the twins think they're identical, but the Sestons are quite sure they are fraternal. DNA analysis is the only way to settle the question once and for all.

## Bacteria Find Toxins Tasty

**D**avid Berner '95 and Biology Professor Frank Fekete are into heavy metal. Not Megadeath t-shirts under studded leather, but chromium and selenium in culture flasks and test tubes.

Their medium is bio-remediation of toxic metals—a fancy name for finding little bugs that eat hazardous waste. And ever since oil-eating microorganisms were a major help cleaning up the Exxon Valdez oil spill, even former skeptics in the scientific community are taking an interest in this arm of environ-

mental biotechnology.

Two years ago Fekete talked the federal government into allowing him to spend a sabbatical leave taking soil samples from around toxic waste dumps at Los Alamos and Sandia national research labs in New Mexico. He was accompanied by federal guards at all times and was delighted to find old chromium and selenium dumps surrounded by pools of water dyed bright yellow with heavy metal leachate.

"We were just salivating at the thought," Fekete said.

"You want a bug that breaks down selenium," Berner explained, "you go to a selenium dump."

Fekete brought his soil samples back to

Colby and put Berner to work, first isolating bacterial colonies, then keeping them happy and growing. Once the bacteria were isolated and cultured, experiments subjecting them to increasingly toxic levels of chromium and selenium began. The scientists were interested in finding how much toxicity the microorganisms could tolerate and to what extent they could actually transform the nasty metals to less toxic forms.

With those experiments up and running, Berner decided to go back to the soil sample and start all over again. "I was just interested in getting something else—just curious," he said. As a result of this little burst of industry he isolated his own strain of bacteria (LA 102=1), ran the same experiments on it and discovered it was twice as efficient at converting chromium as the next best contender.

"It was a lot of luck," Fekete conceded, "but he hit a gold mine."

Besides working with the bacteria, Berner and Fekete now have to identify it and elucidate its metabolic activities. Among the tools they are using are a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, a scanning electron microscope, a transmission electron microscope and a UV-visible spectrophotometer.

From here the research is headed in a couple of directions. One plan is to get a fermentor to grow cultures big enough to do large-scale testing. Another is to isolate the enzyme that the creature uses to "eat" chromium. Berner's real interest—genetics—comes into play when he talks about isolating and cloning the gene responsible for the enzyme. Then he can work on engineering other bacteria that might turn out to be even better chromium mopper-uppers.

"This is where collaboration is important. There's a lot of cross-fertilization with chemists and physicists, and the expertise is all here on the Colby campus," Fekete said. "The sciences are getting so specialized. . . . I'm finding myself less and less an island and more and more a collaborator."

Fekete said the research he does is essential to his staying viable and creative as a scientist. That pays off in the classroom—and allows undergraduates to play a much more meaningful role than they do at research universities, where graduate students



Frank Fekete and David Berner '95 use electron microscopes to get a close look at bacteria.

usually assist professors. And at a larger school, Fekete says, he would spend more than half his time chasing grants and funding for research in order to support graduate students' work, leaving less time to teach.

He says he considers Berner a full partner and plans to co-write a paper with him on the project.

## Hallucinating by Computer

A student from Colby enters the huge, sprawling "house," passes through a living room where she pauses to flip on a radio (it blares out a golden oldie) and then notices someone in a nearby kitchen. It is a computer programmer from Clemson she recognizes from an earlier encounter. They strike up a conversation immediately, although each knows it can lead just so far on this cool/warm evening because she is in Maine and he is in South Carolina.

Welcome to the GlobalMUSH—a computer-bound fantasyland that exists only in the minds of programmers and in computers tied into Internet—an academic telecommunications network to which Colby subscribes.

Lyn Millett '94 is system administrator (a.k.a. "goddess") of GlobalMUSH. Millett, sitting at a Macintosh computer in Colby's physics lab, fingers on the keys, eyes glued to a screen that shows just strings of text, shows off her imaginary domain and "talks" to the Clemson student 1,000 miles away.

This afternoon, in addition to Millett and her friend at Clemson, other mushers are logged on from somewhere else at Colby and from Mt. Holyoke, Clarkson, North Carolina State, Colorado University, Cal Poly and the University of Washington. They are all bumping around in this large, imaginary house that has grown to 2,467 rooms and has had more than 1,000 visitors.

MUSH stands for Multi-User Shared Hallucination. It's one form of what computer techies call "virtual reality"—a descendant of MUDs (Multi-User Dungeons) from earlier Dungeons and Dragons-based



*The need to keep science labs equipped and updated takes huge cash outlays.*

computer fantasy games. Global MUSH is sort of a telecommunications singles bar. You can drop by any time, and you never know whom you will meet. If you don't feel like talking you can add a new room and program some interactive furnishings, or you can check out details left by other programmers, like the radio or a coffee pot.

Millett came to Colby intending to study French. Seduced by the logical structure of theoretical mathematics, she ended up mastering another language altogether—the computerese UNIX. Now, in addition to being a math major, she is one of Colby's first three independent computer science majors.

Like most Colby students, she was introduced to the Macintosh, word processing and electronic mail (e-mail) in her first year. "It's just amazing," she said. "You can send stuff all over the world, instantaneously, and it's free. I was astonished, coming here from Norway, Maine."

Playing with the MUSH, and then taking over as its administrator, were even more appealing. "It's kind of a hobby," she said. "Some people call it a habit."

But the MUSH, e-mail and Colby's electronic bulletin board are more than just computer recreation, according to Batya Friedman, Clare Booth Luce professor of mathematics and computer science. They are, Friedman says, entirely new social structures that exist because of computers, and they hold tremendous potential for new forms of social interaction.

Because of its informality and convenience, e-mail breaks down traditional hierarchies. It gives students a new channel of

access to professors and junior faculty another method by which to consult with their senior colleagues. The real beauty of the system, Friedman says, is that she can compare notes with colleagues at Stanford—or in Europe—almost as easily as if they were in Waterville.

The MUSH and Colby's computer notes board are models for new electronic communities such as San Francisco's AIDS network, which links AIDS patients—many of whom are isolated by their ill health—with each other and passes along medical bulletins about the disease. And on a larger scale, Friedman notes, e-mail technology has already served to bring whole nations out of isolation. As traditional communications largely broke down during the reorganization of eastern Europe, e-mail became the most effective medium for information flow.

"What we have on campus is a microcosm of what we have nationally and inter-

nationally," Friedman said.

While e-mail and MUSHing were the bait, Millett now finds herself being reeled into courses and issues that go far beyond the mere technical manipulation of data. It is the philosophical side of what people can do with computers that interests her as much as the technical side of what computers can do for people.

Ethics, artificial intelligence, biases, programming in a social context—these are areas that need to frame technical computing, and Millett says she is eager to explore them. Friedman, who studies and teaches about the ethics surrounding these new technologies, says students like Millett are at the cutting edge of such frontiers.

And Millett seems ready to take up the challenge of coping with the human cost of the rush to break new ground. "For the guy who invented atom bombs," she said, "it was an intellectual exercise."



Lyn Millett '94 conjures her next move on the Multi-User Shared Hallucination (MUSH) computer network.

# BEYOND MATH

## WHEN HE'S NOT DISARMING THE PHOBICS, KEITH DEVLIN PLOTS AN UNCHARTED COURSE

By Sally Baker

**M**athematics 111, Introduction to Mathematics, is the kind of course students sign up for just to get a distribution requirement out of the way. Dragooned into the classroom, Colby's math phobics can be resigned or resentful, but they are rarely enthusiastic. Some are openly hostile to the material—and, by extension, to the professor.

Not exactly the setting in which you'd expect to find a member of a small, elite group of scholars on the frontier of developing an entirely new science that revolves around theories of information. But Keith Devlin, Carter Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science and chair of that department, says Math 111 is his favorite course at Colby. He loves the challenge, really enjoys trying to overcome the almost palpable resistance of Math 111 students.

"They are not going to go on into advanced maths courses," Devlin said. "They don't need the material the way serious mathematics students need it. So I have the freedom to play with the material, try new approaches, open up their minds about mathematics. I have 12 weeks to convince them that mathematics is not the dull, boring, useless stuff they studied in high school. Some of these people are going to end up as directors of companies and things. I'd like to think that they at least knew what mathematics was—at the very least so they know when they need to employ a mathematician or they know when it's being used."

If anyone can clue them in, it's Devlin, who years ago left the relative security of pure mathematics—which relies on axioms that were proved 2,500 years ago—for the unknown territory of mathematics as

something more akin to a natural science. He has established what mathematics is *not* (the study of numbers), and what it is (a precise tool for studying abstract things—including language).

"No single way of looking at our world and ourselves is going to tell you everything," he said. "There are lots of ways of looking at what we are and what we do, and mathematics is one of them. If you study something in a mathematical way, there are no fuzzy edges to the information and the knowledge you get. But it is very one-dimensional. It doesn't tell you everything. Human life is coded mathematically via the genetic code, but that doesn't mean we can develop a useful mathematical theory of people. We can't."

If it all sounds more like philosophy than the rote sum-manipulation you remember, it should. Devlin reserves a bit of venom for

the way mathematics is taught in secondary schools around the world.

"Supposing you went and signed up for a course in Shakespeare and you spent the whole semester learning how to spell and how to diagram sentences," he said. "That's what high school mathematics teaching is like. All they do in high schools, almost exclusively, is learn the grammar of mathematics. No wonder they come to college turned off."

Coming to Colby from Stanford in 1989, Devlin joined the faculty after the quantitative reasoning requirement that lands so many students in courses such as Math 111 was established. But he thoroughly approves of it. "Two of the original seven liberal arts were mathematics," he noted, "and just because the schools are presenting a bad picture doesn't mean we should follow on and give up. I think we're the last line. It bothers me that because of the way we teach and present the subject, people in the humanities, their lives, are literally more impoverished. Okay, they get a lot deeper involvement with other things, but they've missed whole aspects of life."

The pleasure he takes in teaching introductory courses is only one of the surprising things about Keith Devlin. Another is his accent—it's pure working-class England, as dissimilar to the marbles-in-the-mouth Oxbridge drawl as a Georgia twang is to the patois of upper-class Boston. Except for that he is every inch the English academic in the Sir Kenneth Clark tradition. Classical music wafts from his fourth-floor office in the Mudd Building along with the aroma of freshly brewed coffee. Laying out the story of his life, he is the soul of civility, explaining—several times—the work he is doing to help develop a science of information.

Devlin traces his passion for mathematics back to his childhood. He says he never had a desire to take mechanical things apart and put them back together, but he enjoyed "intellectually dismantling things, trying to understand how they worked."

At any other time in England's history, a boy with such a bent (Devlin calls himself "the proverbial bright kid on the working-class block") was likely to stay right where he was—in Hull, northeast England—and, if he was lucky, escape the trawlers or the

docks by continuing his schooling to age 18. A university education would have been almost out of the question.

But Devlin is a baby boomer, born into an English society that was reforming itself along more inclusive lines, at least where educational opportunity was concerned. "At that stage in England education was free, sort of the post-war socialism," Devlin explains, "and I was one of the typical kids it was meant to capture. I was literally lifted out of the working class and into the professional class."

He entered his second-to-last year of secondary school (when English schoolchildren begin to specialize in one area of study) intending to become a chemist. An uncle by marriage was a research chemist and the only professional person Devlin knew; he adopted him as a role model and, in turn, was adopted as a sort of surrogate son. "I was the only one who could talk to him. Everybody else in the family thought he was a very strange guy," Devlin said of his uncle. "He was the one guy I could get on with."

But chemistry proved too "dirty and smelly" for Devlin's taste. "I thought, 'I don't want to spend all my time smelling all

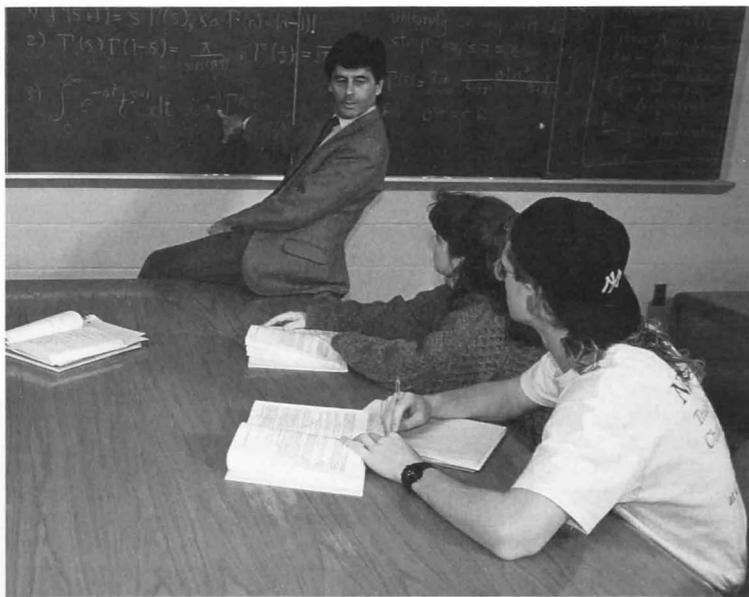
these potentially poisonous things.' I really hated it," he said. "I was studying chemistry, physics and maths, so I turned to the next thing in line and said, 'Okay, I'll be a physicist.'"

Fate—in the guise of Devlin's mother—stepped in during the summer before he enrolled at King's College in London. She helped him land a position as an inventory clerk in the Hull offices of British Petroleum, where she was secretary to the managing director.

Two years before, in 1963, Hull's first computer had arrived to take up residence in a room of its own at the local university. BP arranged to lease time on the massive machine, and management asked Devlin to see if the computer could help with his work.

"Take an 18-year-old kid who's good at maths and put him in front of a computer," Devlin said with a smile. "I was a hacker overnight." By the end of the summer he had convinced BP that yes, computers could come in quite handy—for inventory and a lot of other tasks.

Also by the end of that summer, however, the erstwhile chemist and physicist had become a nascent mathematician. "I'd



Carter Professor of Mathematics Keith Devlin enjoys teaching "phobics."

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been allowed to play with this computer," Devlin said. "There were only a handful in England, and that gave me a feeling of power and control. . . . I got all this ego feedback, and computers were really exciting. So by then I thought maybe what I really wanted to do was go on and learn about computers and mathematics."

Devlin returned to BP for a second and third summer, helping design software for the company's own system ("In those days you had no choice—there was no software") while a BP mathematician wrote a high-level language for the machine. "Between us we sort of bootstrapped that operation and gave BP its edge into the computer business," Devlin said.

BP and IBM both wooed Devlin after he received his bachelor's degree, but by then he was hooked on the idea of doing research, and he went to the University of Bristol intending to pursue a Ph.D. in the theory of computation. By then, however, the university had become a hotbed of a new area of mathematics that had grown up around the revolutionary "set theory."

Devlin says he was swept up in the excitement, and computing got left behind.

"Back in the late '60s, computing as a mathematical discipline wasn't very challenging. It wasn't clear that it was going to lead to an intellectual discipline," he said. "At least it wasn't clear to me. So I went into this other area. The interest in computing was always there, but it just got buried in something else."

Devlin earned his doctorate in 1971 and was flung into a slender British job market. "There was one job," he said. "I applied and didn't get it." He went to Aberdeen, Scotland, in July on the first of a series of post-doctoral appointments that took him and his wife, Janet—whom he'd married as an undergraduate—across Europe and to North America in the next half-dozen years.

"We really lived as gypsies," Devlin remembers. "We had this tiny little van and all our possessions would fit in the back of it, and we just used to drive around Europe. We never knew where we'd be in six months' time. I was in Heidelberg and in Bonn, I was in Manchester for a while, I was three times in Oslo. We used to go to Poland a lot, because Poland was a big center of logic." The Devlins also lived in Hungary, Italy and Canada. "It was uncertain," he said, "but there was no choice, because there were no permanent positions anyway."

Eventually, Devlin was offered two positions—a permanent job in Bonn and a one-year job in Toronto. He opted for Toronto and on the verge of embarking for Canada was offered a full-time teaching assignment at the University of Lancaster in northwest England. He spent a semester in Toronto to save the university having to find a late replacement, then spent the next 10 years in Lancaster where, he says, he might be today if the Thatcher government hadn't so thoroughly retrenched the British higher education system.

In the early 1980s, he explains, he was beginning to dip his toes into the work he is still pursuing today as he and his colleagues at the Center for the Study of Language and Information (CSLI) try to hammer out the underpinnings of a science of information.

"The English university system was shrinking," he said. "It wasn't the time to go out on a limb, and I was going out on a very

long limb. That phase has to some extent passed in England, although they've lost a lot of people in the meantime."

Devlin joined the Stanford faculty as a visiting professor in 1987 and spent the next two years kicking ideas around with a group of scholars from across the academic spectrum brought together to try to engineer the brand-new science for the Information Age. The goal, Devlin explains, was to understand what information is, what language is and what it means to compute and communicate. "It's like a physics question. What is matter? What is time? Likewise, what is information? And we just can't answer it."

What people in the Iron Age knew about iron, people in the Information Age know about information, Devlin says. "If you say, 'What is it?' people can't answer," he noted. "To answer the question, 'What is iron?' you need to have atomic theory to say, 'Iron is an element with this atomic structure.' We don't have that theory for information. We use the stuff, we manipulate it, but we can't define what it is."

The hope is that, given a workable knowledge of what information is, better



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communication systems could be designed. Pressed for an example of the theory's practical applications, Devlin mentions air-traffic control. So far, he admits, the system we have works fairly well—"there are all these heavy metal things up there and most of them stay up there and don't bump into each other"—but things could be better if there was a more systematic way of handling information flow than any imagined today.

"As soon as we were able to understand the elements of the physical universe, we were able to build things, we were able to generate electricity, we gained control," Devlin said. "We do not understand language well enough to be able to build systems to handle it. That is one of the acid tests—do we understand it well enough to be able to do things with our understanding? It's the next frontier for mathematics and everything else."

It is no coincidence, he notes, that funding for the CSLI came largely from the Rand Corporation, a major architect of defense systems. "These people invented computer science. They knew what was missing was basic understanding and that you could only go so far without that."

Devlin is uncomfortable talking about the potential uses of the new science, partly because it is still in its infancy, but partly, too, because he doesn't approve of the distinctions people make between theoretical and applied knowledge. "It's just all in there," he explains, "and insofar as people split these things off, that holds back humanity. It drives me crazy."

Devlin is now writing an insider's history of the CSLI project. It makes perfect sense that he should have been asked to undertake the book—he's always had the touch necessary to convey complicated ideas to interested laymen. For many years he wrote a weekly column about mathematics for *The Guardian*, a mass-circulation British daily, two of his 11 books are aimed at non-mathematicians (the latest, *Logic and Information*, offers the framework of his work on the theory of information and is light on math) and he was writer and production advisor for the BBC's *Mathematical Mystery Tour*, shown in the United States as an episode of *Nova*.

That everyman touch was complemented, during Devlin's years at Stanford, by the changes he was experiencing as a scholar, and it is the Stanford interval for which he reserves his fondest adjectives. He says that after two years on the Palo Alto campus, surrounded by academics who were world leaders in their fields, he is neither the mathematician nor the man he was before. "The idea was to bring 100 people together in one location from lots of disciplines, light the blue touch paper and stand back and see if there was going to be an intellectual explosion. It was literally to bring people together and let them bounce the ideas around. Very few academics anywhere ever get that, and I had two years of it."

In a way, he says, he grew up at Stanford. He learned to ask "silly" questions, to risk looking unsophisticated in order to expand his own knowledge. In the end, he says, he no longer viewed his discipline as he once had. "You measure yourself and your progress by well-established milestones," he said. "I knew the journals I needed to publish in, and I knew what was involved. Once you start questioning those—which you have to do if you want to do anything new—you are no longer sure of yourself, and it's very scary."

Devlin brought his new perspective, with its emphasis on breaking down disciplinary boundaries to examine intellectual questions, to Colby, where his students are as likely to hear about William Shakespeare as Bertrand Russell on any given day. He says one of the beauties of teaching in a small college is seeing scholars from other disciplines every day, and he'd like the College to continue encouraging formal and informal collaboration among them.

"I would like to see more courses that are genuinely cross-departmental," he said. "The world has a need for a small number of people who just go down one track and push



Devlin with math major Beth Montgomery '93.

that to the limits, but there's a far greater need for people who are not trapped by their own disciplines. The fact that [the Math Department] has a joint program with the Music Department, that's great. That's the kind of thing we *should* be doing. If a subject or a discipline locks itself within itself it's just going to die."

Devlin notes that Colby students are increasingly choosing to tack a mathematics or computer science minor onto majors in humanities and social and natural sciences, which pleases him, both as department chair and as a proponent of the interdisciplinary approach.

"There's this fatuous debate going on everywhere—'Is this person a teacher or a researcher?'" he said. "What we're talking about is discovering about life, the world, the universe. It's about learning and understanding. It seems to me that the teacher shouldn't be all that different from the student. You're both on a voyage of discovery. I've been on the voyage longer, so I'm probably a better guide, but we should both be facing challenges and learning something new."

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# A WILL TO SUCCEED

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## LUCE PROFESSORS CONFRONT SUBTLE (AND NOT-SO-SUBTLE) PREJUDICES AGAINST WOMEN

By *Mary Ellen Matava*

**A** bequest from the late Clare Boothe Luce is attracting more women scientists to the Colby faculty and involving more female students in laboratory research. Yet those who hold professorships bearing Luce's name say in order for their ranks to increase at Colby and throughout American higher education, changes are needed in the academic culture.

Now that women have established a foothold in classrooms and laboratories, they say, colleges should address issues that continue to affect their careers. Their list includes the way child-bearing and child-rearing can impede progress toward tenure as well as frosty attitudes and uncomfortable relationships that still await women in departments dominated by men.

"Women in the past were creating a presence," said Batya Friedman, a Clare

Boothe Luce professor of computer science, who came to Colby in 1991. "They were not able to talk about these issues, for that might show that they weren't qualified to be there."

Friedman is the only current tenure-track female faculty member in her department, math and computer science. The same is true for Julie Millard in biochemistry and Jean Haley in biology, where Professor Miriam Bennett, who has served as chair of the department, had been a lone female presence for nearly two decades.

Millard studied chemistry and neuroscience at Amherst, where half the students in that very difficult and prestigious major were women. Again at Brown, where Millard earned her doctorate, more than 50 percent of the class was female. At Colby, Millard says, she feels somewhat isolated.

"If you look around and there are no

other women in some of these committee meetings, that's intimidating," she said. "You don't think you're doing anything unusual if you see others around."

Millard counts the presence of Bennett, the recent proliferation of female student lab assistants and contact with Friedman and Haley as positives. But she says the presence of another woman who is experiencing the same tenure pressures she faces in her own department would make the situation even better.

"This is the first time I've had so few women around to talk to. I didn't know that I would miss them," she said. "It's important to have people around who you can talk to about work-related things and personal things."

Female students who study and do research with faculty members of both genders find their way into Millard's or

Friedman's offices to discuss what to expect if they pursue doctorates in the sciences. In addition to questions about the rigors of graduate school, Millard says, they want to know what kind of options they'll have with regard to relationships and having a family.

"Men can teach women students, but there's a lot more at stake," Millard said. "It's a matter of them feeling comfortable and knowing their options." She answers the questions as best she can, Millard says, but continues to grapple with some of her own. She and her fiancé wonder, for instance, when they might start a family.

The fact that her research involves work around radioactive materials is only one of many things she has to take into consideration. After four years of graduate school and three years of postdoctoral work, she is a junior faculty member who must devote herself to top-notch research as well as excellent teaching to put her in good standing when she comes up for tenure in 1996.

"The tenure clock is ticking and the biological clock is ticking," she said. "I've decided I can't have a child before I find out about tenure."

Friedman gave birth to a daughter in

November after a difficult pregnancy that gave her a new perspective on choices between career and family. She curtailed her teaching and research for the fall semester but plans to return to work full time in February. She applauds the College's progressive maternity leave, which enabled her to take the semester off without pay.

She could have postponed her tenure decision for a year but decided against it. Slowing the tenure clock may also slow down a woman's career advancement. "That puts women behind," she said. Friedman has no pat answer to the conflict but says it should be discussed with an eye toward solving this equation: "If we wanted to conceive of a humane society in which women could participate in the professions and in raising a family, what would that look like?"

One of Friedman's students, Danielle Jamison '94, plans to earn a doctorate in mathematics. When she lands her first job on a college faculty, Jamison says, what she wants most from her colleagues is respect. "Once a woman comes into the department, welcome her," she said. "Don't make snide comments."

Some ways of interacting, including humorous put-downs, may be offered and accepted as harmless fun by men but seen in a totally different light by a newly hired woman.

"When you stick a woman in there who doesn't buy into the same practices, it changes the dynamics," Friedman said.

Millard remembers the time some of her colleagues at a departmental meeting laughed when she told them the chalkboards were mounted too high for her to reach the top of them. "It's the subtle things that sometimes aren't taken very seriously,"

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Haley says it's important to keep things in perspective. "It's not going to change overnight," she said. "They might not have any idea of what you're talking about. And you're a junior faculty member."

And notwithstanding some lapses into insensitivity, Colby's new women scientists say, their male colleagues have gone out of their way to make them feel comfortable—and to encourage female students who excel in math and science.

Lyn Millett '94 came to Colby expecting to major in French but changed her major to mathematics after doing well in her first-year calculus class. James Northrup, then a visiting professor, recognized her talent in math and encouraged her to continue with it. Now she's considering graduate school.

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MARY ELLEN MONTANA

*Jean Haley*



Batya Friedman

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opment, left tenure-track positions to come to Colby. The discretionary fund made it easier for her to start up her research, she says, and she's very proud to have the title of Clare Boothe Luce professor.

Colby's first Clare Boothe Luce professor was Maureen Whalen, who arrived in February 1990 eager to continue her research in molecular biology and to share it with students in the classroom and the lab. She set up her lab and got involved on the ground floor of the new cell and molecular biology/biochemistry program, teaching its first course. But her husband, Richard Moe, a biologist specializing in algal taxonomy, was unable to work in his field in Waterville.

He stayed at home and cared for their young son. Eventually, Whalen and Moe decided to return to the University of California at Berkeley, where they could each do research.

"With a couple, where both are professionals with Ph.D.'s and extensive postdoc experience, it's a matter of two professionals being intellectually satisfied," Whalen said. "After two and a half years, he was ready to be stimulated in other ways."

That situation can occur with faculty spouses of both genders, says Dean of Faculty Robert McArthur, and Colby has lost several faculty members whose spouses were not able to find employment in Waterville. He said the College tries to help spouses find work either on campus or elsewhere but is not always successful.

As more women earn doctorates in the sciences and the other disciplines, this situation is going to come up more and more, Friedman says. "There was a time when

women would get an education and end up not using it, and somehow as a society we acknowledged that was okay," she said. "We want to work for some system that allows both people to contribute."

Part of the contribution by professors like Millard, Friedman and Haley—one explicitly envisioned in the Luce bequest—is as mentor and role model for female students.

Millard says she loves being a biochemist and she believes doing her job well is the best way for her to encourage other women to consider a similar career. "If they see me being competent and young and female, instead of blowing up things like the stereotypical mad scientist, it shows it can be done," she said.

But if women in such positions can benefit female students by showing the way, can they also help male students overcome stereotypes?

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by towering over her and yelling. On the one hand she feels he would never have pulled such a stunt on a male professor, but on the other she knows she stood her ground in the face of what she considers a blatant attempt at intimidation.

If all the men in her department treat her appropriately, Millard says, the students will take their cue. It is a process Haley sees as a secondary benefit of the push for more women in the science faculty.

"I think it is important," she observed, "for men to feel comfortable with women who have power or authority."



## The Captain of the Metaphor

~ By Robert Gillespie ~

**H**is battle with cancer taught him “something of meanness and sublimity,” Professor of English Edwin J. Kenney Jr. wrote in a *Boston Monthly* article in 1983. As his health improved, then failed, then improved again, sailing a boat became his way to well-being and control of his life. Ultimately, sailing *Metaphor* was his metaphor for life, which was at first a series of stormy voyages to no known destination. “I tried only to make the boat go and then to control it as it went,” Kenney wrote. “Only later did the desire to achieve perfection itself take over.”

Ed Kenney’s courageous 16-year battle with cancer ended in Waterville on December 8. He was 50.

A native of Hoboken, N.J., he received his bachelor’s degree from Hamilton College and took master’s and doctoral degrees from Cornell University. Since 1968, when he and his wife, Susan, both received appointments to the English Department at Colby, Kenney taught the full range of 18th- through 20th-century British and American literature. During his 24 years at the College he served on the Promotion and Tenure Committee and chaired both the Humanities Division and the English Department, elected positions that are “a measure of the faculty’s trust and confidence in his judgment,” said Dean of Faculty Robert P. McArthur.

In 1991 Kenney became Colby’s first Distinguished Teaching Professor of Humanities, a chair funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, mentoring young faculty and working with the Educational Policy Committee on the humanities curriculum. He reluctantly resigned in 1992 as his condition worsened and his



Edwin J. Kenney Jr.

concern for the welfare of his students increased. “Even in the debilitating parts of his illness, there was no one who was a better Colby soldier,” said former dean of the faculty and Professor of English Douglas Archibald, recalling that Kenney also was an informal counselor to Colby students and others who found themselves stricken with cancer. “Whatever he did he did with dedication. He served the place.”

Patricia Onion, who shared the duties of departmental chair with Kenney, says he had a sense of rightness about his work at the College that was directly related to his struggle with his disease. “He’d always been concerned with fairness, but as he lived longer, instead of getting bitter and angry, he converted that to total commitment to justice for everybody,” Onion said. “His back would turn to cement if it was an issue of fairness or equal treatment—for people in the department, students, everybody.”

Kenney was totally free of self-dramatization, says Professor of English John Mizner. “Ed’s lack of self-pity and complete lack of

cynicism are an object lesson to us,” Mizner said, adding that he believes that the last five years of Kenney’s life were in many ways the happiest as he acknowledged that he was deeply loved and appreciated within the department.

“To keep coming back, be struck down and come back again,” said Kenney’s longtime colleague Charles Bassett, was a show of extraordinary personal courage. “The wonderful part about it is that he retained his sense of humor, his sense of proportion. He managed to be Ed up to the very end—the scholar, the sailor, the father.”

Kenney’s personal battle with cancer was publicly transformed in Susan Kenney’s powerful novel *Sailing*, but despite his illness, Ed Kenney published much in his own right. His book reviews appeared in *The New York Times*, *The New Republic* and *The Nation*. He wrote a well-received book on English novelist Elizabeth Bowen and a superb essay on George Eliot’s *Middlemarch*. With his wife he wrote a psychoanalytic study of Virginia Woolf for *The Massachusetts Review*. An essay-memoir, “Waves,” will appear in the winter issue of *Epoch*, a literary review published at Cornell.

Kenney received “deeper sustenance sailing out to Islesboro and Castine than most people derive from religion,” said Professor of English Peter Harris, a sailing partner for years. “He was extremely meticulous and his seamanship was impeccable.”

Ed Kenney, who made sailing a metaphor for his life, is survived, in addition to his wife, by two children, James and Anne, his father and two sisters. A scholarship fund will be established in his memory. ♦



## A Trio of Jolly Good Fellows

**T**he debate festers on college campuses large and small. Do faculty concentrate on research at the expense of good teaching?

The answer—at least at Colby—is no, because most if not all research is linked to teaching. And, thanks to the generosity of successive classes of senior parents, three Colby faculty members will complete especially germane research projects financed in part by newly created endowments.

L. Sandy Maisel, Guilain Denoeux and Laurie Osborne have been named Senior Parents Distinguished Teaching Fellows and will each receive awards of \$5,000. The money will be put toward that portion of their salaries they are expected to pay themselves, allowing them to extend their sabbatical leaves from a single semester to a full year. Under sabbatical leave policies at Colby and most other colleges, faculty eligible for leave can choose to take a half year off at full pay or a full year at half pay. The teaching fellows will have some of their contribution to the half pay subsidized.

According to Dean of Faculty Robert McArthur, Maisel, Denoeux and Osborne were selected because their sabbatical projects are closely related to their regular teaching assignments and because their projects will have significant impact on their classroom work. Osborne is currently on leave. Maisel and Denoeux will be on

leave during the 1993-94 academic year.

The grants are from separate endowments created by gifts in excess of \$100,000 from parents of each of the two most recent graduating classes. They are assigned by the division chairs and the dean and are available only to faculty who are eligible for sabbatical leaves and who have applied for

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L. Sandy Maisel, one of three new Senior Parents Distinguished Fellows.

College support to extend their leaves.

Maisel, a member of the Colby faculty since 1971, is Dana Professor of American Democratic Institutions and director of the Colby in Washington Program. He is an expert on American political parties and elections, and during his leave he intends to continue his long-term study of congressional recruitment and to prepare for the writing of an authorized biography of Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell of Maine.

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## A Chair from the Chair

**L**awrence R. '56 and Jean L. Van Curan Pugh '55 and their two daughters, Deborah Kelton '80 of Scarborough, Maine, and Diane Esecson of Beverly Farms, Mass., have donated \$1.1 million to the College to endow the Pugh Family Chair in Economics.

"This gift will not only endow the chair itself but also provide the chair holder with an annual stipend for research and program development," said Colby President William R. Cotter. "It will also be utilized as one of the new chairs the College must fund to match a challenge gift of still another endowed chair. We are awed by the generosity of Larry and Jean and their family and their

ongoing dedication to Colby."

Larry Pugh, who chairs Colby's Board of Trustees, is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the VF Corporation in Reading, Pa. A native of White Plains, N.Y., he attended the Salisbury School in Connecticut before enrolling at Colby. Following two years of service with the Finance Corps of the United States Army, he was a divisional sales manager for the Borden Company, general marketing manager of the Hamilton Beach division of the Scovill Manufacturing Company, marketing manager of the consumer equipment division of Ampex Corporation and president of the Samsonite Luggage division of Beatrice Foods. He was elected president of

the VF Corporation in 1980, chairman of the executive committee in 1982 and chairman of the board in 1983.

An active alumnus for 35 years, Pugh was first elected a Colby trustee in 1981. He chaired the historic Colby Trustee Commission on Campus Life, which in 1983 recommended that the College establish the residential commons system that now exists. Pugh was co-chair of the Colby 2000 Campaign, which raised \$30.5 million, more than all previous fund-raising campaigns in the history of the College combined. He received the 1986 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Alumni Association and was honored with a special award by the Colby Alumni Council in 1987.

Pugh is a director of the Reading (Pa.) Hospital, the American Apparel Manufacturers Association, the Black & Decker Corporation, Meridian Bancorp of Reading and the UNUM Corporation of Portland.

The Pugh Family Chair is the 10th fully endowed chair at Colby and the seventh since May 1990.

## More Help for the Sciences

**C**olby has received two significant grants, one from a federal agency and the other from a private foundation, which will result in nearly \$2.5 million in additional support for the sciences.

The advanced-level research and chemistry research facilities in Keyes will receive a \$1 million overhaul thanks to a \$512,000 grant from the National Science Foundation that the College will match from other sources. The College also has received a \$225,000 science initiative grant from The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., to be



Jean L. Van Curan Pugh '55 and Lawrence Pugh '56 have endowed a new chair.



*A new bridge connecting Arey and Keyes provides a literal link for interdisciplinary research in the sciences.*

used toward the purchase of equipment for the Natural Sciences Division.

Miselis Professor of Chemistry Bradford Mundy, who chairs the department, will oversee the project, which is designed to further enhance Colby's reputation as an institution that provides its science students with unusual opportunities to conduct hands-on research with faculty members. Chemistry research at Colby is also geared toward cooperative and interdisciplinary efforts with faculty and students from the Biology and Geology departments. The College's chemistry research facilities are designed with such accessibility in mind, lending themselves to projects in bio-chemistry, environmental science and synthesis.

The Kresge Foundation award challenges the College to raise at least \$900,000 to endow a professorship in the sciences and requires Colby to establish an endowed maintenance fund for the scientific equipment purchases under the grant.

Prior to the announcement of the Kresge challenge, an additional \$225,000 in lead

gifts for equipment purchases had been secured by Colby in keeping with The Kresge Foundation's policy requiring grant recipients to raise such funds. This total of \$450,000 in funds for new equipment will help Colby purchase state-of-the-art equipment in the emerging fields of environmental science and cell and molecular biology/bio-chemistry.

The National Science Foundation and Kresge Foundation awards were but the latest in a string of grants in support of the sciences at the College in 18 months, starting in June 1991, when the Howard Hughes Medical Institute granted \$1 million over five years to the Natural Sciences Division for faculty development, curriculum development, student development and outreach.

That July, Dr. Frank J. Miselis '43 donated \$1 million to establish the chair held by Mundy. In October 1991, Colby received a 3-1 challenge grant from the George I. Alden Trust for equipment in interdisciplinary science programs. A month later there was a \$25,000 grant from Charles

Leighton '60 and the Merck Company Foundation to purchase microscopes and seed funding from the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation toward the research and teaching costs of a new assistant professorship in chemistry. This grant was followed in December by a \$250,000 award from the W. M. Keck Foundation for the renovation and equipping of the bio-chemistry laboratory. In addition, science faculty members have received two two-year awards totaling \$60,830 from the Research Corporation and over \$360,000 in government grants toward individual research projects over the last two years.

## New Facility for Athletics

Waterville business leader, philanthropist and sportsman Harold Alford, a long-time benefactor and honorary alumnus of the College, has made a \$3 million

gift that will enable Colby to complete fire repairs and construct new facilities to modernize the athletic complex. The gift is the largest ever made by any living person in the College's history.

"We are, of course, most grateful for this magnificent and unprecedented gift," President William Cotter said after Alford informed him and Board Chair Lawrence Pugh '56 of his intention to donate the money. "This will make it possible for Colby to recover fully from the August fire and to move beyond and create a completely modern, comprehensive athletic facility."

Cotter hailed Alford for his "long and impressive" record of giving to Colby. "Generations of Colby students have been and will continue to be grateful for the generosity of this wonderful family," he said. "Harold Alford has been Maine's leading philanthropist for nearly 40 years, and this gift is just the latest example of his tremendous generosity that has benefited the people of Maine and, especially, students in both

public and private higher education, as well as at the pre-collegiate level."

Alford received an honorary degree from Colby in 1980. His wife, Dorothy "Bibby" Levine Alford '38 and one of their sons, William '72, attended the College. A granddaughter, Jennifer Alford '92, a member of the women's ice hockey team and winner of the coveted Condon Medal, received her Colby degree at commencement exercises

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last May and is currently in Russia on a Watson fellowship.

The Colby board unanimously accepted the Alford grant proposal, which stipulates that trustees must match the gift within five years with an additional \$3 million. The matching money will be used to strengthen the College's endowment for faculty chairs. The trustees also voted to rename the entire Colby athletic complex in honor of Alford.

Beyond picking up where Colby's insurance leaves off in replacing the squash courts, staff offices and basketball floor destroyed or damaged in an August 28 fire, the gift will enable Colby to construct a new, two-level, 9,000-square-foot fitness, weight training and exercise area, four new locker rooms on the west side of the Alford hockey arena and new pool access, seating and deck surface. Plans also include renovation of the hockey bleachers in the Alford arena, construction of fall sport practice field lights and a new indoor field house surface and outdoor tennis court improvements.

In addition to modernizing and improving the athletic facility, the College will upgrade fire prevention and egress systems to meet code, including the installation of a sprinklers system and, as part of the Alford gift, an elevator to make the facility totally accessible for the handicapped. Total project costs are expected to exceed \$5 million, a cost that will be refined with finished drawings and contractor estimates.

Founder of the Dexter Shoe Company and a part-owner of the Boston Red Sox, Alford has been a major benefactor for a number of institutions in Maine, including the state university, which has named its indoor athletic arena in his honor. His generosity to Colby began in the early 1940s. Among the many projects he has supported are the Alford arena, the Eustis Administration Building, the Alford Arcade at the Bixler Center, the Alford Track, the Carl Nelson Physical Therapy Center and student financial aid funds.

The last major renovations to the athletic complex were in 1965, which then made Colby's facility the finest in the New England Small College Athletic Conference. The new project, expected to be completed by the fall of 1993 or early in 1994, should again rank Colby's facilities among the best in New England. ◆



Harold Alford has donated \$3 million for a sports complex that will bear his name.



# All Stories Start and End in the Landscape

~ By Robert Gillespie ~

The moment that Loyal Blood's girlfriend dies, asphyxiated in loving making, he goes on the run. The moment he hits the road in E. Annie Proulx '57's *Postcards* (Charles Scribner's Sons, 1992, \$22.95), Loyal takes his place with those originals of American fiction who light out for the territories only to live wounded, mythic lives knocking about among strangers and unfamiliar landscapes.

While the family loses the Vermont family farm and looks desperately for other ways to survive, Blood fetches up under the vast North Dakota sky and in the New Mexico desert, hooks up with bone-hunter Bullet Wulff and dipsomaniac astronomer Ben Rainwater and falls, among other occupations, into mining and fur trapping. But Proulx says that the novel is not even about Loyal.

"What happened to the characters," she said, "was subordinate to change in the landscape over a 40-year period."

In every place that Loyal Blood or his abandoned family pop up during 40 years of batting around the country, we see America in passing—America as they see it passing through, America as it is passing away or as it is coming into being. In every voice in the book's self-contained short stories, sketches and interchapters called "What I See" and even in the scrawled postcards that Loyal and others send into the blue, we hear America speaking—and even sometimes singing.

"Lots is undescribed. The willing reader strings it together and makes a story," Proulx said. "The story comes out different for different people. I was interested in landscape and social change."

The most radical change in *Postcard's* landscape occurs as the Blood family dies or

scatters in consequence of Loyal's flight, and Loyal's special field on the old family farm is "developed" into a trailer park. His mother, Jewell, thinks these 40 half-acre lots, known as Ott's Lots, are "too small for anything but cemetery plots." Exploitation of the land is writ large as Loyal's brother, Dub, who moves to Florida, gets rich in the 20th-century brand of land management known as real estate development. Easy to overlook is the casual mention that a swamp

show those changes risks turning Loyal from a developing character into a device, but it's actually a relief to get away from the murderous rages of Loyal's father, Mink, and the sour humor of Loyal's brother and sister, Memelle. The sensibility of the farm scenes is straight out of literary naturalism's biological and socioeconomic determinism and its representation of nature as hostile or indifferent to the purposes of human beings. Nature in *Postcards* doesn't often foster

the best in people or shape the course of American life for the better.

But whether Loyal is bone hunting, prospecting, farming or fur trapping, he always lives off the land. Forever a murderer and exile, more and more a drifter and eventually a homeless wreck, he still dreams of "a family of silvery children and warmth in the bed, a voice in the dark instead of the forceful stars." Halfway through the book he realizes that "He had not yet made a start on the farm, on curing his trouble with earth." To the final page and Loyal's last vision of his field, land literally grounds the book. Attitudes to the land connect all of the characters. Land—to Mink a curse, to Dub an exploitable commodity—to Loyal is salvation through the love of woman and work. The complex representation of nature in *Postcards* places the novel in one of the august traditions of American literature. That is one reason, though not the only one, that the book has



E. Annie Proulx '57

been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize.

full of extraordinary creatures will one day become Walt Disney World.

"The book intends to show a slow environmental degradation," Proulx said. "I was trying to say that from World War II to now there have been some frightening changes."

Moving the story away from the densely grounded farm family of the opening of the novel and moving it around the country to

"All stories start and end in the landscape," said Proulx, who put in two years of research and travel before writing *Postcards* and this year has a Guggenheim grant to work on *Forests*, a book about the metamorphosis of the logging industry. She's also traveling in preparation for *Accordion Crimes*, which takes place in Texas, Maine

and Iowa. She spends more time preparing than writing, she says, convinced that believable and innovative landscape description authenticates the people and the action in the place. "You have got to understand it, the weather, the winds, the quality of light," she said. *Postcards* contains "landscapes of time and characters, landscapes of past and present as well as East and West."

At one time, Proulx says, she considered having Loyal join the Navy so he could be shipwrecked and she could use her "immersion foot" material. Instead, she ended up subjecting Loyal to prolonged submersion in knee-high cold water when he is trapped in a mine by an explosion. That meant she had to read survivors' accounts of mining disasters. She spent the better part of a week and a half at the Tuck School reading old mining journals. She went down 400 feet in a mine in Nova Scotia, and even in the Vermont town she lives in she checked out an old mine. "A dangerous and stupid place to be," she concluded.

To write about a particular period, Proulx says she'll study photographs because memory isn't trustworthy and they show what was there at the time. She'll read local newspapers and magazines of the time. In the "landscapes of time" in the novel, details appear as small as a label on 60 gauge, 15 denier nylon stockings. But memory provides something, too. When Proulx writes that Memelle "held the tray under running water until the lever cracked the cubes loose with a brief icy groan," she's aimed for absolute accuracy and scored a bullseye. "I love a trenchant detail that sends a scene into relief," said Proulx. "It's obligatory. It sets up an era."

These bits of the daily existence of a community are genial parts of this wonderfully varied book, which contains about as many writing styles as voices speaking. Proulx's local color intends to portray the character of a community more than individual characters, but most of the individu-

als who have even walk-on parts are vividly real, like the journalist for a small-town newspaper who ends every sentence as if it were a question or the man whose directions involve driving so many "mild" down

statement or overstatement to blunt the edge of hardship, loss or tragedy with humor.

"I have an easy time with the dialogue," said Proulx, claiming that it's all invented.

"I have a little notebook—I'll write down what people say while my car's being fixed, I'll write down conversations—for cadences, rhythms, patterns. You can change the words so long as you hold to the pattern that you have. It comes automatically."

Like the dialogue, character sketches in *Postcards* are masterful representations of the person in the place. Proulx looks over Jewell Blood's shoulder at her neighbor, Mrs. Nipple:

"The old lady had the look of a hen who had laid a thousand eggs, from her frizzled white hair permed at Corrinne Clauch's Home Beauty Parlor, to her bright moist eye, plump breast, thrusting rear end that no corset could ever bend in and the bowed legs set so far out on her pelvis that when she walked it was like a rocking chair rocking. Dub had snickered to Loyal once that the space between her thighs had to be three hands across, that she could sit on the back of a Clydesdale like a slotted clothespin on the line."

Maybe Jewell is aware of "the face that launched a thousand ships" and maybe not, but the down-home beauty parlor, the old-timey corset and the comparisons with actual local creatures make Mrs. Nipple as real as a hen or a rocking chair and a good deal more entertaining.

The realistic voices in *Postcards* underscore the here and now, the things of this world, the local, the everyday, the present moment in a place. Everything in *Postcards* encourages an interest in this world—which is to say an interest in America's complex and absorbing conduct of its life over the landscape of the last 40 years. What happened to the family of Loyal Blood is what happened to America. ♦

## Through the Floor

Jewell, watching Memelle sprint up the hill toward the spring with a child's demonic strength, heard a thick crumpling sound and looked around. Mrs. Nipple was half gone, one leg sunk to the hip in the rotten floor, the other bent like a grasshopper's, the muscles folded tight. She hung onto the edge of the sink with one hand, the other clenching the knife. Frightful shrieks came from below.

"Pull me up, I'm standin' on him!" shouted Mrs. Nipple, but before Jewell could reach her, Mrs. Nipple, the pump and the sink descended on Rollo.

... "When I think how all that rot was layin' there under that proud housekeepin'," said Jewell. "There's a lesson in it." Her glasses, lenses spotted and dull, lay on the table. She rubbed at the bridge of her nose where the flesh-colored rests had pinched two red ovals.

"How'd he get under there, anyway?" asked Memelle, remembering the crying and keening, Mrs. Nipple lying in the back of Ronnie's car with her bloody knees showing at the window, the baby howling in the front seat in Doris's lap and Ronnie shouting, "Get out of the way" as he skidded down the lane.

"Crawled under. They figure he went in under the porch steps, farther in under the porch to a narrow place where he couldn't get turned around, so, since nobody never learned him to crawl backwards, he had to keep goin' and the last stop on the line was the water pipe under the summer kitchen. Just remember Memelle, always learn your babies to crawl backwards."

"Don't talk so smart about babies and crawlin'. I remember when you crawled all the way on down to the road through the mud, over a mile, and too dumb to come back," said Jewell.

"No," said Dub. "Too dumb to keep goin'."

—From *Postcards*, by E. Annie Proulx '57

the road.

Mark Twain thought that realism "goes" because its characters speak the vernacular or common speech. *Postcards* is a trove of nonstandard grammars, archaic phrases, platitudes, clichés, mixed figures of speech, puns, solemn statements of the obvious, aphorisms, anticlimaxes and monologues full of digressions and self-interruptions. The taciturn as well as the gabby use under-



## Savoring a Winning Experience

~ By Jonathan Walsh '93 ~

For the 16 seniors, the 1992 football season was like a tax refund—their payback for four years of hard work and intensity. They concluded their collegiate careers as Colby's most successful football class in three decades, winning an unprecedented fifth straight CBB title with a perfect 8-0 record against Bowdoin and Bates, recording consecutive winning seasons for the first time since 1960 and compiling the first four-year winning record since 1962. They were the bridge between a quarter-century of gridiron futility and the elusive status of respectability in New England small college football.

To accomplish these feats, they had to overcome more than history. In the spring of their first year at Colby, the dissolution of an underground remnant of the old Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity (constituted almost entirely of football players) so depleted the varsity that fewer than 40 players were left. The 3-5 record in that, their one losing season, may have been the biggest accomplishment.

After the Revere Bell tolled for their fourth victory in as many tries against Bowdoin, Colby asked five of the 16 seniors to talk about what their experience has meant.

No member of the team made a bigger transition than Tim Merrigan. After leading the Mules in pass receptions each of the last two years, Merrigan was told by Coach Tom Austin that in 1992 he might spend some time at defensive back, a posi-

tion he hadn't played since his high school days in Milton, Mass. Thanks to relentless training, "some time" soon became full time. "Tim is someone who could not be in better shape," said Austin. "We knew he could handle it physically, and he willingly

made the trade."

"I was the happiest guy in the world," Merrigan said. "I've always wanted to play defense. On offense when you're not catching the ball, I guess you can get something out of making a good block, but on defense



A crunching hit by Shawn Jenkins, one of 16 seniors to amass the first career winning record in 30 years, forces a fumble.

PHOTOS BY RHETT WHELAN

there's nothing like coming all the way across the field and making a nice tackle."

Merrigan's most important tackle came in the team's most important game. With barely a minute left in the traditional finale, he seemed to come from nowhere to overhaul a Bowdoin player who had scooped up a teammate's fumble and was racing for the goal line and a potentially tying touchdown.

After the game, Merrigan talked of all of the running and strength conditioning that had equipped him to make such a play. "There's a small ski slope in my town which I ran up and down every day this summer," he said. "I would come home and my father would tease me, 'What are you killing yourself for? This is only Division III football. Nobody cares.'

"When the Bowdoin game ended, my father came up to me and said, 'Everything you did during the summer just got paid back right there.' That moment meant so much to me."



If anything rivaled Merrigan's work ethic, it had to be the conditioning regimen of Shawn Jenkins, a six-foot, 205-pound defensive tackle who grew tired of hearing he was too small for the position.

"For my four years here my size has been the butt end of every joke," he said after the season. "I've always wanted to talk about this. Lunch, dinner, practice, every single joke."

Jenkins's retribution came on the field. "I like to play knowing I'm in the best shape possible, even though I don't have the greatest size," he said. "But I've never been put on my back, and I've gone up against guys who are 265, 275 pounds."

Austin says there's no secret to why his undersized tackle survived in a world of giants. "That kid couldn't get past 205 if he tried, but he'll be working out until the day he dies," the coach said. "He has worked extremely hard to build his strength, and now he can bench as much as most any lineman 50 pounds heavier than him."

Like Merrigan, who is his housemate and frequent training companion, Jenkins cashed in his hard work on a saving play. Late in the Wesleyan game, he broke past

two blockers and blindsided the quarterback, who fumbled. It turned what might have been Wesleyan's winning drive into Colby's clinching touchdown. "That moment personally fulfilled everything," said Jenkins. "All those people who gave me a hard time for working so hard? Screw them. For a few moments, that was personal glory that paid off."



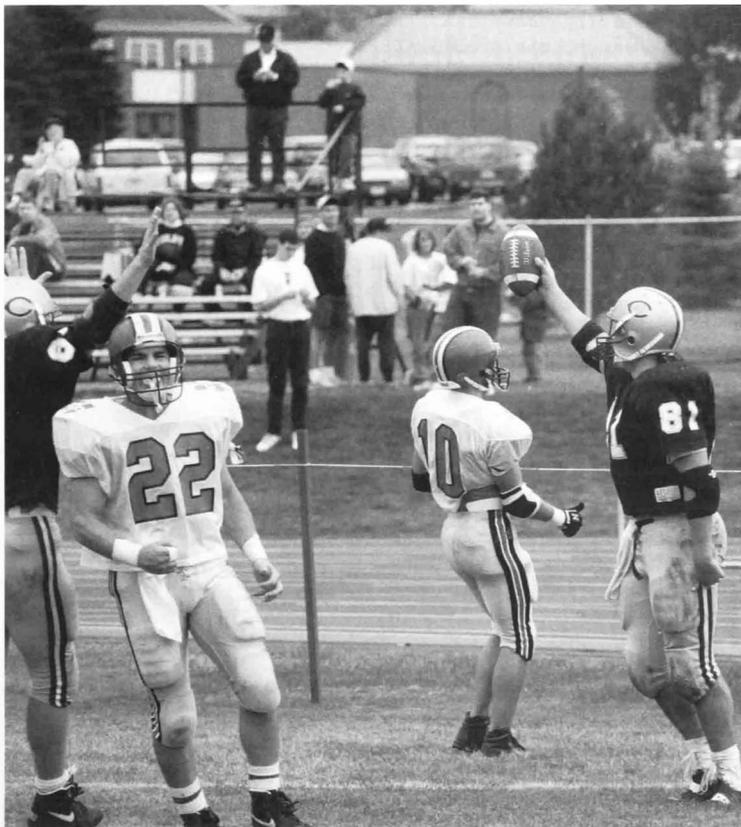
One of the team's most dynamic forces over the last three years has been co-captain and linebacker Greg Suffredini, who was an unlinebackerlike 180 pounds when he came to Colby from Lexington, Mass., and stands only 5'9" with a few pairs of wool socks on.

"I was pretty much a walk-on," Suffredini said. "I mean, I had contact with Coach, but

I wasn't really recruited. I didn't even have a sentence in the recruit book they put together." However, Suffredini's hard work has resulted in more than enough attention since. In 1990, suddenly shoved into a starting role after the fraternity incident, Suffredini made over 100 tackles.

"It's a little weird being a linebacker this size," he said. "You can dart around, but sometimes when the offensive line stands up, you can't see what happens." He'd added 25 pounds of muscle by his junior year and also developed a high level of field savvy playing in tandem with Eric DeCosta, the other captain and linebacker.

They were known as the Smurfs—little men in blue. "One of the things that distances the Smurfs is that these are kids who've taken the time to get familiar with the opponent's offense to the point where they practically know it better than the opponent does," Austin said.



Todd Bosselait, a receiver with no fingers on one hand, scores a touchdown.

Playing at Colby has had an indelible impact on Suffredini. "I've made friends I'm always going to have," he said. "It's helped me with my self-confidence because I've had to talk to the press and give speeches, which may help when I go into the real world. I've also grown and matured as a person."



In a way, tight end **Todd Bosselait** was an amalgam of all his teammates. He switched positions, overcame the limitations of his size, improved his skills and maintained his career and academic focus. He also found time to serve as a teaching and research assistant in economics, volunteer with the Big Brothers and Sisters of Waterville and become the only member of the football varsity to serve on the residential staff.

"I remember Todd as a freshman, being a fourth-string fullback, the last one on the depth chart," said receiver coach Dick McGee. "But through his hard work and intensity he was able to make himself a starting tight end."

Although he admits he was apprehensive about the switch in positions, Bosselait said he was ultimately thankful for the move. "I didn't look forward to it, but as soon as I got there I realized I'd be better," he said. "It gave me a lot of drive to know that working would make me better."

In his senior season, Bosselait was a starter, catching 13 passes for 148 yards and one touchdown.

The switch to receiver had presented one more obstacle that went virtually unmentioned during his football career. Bosselait has no fingers on his left hand, a disability he downplays. "I really don't notice it, partly because I don't know what it would be like otherwise," he said. "I refuse to use it as an excuse. Everyone has to learn how to play some way."



When **Horace Simpson** arrived on Mayflower Hill in 1989, it was not as a recruited football player. In fact, the coaches could be forgiven for rolling their



*Horace Simpson, the "walk-on," runs for the end zone with a touchdown pass.*

eyes when the stringy, 150-pound youngster from Brooklyn struggled through his first proficiency test.

"I had called Coach and said I wanted to play ball, even though they didn't know who I was," Simpson recalled. "When I first went in Austin's office he jokingly said, 'Son, you sure you want to play football?'"

"I'll never forget when [Simpson] first came in," said Austin. "The lowest we had on the bar was 165 pounds, and if we didn't have two spotters he would have been done, because that bar almost went through him."

A weight-training program could increase Simpson's strength, but he still had to prove his mettle on the field, overcoming his inexperience as well as major knee surgery after his first season.

"Horace was not a very proficient football player when he came here," said McGee.

"But through an extraordinary work ethic and great focus, he improved as well as anybody I've seen in my 25 years."

"My mother and father never went to high school, and, you know, it's like I'm given these huge opportunities—to go to elite schools—so I feel obligated to take advantage of them," Simpson said. He rode the subway to a series of prep schools. After first choice McBurney moved and then folded, he transferred to Dalton. "Coming in as a senior and wrestling and playing football, I felt like I had to prove myself all over again," he said. "When I came to Colby, being a minority and not being recruited, I had to again."

Lawschool is next on the agenda. "He is a talented young man who will be a dynamic force in whatever he does," Austin said.



# The Day We Stopped the Music

~ By Fletcher Eaton '39 ~

**W**hen I entered Colby College in 1935 as a freshman, I was told that extracurricular activities would be good for me. You can be a bookworm, they said, and get all A's, but you will be a failure in life if you don't get out there and do things. So I studied the available choices. There were 62 in all, from football to the Philosophy Club.

Football I ruled out right away. What if I were to fumble the ball in the end zone—assuming that I ever got my hands on the ball? Half the school would be down on me. And if half the school were down on me, what then? So football was out.

A better choice, I reasoned, was the Glee Club. If I sang a wrong note, the other singers would drown me out and no one would ever know. Besides, there were lots of singers and I could blend safely into the crowd. So I signed up.

At the first rehearsal, our director, John White Thomas, announced that in three months we were to visit Bowdoin College for a joint concert with the choruses from Bowdoin and a third school that I will call Rangeley College—a school for women. (There is no Rangeley College, but I shield the school's identity to protect the innocent.)

Mr. Thomas was a kindly slave-driver who brought out the best in all of his singers. Thus, by the time the three months had elapsed, we were note-perfect in all the selections as we set out by bus for Brunswick.

There was one song in particular that I had reason to remember. It contained a long, drawn-out note, sung fortissimo, which Mr. Thomas had us bellow over and over until we

got it loud enough. When we arrived at Bowdoin I had to skip the final rehearsal in order to gargle my extremely sore throat. I could barely croak.

Meanwhile, Frederick Tillotson, director of music at Bowdoin and conductor of the evening, was putting the singers through their final rehearsal. It was, of course, the

first time the three groups had sung together, and Tillotson rehearsed them according to his own ideas. For one thing, he did not agree with John Thomas as to that drawn-out note. He felt it would be more effective to cut it off sharply—something along the lines of a staccato shout.

The hour came, and I showed up for the concert, although I should have had better sense. My voice sounded no better despite the gargling, and even such an unbiased critic as my mother would not have claimed I was a budding Caruso.

The stage on which we stood in Pickard Hall was immense. Bleacher stands, arranged in an arc, permitted a sloping arrangement of the singers so that those in the rear stood some four feet higher off the floor than those in front. There must have been 200 singers. Down front stood two concert grand pianos for the accompanists. Out beyond the footlights, fond parents comprised most of the audience.

Professor Tillotson took his place and began the concert with something slow—a wise choice, I subsequently concluded. Then came the selection with the drawn-out note.

I was standing tall, warbling lustily in the back row when, suddenly, everyone stopped singing—except for me. Alas, even though I stopped faster than you could say “Rats!” everyone heard me. Being high up in the back row and tall besides, I was easy to spot, and a lot of people turned to look me over. My face turned brick red, and I wanted the floor to open up beneath me. But no such easy out was in the cards. So I stood there, bending my knees in an effort to look four feet tall, while Professor Tillotson brought the selection to a close.



*Fletcher Eaton '39 in his student days.*

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*The author, third from left in the back row, poses with the Glee Club in 1936.*

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One of those who turned to examine me was Tony DeMarinas '37. Tony wore thick glasses that made his eyes look large, which helped me greatly to savor the withering look he gave me. Since then, when I do something dumb, I think of Tony.

I nearly died of embarrassment, but en-

suing events were to put my sandpaper solo in a more kindly perspective.

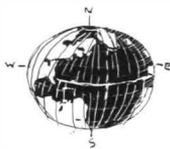
The next offering was the singing by the combined choruses of four or five of the 33 Liebeslieder Waltzes by Brahms. These waltzes for voice are lovely, and we worked hard on them.

The first and second went off without a hitch, but in the third it became apparent that something was wrong. We quickly saw and heard that the Rangeley women had lost their way. We were singing from sheet music, turning the pages as we went, and I theorized that some of the Rangeley pages had stuck together.

Tillotson flailed the air frantically in an effort to restore a consensus among the singers, but aside from stirring up a welcome breeze his efforts failed. The confusion was contagious, and all three clubs came to a ragged stop right in the middle of the piece.

Rather than back up and start over, Tillotson decided to try the next waltz. This time the Rangeley women had the music upside-down. Tillotson went into his gyrations again, but to no avail, and in a heartening display of unity, we stopped. I wouldn't have blamed him for thinking that the future of this crowd lay in the past. As we filed off stage, heads down, there was a thin scattering of applause.

The next and final item on the program was a piano solo by Tillotson himself. From the way the evening had been going, I fully expected him to fall off the piano stool. But no! He was magnificent. He had chosen a neat little virtuoso number named “Encourant,” by Benjamin Godard. I had never heard it before and haven't since, but I still remember how he electrified the audience and saved the evening as he tossed off the catchy but formidable piece. ♦



# FIFTY - PLUS

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Many thanks to all who returned the yellow cards so promptly. There is still time for the next issue, if you haven't sent yours in yet.

## PRE-TWENTIES

From a chance discovery of an issue of the March 21, 1917, *Colby Echo*, I have learned this: "The short chapel talks which President Roberts is giving are responsible in no small degree for the interest and excellent spirit manifested by the students. . . ." and this: "If the United States should declare war and should call men for active service, Colby men would quickly respond. . . ." Also, "Twenty-one seniors were admitted to the Waterville Almshouse last Sunday morning. . . as part of a practical investigation by the class of Sociology 8" and "Miss L. Clay, a grandniece of Henry Clay, the famous American statesman, gave a Bible reading at Foss Hall on Sunday afternoon." Remember, anyone? ♦

## TWENTIES

**Catherine A. Tuttle '21**, Sanford, Maine, although in a nursing home, would like to hear from Colby friends. . . . **Avis Barton Bixby '22**, West Springfield, Maine, at 94 is doing well despite wheelchair limitations. . . . **Arthur Sullivan '22**, Pawling, N.Y., wanted to attend the reunion last June but could not because of his wife's eye operation. They spend their winters in

Carmel, Pebble Beach, Fla., where he plays golf. . . . Congratulations to **Helen Dresser McDonald '23**, Portland, Maine, who thoroughly enjoyed her 90th birthday celebration, to which some 50-odd people came. Then later in the summer, she attended her granddaughter's wedding. . . . **Marjorie Everingham Ederly '25**, Wrightwood, Calif., planned to come east at the end of the summer to spend time with her daughter at Lake Wentworth in New Hampshire, where she used to spend every summer. She recommends a trip to California, summer or winter. . . . **Flora Harriman Small '25**, Waterville, Maine, is happy to report that she feels lucky to be active and still driving after her eye operation. . . . **Emily Candage Ellis '27**, Farmingdale, Maine, visited her long-time friend **Esther E. Wood '26**, Blue Hill, Maine, in her own home last summer, and she corresponds regularly with two of her classmates, **Myrtle Main Sherman '27**, Portland, Maine, and **Caroline Rogers Hawkes '27**, Windham, Maine. . . . **Rod '31** and **Peg Davis Farnham '28**, Hampden, Maine, report, "We traveled to Columbia, Mo., this June to attend our 11th grandchild's graduation from high school. We have attended all the other graduations, so we couldn't miss this last one. Daughter of **Charles '66** and **Jane Farnham Rabeni '66**, Rachel entered the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado in August." . . . **Ena Page Hawkins '28**, St. George, Maine, is a retired English teacher and postmaster who has five children, 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. . . . Finally the Post Office came through with a postal card from **Ruth M. McEvoy '28**, Batavia, N.Y., after losing the important part of the return yellow Fifty-Plus card. She writes that her best memory of Colby is of a geology trip to Mr. Desert Island her senior year: "I have had good trips

since, but none that I remember more warmly." She hears from **Sylvia Crane '29**, Hillsboro, N.H., once a year and from other Colby people at Christmas. . . . **Cecil Rose '28**, Gloucester, Mass., wrote that he and his wife, Helen, expected to be in their Nova Scotia home last August. . . . Colby ties are important to **Alice Paul Allen '29**, East Providence, R.I., for she enjoyed lunch recently with her sister, **Helen Paul Clement '30**, and her sister's husband, **Stan Clement '32**, Weymouth, Mass., and she has lunch regularly with **Flora Rideout Philbrook '29**, Dighton, Mass., and **Helen Chase Pardey '30**, Middleboro, Mass., and sometimes with **Bernice "Bun" Collins Mac Lean '29**, Norwood, Mass. . . . Energetic **Philip R. Higgins '29**, Springfield, Mass., says that he walks a mile and a half every other day. He was planning to go on a cruise in November. When he recently called **Frank Twadelle '29**, Jekyll Island, Ga., he learned that Frank is still playing golf. . . . Although her husband died last January, **Eleanor Butler Hutchins '29**, Farmington, Conn., has remained at Village Gate because it is a fine senior community, is not far from Hartford and is a good place for traveling friends such as **Arthur Stetson '34**, Silver Spring, Md., who stopped in recently with his wife on their way home from Maine. . . . Shortly before **Marian Ginn Laffaty '29**, Caribou, Maine, died last August 31, **Mary Vose McGillicuddy '29**, Houlton, Maine, had visited with her at the Caribou nursing home. . . . **Ernest "Ernie" Miller '29**, New Milford, Conn., reports that last July he and his son spent a week in London, visiting places that they had missed before. "We followed that with a week in Ireland, where Dublin and the 400-year-old Trinity College and cathedral were gems in a fabulous setting of the Emerald Isle." ♦

## THIRTIES

Thank you, **Kathleen Bailey Andrews '30**, for writing on behalf of husband **George A. Andrews '30**, Dallas, Texas, who has the beginnings symptoms of Alzheimer's disease. (Kathleen is a retired librarian who still does volunteer work at her church bookstore and library.) . . . **Gordon N. Johnson '30**, Portland, Maine, writes that he really likes the New Colby! During the summer he took day trips from his summer home in Brookton. . . . Congratulations to **Norman Palmer '30**, Friday Harbor, Wash., on his marriage last winter to **Gurina McIlrath** of Bothell, Wash., a specialist in Scandinavian studies. They spent last spring in South Korea, where Norman was serving for the third time as visiting professor at the Graduate Institute of Peace Studies at Kyung Hee University in Seoul. . . . Best wishes to **Verna Green Taylor '30**, Saco, Maine, who is learning to adjust to new ways of living, following some medical problems. . . . **Myrtle Paine Barker '31**, Watertown, Conn., had the special pleasure of spending two delightful weeks this past summer in Italy with her 15-year-old grandson, who couldn't believe that he was seeing things as old as the Roman Forum. . . . **Faith Rollins Davidson '31**, Harrisburg, Pa., and her husband visited Alaska in the summer on a cruise. They have given up their home of 31 years in Waverly, Pa., to move back to Harrisburg. . . . **Carroll C. McCleary '31**, New Port Richey, Fla., is someone who still remembers that once there was a cow in the chapel tower on the old campus! Anyone else? . . . **Vivian F. Russell '31**, Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla., and **Augusta, Maine**, writes that she often sees her former roommate, **Frances Page Taylor '31**, Tavares, Fla. With a Florida friend, Vivian enjoys great sight-seeing

trips when she travels north for the summer or returns south for the winter. Incidentally, she still has a picture of the 60th reunion of her class in June of '91 and will send it on request. At that time Rod Farnham '31, Thelma "Budge" Chase Bevin '31, E. Hampton, Conn., and Vivian attended. . . . Christo T. Nasse '32, Ormond Beach, Fla., reports that he reads and rereads books on bridge instruction and on shuffleboard ("Capricious Disks") and that he really enjoyed his seven-day cruise in the Caribbean on his honeymoon, following his recent remarriage. He has sold his house in Sturbridge and moved to Florida permanently. . . . William H. Steinhoff '32, Hanover, N.H., and his wife, Blanche, have moved to Kendall at Hanover, where they are enjoying life and making new friends. In October he planned to take a course at Dartmouth. . . . Congratulations to Hildred Nelson Wentworth '32 and her husband, George, of Millinocket, Maine, for celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary in August. She writes, "It has been a wonderful, happy marriage that has produced three fine sons and four grandchildren. We hope to return to our villa in Seven Springs, Fla., in October after spending six months at our camp on Millinocket Lake." . . . Best wishes to Charlotte Blomfield '33, Norwich, Conn., for improved health. . . . Lively and eager to learn as well as travel, Dorsa Rattenbury O'Dell '32, Julian, Calif., has written enthusiastically about her Semester at Sea, which began at Nassau last January 27 and included stops in Venezuela, Brazil, Cape Town (South Africa), along the coastline of Kenya and across to India, Hong Kong and Taiwan. . . . Mary Smith Strout '33, Fort Fairfield, Maine, recalls a wonderful memory: "The torchlight parade through the main street of downtown Waterville celebrating the certainty that Colby's campus would be moved to Mayflower Hill—a spectacular event for those times." . . . Don '33 and Dorothy Gould Rhoades '36, Claremont, Calif., spent almost a week driving through Glacier National Park in

late August and were surprised one morning to wake up to a winter wonderland, with nearly 18 inches of snow falling before the day was over. In addition to unbelievably spectacular scenery, they saw herds of bison, mountain goats and even a bear cub. From the park they flew to Seattle to the home of their daughter and family. . . . Robert Eli Rosenberg '33, El Paso, Texas, reports that he has retired from law practice and is enjoying his retirement. He spends his summers at Coronado Island, off San Diego, where he enjoys swimming and tennis. He made life master in bridge this past year. Travels took him to the Fiji Islands, New Zealand and Australia last year. He found the people of New Zealand very friendly and hospitable. . . . Realistic George S. Mann '34, Houston, Texas, remarks, "It is not easy to grow old gracefully, but it sure beats the heck out of the alternative!" . . . Arthur W. Stetson '34, Silver Spring, Md., wrote about seeing Colby friends when he and his wife were in Maine during July. They saw both Portia Pendleton Rideout '34, Augusta, Maine, and Beth Pendleton Clark '35, Selingsgrove, Pa., at Portia's cottage on Webber Pond and met Harriet Pease Patrick '34, Saco, Maine, for lunch at John Martin's Manor in Waterville. On another day they had lunch with Angela and George Hunt '34 at the Sand Dollar in Hollowell, Maine. . . . J. Warren "Joe" Bishop '35, Falmouth, Maine, had this news to share: "My sons gave an elegant party back in April to celebrate my 80th birthday. Among the guests were: Audrey Littlefield (widow of Cliff '26), David '35 and Ann Trimble Hilton '35, Southport, Maine, John '37 and Kay Caswell MacDonald '36, Waterville, Maine, and Rusty Anderson (whose late husband, "Swede," coached track and football just after World War II). Earlier in the spring Joe and John Reynolds '36, Southport, Maine, spent a week in Puerto Rico and a week in Costa Rica. . . . Harold Brown '35, Bradenton, Fla., and South Portland, Maine, visited Waterville and Colby in August for the New En-

gland Music Camp's annual Pops Concert. He is on the camp's board of directors. . . . Morris "Mike" Cohen '35, Ocala, Fla., and Huddleston, Va., can boast, "Wow! What an exciting year! Stayed up till after 10 most every night. Ate lots of pie and ice cream. Rooted for the Red Sox." . . . World traveler Kay Herrick McCrodden '35, Berkeley, Calif., looked forward to spending three weeks in South Africa during October. We'll hope for a full report. . . . Lucky Sidney Schiffman '35, Maitlawn, Fla., and his wife, Beulah, sailed to New York in August on the maiden voyage of the *Crown Jewel*, which is now used as a hotel for the Olympics. . . . Robert "Bob" William '36, Los Angeles, Calif., wrote that he regretted terribly missing the reunion

in June. However, he says that he survived the riots and the earthquakes, although the former did the most damage. He has sold his macaroni business and now is in the mortgage business. He still plays golf, a sport that he began on Colby's first team in 1933. . . . On June 27, Jessie and Asa H. Roach '36, Houlton, Maine, were honored by their four children on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Colby people attending were: Jim Coyne '36, Caribou, Maine, and his wife, Barbara, and daughter; Bob '36 and Kitty Rollins Brown '36, Fairfield, Maine; Mabel and Floyd Haskell '36, Houlton, Maine; Norman '36 and Anna Stobie Rogerson '38, Portland, Maine; Robert '37 and Mary Fairbanks Haskell '37, Ft. Myers, Fla.; Myra Mallett Snyder

## HEADLINERS

In honor of Jean Burr Smith '39, Middlesex Community College in Middletown, Conn., dedicated The Jean Burr Smith Memorial Library in October. Smith developed a national reputation in the field of math anxiety during her 22-year career as a teacher of mathematics at the school, where she published several academic papers and received awards from the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges. Her contributions to community mathematics included programs designed for rural women returning to school as well as for colleges and universities, and she consulted as far away as Sierra Leone and Australia.

## NEWSMAKERS

Merrill S.F. Greene '20 was presented with his 70-year star at the Mason's Keystone Lodge No. 80 in Solon, Maine.

## MILEPOSTS

Deaths: Maude Huckins Webster '16 in Quincy, Mass., at 98. . . . Ruby M. Robinson '18 in Rumford, Maine, at 97. . . . Helen A. Brown '23 in Waterville, Maine, at 93. . . . Claude Stinneford '26 in Richmond, Ind., at 93. . . . Frances Weiss '29 in West Los Angeles, Calif., at 85. . . . John K. Livingston '30 in Cranston, R.I., at 85. . . . Edward M. Sturhahn '30 in Sarasota, Fla., at 85. . . . Chester H. Clark '34 in East Falmouth, Mass., at 80. . . . Curtis Havey '34 in Brunswick, Ga., at 79. . . . Bettina Wellington Piper '35 in Waterville, Maine, at 79. . . . Rita Carey Smith '35 in Waterville, Maine, at 79. . . . Ruth Hendrickson Wayne '36 in Hingham, Mass., at 77. . . . Mary Hitchcock Baxter '41 in Ware, Mass., at 73. . . . Katharine Glazier Stevens '41 in Farmington, Maine, at 72.

'38, Lincoln, Maine, and Willetta Herrick Hall '38, Rangeley, Maine. (Frances Coombs Muddock '38, Vineyard Haven, Mass., was unable to attend.) . . . Jane Tarbell Brown '37, Cropsyville, N.Y., writes that she and her husband are building a movie library and collecting books about films. . . . Those brought up in rural Maine will appreciate the delight Sara Cowan '37, Portland, Maine, feels about her bumper crop of Red Astrakan apples last summer. . . . Eleanor Ross Howard '37, Houlton, Maine, and her husband, Ralph, are to be congratulated for celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in mid-August at a "lovely party given by our children. It was really special—lots of great music and reminiscing." They planned to return to Key Largo for the winter, although with some apprehension because their home is only 17 miles from the devastated town of Homestead. . . . In August, Betty Wilkinson Ryan '37, New York, N.Y., entertained her college roommate, Margie Gould Shuman '37, and Marjorie's husband, Ed Shuman '38, West Oneonta, N.Y., and Penney Farms, Fla. Dinner and an overnight left much time for reminiscing and discussing of world affairs. Betty was looking forward to a return visit to Japan in October after an absence of many years. She continues to welcome guests from all over the world. . . . Almost-retired lawyer Percy Willette '37, South China, Maine, reports that he had lunch with Kermit '37 and Mary Crowley LaFleur '39, Clemson, S.C., when they were visiting friends in Maine. Kermit retired as a professor at Clemson University a few years ago but returns to Waterville each summer to use the Colby library for research. Percy continues to study the legal problems of the elderly, although he doubts if he and his class constitute what is known as "The Elderly!" . . . Bob Anthony '38, Hanover, N.H., reports that he and his wife have found their new home at Kendall at Hanover to be excellent. . . . Joseph Ciechon '38, Ridgefield, Conn., wrote that he planned to fish Moosehead Lake again in September, after visiting

their daughter Carole in Maine and daughter Barbara in Michigan. In October they hoped to visit their son in Florida before hibernating for the winter. . . . Thanks, Leah Bartlett Daggett '39, Waterloo, Iowa, for returning the yellow card. . . . Congratulations to Fred '38 and Mary Herd Emery '38, Bangor, Maine, for celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in June with their five children and their spouses and grandchildren. . . . Edward M. Hooper '38, Charlotte, N.C., is another lucky person who this past fall discovered the value of Elderhostels, at Danville, Va., Sturbridge, Mass., and Seabrook Island, S.C. He also spent eight days in London in the summer. (After the death of his first wife, Helen, in 1989, Ed married Carol Acker May 30, 1991.) . . . Edwin M. Leach '38, Williamsburg, Va., spends his summers in Blue Hill, Maine, where he has had the pleasure of seeing classmates Fred '38 and Mary Herd Emery '38 frequently. . . . Our sympathy to Bill Littlefield '38, Sanford, Maine, who lost his wife of 55 years in January of last year. His family consists of a son, three daughters, 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, with more on the way! His granddaughter is Beth Stillings Brooks '84. . . . Peg Higgins Williams '38 and her husband spent two weeks last summer cruising along the Maine coast in their 28' Cape Dory trawler. She says, "One big thrill was seeing porpoises riding and playing in our wake one morning in Eggemoggin Reach." (Thanks for your kind words, Peg.) . . . Congratulations to Sally Aldrich Adams '39 and her husband, Dwight, Medfield, Mass., for their collaboration on a Maine story of early basketball days, which has been accepted for publication by *Down East* magazine. They were sorry not to make the reunion in June. . . . Gardiner Gregory '39, Orland, Maine, acknowledges that the past cool summer affected both his garden and his Saturnidae moths, but he was looking forward to the celebration of the 200th anniversary of Castine. . . . Self-confessed gypsy Leila Ross Hyman '39, Thousand Oaks, Calif., wrote that she was

leaving for Australia and New Zealand last August 5. We await details! She also said that she had lunch recently with Virginia Gray Schwab '40, Westlake Village, Calif., in her beautiful condo just six miles from Leila's home. . . . Lillian Healy Orr '39, Reston, Va., traveled through the Canadian Northwest in the early summer, then later in Vermont saw Ellen Fitch Peterson '40, Natick, Mass., and her husband, Stuart, who stopped off on their way through Vermont for dinner and a visit. . . . Michael A. Spina '39, Duncanville, Texas, has developed an interest in gardening and boating since he moved to Texas two years ago. He also travels frequently to Oklahoma and Louisiana. ♦

## FORTIES

Frank L. Jewell '40, Interlachen, Fla., and Gorham, Maine, manages to balance life in both states with active church work. He sings in the choir and in a men's chorus and plays the trumpet in a newly formed orchestra in Portland. He is treasurer, usher and choir member in Interlachen. . . . Priscilla B. Mailey '40, Clovis, Calif., has a bittersweet memory from college days of being "campused" by her sorority mother, who was president of Student Government—on her birthday, no less! . . . Ruth Hendricks Maren '40, Gainesville, Fla., attended an Elderhostel in May in the Blue Ridge Mountain area of Virginia, where she saw lovely spring flowers that are not able to grow in Florida. She sees classmate Tom Elder '40, High Springs, Fla., and his wife frequently, since they live only 12 miles away. They are retired but work hard at building and gardening. . . . World traveler and proud parent of five, Carl W. McGraw '40, Webster, N.Y., now enjoys both golf and skiing in season. He has played all of the Disney courses and hopes to play in Cooperstown, N.Y., sometime. . . . Virginia Gray Schwab '40, Westlake Village, Calif., still remembers her 50th reunion with pleasure, especially the chance to see such a large group of Dutton House residents of

1936—"We were a diverse and happy group." . . . Roger '40 and Ruth Gould Stebbins '40, Sequim, Wash., spent a month in the British Isles in late September and early October, touring with a group that went from London to Scotland to the Lake District, Wales, Ireland and Cornwall, all in three weeks. For the final week they visited relatives in Yorkshire. They traveled with Ruth's brother, Gilbert Gould, and his wife, Elinor. . . . Another tourist to the British Isles last summer was Constance Tilley '40, Gaithersburg, Md., who enjoyed her first trip to London followed by a motorbus trip around England, Wales and Scotland. She says, "I sure enjoyed the English and Welsh countryside." . . . Jim Daly '41, Seattle, Wash., now a retired banker, enjoys playing golf and has been a member of the country club since 1952. His first return visit to Colby was in 1990, when he thought the new campus was impressive, but he felt too emotional to attend his 50th reunion. He would like to compliment classmate Jane Russell Abbott '41, Waterville, Maine, for her efforts in making the reunion a success. . . . Hoover R. Goffin '41, West Babylon, N.Y., says that he is getting close to being completely retired. He and his wife see Charles '41 and Alice Weston Huff '40, Homestead, Fla., when they go to Florida for the winter. (Has he heard from the Huffs since Hurricane Andrew?) . . . Stanley Gruber '41, Boston, Mass., is still busy working as president of the Chestnut Hill Bank and Trust, Chestnut Hill, Mass., and as chair of the board of the Bank of Woodstock, Woodstock, Vt. . . . Ben Hains '41, Waterville, Maine, has been retired from Ben's Market for eight years and now volunteers at the hospital and at the Goodwill School in Hinkley. He likes to visit Marco Island and southeast Florida, and he is looking forward to the next Fifty-Plus reunion. . . . Ruth "Bonnie" Roberts Hathaway '41, New Ipswich, N.H., is still feeling the inspiration of attending the Earth Summit meetings in Brazil last summer. She recommends reading *The Dream of the Earth* by

## On Getting Along

Thomas Berry. . . **Hiram P. Macintosh '41**, Pawa, Pa., has just barely recovered from taking care of his three grandchildren for a month last summer, even though he had a wonderful time with them. He has attended an Elderhostel at Smugglers Notch, Vt., with great courses. . . **Marjorie Smith MacLeod '41**, Ellsworth, Maine, and her husband have just moved from Millinocket to be nearer to their children. . . **Diana Wiesenthal Opton '41**, Stratford, Conn., and her husband, Edward, so much enjoyed spending the past two winters in Oaxaca, Mexico, that they are planning to spend another winter there. They both enjoyed the 50th reunion in 1991 and hope to return to Colby next June. . . Congratulations to **Sue Rose Bessey '42**, Waterville, Maine, and her husband, Earle, who took all 18 family members—with ages ranging from 14 months to 74 years—on a cruise to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They visited Cozumel, Grand Cayman and Jamaica. . . **Jane Leighton Carr '42**, Reading, Mass., enjoys being near her four children and six grandchildren as well as being active in her church groups and with the Reading College Club. . . Thanks to **William R. Conley '42**, Lansing, Ill., and to **Jane Soule Engert '42**, Washington, D.C., for returning their yellow cards for Fifty-Plus. . . **Carolyn Batson Farrell '42**, Hamilton, New Zealand, and Seattle, Wash., has two married daughters, one in New Zealand and one in Alaska. She enjoys traveling and keeping in touch with friends. Although her home is in New Zealand, she spends her summers in Seattle. Her hobbies are reading, knitting and quilt making. . . **John E. Geagan '42**, San Jose, Calif., enjoyed his 50th reunion. He continues to work as a counselor in the California Work-Furlough Program for felons in their last few months in prison. He spent August in Maine with his children and grandchildren. . . **Elizabeth Coles Harris '42**, Hollis, N.H., says that she enjoyed her 50th reunion. Because she has a cottage in Brunswick, Maine, she has been able to see classmates Phil and

Who says memories are short? Last September, 26 years after he retired as superintendent of schools in Evanston, Illinois, 83-year-old **Oscar M. Chute '29** was honored at a special Rotary Club event for his lifetime contribution to the education of youth.

The recognition was based largely on Chute's achievements as superintendent of the large, racially mixed Chicago suburb, where from 1947 to 1966 he was an advocate of integration and consolidation of schools. He favored the transfer of African-Americans to schools with nearly all-white enrollments, creation of a middle school and a citizens advisory committee.

"My hope was that kids who had problems getting along when they got to college would not be kids from Evanston," Chute said, "because they had rubbed elbows over the years through school and athletic teams and neighborhoods and had experience with people who were not just exactly like them. I was interested in what Rodney King talked about—that maybe we learn to get along."

Chute has been helping people to get along for a long time. Back in 1934, the summer after he got his master's degree in education at Harvard, he was selling insurance and had to make up his mind between that and education. "I chose teaching and decided to get in up to my ears full time," he said.

Up to his ears meant posts as teacher and principal in Massachusetts, superintendent of schools in Litchfield, Ill., director of teacher training at Northern Illinois University (with 15 months out as an operations analyst for the Army Air Force), a doctorate from the University of Illinois, a Fulbright grant in 1960 to study school administration in Finland and France, service as an educational consultant at the International Trade Fair in Italy in 1961 and, after his retirement, a stint as president of



Evanston senior citizens' center, he puts in eight or 10 hours a week on the members' committee and as secretary of an investment group of retired bankers, brokers and personnel managers who pool their resources and buy stock. "I know school business, but it doesn't come up very often," Chute said, professing little expertise in the field of finance. "My own advice is, find out what Oscar Chute is doing and do the opposite!"

He's also on the Rotary Club program committee, scouting talented speakers for the club's weekly meetings. With more than a million members in 150 countries, Chute explains, the Rotary Club fosters international understanding. "We're really going to cooperate and work together or this planet is doomed," he said, citing recent violence against immigrants in Germany and civil war in Yugoslavia.

Chute taught summer and evening courses at the University of Chicago, Northwestern, Illinois and Harvard and taught several times at the University of Maine at Orono, and he still returns to Maine two or three times a year to visit old friends. The good fishing and the "leaf vacations" are instrumental in bringing him back, but it's no surprise when he drops by Mayflower Hill for Commencement or Reunion Weekend. In 1962 the College awarded him an honorary doctorate for exemplifying "the highest traditions of the teaching profession."

**Chris Merrill Wysor '42**, South Harpswell, Maine, and **Wes and Jean Cannell MacRae '42**, Auburndale, Fla., and Lunenburg, Mass. Thanks to her roommate, **Dorris Heaney Batt '42**, Hanalei, Hawaii, Elizabeth has been able to make eight visits to Hawaii since 1978 to help out as a house-sitter. Meanwhile, Jean MacRae says that she and her husband traveled in Colorado with friends from Penney Farms, Fla. . . Congratulations to **Laura A. Magistrate '42**, Pelham Manor, N.Y., who has retired from the corporate world and is now in business for herself and as a sub-contractor for

Hull & Co. She was sorry to miss the reunion in June, but she looks forward to seeing classmates and college friends at Colby meetings in the future. She would be glad to host a dinner for alumni from the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut area sometime. . . **Marlee Bragdon Monroe '42**, Alden, N.Y., works as a journalist and associate editor of a weekly newspaper and as correspondent for a Buffalo daily paper. Her granddaughter entered Colby in the fall, the seventh in the family to attend. . . **Frank Pineo '42**, Odessa, N.Y., felt it was great to be back for the reunion in June. He offers the following for

consideration: "Once you're over the hill, you begin to pick up speed, but growing old ain't for sissies!" . . . **Carl Pizzano '42**, Manchester, Wash., wrote that his 50th reunion was great: "The College did an A-1 job." . . . **Bob Rice '42**, Bremerton, Wash., went on a 30-day cruise of the Pacific in the summer, revisiting American and Japanese WWII bases and celebrating the 50th reunion of the landing of the Marines at Guadalcanal on August 7, 1942. Also, he says that he really enjoyed his 50th reunion at Colby. . . **Betty Anne Royal Spiegel '42**, Chevy Chase, Md., enjoyed the reunion, too. ♦

# THE FORTIES

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## Correspondents:

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1943

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1944

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1947

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1948

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1949

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Correspondent:  
Eleanor Smart Braummüller

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Remember: Reunion, June 3-6. . . . As my class letter nearly ex-

hausted my supply of news from you, this will be a short column. I did make a few phone calls, and I wish it were possible to correspond with all of you via Mr. Bell's invention. . . . **Jeanice Grant Keese**, now well settled into life in southern Maine, complained that the strange Maine summer kept her tomatoes from ripening. In spite of husband Dave's eye surgery, they did make a trip to Orlando, Fla., in June. They are hoping to make it to reunion. . . . **Icah Shapiro Mellion** and I had some reminiscing to do about the days we spent with Dr. Parmenter and Professors Weeks and Ray in chemistry. Icah is still tutoring students in qualitative and quantitative chemistry as well as those who are preparing for Civil Service exams. She had a visit from Madeleine "Meg" Turner Arnold '44 and her husband, who were visiting an uncle nearby. Meg now lives in California. Icah would like to come to reunion if she could find someone in the area of Coral Springs, Fla., to come with. . . . **Tom and Marjorie Brown Pursley** were able to be out on their boat in the summer in spite of unusually cool and rainy weather and have also done some traveling. Their son is a travel agent in Washington, D.C., and is very helpful. They, too, are looking forward to reunion. Tom said they had had a letter from **Hilda Niehoff True** about the Colby mule statue. We hope you'll let Hilda know your opinions. . . . In commenting on things remembered about Colby, **Priscilla Moldenke Drake** felt that her study of the *Canterbury Tales* in freshman literature made her visit to Canterbury, England, more enjoyable, as did her courses in art history and world history when she visited the ruins that she had studied. . . . In answer to my query on what things about Colby were attention-getters, some of you spoke of Bill Cosby's speech at Commencement. It was apparently

amusing as well as instructive. **Colby** had an excellent account of it. . . . **Elizabeth Field Blanchard** found that the article about Phyllis Rogers, the Native American professor at Colby, showed a "sound approach to preparing today's youth for tomorrow." . . . **Sidney Rauch** thinks that his three years of German with Professor McCoy somehow enabled him to qualify as a cryptologist in Army Intelligence, which in turn led him to a successful teaching career. Sid thinks that men in the Tau Delta Phi house must remember **Eliot "Huck" Kraft** and **Irving Liss** with their sandwich cart. He notes that the quality and size of the sandwiches are still subject to debate. He remembers with fondness the life and friendships at the Tau Delta house. . . . **Elizabeth Tobey Choate** wrote that she is completely involved in small-town doings, and although she doesn't attend Colby-related functions, she does keep up to date talking with young graduates, of which there is a large contingent on the North Shore. Tobey is a voracious reader and feels that she has traveled all over the world without leaving home. From your answers to various questionnaires it seems that many of us enjoy that pleasure, which I fear may be somewhat out of style with the TV generation. Keep the news coming. I need it. ♦

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Correspondent:  
Louis M. Deraney

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44 Having just returned from my long sojourn to the Pacific Northwest in September, I was confronted with a pile of mail—amongst which was the reminder that the news for this column's deadline was fast approaching. In reviewing what is current I hasten to inform you that **Louise Callahan Johnson** has re-

tired from teaching and is now very active playing golf at the South Shore Country Club. . . . While visiting my grandson, Justin Kern, on Puget Sound, Silverdale, Wash., I took the liberty to visit Jim Daly '41 in Seattle. We had a pleasant day reminiscing about our school associations. Jim, who is now retired to golf, invited me to play his beautiful course, but since I shoot in the upper nineties and he shoots his age or less I did not accept his kind invitation. . . . It has been noted that in the August issue of *Colby* Stan Frolio '47 is pictured on page 55. As **Ralph Braudy** says, "It is ironic that in the picture above the column for '44, Stan, who began with us, is in the Class of '47. So much for class loyalty." Ralph and I finished our studies at Colby in 1943 but accept 1944 for our loyalties. . . . In January '92 the College sent me a note about the upcoming Volunteer Alumni Leadership Weekend for reunion classes on campus in late July. I declined because of other commitments. If any of you have ideas as to how we can plan for our upcoming 50th, please do not hesitate to inform me or class president **Vivian Maxwell Brown** or reunion chair **Harold Vigue**. I am planning to be at any future conference and most assuredly would welcome your input. Vivian has recovered from a wrist injury that has waylaid her corresponding, and now we should welcome news from her perch on the upcoming events for our class. ♦

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Correspondent:  
Dee Sanford McCunn

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45 In February I received an answer to the class questionnaire from **Ernest Rotenberg**, first judge of Probate and Family Court in Attleboro, Mass. In July I received the sad news that Ernest had passed

on. In 1988 he had received the American Bar Association Franklin Flaschner Judicial Award as "Outstanding Trial Judge in the Nation." He was pleased to have received that award, and I feel that as his classmates, we, too, are proud of his accomplishments. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Gladys. . . . **Doris Blanchard Hutcheson** writes from Needham, Mass., that she and "Hutch" (William '44) are both retired. They are the proud parents of five girls and have eight grandchildren, the oldest nearly ready for college. As two of their daughters also attended Colby, the College is much on their minds. They attend local Colby athletic events whenever possible. Doris and Bill find more time for golf, family activities and an annual trip to Bermuda. . . . **Joan St. James** of Worthington, Ohio, tells me that in enjoying retirement she has taken many interesting trips. The places she has visited include the Amazon, China and South Africa, and she took a Smithsonian study tour to Greece. Joan hasn't returned to the campus since the 25th reunion. Well, we hope to see you there at the 50th coming up in '95, just two years away! . . . An interesting message from the Rev. **Robert Holcomb** of New Gloucester, Maine, reveals that he is a retired Methodist clergyman. His interests now center on writing, cooking and the appreciation of art. He misses the old days of pre-television and happily remembers the past. Interestingly, his response to the effect of "women's liberation" on his life was "NO WAY." Good for you, Bob. Women were always first class in your book! . . . A brief note about your correspondent, **Dorothy Sanford McCunn**. My husband, Ian, and I retired to a small town in Connecticut. We formerly lived on Long Island, where we raised our two sons. I taught kindergarten and second grade for 20 years before deciding to "pack it in" and move away from the outskirts of "the Big Apple." We are now grandparents. Rural life appeals to us, and we're busy every minute. We travel frequently. Our most recent trip consisted of one month in England and Scotland and an-

other month in Norway and Sweden with a side trip to Murmansk, Russia. We traveled by ship, bus, train, car and plane. It kept the travel agent busy! ♦

Correspondent:  
**Beverly Benner Cassara**

**47** It is loads of fun to receive your letters. Please keep them coming. Speaking of retirement—**Roberta Marden Alden** says she's not ready yet, although her husband has retired, but they do get to travel, especially to Spain to see their daughter stationed there in the Navy. She does volunteer work in the publishing room at a grade school. . . . **Dorothy Cleaves Rogers Jordan** spent last September touring Great Britain. She is active in issues concerning the deaf—ADA, State Advisory Committee, Board of Maine Center on Deafness, Trustee of Maine Association of the Deaf. Congratulations, Dorie, and Tossie, too, on the wonderful reunion. . . . **Louise Kelley Rochester** also congratulates Dorrie and Tossie for the fantastic job they did. We can add her to the list of those who have enjoyed Elderhostel—she participated in Hawaii. She and her husband sail their boat around the Florida Keys each spring. She is concerned about the act to decrease the wetlands and wired President Bush to let her voice be heard. . . . **Jane Wallace Lamb** says her concern about the environment has made her a non-consumer for 40 years. She has been composting and recycling and has just installed solar hot water. She burns wood and raises her own vegetables. Currently, when she is not writing at her computer, she is engaged in a battle for a new high school in Brunswick, Maine. . . . Last June I attended the Earth Summit in Brazil, working in the Global Forum where hundreds of non-governmental organizations from just about all the countries of the world exhibited their work and sponsored all kinds of education activities on subjects concerning the environment. I was there in my

capacity as a board member of the International Council for Adult Education. If the summit did not solve all the world's environmental problems, it was very heartening to see that the whole world is alert to the problems and beginning to cooperate in solving them. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Kay Weisman Jaffe**

**48** Hot pink attracted 20 replies to the September postcard questionnaire, cheering my drab mail. Thanks to Mary Porter and all concerned for redesigning my idea so capably. All '48ers' cards must be in my hand by January 24 (that's soon) or we can't print your news before our 45th. . . . **Natalie Pretat Arnold** in Rhode Island is retiring soon after 20 years as assistant VP for installment lending at Citizens Bank and will soon celebrate a 40th wedding anniversary with Fred. Her eight grandkids are scat-

tered from Connecticut to South Carolina to Panama. Recently she traveled to the western Caribbean and Alaska; steamboated on the Mississippi; sailed the Elizabeth Isles; hoped to sail (with motor) down the Waterway in '93. . . . **Richard Billings** now owns Maine Association of Management Services in Augusta. He noted that his wife, Norma (Taraldson '46), is still a psychiatric social worker. They have five grands. In fine health, he went to Atlanta, Ga., for an insurance convention recently. . . . **Carolyn Browne Bolles** has run the Harbortgate bed & breakfast in Brunswick, Maine, for eight years. She had fun at her 50th high school reunion in Massachusetts. She has three married sons and three granddaughters and also enjoys latch-hooking rugs. . . . Library media specialist **Leona McClellan Haseltine** had retired but, to keep busy after her husband's death, is at work at Maine Central Institute. Her two collegiate grandchildren are in Omaha and Gainesville; she visits her children

## NEWSMAKERS

A profile of **Barbara Pattee Healy '46** in the *Marblehead* (Mass.) *Reporter* cited her 20 years as a member of the board of trustees of Salem Hospital in Salem, Mass., the sixth largest hospital in the state and the only teaching hospital on the North Shore. She served as president of the hospital's Aid Association from 1968 to 1970 and today is chair of the board's planning committee and a member of the executive committee. Her forte is inter-institutional relations and strategic planning.



Barbara Pattee Healy '46

## MILEPOSTS

*Deaths:* **Carmen Gagner Axtell '43** in Waterville, Maine, at 70. . . . **Mary Brewer Norton '45** in Bangor, Maine, at 67. . . . **Norice Mahoney Conant Smith '48** in Holyoke, Mass., at 65.

and has recently been in Greece and Germany and the American West. She noted an unusual hobby: "retriever trialing—holdover from husband Frank." . . . **Ruth Barron Lunder** says she hates "home-maker" as a word but does not say she minds the occupation. Her four grands are 2-11 years old. Her hobbies include golf, bowling, walking and babysitting. She admits to being an avid fan of the Red Sox, Celtics and Bruins. Class of '48 cheerleaders still cheer! . . . Another great '48 cheerleader, **Fran Hyde Stephan**, wrote that her career is still helping husband John in sales—men's clothing. Healthy and thankful, Fran hoped to visit Mt. Rushmore and the Badlands. She has mad tennis games, zippy walks and talks with Carol Stoll Baker almost every week. Carol is slated for next column. . . . **Gordon Miller** retired from Barry Wright Corp. 10+ years ago, about 33 years after marrying Jane (just out of Simmons). Their two grandsons and two granddaughters are "talented, athletic and great." Gordon has a Continental Freedom Passport with great perks. He takes "Windjammer barefoot cruises" and, with Jane, booked five weeks in Australia. Despite the usual aches and pains, his hobbies include aerobics, golf, photography and Elderhostels in the U.S., Australia, Jamaica, Bermuda, etc. . . . **Helen Moore Phillips** taught for 40 years at Mount Ida College in Newton, Mass., before retiring in '91 as chair of the business division. Helen traveled to Spain and Italy and also to North Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi and Vermont. She and husband Russell "Bud" meet **Avis Yatto Goudout** and **Barb Herrington Keith** and husbands twice yearly. . . . **Alice-Marie "Ali-Rie" March Miller** is a retired physical therapist in Charlottesville, Va. (with eight grandkids), who enjoys camping and hiking in the Blue Ridge and Shenandoah mountains. Back from hiking British Columbia and Banff, she plans to be a Presbyterian medical missionary traveling Malaysia. . . . Another retiree, **Audrey Cox Petrovic**, worked at Baxter Healthcare in Florida till '89. Her first retirement

was from Englewood Health Department in New Jersey, when they moved to Seminole. Her husband retired in '90; they love it! . . . **Marianne Schoeffel Nelson** is still a housewife in California with her 15-year-old granddaughter. Recently in England, Middle Europe, Calgary, Alaska and points north and west, she is otherwise busy reading, visiting and working for local and continental Unitarian-Universalist Church. . . . Retirement is also noted by **Ruth Marriner Szopa**. (We need n't mention that her father was Colby dean in our time.) Formerly with the U.S. Foreign Service and now president of the Mid-Coast Maine Branch of American Association of University Women, Ruth lives in Tenants Harbor. Her hobby is designing and making Christmas tree ornaments sold to benefit the local hospital. . . . In Laconia, N.H., **Elaine Browning Townsley** is still co-owner of Rails & Crafts. Her grands are six boys, one girl and one great-grandson in Germany. She was recently in Hawaii to visit her son, **Dudley '72**, and his family. Raising pygmy goats is one of her hobbies, her flower and veggie garden is large and she loves to paint. . . . A letter with card arrived from **Marianna Nutter Wyer**, a homemaker enjoying husband Al's retirement. She usually spends May to October in North Wolfboro, N.H., on a farm her parents bought before she was born. Now she has only wild animals and a small vegetable garden; Al mows fields and cuts trees for firewood. Marianna and Al are involved in the annual street fair, and church and social nonprofit causes occupy them in Swampscott. The Wyers are enthusiastic about a coastal steamer and train trip in Norway. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Anne Hagar Eustis**

**49** As I write this news, I am in the final countdown for joining those of you who are retired: September 30 was to be my final day as treasurer of the town of Princeton. I have mixed emotions—on the one

## Alumni Trustees Nominated

The Nominating Committee of the Alumni Council has nominated three alumni trustees for three-year terms to begin at Commencement 1993.

**Joseph Boulos '68**, Portland, Maine, is president of The Boulos Companies, commercial property developers and brokers. He has been a guest speaker for the Southern Maine Colby Club and is a College overseer, serving on the special programs and art and art museum visiting committees.

**Ellen Haweeli '69**, Greenwich, Conn., is President of EBH Associates in New York City. An overseer since 1988, she has served on the women's studies and development office visiting committees.

**E. Michael Caulfield '68**, Madison, N.J., is president of Prudential Property & Casualty Insurance Company of Holmdel, N.J. He has been an overseer since 1989 and has served on the Administrative Science and Mathematics Department visiting committees.

In accordance with the by-laws of the Alumni Association, other nominations may be made by petition to the executive secretary of the Alumni Council with the signatures of one percent of the members of the association on or before March 1. In the event of no nominations by petition, the above candidates will be declared elected by the chair of the Alumni Council.

hand, I look forward to more freedom to do the things I have had little time for, but on the other hand, I have enjoyed the treasurer's job and I know I shall miss it and the people I interact with. . . . **Ruth Endicott-Freeman** writes from Ogunquit, Maine, that she and her husband, Miles, have two daughters and two grandchildren. Ruth keeps out of the rocking chair because she has "always wanted to see what's on the other side of the hill." The other side of her hill includes acting, on occasion, as a substitute physician on an island off the Maine coast and volunteering with her husband in a Habitat for Humanity work camp in Central America. This October they went again to Guatemala and then to a Heifer Project work tour in Honduras. . . . Although **Arthur W. Greeley** is a retired clergyman, he preaches every Sunday in Danville Union Church in Danville Junction. Arthur, his wife, Patricia, and one cat live in Poland, Maine, in the winter and at Pemaquid Harbor in the summer. This leads Arthur to comment, "We have the best of inland Maine and oceanside Maine. What more is there?" Arthur also says, "We enjoy

the simple everydayness of life, the commonplace. This is what living is. My retirement gives me freedom to do and be what I want most: self-realization." . . . **Robert Jacobs** has a recent change of address to 2470 Georgia Highway, Otto, NC 28763. Although Bob is retired, he leads a pretty busy life experimenting with the culinary arts, playing golf and mining for gemstones. His biggest find to date is a 62.5-carat star ruby. He has learned how to "power carve" and has been able to sell all but the first one. He intends to get into polishing and/or faceting the stones he and his wife find. . . . **Barbara Fransen Briggs** writes that she has retired as a teacher but plays a lot of tennis year round, tutors four days a week and does a ton of gardening. She went to Great Britain in August and loved every minute. Out of 15 days there, she had only three days of rain. She would love to get back East and see the school and old friends. Why not our reunion in '94, Barb? . . . I am sorry to report that the Alumni Relations Office has notified me of the death of **Ralph W. Gray Jr.** on April 30. On that sad note, I close this issue of our class notes. Keep the news coming! ♦

# THE FIFTIES

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Correspondent:  
Nancy Ricker Sears

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**50** Virginia Davis Pearce and her husband, Charlie '49, are retired and living in Grantham, N.H., a busy community with many active retired couples like them. They ski, play tennis and golf and babysit for two small grandsons. Over the years, Ginny has been interested in historical places. She has been a tour guide at the State House in Boston and was a member of the Hingham, Mass., Historical Commission. Currently she is reading a manuscript of the new town history of Grantham and is preparing comments. She also loves to garden and belongs to both the Hingham and New London, N.H., garden clubs. The Peaces have recently had a get-together with Charlotte "Stubby" Crandall Graves and Dick and Lou Kilkeny Borah and regularly see Connie Leonard Hayes. . . . Priscilla Tracey Tanguay has retired from her job as manager of customer services for Blue Cross and Blue Shield, where she was especially active in quality and communication committees and programs. She and Pete were looking forward to their son's wedding in November. He is a Colby grad and works as a teacher and guidance counselor. Pete had a long career as a foreign language teacher. . . . Another

classmate living in New Hampshire is Phil Lawson, who writes from Glen, site of the famous auto road to the summit of Mt. Washington. His wife, Florette, works for the Mt. Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce, and he works as a ski instructor for kids from 6 to 12. What a great way to spend retirement hours in a magnificent setting! In addition to skiing, Phil enjoys hunting, fishing, golf and woodworking. ♦

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Correspondent:  
Eddi Miller Mordecai

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**52** Greetings to all of you! I want to say a very special thank you to Barbara Bone Leavitt for her sterling efforts over the past five years to keep us all in touch with each other. She moves on now with all best wishes to be a representative to the Alumni Council. We also owe her and her Colby roommate Caroline Wilkins McDonough a big thank you for making our 40th reunion such a wonderful success. Those two always enjoyed doing things together. (During the summer they even had their first grandchildren five days apart.) Barbara's reunion questionnaire brought many responses. I thought I might pass on bits of news from some of our folks who were not at reunion. . . . Carol Thacker Scott, who lives in Old Saybrook, Conn., with husband Ronald, reports that she has retired from nursery school teaching. . . . John Carey also reports retirement from the food and restaurant business. He has traveled extensively in Europe and North America and plans to enjoy golf and other sporting events. . . . I had lunch recently with Doris Miller Raphael. She is a social worker with a special interest in daycare. She lent me a very nice

video on how to set up a daycare facility, which she has produced for distribution. . . . Betsy Smart Merriam is living in Portsmouth, N.H., and reports that she is a nurse/teacher. I wondered if Betsy teaches nursing or whether from some miracle of energy she combines two careers. . . . Art White's reunion form reported that he is a retired headmaster and that his wife is a "happy housewife." I couldn't tell for sure whether Art or Cynthia filled out the form. . . . Edie Carpenter Sweeney lives in Maine and reports that both she and Arthur are retired! (Exclamation point hers.) I hope that means good, Edie. So many of us report retirement as "occupation" that I feel curious about what the word retirement means for each of us. Norman Crook at least gives us a glimpse in his report that he and wife, Joette, spend full time traveling and living in their motor home. I imagine that retirement has many meanings and that many of you are very enthusiastic about your circumstances. Let us in on your secrets, some of you, like Joan (Leader '53) and Dick Creedon from the Cape, William Carter and wife Jane from Medfield, Mass., Carolyn Williams Albrecht and husband Philip from Long Boat Key, Fla., Priscilla Storrs Grummer and husband Gene of Florida and Vermont and all you others who wrote "retired" without comment. Love to hear from you. You have the next five years to write to me. Do it! ♦

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Correspondent:  
J. Nelson Beverage

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**53** Electra Paskalides Coumou just returned from an Amtrak trip from San Francisco to Seattle to visit her recently married son. Electra is the head technical writer

at Sun Microsystems in Methuen, Mass. . . . Sandy (Pearson '52) and **Chuck Anderson** are retired and living in Cape Cod; they just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with their four children and 3.3 grandchildren. . . . Bob '51 and **Loretta Thompson Staples** are also enjoying retirement and just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in Quebec. . . . I am sorry to report that **Virginia Falkenbury Aronson's** husband died recently. Ginny is the music director at the Unitarian Church of Princeton, N.J. . . . You will soon be hearing from your 40th reunion committee with an update on what is being planned. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Marlene Hurd Jabar**

**54** It is 10:51 a.m., August 28, a humid yet very foggy morning in Maine. We are waiting for the tail end of Hurricane Andrew, a disaster that will take the South years to recover from. But I have just witnessed another kind of disaster, and the smell of the smoke still lingers in my nostrils. I have just left the scene of the Colby Fieldhouse fire. . . . As I viewed what was going on, many emotions flooded through me. I actually had goosebumps on my body, and a chill ran through me as I met Dick Whitmore and saw tears close to the surface of his eyes as he explained where they thought the fire had started. I listened to President Corter tell Dean Smith's wife, Barbara, that he would be glad when 1992 was over because so many "things" had happened. I saw fire people being hosed down because the heat was so intense they felt as if their bodies were on fire. As I looked at Dick McGee, I heard him say that most of the memorabilia of his life had gone up in flames! And yet my intellect said this was nothing compared to what people in Florida and the other states devastated by Andrew were going through. Still, my emotions got all tangled up again as my mind raced to many

memories of the Fieldhouse: to 1954, when graduation was held inside because it was raining for the first time in 26 years; to 16 Waterville High School graduations held there, because as class adviser in 1977 I felt it was necessary to move our high school's ceremonies to a bigger place; to a gem show, where a pendant was purchased for a daughter's birthday; to watching the Colby basketball team win its first-ever ECAC championship; to as recently as August 1 to watch an indoor soccer game because a grandson was attending Colby's soccer camp. We do not realize how wrapped up in things we are until something like this happens. The building as we know it today, built in 1966, will be refurbished, and it will probably be better. But this does not take away from the fact that all of us who were there are diminished somewhat by the loss of the Fieldhouse because it had become more than a "place." As our bodies house our souls, the Fieldhouse housed the soul of the campus, and all who have walked, watched and played in its interior are less now. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Eleanor Edmunds Grout**

**56** Had some wonderful letters from you this time but not very many. If you are waiting for just the right time to respond, now is the time. We have sent questionnaires to the whole class and have only heard from a small percentage of you. Your classmates want to hear about you, and so do I. . . . Don M. Dunbar's response was a memory trigger back to my days as a teen in Bayside, N.Y., where we both lived at the time. Don recalled a plane crash we both suffered. I had not thought about that in a very long time. Don now lives in West Falmouth, Mass., with his physician wife, Susan. Daughter Megan is a graduate of St. Paul's and Dartmouth. Don's educational consultant business services a Swiss school, *The Boston Globe* and 150

private families a year. It was wonderful to read the thoughtful answers he supplied, especially when he says he remembers being not very intellectually oriented at Colby—but, he says, he did grow from his experiences at the College. Golf, tennis and a dynamic, bright wife of 26 years keep him young and healthy. Don and Susan travel to Switzerland and England on business, and Susan lectures internationally. They are con-

cerned about women's rights and free choice and feel that our society leads the world in women's rights. Don says she would like to see American men of all postures grow in their commitment to the freedom of women to be full people in every regard. He said he thought Clinton would win the election and that government waste will continue. The people who work the hardest and provide the jobs will be hurt by excessive taxation. On the opti-

## HEADLINERS

**Arthur S. O'Halloran '50** has been appointed to the board of overseers of St. Joseph's College, with responsibility for monitoring the governance of the college. He is vice president of Boothby & Bartlett Insurance in Waterville, Maine. . . . **Robert B. Parker '54** lectured at the Swampscott, Mass., Public Library last September in honor of the 75th anniversary of the opening of the library building. Parker, whose 18th book, *Double Deuce*, hit the bestseller charts soon after its release in June, told his audience that the key to success as a novelist is "just doing it every day. The process is not pleasurable—there's not a writer I know who doesn't love distraction—but it's like weight lifting. You don't enjoy doing a bench press, but you're glad afterward that you did."

## NEWSMAKERS

**Joe Perham '55**, retired English literature and speech teacher, has a second career as humorist, square dance caller, auctioneer and after-dinner entertainer. Perham performed last fall in Louisville, N.Y., offering his audience a tall-tale perspective on rural life that ranges from fishing and hunting to outhouses and wooden teeth. He has appeared on Charles Kuralt's *On the Road* and in Stephen King's *Graveyard Shift*. . . . **Myron L. Gantt '58** represented Colby at the inauguration of H. Frederick Reisz Jr. as president of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. . . . **Jane Mills Conlan '59** represented Colby at the inauguration of John R. Brazil as president of Bradley University.

## MILEPOSTS

*Deaths:* **Charles M. Fisher '51** in Clearwater, Fla., at 65. . . . **James H. H. White '54** in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, at 60. . . . **John A. Fisher '57** in New York, N.Y., at 57. . . . **Bruce W. McFarland '59** in Springfield, Mass., at 58.

mistic side, Don thinks our economy will come back when the world adjusts to the catastrophic changes in Eastern Europe. . . . Another voice from the past I'd lost touch with was Lucy Blainey

Groening. She sold the Dewitt house and now lives in a townhouse in East Syracuse. Lucy is director of Thornfield Conference Center in Cazenovia. Lucy's definition of success: raising three children by her-

self and becoming a professional without further education. Lucy remembers Professor Kingsley Birge, as a great many of us do, and she also thinks of friends, basketball games, clear crunchy snow.

She saw Louise McGuinness Ludlow last winter. Louise and Craig are retired and live in Elizabethtown, N.Y. Lucy's big concerns of the day include the eroding of the economic base of the

## Beyond What Is Right There

As she struggled to gain funding and community acceptance for her plan to construct housing for low-income single parents in a suburb of Minneapolis, Carol Ann Sandquist Banister '59 knew that Kingsley Birge would have been proud of her.

"He was sort of a visionary," she said of the late Colby professor of sociology. "He tried to push the students to go beyond what was right there, to really look at what was happening in the community."

Her grades didn't necessarily reflect it, Banister said, but four years at Colby taught her many things she's acted on throughout her life. "I learned a lot at Colby, a lot about community," she said. "I feel appreciative of Colby for many reasons, and one of them was Professor Birge. He was just an exceptional teacher. He was very wise, and I know he would be interested in seeing all this process."

Transitional low-income housing is generally found in urban areas, so when Banister and the East Metro Women's Council proposed a project in the suburban town of White Bear Lake, raising money for it was only one of the roadblocks they faced. Neighbors who feared a decline in property values near the site appealed to the city council to derail the project, but after a year of educating and organizing the community, the women's council got their plan approved.

Throughout her adult life Banister has championed many causes, from civil rights to programs for pregnant adolescent girls. When she graduated from Colby she decided to forgo opportunities to work as a model in New York City or begin graduate school and moved to San Francisco, where many of these social movements were just heating up.

"I felt I needed to expose myself to something beyond New England," said Banister, who grew up in New Hampshire. "San Francisco was a testing ground for so much. I had the opportunity to get involved in so many meaningful things."

She taught English to Asian immigrants and helped start a

recreation program for children in a low-income area. Banister was arrested in civil rights marches more times than she can remember, so it's not surprising that her two grown sons are conscientious objectors. "What else could they be?" she joked. "No," she added. "They made their own decisions."

Banister and her husband of 31 years, Frederick, had two children and adopted two others who are members of racial minorities. They all live in different states but remain in close contact. "We made a strong commitment to live in a desegregated community so our kids lived in a neighborhood where there were lots of role models and teachers," she said. "The two of us are white and we knew they had to see other kids who looked like them."

In addition to volunteering for organizations that work on homelessness, housing and other issues, Banister earned a master's degree in human services administration and urban planning. As executive director of the East Metro Women's Council, she used her extensive lobbying and organizing experience to rally support for the transitional housing project.

"It was really tough, but on the other hand, it gave us plenty of time to educate and sensitize members of the community about issues going on in their own neighborhoods," she said. "From that, a lot of positive things happened"—such as the formation of the Northeast Metro Affordable Housing Coalition, which includes people from White Bear Lake.

Plans call for the \$1.5 million building to house 20 two- and three-bedroom apartments on land near technical and community colleges so the participants, mostly women, can go to school or receive training. Banister is working with area companies to offer the women internships and to give them jobs when their education is completed. "We want to develop partnerships that have meaning for all involved," she said. "It's real different from going down twice a year to cook for the homeless."



middle class, disparity between rich and poor, hunger, homelessness, unemployment. She, too, hoped Bill Clinton would win the election. . . . **Paul W. Christie** wrote from Halcieford, Va., that his definition of success is hard work. Paul is president of Sandpiper Reef Restaurant. His wife, Jasmine, is business manager for Christie Chevy-Olds, Inc. When his busy schedule permits, he cruises the Chesapeake Bay at their front door. Paul thinks Congress needs to be changed and term limitations put on Congress. He said he thought Bush would win in November. . . . Tom '54 and **Susan Miller Hunt** want me to ask the class a very interesting question, which will be on the next questionnaire. But here it is, so you can be thinking about it: How do you want to spend the rest of your life? Susan is very concerned about the decline of religious commitment and concern for others in this country. She hoped Clinton and Gore would win in November. . . . Colby has asked us to keep this short, so more next time. Please, send in those questionnaires. Many thanks to you who have already done so. Bye for now. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Marietta Pane**

**58** By now all of you should have received the November questionnaire, which explains that I am serving out Andria's term as class secretary. Since we didn't have time for a full mail-out, I don't have the usual news to report. But I am confident all of you have or will respond to the questionnaire, and we will carry on the class tradition of staying in touch that Andria accomplished with her usual sense of fun and determination. . . . I had the great good fortune of spending an afternoon with Andria at Beryl Scott Glover's house just a few months before Andria's death. We enjoyed "high tea" around the fireplace in Beryl's downstairs family room while the husbands, Bob and John, trimmed the tree upstairs.

Andria never looked better. She had lost some weight, which accentuated her height in a most attractive way. She looked as if she belonged to the Class of '68. She was full of good spirits and talked with confidence about the future plans she and John were making. Most of all, she was full of love for family and friends. As always, she was the best of companions, and Beryl and I took great pleasure in her company. Of course, Beryl isn't too shabby in the business of good conversation and companionship either. . . . I retired from the Navy in '91 and now live in Seattle. I am teaching part time at the South Seattle Community College and am enjoying this beautiful "Emerald City" and the Great Northwest. My welcome mat is out for any of you who come this way. . . . Carl '59 and **Debbie Robson Cobb** also live in Seattle. Debbie and I have enjoyed "power lunches" as her bank job and my volunteer animal feeder "job" at the Seattle Aquarium are in the same neighborhood. She always arrives at lunch looking like a polished bank VP; I always arrive smelling like the "catch of the day." Both Cobbs are still as lively, provocative and quick-witted as in their Colby days. . . . I also chat with **Sara Stewart Johnson**, who is still enjoying the pleasures of Bend, Ore. . . . I hope all of you are making plans now to be at our 35th reunion. Since I won't be going to any more Navy Tailhook Conventions, I'm hoping to improve my attendance at Colby events. Looking forward to seeing all of you there. By way of a reminder, we will be electing new class officers at the reunion, and I am collecting nominations. Don't be shy about nominating yourself; the help is needed and your support will be greatly appreciated. Yes, the office of class secretary is available, as I consider myself to be a Kelly Girl Temp in this job. But I can tell you that the Alumni Office is very helpful, so the time and labor involved are manageable and the rewards are many. As we round the corner to our 35th reunion, I hope all of you will find the time to let me know what's happening with you and

that we will meet on Mayflower Hill in June. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Ann Marie Segrave Lieber**

**59** It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of our classmate, class correspondent and friend, **Susan Fetherston Frazer**. Sue fought the good fight against a virulent enemy, cancer, and passed away in her beloved France. I had a long talk with her at our 30th reunion; I'll treasure the memory of our conversation. . . . I attended that reunion, my first, with some trepidation. What if the campus were not really as beautiful as I remembered? Suppose the attendees had nothing in common anymore? Put face to face with one another, what if we had nothing to say? I needn't have worried: the campus, while a little more complicated to navigate, was magnificent; the attendees would always have Colby in common; and we talked, laughed and sang until we were hoarse. My husband, Marty, who attended a city college and lived at home, still marvels at how easily we resumed old friendships, as though there had been only a brief interruption. It was truly a memorable experience. Believe it or not, the time is fast approaching when we must begin to plan for our (dare I say it?) 35th reunion. If you're interested in being a member of the reunion committee, or if you'd like to be a class officer, please let me know. . . . Since I stepped into the correspondent's position literally at the 11th hour (one week to get a column to Colby), I have no news of other Colbyites to give you. Instead you'll have to be content with an update on our lives! Marty is an officer with Morgan Guaranty Trust and is deeply involved in the world of computers. Our pride and joy, Beth, is a sophomore at Colgate University, with a special interest in music. She plays piano and violin and, as a freshman, was harpsichord accompanist for a student-produced opera. I was a computer programmer in my "other life," when I was

young and single. Now I work part time for an event coordinator and have my own calligraphy business. I've retained my love for singing and am a member of Masterwork Chorus. We give concerts two or three times in New Jersey every year, and each December we perform Handel's *Messiah* at Carnegie Hall. It's a real mind-bender to be on the stage instead of sitting in the audience! . . . Looking forward to hearing from you. Let's fill next issue's '59 column with lots of news. ♦

# THE SIXTIES

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Katherine P. White

**60** Three hundred and sixty students (222 men and 138 women) entered Colby in September 1956: 250 graduated (119 men and 95 women). Sixty-four classmates responded to the questionnaire, 33 men (including one man from another class who is married to a '60 class member) and 31 women. Not a bad return. Thanks for contributing. . . . Our lifestyle is not exactly out of the pages of *National Enquirer*. Four are currently divorced; two are widowed, two have remained single, and one is living with a partner. Divorce has been part of some of our lives, since 10 of us have been married twice, but no one has admitted to more trips down the aisle than that. Seven of us never had kids, but 20 had two, 14 had three, and four had five kids, meaning that we fell into the 2.3 kids ideal of our times. (Big exceptions are the blended families of **Maren Stoll Trembly** and **Deborah Wilson Albee**, which have eight and six respectively.) However, our kids are taking their time about having their kids. Only 26 grandchildren so far, and only **Judy Dignam** has four, although **Ann Dudley DeWitt** will have four in January. We do have pets, though. Only 16 families were without something furry or feathered, and dogs were outnumbered by cats 29-42. Two

people each had four sheep, two others had rabbits. And **Ron Gerber** has 29 koi, a fish that he claims is just like a dog. . . . In keeping with my recollection of a general lack of knowledge of what life might be after Colby, twice as many of us did not know what would be our profession when we graduated. After college, 27 of the respondents went on for further degrees, including three lawyers, two doctors, two M.B.A.'s and two Ph.D.'s. Several of us have two degrees. The number of jobs held since Colby ranged from zero (?) to nine, but very few of us had found one place and stayed there. Examples of this stability are **Ralph Lathe**, who went into a family-owned heating and oil business where he has been for 31 years, and **Dennis Ting's** company in Hong Kong. A large number (21) are self-employed in an exciting array of businesses, including publishing (**Joanne Jolicoeur Schiller**), travel agent (**John Bailey**, **Maren Stoll Trembly**), technical writing (**Peter Doyle**) and insurance and estate planning (**John Wilson** and **Art Calfee**). **Lee Zinman** is a doctor of podiatry. In addition to being an investment banker, **Latchezar "Lucky" Christov** is consul general for Bulgaria. Even in "midlife" we are changing jobs, since at least two have been in their current positions only one year. Most of us are two-career families with both spouses working outside the home, 23 of us think of ourselves as well off and 31 as doing okay, and five consider themselves in debt. (Although one said he is both well off and in debt.) . . . We are not planning on retiring by 1995. (**Dave Tierney** said that having a child now in the third grade has definitely shaped his retirement plans.) When we do retire, we will probably not see any more of each other than we do now, since everybody seems to want to be in a different part of the United States, and Dick

Lucier wants to live in Indonesia. . . . Meanwhile, our lifestyle seems to be comfortable in single-family homes (only four condos and one apartment) and driving 53 American cars and 85 foreign ones. Only five do not recycle, and about two thirds of us volunteer from two hours a month to more than 40 hours a month. Reading was the most popular pastime, followed by golf, tennis, travel and gardening. Many activities were outside—an inclination probably leftover from walking across campus to get to class. One third each weigh the same/10 lbs. more/20 lbs. more, and two people weigh less. Half of us exercise regularly and another third twice a week. (That's more than we did in college!) Thirteen exercise once in a while, and no one is a couch potato. We were evenly divided into better/the same/or worse shape than in 1960. . . . Politically, it was fascinating to find little enthusiasm for any Presidential candidate—Bush won the poll by one vote, and four people said they didn't know. As a class we were overwhelmingly Republican when we left Colby. (Does anyone remember Dr. Bridgman muttering things about the dumb Republicans in American History?) One also said he was a Whig, another was politically correct and one was a socialist who is now a Republican! Party-wise, we are now almost evenly divided, except for one "confused." However, we are (49-9) in favor of gun control. . . . Finally, all but one of us can still remember our sophomore roommates, and about two thirds of us still know where these people are, showing at least an interest through the years; 45 of us would go to Colby again, while eight would not and four don't know. . . . It was fun to read all your responses. I hope it gave a better picture of what we are like today. I'll be sending a more complete newsletter soon, so keep those responses coming. ♦

Correspondent:  
Penny Sullivan

**61** Barbara Whiting MacGregor and her husband, Bruce, are living in Amherst, Mass., where they have cofounded an animal welfare group called P.E.T.S., and Barb is attending Mt. Holyoke College and Tufts Veterinary School. She wants to set up her practice as an animal behaviorist this January. They have been married 28 years (maybe 29 since she wrote this note), and they have recently celebrated the marriage of one of their two daughters to a P3 navigator in the Air Force. . . . When I sent you a letter last December, the only people I had heard from at that time were Steve and Martha Hooven Richardson, who had sent me a brochure about their fiendish puzzles. The other day a friend at work, who is a puzzler, told me she had gotten the most fantastic puzzle for her birthday that had "no edges," and many of the pieces had been cut in a certain shape that mean something to her. When she described it, I said it sounded like a Stave puzzle (the Richardsons' company). I now have to take the brochure in for all to see—as well as the article in the August *Colby* magazine. You can reach Stave Puzzles Inc. at 802-295-5200. . . . Looking at the note from Nancy Judd Coughlan, I realize we are now almost neighbors. She and her husband, Peter, live in Fairfax, Va., where she is a consulting teacher in the Fairfax Public Schools. She has done graduate work at eight different schools (Peter was in the Air Force) and has her master's from Harvard. Sounds like they have two of their three sons through college now, with the remaining one at the University of Delaware. . . . Hans Veeder is president of K/P Graphics, a commercial printing company in Oakland, Calif. Well, actually his card says his title is "Emperor," which is probably more fitting. Sandy Graham got him into running, and he has run the New York City Marathon twice and the San Francisco Marathon once (at the time of writing).

Hans and Polly have three daughters, one of whom was graduating from the University of Oregon when we had our last reunion, but he hopes to make it to our 35th. . . . From Walpole, Mass., we hear from Suzanne Mushreau Bernier that she and her husband, Raymond, are enjoying their empty nest. She has just survived two weddings, with her husband having triple bypass surgery in between. One of her interests is politics, so I am sure she had an interesting fall. Sounds like one of these days some of us will have a chance to vote for her as she runs for office. . . . Jay Whitehead is a captain with Delta Air Lines and lives in Nokomis, Fla., where he and his wife, Joan, just built a new home to be their retirement home. (We are getting close, aren't we?) He just returned to active flying after managing Delta's pilot training programs. Their first grandchild was born in July '91. . . . From Rhode Island we hear that Margie Chamberlain Davis had a fantastic opportunity to travel for six weeks "on the continent" while her daughter, Holly, spent her junior year at the University of Stirling in Scotland. She planned a return visit in May with her sister, Liz Chamberlain Huss '60. Margie is active in the Episcopal Church, serving on the board of trustees for the Episcopal Charities of Rhode Island. . . . An associate professor of physical therapy at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Gordon Cummings writes that he now understands what a professor at Colby once said to him: that the longer he taught, the less he understood it. He specializes in neck and back complaints and as a result teaches workshops throughout the world. (Please stop in Reston some day!) He and his wife are happy that their children "survived the deadly traps our society offers to teens"—one has finished college and the other is half way. . . . "Life is on an even keel at the moment, luckily," writes Carol Davidson Jack from Hopewell Junction, N.Y. Since she has a daughter with IBM and a son with Apple, she must have been glad when those two companies formed several alliances. She and her hus-

## HEADLINERS

Frank Wallace '61 has taken up the post of headmaster at North Country School in the Adirondack Mountains near Lake Placid, N.Y. . . . Robert M. Furek '64, president and CEO of Heublein Inc., was chosen by *The Hartford Courant* as 1992 Business Leader of the Year. . . . E. Michael Caulfield '68, president of Prudential Property & Casualty Insurance Co., was interviewed in a front-page story in *The Newark Star-Ledger* about the property damage inflicted by Hurricane Andrew.



Robert M. Furek '64

## NEWSMAKERS

Stephen Lawrence Finner '60, associate director of collective bargaining and chapter development for the American Association of University Professors, spoke recently as New Mexico State University on "The Fiscal Crisis in Higher Education: Empowering the Faculty Response." . . . In a *New York Times* article, Connecticut Secretary of State Pauline Ryder Kezer '63 correctly predicted last fall's increase in voter registration across the country: "After 20 years of steady voter decline, this is going to be the year when we'll turn it all around." . . . John McDonald '63 is the new chief financial officer of LaVerdiere's Super Drug Store in Winslow, Maine. . . . In an article about the sidelining of the appointment of George F. Jones as ambassador to Guyana, *The Boston Globe* recalled that Robert S. Gelbard '64 was the object of similar delaying tactics in 1988 before he was appointed ambassador to Bolivia. . . . Bruce Lippincott '64 has been put in charge of Midwest environmental projects for his firm, Lawler, Matusky & Skelly Engineers. . . . Dale Kuhner '68 of *Down East* magazine and Hospice of Waldo County addressed the annual meeting of the Board of Incorporators of the Waldo Country General Hospital. . . . Jeff Lathrop '68 has joined the Pike Conway Dahl Insurance Agency of Conway, N.H., and Fryeburg and Windham, Maine. . . . During a visit to Maine, Boston Celtics Executive Vice President and General Manager Jan Volk '68 told *The Bangor Daily News* that despite Larry Bird's retirement the Celtics aren't willing to concede the Atlantic Division title to the New York Knicks just yet. . . . John S. Kearns '69, an associate professor of psychology at Mount Ida College, was honored recently by Northeastern University for his 20 years of teaching in University College, the school's part-time undergraduate division.

## MILEPOSTS

Deaths: Patricia Diano Dennis '63 in Denver, Colo., at age 49.

band have been enjoying travels to the Virgin Islands, Colorado, California and Florida. . . . By the time you read this, you will have been sent a new questionnaire, as I am all out of news. If you send out a Christmas letter, please send me one and highlight what you want to be sure your Colby friends hear about. ♦

Correspondent:  
Judith Hoagland Bristol

**62** Thanks to all of you who responded to my recent questionnaire. It was wonderful to hear from you. I especially appreciated your special notes. Unfortunately, for the last month I have been dealing with the effects of a major stroke on my 80-year-old father—care in a hospital, then nursing home and recent resettlement with care for him and support for my 77-year-old mother. I know that many of you have been and are dealing with issues relating to elderly parents and some at the same time handling rebellious teens or the stress of college finances. It's an interesting and stressful time in our lives. . . . My first responder was **Gail Macomber Cheeseman**. Gail began with the Class of 1961, spent her junior year abroad in Switzerland and, when she only got one semester credit for that year, ended up graduating with us in 1962. Now Gail and her husband, Doug, a biology professor, own and operate Cheesemans' Ecological Safaris out of Saratoga, Calif. She had just returned from leading safaris in Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Botswana and the Seychelles for two months. Those of you who have empty nests, some extra \$\$\$ and adventuresome spirits might want to contact Gail at Cheesemans' Ecological Safaris, 20800 Kittridge Road, Saratoga, CA 95070. . . . **Priscilla Gwyn Mausby** and husband Richard are retired on a seven-acre farm in Southbury, Conn. Pris has one grandchild and another on the way via her daughter Ann. Son Frank Wiswall III is a history professor at Western Re-

serve Academy in Ohio. Pris stays active by working with the local emergency food bank. She keeps up with **Ann Tracy, Mary Deems Howland, John Tucker** and **Pauline Ryder Kezer '63** and has seen **Reggie Foley Haviland '61**. Pris also enclosed a wonderful article from the Kent School newspaper about **Cy Theobald**, who received last year's yearbook dedication at Kent. Cy has been at Kent for 25 years as guidance counselor, head football coach (with six championship seasons and two seasons undefeated) and varsity baseball coach (three league championships and one undefeated season). The article goes on to say that "although Mr. Theobald is exceptional as a coach, his most important accomplishments are the values of hard work, achievement and sacrifice that he instills in his students." Congratulations, Cy! . . . **Cynthia Lamb Johnson** is medically retired after 25 years as a child protective social worker in Portland, Maine. Cindy has multiple sclerosis. She and husband Paul have two sons, Mark and Jason, and a wonderful daughter-in-law, **Jennie**. Cindy tutors, types, writes and makes quilts. She keeps up with her old roommate, **Barbie Eayrs Bridges**, whose son Eric was married in July, and **Jeannette Benn Anderson '61**, her Chi O sorority mother who also has MS. Cindy says she would be willing to write and share with anyone else in our class who has MS. Hang in there, Cindy! I always remember you as the "little girl" with a big heart in our pledge class. . . . **Janet Cole Courant** is the manager of a parent/teacher store in Greene, Maine. She and her husband, John, a disabled engineer, have two sons, Jay, 24, graduated from UVM and lives in Vermont. Dan, 22, attended UMF and is currently in Vail, Colo. Jan shared the sad news that **Colleen "Jo" Littlefield Jones's** husband, Bill, died in November 1991. . . . **Linda Laughlin Seeley** is a homemaker in Lake Osargo, Ore. Her husband, Elmer, is president of the Northwest Textbook Depository. Linda also has two sons, Scott, 25, and Christopher, 22, an applied computer engineer, are

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## Entertaining Law

It was a case almost made for Alan Neigher '62 of Westport, Conn., an attorney who has spent most of his career protecting the rights and interests of writers and publishers as well as entertainers and other public personalities.

An investigative reporter named Peter Golenbock called to say he was in trouble. Someone had leaked a proof of the cover of his forthcoming book, *Personal Fouls*, to a North Carolina newspaper. Under threat of lawsuits, the publisher, Simon & Schuster, had withdrawn the book, an exposé of academic and financial irregularities in the men's basketball program at North Carolina State University.

Neigher says he was more than familiar with the use of such intimidation to quash journalistic endeavors. "I represent many small publishers here in Connecticut—the *Connecticut Post*, *Connecticut Magazine*, the *Connecticut Law Tribune*, a number of small-town weeklies—and all of them live under the threat of litigation. These publications can't afford to win let alone lose. To begin with, the insurance deductibles are very high. Defending libel suits is probably my favorite kind of law, but I do little of that for my clients because the cost of it is prohibitive."

What puzzled Neigher initially was why a house as large as Simon & Schuster would cave in so quickly. Then, he says, he thinks he figured it out. The publisher's parent company, Gulf + Western, was trying to land North Carolina State coach Jim Valvano to coach its New York Knickerbocker professional basketball team. The pieces fit even better when Valvano's lawyer sent a letter to more than 100 publishers warning them not to handle the book.

The move backfired when two recipients were so intrigued by the warning that they sought Golenbock and Neigher out. The book was eventually published and became a best seller, leading to sanctions against N.C. State by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the dismissal of Valvano and the resignation of the university's president.

"It was a very satisfying result," said Neigher, who comes by his

primary interests—entertainment and journalism—partly through parentage. His late father, Harry Neigher, spent 42 years as a front-page columnist for the now-defunct *Bridgeport Sunday Herald*, "a sort of Walter Winchell of Connecticut."

After Colby, where he majored in American civilization, Neigher went on to Boston College Law School and then worked as a staff attorney at the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He got a whiff of politics in 1968, working for Hubert Humphrey on the floor of the infamous Democratic National Convention in Chicago and then directing field operations in Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. The election lost, he went home to Connecticut to practice law.

Neigher began to specialize in entertainment and news media law about 15 years ago. While his firm, Byelas & Neigher, maintains a general practice, Neigher estimates that 85-90 percent of his own time is devoted to "showbusiness and the press."

He and his wife, Austrian-born Sylvie Haber, have a daughter, Leslie, 12, who is in the seventh grade, and a son Jeremy,

10, in the fourth. He says he hopes Leslie considers Colby, but he has other plans for Jeremy. "I played baseball for Colby and consider myself John Winkin's only failure," he said with a laugh. "Jeremy's something else. He's going to be the best Jewish lefty since Sandy Koufax, and I figure he's headed for Duke or Stanford."

Neigher, too, may be branching out soon. He has done extensive work for writers and producers in television and film—Connecticut Governor Lowell Weicker recently appointed him to the State Film Commission—and now he has purchased an option on the film rights to *Little League Confidential*, the best-seller by CBS television reporter Bill Geist.

"My partner is Bill Dunn, who's from Augusta, Maine, and produced *Graveyard Shift* from the Stephen King book," Neigher said. "I'm very excited about the idea. To tell you the truth, there are very few entertainment lawyers you will talk to who don't secretly, in their heart of hearts, want to be film producers."



SHARON LARSON

both graduates of Stanford. Linda keeps up on Colby news via Pat Farnham Russell of Millinocket, Maine. I can't believe that you both have been pen pals since graduation—30 years is a long time. . . . Richard S. Mittleman, an attorney who lives in Providence, R.I., with his wife, Linda, a real estate broker, is still another '62 graduate with two sons. David, 24, is married and living in California. Michael, 26, is studying for his M.B.A. at Columbia. . . . Almost everyone who responded had wonderful memories to share. Most thought of good friends when they thought of Colby, and I hope this column can continue to rekindle those friendships. Those of you who

still have the questionnaire can still respond. If you've misplaced it, just drop me a note. Those of you who are passing through Houston or Texas can give me a call. I do look forward to hearing from you. ♦

Correspondent:  
Jo-Ann Wincze French

**63** I have two interesting newspaper articles about Ceylon Barclay. The first article is from the January 10, 1992, *Grenada Informer* and was written about Ceylon's involvement in a joint venture, at the instigation of the U.S. State De-

partment, to resuscitate the River Antoine Estate in Grenada. After doing a nine-month feasibility study of a project that would have employed over 200 people to produce rum and provide fresh milk and butter and fresh vegetables, Ceylon became very involved. He has owned a restaurant chain, a construction company and a food manufacturing company in the past and planned to live in Grenada full time and rebuild the old estate house, which had been demolished. He was almost completely set up in 1987 under the Blaize government when he was taken to jail and "worked over" by three men who asked for a \$75,000 "contribution." After Ceylon could take no more,

he fled, saying they could shoot him if they wanted. He was able to reach the airport and to make it back to New Hampshire. The head of the Agriculture Venture Trust in Grenada begged Ceylon to return, which he did. But he was once more run out of Grenada—and this time was left holding the bag for a quarter of a million dollars in expenses, after the U.S. and Ceylon each had spent a quarter of a million U.S. dollars on the project. The U.S. Government bailed out on him without giving a reason. Ceylon has been in and out of Grenada during the past few years, trying to reclaim some of his expenditures. He even taped a half hour TV interview with Jerry

Malcolm concerning his plight, but the U.S. Government learned about it and the tape was destroyed before it could be aired. Ceylon now has written a 600-page book, *Red Rion Punch*, in which he documents his experiences in the River Antoine Project and claims high government complicity on the part of both Grenada and the U.S. He accuses the U.S. State Department of a whitewash because the Blaize government, after running Ceylon out of the country, bought the estate from the DeGale family. Today, Ceylon brings pencils, old books, paper and a multitude of other donated items from his friends in Maine for the children on the "tiny palmed dot of land encompassed by crashing waves [and] high up in the spicy air of mountain villages, where hundreds of gleaming faces with ear-to-ear grins thank their unseen friends for having lifted the last yoke of ignorance from their backs by a sweet act of charity." Perhaps some of you may be interested in contacting Ceylon Barclay yourselves. He gives his address as: P.O. Box 858, St. George's, Grenada, W.I. . . . Once again, I want to remind you all of the upcoming 30th reunion and hope you will all make plans now to attend. ♦

Correspondent:  
Sara Shaw Rhoades

**64** Sally Page Carville, our esteemed class president, is following her dreams: she has joined the Peace Corps and is now in Swaziland training computer personnel. Husband Al '63 and offspring are most supportive and currently monitoring her reports back to us. . . . Jerry Shapiro has been quite preoccupied with rebuilding from the 1989 San Francisco quake. His home was 12 miles from the epicenter, and it took more than two years to get back to normal. "Being out of contact with my wife and children for hours was harrowing. Once I knew that they were safe, if shaken (primary process pun), nothing else (no utilities for weeks, cleaning the

kitchen with a shovel for two days, an erstwhile pottery collection, etc.) seemed so bad." . . . Jim Harris is still selling books to bookstores throughout a large part of the West and is active in the town government of Issaquah, Wash., which he describes as "a small town reacting to growth." His son is at Washington State majoring in anthropology. . . . To finish up the political questionnaires! In response to "Why is the American public taught how to vote but not how to govern?": They don't vote AND they don't govern. \* I didn't know they were taught to vote. \* That's not as easy as it sounds. \* They don't do either well! To govern is to lead, and we bash leaders! \* They don't know for whom they are voting nor are they willing to accept the responsibility of "government" even in their own lives. \* Who says they are taught to vote! Decisions are made on the basis of 30-second ads. . . . "Do you agree with term limits?" Yes. \* Yes, but we need reforms about time spent/money spent, etc. \* Yes, but at an upper limit. \* Yes! 3 terms in Congress, 2 in Senate. \* Yes. All too often people get comfortable with special interest groups, etc. and lose touch with the grass roots of their constituency. \* Campaign finance reform is a better solution. \* No. Knowledgeable voters should vote against poor office holders. \* No, why oust someone with experience and expertise? . . . "What would happen if political parties were abolished?" Not realistic. \* Those who are really in control would either be exposed or would find some other cover to hide behind. \* Disaster. You wouldn't have a democracy, but anarchy. \* Oh my God, no—part of the problem is that the parties are not strong now. \* I think it might get even worse. \* After a period of chaos, other parties would form to provide organization and raise funds, etc. \* Anarchy. \* They have been in all but name. \* Never happen. Sadly. \* Probably a little more democratic participation, but also more chaos, confusion and lack of consensus. . . . Stray quotes: Democracy is not a spectator sport. \* Voting is a good time to see my

neighbors. \* The song "It's My Party & I'll Cry If I Want To" comes to mind. \* Voting is the only real voice we have. \* Goal for 1992: find a word for he/she, him/her. \* How do we make anchorpersons less important than candidates? \* Philanderers, liars, druggies and perverts deserve representation too. . . . Personal news: Hans Onsager is "still alive and working (sort of), married to a wonderful young woman named Michelle and has two young children, Alisha, 5, and Per, 2." . . . Lois Lyman has survived layoffs at Digital Equipment and has sent her stepdaughter, Barrett, off to Rochester Institute this fall to study aeronautical engineering and art. Her husband's 13-year boat-building project is to be launched next summer (36' cutter named Perseverance). Two of Lois's songs were recorded last year by Gordon Bok! . . . Skip Thayer is very proud of his Stanley Cup ring! . . . Dick Larschan spent another summer in Britain and then began his fifth year (without a pay raise) at U. Mass./Dartmouth. . . . Art Fulman's daughter Joanna has entered the Class of '96 at Colby, and he is finding it interesting to see Colby as a parent. . . . Brian '63 and Sue Sawyer McAlary spent a weekend at Colby with faculty, students, administration and trustees and say, "We were most impressed with how things are going and the caliber of student being attracted. We'd reapply in a heartbeat!" ♦

Correspondent:  
Richard Bankart

**65** Happy New Year! Is it really possible that as this reaches you, the 31st January Plan activities are under way? . . . Carol Christy Rickauer has four of her brood in college and a fifth still at home. She's a 4-H coordinator in Summit County, Colo. Her return address is Rickauer's Resort Rentals in Frisco, Colo., and she has invited you to "call if you're skiing Summit County, Breckenridge, Keystone or Copper—we're here." . . . Artie Sills continues as physical educa-

tion teacher at a Quaker elementary school in Cambridge, Mass. . . . Tom '63 and Patty Raymond Thomas have recently finished a "sabbatical" year from their travel agency. Patty writes, "while I was home alone (not all bad, a good experience for one who went from parents to Colby to marriage) he worked for Bill Clinton in the New Hampshire primary (Jan-Feb '92). The rest of the year is for traveling." The highlights were a six-week trip to Australia, a cruise from London to Lisbon stopping at small harbors and out-of-the-way places and living in London for a month in November. Patty adds, "I have continued my involvement with the League of Women Voters and the Central Bucks County, Pa., Family YMCA and have been nominated to serve on the board of Planned Parenthood of Bucks County. I have enjoyed serving on the Admissions Committee of the Colby Alumni Council since our last reunion." . . . Hail, Colby, Hail! ♦

Correspondent:  
Robert Gracia

**67** Barry Botelho eagerly awaits our 30th reunion. There may be some magic in the clean Maine air, as Barry was named chair of Barilla Luxembourg upon his arrival home last June. Following our 20th, he was promoted to executive vice president, so who knows what will greet Barry's arrival back in Milan in June 1997. Congratulations to you, Barry, and best wishes to you and Leena as you prepare for your Jeep tour of Iceland. . . . Sue Daggett Dean enjoyed the reunion and the cross-country bike trip she completed en route to Mayflower Hill. As an encore, she and Ross have planned a Portland, Ore., to Denver trip this fall. . . . Sally Ray Bennett would like us to know that she is keeping a class scrapbook/album and would appreciate photos or other suitable memorabilia. Please send these gems to Sally at 47 West St., East Greenwich, RI 02818. . . . Jim Katz notes that

while he had a horrible time at the 10th, the 25th was so different that he closed his letter with "I hope we don't have to wait another 25 years to get this gang back together. It was fun." Jim, I believe, speaks for many of us who gathered on the rain-soaked hilltop when he continues: "I think maybe time and aging have improved me (and a lot of others). We mostly all seemed a little more willing to withhold judgments and allow our differences to be okay. It was very gratifying in general to see this, that most of us were more open minded and not "stiffening up" with age in the attitude department just yet. There weren't even a whole lot of people who were playing yuppie one-upmanship games; I didn't see anyone who was trying to impress me with accomplishments or possessions. On the other hand, maybe I am just really easy to con and was led to left and right and center. I don't think so." Jim, thanks for passing on those thoughts. In addition, Jim was particularly heartened to reconnect with Sue Gerry Yambor, Annette Sandrock, Sarah Shute Hale, Jeanne Philson Sommers, Fred Hopengarten, Led Baxter, Ruth Seagull Sinton and Joel Irish. . . . Writing from Hallowell, Maine, where he lives with his wife, Beth, and two children, Ethan, 14, and Becca, 11, Steve Brooke notes that he has set up a consulting business providing preserving and restoring services to museums. Steve also is very involved in river conservation work, particularly the Kennebec. Some of you may have seen his article this past August in the *Kennebec Journal*. . . . John Cooper spent some delightful time with his daughter Jennifer this summer as she prepared to leave for college. John has a younger daughter, Sarah, who attends Thornton Academy in Saco. Some of us, in increasing numbers, have made that trip to school with the eager freshman; there are few moments so emotionally rich and varied, with sadness and pride, hope and concern all intertwined. John goes on to say that he works a lot with music and poetry and credits his folksong gigs with Nick Jansen and Bob "Mat"

Miner for making a lasting impression. . . . Tom Saliba is the only member of his household not in school: Nadia, 15, attends Phillips Exeter, Leila, 12, and Jake, 9, are at Waynflete in Portland, and Serene, 11, goes to Mast Landing School while Tom's wife, Rita, is at the University of Maine Law School. The Saliba house must be as quiet as the stacks with so much studying going on. This allows Tom to work on his collection of paintings by Maine artists of the Hudson River School—likely the result of interest planted on Saturday mornings in Art 121. . . . Bulletin Board: Has anyone heard from or about Al Houghton? And we have no address for Dave Watterson. Can anyone help us out? . . . Barry Botelho reminds Jack Desmond that he promised to meet him on the Vineyard. . . . Lee Potter is recovering from knee surgery for injuries received tending goal in the old, cold rink. . . . Tom Saliba wants to see a feature story on Paul Cronin, father of alumni softball. Note that Paul's son Brian will strap on the skates for the Mules this year. . . . We would like to hear from every class member, so please send a line and let us know what's up with you. ♦

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Correspondent:  
Barbara Bixby

**68** I was looking at the yearbook photos of our deceased classmates Jeannie Reeve—by her trusty tricycle with Shakespeare volume and motorcycle helmet in hand—and Ray Hodgkins, my next-to-favorite Deke (second to my father) standing by Niagara Falls. In the Days of Awe between the Hebrew Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, your secretary gets serious. (I married into the Tribe, and the Byelorussian Jew whom I never would have met save for Harry Truman's "War Orphans" Act of 1949 and this Lutheran, whose raw Viking roots often keep us at swords' point, recognize our mutual need for spiritual life.) Dear and eternal classmates, a Homily (I just had to

put a Catholic term in there): if you think that you don't want to write because you've determined that it is just so much bragging and vanity, please now banish that predisposition. The happy little news flashes and gossip about ourselves, who have the real pleasure of being alive, keep us from dwelling on the past. I think one of you told me that around 1969. . . . Foreexample, Skip Fucillo, photographed aboard a Tall Ship at Sail Boston last summer, looking fitter and handsomer than ever despite recent major surgery. . . . Gary Conover (Gary, I've been trying to call you for days) sent news of Mike Caulfield. Mike (also fitter and handsomer than ever) was photographed and interviewed by the *Newark Star-Ledger*, the biggest newspaper in New Jersey, for a front page story. Mike, who is president of Prudential Property and Casualty Insurance Company, is involved in the Hurricane Andrew clean-up in a literally real (real estate claims) way. . . . In Florida, but far from the hurricane site, are Art and Gail Schumacher Barr. Gail and Art own many beautiful acres of land in the North Carolina mountains. Congratulations to Gail on passing her R.N. boards. . . . A reminder: are we all looking towards the 25th reunion? (This is hint #2.) Let us all respond promptly to Chris Austin Barbour's witty queries. I personally don't want to be one of the "stragglers" she will have to "nag and harass." Regards to each and every one of you from Long Island (an island never cries). I can now think of Jeannie Reeve and her Second Annual Gloomy Humor Poetry Series without feeling sad. ♦

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Correspondent:  
Anna Thompson Bragg

**69** Greetings from Maine and a very happy 1993 to everyone in the Class of 1969 and their families! We are a year from our 25th class reunion, so mark your calendars. Work has definitely begun, and we are looking forward to a fun time. It is also time to consider class officers for

the next stint. If anyone is interested, please drop me a note. Volunteers would be most appreciated! . . . A class questionnaire to some of you has brought a good response, and I thank you Annie Montgomery was the first to respond. She has two children and is a substance abuse counselor for prisoners. She lives in Arlington, Mass. . . . In Londonderry, N.H., we find Ben Mague with his wife, Kathleen, and three children. Ben is an organ builder, organist and choir director. He says, "The recession hits us hard in these fields that abound in personal satisfaction but don't pay well." A lot of people have similar feelings. . . . Nancy Carter Clough also lives in New Hampshire and is a psychoeducational consultant in central New Hampshire school systems. Nancy has children at Duke University (senior) and Colby (a freshman daughter and a senior stepson). Needless to say, Nancy has kept Colby ties. She is on the Alumni Council and is involved along with Bill Cotter in work on Colby's capital campaign. She is currently taking theology courses and is active in several community organizations. Busy lady! . . . From Ellsworth, Maine, Raymond Williams reports that he recently (June 20) married and is a partner in the law firm of Roy, Beardsley & Williams in Ellsworth. He recently completed eight years on the city council and is now serving on a charter study committee for Ellsworth. . . . It is nice to hear from so many and see that we are such an involved bunch! ♦

# THE SEVENTIES

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Correspondent:

Robin Armitage Cote

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**70** We have updates from some classmates who have made recent moves, including John MacDonald. John writes that he was lost (at least in terms of alumni mailings) but since last August can be found at the Yale University art gallery, where he has taken the job of associate director. John is single and is sure he lives in New Haven, Conn. . . . Peggy Swanson and her family have relocated to Cape Cod after living in Bradenton, Fla. for 11 years. She is now director of planning for the Town of Chatham. One of her jobs will be to coordinate the town's efforts to deal with severe beach erosion. She writes that her 10-year-old daughter, Caitlin (a Floridian), after years of ribbing her dad, John Rafferty, about his Cape Cod accent, now has to deal with it on her spelling tests. . . . Another relocated classmate is Mark Zaccaria. He, wife Ruth, a son and two daughters are now living in Randolph, N.J., after many years in Massachusetts. Mark is keeping his passport handy these days and relying on all that French he learned at Colby. Much of his time is spent traveling for business, and he has often found it necessary to conduct meetings in French or German. The company he works for, Esselte Meto, is based in Happenheim, Germany, so Ger-

many is a frequent destination. Singapore was another recent stop. Those frequent-flyer miles must be adding up! Mark sent along news of Kathy and John Moberger, who are living in Ipswich, Mass., and have a new baby. Congrats to them! Andy Starkis is a busy man—he's an attorney and a carpenter who practices and teaches law and practices and teaches carpentry. Sounds like a good number to have in your rolodex! If you're looking for Andy, he lives in Milford, Mass. Mark also recently worked with David Melpignano '72 producing an industrial video and has also seen Ian Rosenberg '71. . . . Ann and Jack Wood are living in Rix, Switzerland, with their 2-year-old daughter, Sarah Isabelle (who speaks both French and English). Another baby girl was expected in November. Older children are Laura, also a Colby grad, and Adam, a senior at the University of Chicago. Jack is professor of organizational behavior at the International Institute for Management Development in Lausanne and has traveled all over Europe, Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Germany, France and the U.K. teaching and consulting. . . . So, Travelers and Movers alike, keep your eyes open, you never know who might be in the seat next to you! But remember: you don't have to move or travel to send your news—we want to hear from everyone. ♦

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Correspondent:

Nancy Hammar Austin

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**71** Concerning these class survey questions: "my favorite restaurant is . . . my favorite author is . . . the last book I read was . . . I have been in these countries since I left Colby." As a class, we have been around the world a few times! Our travels have included remote and exotic

destinations like China, the Soviet Union, Tibet, Micronesia, Taiwan, India, Iran and Peru. Over 75 percent of respondents report traveling outside the U.S. (But please note that I included Debbie Lansing in that total. She lives in Maine and listed New York City as a "foreign" destination; somehow that seemed appropriate!) Linda Ruggles Hiller's answer appears to reflect our general travel sense. After Canada, which was the most popular destination, our favorite "first trip abroad," as Linda described, includes stops in England, France, Italy, Germany and Switzerland. Mexico and the Caribbean were the next most frequent destinations. I envy Dr. Meryl Le Boff, who has visited the Galapagos Islands. Uncommon destinations included Africa and the Far East. Only Dr. Frank Apantaku and I report travels to Africa, with destinations in Nigeria and throughout southern and eastern Africa. Ann Williamson may be the only one of us to have visited Burma and Bali and been a resident of Australia. . . . As for what we're reading, and who our favorite authors are, there definitely isn't a match! But I'm pleased to see that we are introducing our children to the wonder of books! With answers ranging from Kevin Corbett Eats Flies to *Programming in ANSIC*, the most popular recently read book was *The Firm*. Other last books read included *The Hobbit*, *Cold Fire*, *Gold Coast*, *Demon Box*, *The Last Kings of Thule*, *An Analogy of Aircraft Carrier Development*, *The 10-Minute Manager*, *The Kitchen God's Wife*, *The Pumpkin Shell Wife*, *Saint Maybe*, *Plutarch's Lives*, *Prairie Earth*, *A Montis Carol*, *Alone of All Her Sex*, *The Inn at the Edge of the Forest*, *The Road From Coorain*, *Boss of Bosses*, *Curious George Rides a Bike* (textbook) and my son's hook report book. Our favorite authors are an entirely different list! Tied for first place with more than one response were May

## HEADLINERS

The New York State Associated Press Association awarded first place in its annual photo essay category to **William Warren '71**. . . . Military historian **Jim Arnold '74** recently published two books, *Crisis on the Danube* (a Napoleonic history) and *The First Domino* (Vietnam during the Eisenhower Era). . . . *The New York Times* featured the Tinton Falls (New Jersey) Historic Preservation Commission, a group headed by **Stacey Cox Slowinski '79**. The commission is battling with the county over replacing a two-lane bridge in Tinton Falls, an area that is listed on both the National and New Jersey registers of historic places. While the county argues for four lanes, Slowinski's preservation committee contends that two lanes are still just right for the locale.

## NEWSMAKERS

**Sebsibe Mamo '70**, an Olympic athlete from Ethiopia and one of the first African runners to attend college in this country, was cited in an article in the October issue of *Runner's World*. His Colby records in the 800 meters and two-mile run have stood since 1968. . . . **Sherry Phipps Pettyjohn '71** is a newly appointed teacher of biology and earth science at New Milford (Conn) High School. . . . **Dr. William R.K. Johnson '71**, a certified internist at Day Kimball Hospital in Norwich, Conn., was recently named Diplomat in Geriatric Medicine, an area of medical specialization only recently recognized. . . . **Paul Speiss '71** has been appointed to the Souhegan school board in New Hampshire. . . . **William M. Callahan '74**, a broker at Gerard Callahan Realtors, has been named Brockton (Mass.) Realtor of the Year by the Greater Brockton Board of Realtors. . . . **Marcel A. Dionne '77** is the new vice president of Green Mountain Bank in Bradford, Vt. . . . Vice president of Hussey Corporation **Tim Hussey '78** was featured in the August issue of *Profile*, a business magazine published in Maine. The company, which was founded by Hussey's great-great-grandfather, began by making steel plows. Today Hussey Corporation builds seats for some of the world's largest stadiums.



Tim Hussey '78

## MILEPOSTS

**Births:** A daughter, adopted by Steven Roman and Deborah Vose '75. . . . A daughter, Rebecca Gardiner, to John Orrison and Lydia McAnerney '76. . . . Twin sons, Timothy and Thomas, to Stephen and Suzanne Viger Randall '79. . . . A son, Arthur Nicholson, to Brad Warner '79 and Lisa Turner '80.

**Deaths:** Barbara Hamaluk '70 in Tucson, Ariz., at 45. . . . Robert S. Juliano '72 in San Francisco, Calif., at 42. . . . Craig A. Houston '75 in Bangor, Maine, at 39.

Sarton, Robert Heinlein, John Updike, John D. MacDonald and Laurens Van Der Post. Other favorites included Steven Jay Gould, Kurt Vonnegut, Alice Adams, Robin Cooke, Jane Austen, Anthony Powell, Saul Bellow, James Clavell, Tom Robbins, Harris Greene, Alice Walker, D.H. Lawrence and Agatha Christie. . . . There is far greater consensus on favorite foods! Italian and Chinese restaurants tied as favorites. Other choices included McDonalds, The Elephant Walk in Somerville, Mass., which serves Cambodian and French cuisine, Big John's (sigh), **Mike Round's** wife's home cooking (when you live in Alaska, that's probably a great reply!) and "anyplace that serves food" "just as long as I don't have to buy it, cook it and clean up afterwards." Several Boston North End-type restaurants were mentioned, including Felicia's, Toscano's and The Roma. Also recommended were Panico's in New Brunswick, N.J., Chalet Suisse in Quebec City, Cha Cha's in Redlands, Calif., Monty's Garden in Leominster, Mass., and Chop Sticks in Lewiston, Maine. . . . Until next time, Be Brave. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Janet Holm Gerber**

**72** Nodoubtyou'reaspleased as I am to hear from the people in this month's column. When did we last hear from **Amy Becker, Jim Bubar, Tim Carey, Bill Earnshaw** and **Denise Holder Benfield**? Each wrote great stories of the past years—I wish I could include every word. Squeezed to fit the column, here's the scoop. Amy Becker (now in Reston, Va.) has been in the Washington, D.C., area for 19 years, first on "the hill" working for Ed Muskie and Tip O'Neill and for the past 10 years in the telecommunications industry. At present she's with a consulting firm specializing in medical imaging technology that allows long-distance data transmission of patient test results. In "off" hours she's on the ski patrol at Wintergreen in the Virginia Shenandoah

Mountains and is pursuing a nursing degree. The degree, she says, is "part of my long-term plan to move to Vail, Colo.—ski part time and work at the hospital part time." At **Julie Pfrangle's** wedding this summer she saw **Kathy O'Dell '73** and **Lois Leonard Stock '73**. . . . From Colby, **Bill Earnshaw** went on to MIT for a Ph.D., followed by work for about five years in Cambridge, England, and Geneva, Switzerland. For 10 years he's been in Baltimore at Johns Hopkins, where he's now a professor in the department of cell biology—which specializes in studies of the structures that cells use to divide. He writes, "Science has turned out to be a fulfilling, though challenging, life. I love the chase, and I love the feeling you get when a mass of confusing observations suddenly makes sense." He's married to an assistant professor at Johns Hopkins and is the father of a 1-year-old son. . . . Paul and Denise Holder Benfield celebrated their 20th anniversary in August. They are parents of two girls, Addie, 13, and Lucie, 10. Paul has a plumbing business and a heating oil business, and Denise does the book-keeping. She says, "Our lives are mostly work, raising our children and a few vacations thrown in each year." . . . **Jim Bubar** and **Rich Leslie** fished together in Quebec twice this summer. Jim writes from Indianapolis, where he is vice president division manager for TDS Telecom. He manages 13 telephone companies in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana and as a result drives about 45,000 miles a year! "We're living in our ninth place in the last 18 years," he says. "It's a nice country, I'll live anywhere—Indy's great but look forward to the next place." . . . **Tim** and **Kathleen Carey** have three young boys: **Willie**, 9, **Sam**, 7, and **Joe**, 5. Tim practices medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he is division chief in the Division of General Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology. "I practice medicine about 30-40 percent of the time and spend the balance of my time in teaching and research. My research involves the roles of work disability in the health care system, and I am particularly

## To Put People Together

Three times Eric Rolfson '73 came to Colby: as student, as teacher and as development writer for the Colby 2000 Campaign. In his last 10 years at the College—currently the director of development, he's responsible for capital development—he's also taken Colby off campus on his visits to prospective donors. Now he's about to take Colby away again, this time to France, where he'll head the Colby in Dijon program in 1993-94.

Going to France is like going home for Rolfson and his wife, Becky '88. They were two years apart—but didn't know each other—at the American School in Paris back in the '60s, when Eric's father was bureau chief for ABC and Becky's was with GM.

"We're both Francophiles," said Rolfson, who returned to his high school twice in the late 1970s to teach English and history. The Rolfsons also look forward to heading Colby's program in France because they want their son, John, to learn French in French schools. And Eric's mother was Belgian, so the move puts them close to many relatives.

The development profession is young enough that people have come through "some interesting directions" to get there, Rolfson said, recalling his high school days playing guitar in a rock band in Paris. While teaching in Paris, he also completed a master's degree involving folk music in social studies and history classrooms. He discovered mandolin and banjo in 1969 when he came to Maine, and singly and with groups he's been playing traditional music ever since.

Rolfson's "interesting directions" include teaching in Waterville school twice as well as the hitch teaching French at Colby after he and Becky moved back to Albion, Maine, in 1980. While rebuilding an old house on the farm the Rolfson family bought following the death of

Eric's father in 1973, they lived in the log cabin of 120 cedar logs Rolfson built in the mid-'70s with his mother and sister, Michele Rolfson Steer '78, who lived there her entire time at Colby.

"What's really fun is putting things together and making it happen," Rolfson said, talking about another kind of building, the work of development, which he says gets people reflecting on what's important to them. He says he's actually dealing in ideas and dreams and values. "It's really meeting people and establishing relationships," he said, "getting to know what their interests and goals are and how they correspond with what Colby's trying to accomplish." It's gratifying to hook donors up with a faculty member or bring them to campus to meet students, he says, because people get tremendous enjoyment from seeing their money working.

Rolfson acknowledges that his stint in Dijon may have some hitches. For one thing, Becky is pregnant again. And people in his department of six will have to cover for him at a time when the College is determining the feasibility of a capital campaign. Rolfson is a major player in the study to be sure that everybody—president, senior staff, trustees, overseers, faculty, Parents Executive Committee, Alumni Council, alumni, parents—has a chance to comment on the appropriateness of a campaign's needs and goals.

"The clear message is that 70 to 75 percent has got to be for endowment," he said. "We have \$2,500 per student to spend as opposed to Williams or Amherst who have \$10,500 for the same program. I see endowment as tremendously important for Colby in the next decade."

Rolfson acknowledges that this enterprise involves a tremendous amount of work and thought and care. It appears that the job has got the right man, especially when it involves putting people together.



interested in low back pain." Ten years ago Jim came to UNC from the Frontier Nursing Service in eastern Kentucky. "I would certainly highly recommend that site for Colby students for either January plans or summer volunteer work," he writes. "It was a wonderful experience in rural health working with model nurse-practitioner students and caregivers." . . . Thank you, Amy, Bill, Denise, Jim and Tim for writing. It is a pleasure to hear from you. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Anne Huff Jordan**

**73** Sue Feinberg Adams is now affiliated with Trans Designs and was voted in the top 100 out of 6,000 interior designer-decorators across

the country. Congratulations, Sue. . . There's no other news—drop me a note of personal interest and/or reunion suggestions! . . . Speaking of reunion '93, we are fast approaching. Have you filled out your reunion questionnaire yet? The committee plans to make a memorable booklet for each of you attending, so we need your immediate input. Thanks. The reunion committee consists of **Janet Perethian Bigelow, Lisa Kehler Bubar, Duncan Leith, Deborah Mael, Joe Mattos, Carol Chalker McDowell, Jean Straehl Moss, Wells Pile, Sue Schink, Chris Mattern Way and Anne Huff Jordan.** Some of the key fund-raising solicitors also cross over to reunion tasks. We'll be meeting, planning, calling and communicating with all of you. Reunion Weekend is really going to be fun. Don't miss this one if you've already by-passed the fifth, 10th, and 15th! Book

that June weekend with your family now. Child care is, of course, available (there are special activities for the children and teenagers, too!) . . . Please start thinking seriously about nominations for class officers. This correspondent also needs a replacement! If you have been a consistent, enthusiastic writer for the past four and a half years, consider the job. I'd truly appreciate a note or a call. Thank you. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Stephen B. Collins**

**74** My stack of notecards, like the members of the Class of '74 it describes, is getting gold. And thin! Send news so we can have something more up to date. From the dwindling in-

basket: **Shelley Bieringer Rau** is living in Auburn, Maine, with two kids and "more pets than I ever wanted!" She reports that she became one of the first six "certified hand therapists" in the state of Maine when she passed the new state exam a year ago. . . **MaryAnn Sartucci Andrews** is in Golden, Colo., where she is president of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Association of Psychological Type. The organization works with the Meyers-Briggs Personality Indicator, and she is interested in personality theory. . . **Brian MacQuarrie** lives in Manchester, Mass., and is a special-projects editor with *The Boston Globe*. Brian says he's still running "faithfully" and took 203rd place in the Boston Marathon with a PR of 2:37:53. . . **Jackie Olivet** is in Kingston, N.Y., where she is "a good, honorable lawyer" working in her own law office in her old hometown. She, too, is a runner

(biker, skier, golfer, weightlifter) who was planning to run her first marathon this year. . . . Mick Chapuk writes from Los Angeles to say he got married in 1990 with at least a half dozen Colby friends present. More recently he earned an M.A. in painting from California State at Los Angeles, and he's been doing a lot of art work in the last few years. . . . When the Rev. Steven R. Hake wrote, he had six children ranging from four weeks to 14 years. Since Colby he's earned an M.A. and a Ph.D. in English Lit and is a college professor in Taiwan. . . . Word comes from Kit Bigler, a technical writer in Washington, D.C., that military historian Jim Arnold, also in the capital, recently published two books—*Crisis on the Danube* (a Napoleonic history) and *The First Domino* (about Vietnam under Eisenhower). . . . Jim Signorile was in Teaneck, N.J., finishing up a master's in computer science with a thesis on computer music. . . . Edward Hatch is in New York City, where he works for the UBS (Union Bank of Switzerland) Securities Company. He's still playing tennis (at Forest Hills) and wants to know if any former Colby team members (preferably old ones) are around for a match. . . . Nancy Spangler Tiernan is in Amherst, Mass., working on another bachelor's degree—this one in nursing. She hopes to be licensed this year. . . . Mike Roy, who is town manager in Vassalboro, Maine, reports that he, Tom Lizotte and Greg Smith took a canoe trip up Belgrade Stream to the old DU cabin two summers ago. Paul Silvia's picnic table there has stood the test of time, perhaps better than the paddlers. Mike said Greg took a bottle of 16-year-old scotch. Sounds like old scotch to me, but it wasn't even distilled when you graduated, Mike. ♦

Correspondent:  
Susan Gearhart Wuest

**75** I need to send out another questionnaire before I'm really scroung-

ing for information, so I'm going to try a different format. I'm not the most creative person, but I'll try my best! Now for the news I received last April. . . . Andrea Ward Antone wrote from Riverside, R.I., where she is a physical therapist working with work-injured people in a work hardening program. She and husband Al have a brood of three: Becky, 11, Jamie, 9, Lindsay, 5, plus one dog, three cats and a rabbit. Besides being involved with PTA and Girl Scouts, Andrea's been running again for almost two years now—a year ago she entered and finished her first race in 12 years! Also, bike riding is great on a bike path near her home. Lindsay and she are the only ones not playing baseball/softball; they cheer the rest of the family on. For summer '92 a trip to Al's home in Tennessee was in the plans. . . . Cal Crouch decided to change his life around. He left the corporate sector as VP of marketing "to do something more meaningful and socially responsible." Cal is now the director of U.S. operations for the non-profit organization Save the Children. A big change financially, but happiness with work helps make up the difference. Cal travels regularly to Save the Children field offices around the U.S., including Appalachia, western Indian reservations and various inner cities. In addition to his two sons, Ryan, 11, and Ian, 9, Cal and his wife, Lee, have a 3-year-old daughter, Megan. They keep busy with house renovations and sailing. . . . Architect David Mann lives in New York City with wife Lori, an interior designer, and two daughters, Rachel, 5, and Emily, almost 18 months. They spend time in Goshen, Conn., with family. David enjoys reading and collecting architectural books; he looks forward to future travel in Europe and possibly the former Soviet Union. . . . Nanon Weidmann Anderson is a partner in the architectural firm of Andrews & Anderson in Golden, Colo. Nan and husband Dave, also an architect, have two children: Elsa, 6, and Will, 4. Besides "aging 15 years since Colby and running a slower 10k pace," Nan goes on "explores" with her kids, climbs

trees, dams streams, weeds and reads! (Most influential book read recently was *How Drujuz the Dragon Lost His Head*.) The Anderson family is starting to explore and know the quiet corners of their mountain and plains state and are spiraling out from there. Nan also teaches Sunday school and delivers food to underprivileged families in the Golden area. . . . When I heard from Laurie Fitts Loosigian, she was enjoying her job as their Unitarian Church's religious education director. Her specialty is a program of singing with meaning, using songs from around the world with universal themes, rhythm instruments and movement. More and more, Laurie is hired to do her program in New Hampshire and Vermont and to lead a variety of workshops on singing with children. Last summer she spent a week at a Unitarian-Universalist camp as children's music director. . . . Vincent Cassone was promoted in September to associate professor of biology with tenure at Texas A&M University. He also was elected president of the local chapter of Society for Neuroscience and is developing (with lots of help!) a new neuroscience degree program. His job has taken him to Germany to deliver several scientific speeches, including one at a Gordon Research conference. Vinnie and his wife, Cyd, have two children, Ariel, 12, and Michael, 5, plus 20-30 birds, which Cyd raises. Vinnie's reaction to my "spare time" query was very typical—"what's that?" He does find time, though, to coach and play second base for a local softball team. ♦

Correspondent:  
Noël Barry Stella

**76** Joe and I received a thoughtful note from Jimmy Hayes recently. He shared the good news that the James M. Hayes Trust Fund had raised nearly \$24,000 to finance the purchase of a new van for Jimmy, enabling him to travel from his home. Members of the com-

mittee include Bill Callahan '74, Bob Cooper, Mark Janos, Brian Cone '73, Pamela Came and Don Sheehy '74. Jimmy's address is 29 Grace Avenue, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. The rest of the news is a bit dated, but I want to include everyone who cared to respond to our questionnaire in 1991. This is the last of the 1991 news! . . . Scott McDermott wrote that after seven years as professor of law and management at BC, he left to start a law firm with Dave White '75. The firm concentrates on serving as general counsel to emerging, growth-oriented businesses. Scott and his wife enjoy family life with their three children. . . . Ellen Maren Neubauer wrote from California that she, too, is an attorney, as is her husband, Ron. Ellen works as a litigation attorney for the FDIC, and the Neubauers have two young 'uns. Another Colby alum, Kevin Bruen '85, works in Ron's office. . . . Cathy Worcester Moison lives in Glenmoore, Pa., with husband David and 2-year-old Eileen. She is a full-time mom and educational consultant for Discovery Toys. More than a few of us have those products in our toy chests! Ellen would love to hear from any Colby people in her area. She recently saw Ray Merrill '75 while visiting her vacation home in Surrey, Maine. . . . Tony Shupin and his wife, Christine, live with their two sons in Wall, N.J. Tony is a regional manager for Earth Observation Satellite Company, a commercial enterprise charged with making space exploration and satellite technology commercially viable. His travels have taken Tony all around the country, and he reported sightings of Bob Cooper in Portland, Jay Shearard '75, who is now in Indianapolis, and, at his son's kindergarden, George Herbert '74. George and his wife, Barbara, have 12- and 6-year-old sons. Thanks for all the news, Tony! . . . Liz (Barrett '80) and Marty Hubbe live with their son and daughter in New Windsor, N.Y., where Marty is a senior research associate for Paper Industry Research. He said Dr. Ray would be proud that he is now working in the area of his Ph.D. work: colloid chemistry. In

his spare time, Marty enjoys serving as treasurer of the local Quaker meeting. . . . From Colorado, Olen Kalkus wrote that he is the head of St. Scholastica Academy and working with a group of teachers from

Czechoslovakia. Olen's wife, Kimberly, is an educator also, and they have two young children. . . . Janet Gorman owns Chandler Associates, Inc., which provides consulting for the insurance claims industry.

She and her daughter, Courtney, live in Quincy, Mass., where Janet enjoys community involvement. . . . When asked her occupation, Harriet Buxbaum Pinansky replies, "housewife, mother, volunteer and part-time advertising representative." She and David '75 live in San Antonio with children Sam and Sarah. They were surprised to find David's old roommate, Vinnie Cassone '75, in College Station, Texas, where Vinnie is a professor at Texas A & M. They would like to see any other alumni in their area. . . . Happy New Year from all the Stellas. ♦

stallation in Long Island. . . . And that's it this time around. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our 15th class reunion, June 4-6. We'll need a new set of class officers. Please send along your nominations or feel free to volunteer. ♦

## Alumni Sons and Daughters Admissions Program

❖ WINTER 1993 ❖

The Admissions committee of the Alumni Council, along with the Alumni Office and Admissions Office, is pleased to offer again a program for alumni sons and daughters who are planning to attend college. The program is designed to provide an insider's look into the admissions process. A member of the admissions staff will detail the many aspects of the application and interviewing process. Although this program is offered by Colby, the session will provide a guide for applying to college anywhere. Our goal is to provide insights into the admissions process in order to help participants make the best possible college choice. If your son or daughter is interested in participating in this program, please fill out this form and return to:

Alumni Office/Admissions Program  
Colby College, Waterville, ME 04901  
or call 207/872-3190

Programs will be held in:  
Boston, New York, Portland, Maine

Name of alumnus/a: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)'s name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)'s age(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Correspondent:  
Leslie A. Ramsay

**77** I enjoyed reading the profile on Heidi Neumann Hansen in the August *Colby*, and I hope my first column as your new class correspondent passed muster in November. In answer to my question whether anybody is writing, a runner just brought a missive that Dr. Bruce A. Dyer is a pastor of First Baptist Church in Westbrook, Maine. More to come. ♦

Correspondent:  
Susan Gernert Adams

**78** The news is only trickling in these days. Ben Thorndike writes that although he graduated in February 1979 he feels the most allegiance to our class. He passed along the word that his family now has its fifth member, young Emily, who joined Jake, 2, and Jamie, 5. Ben's wife, Joanne (Lynch '80) is finishing her M.B.A. while he's holding down the fort as a portfolio manager at Scudder, where he's been for nine years. . . . Brooklyn-based Spinner O'Flaherty tells me that these days he travels largely by rollerblade and even competes by blade when he can. Spinner's latest work project is a sculpture in-

Correspondent:  
Emily Grout Sprague

**79** The mailbox has been a bit empty for recent news, but here's what I have this time. Deb Schwartz was sighted on the campus of BU in the fall in pursuit of a master's degree in engineering. Even if you don't write very often, Deb, we still can keep up with you! . . . Jane Gair obliged me in my search for news by writing about her work as a clinical social worker in private practice in Portland, Maine. She provides psychotherapy for individuals, groups and couples using a variety of nontraditional methods (for example, encouraging the use of art, sound or drama as a method of clarifying concepts or expression). Jane also serves on the board of an organization that serves the needs of children (and their families) who are affected by AIDS or HIV. . . . Dave Caruso wrote ages ago from Stamford, Conn., where he is working in marketing at Pitney Bowes. His wife, Nancie Spector, is a clinical psychologist in private practice. Dave and Nancie have three children: Rachel, 6, Jonathan, 3, and a new arrival. My apologies for the long time gap, Dave. Please send the details of your newest family member, and I promise to share the news in a more timely fashion than this time. . . . Brian Hoffmann has become a shareholder in the firm of Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber & Strickland, P.C., in Denver, Colo. His practice will emphasize corporate securities and complex corporate transactions. . . . I am considering sending another questionnaire to a new section of the class and would welcome input and information about what you'd like to see. Please write. ♦

# THE EIGHTIES

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Correspondent:

Patty Valavanis Smith

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**80** For Peter and Debbie Clark Nelson, 1992 was a busy year. Their second son, Scott, was born in March, and together with Tim, 2 1/2, they moved from Port Chester, N.Y., to Darien, Conn. Debbie's a second vice president at General Reinsurance Corp. in Stamford, working in investor relations and corporate development. She's in touch with Robin Yorks, who is now director of development of Tanglewood, the Boston Symphony's summer home. Robin has a 4-year-old son, Nathaniel. . . . Cathy Palmer is living and working in Andover, Mass., where she's director of communications for Tactics International, a mapping software company. She's busy co-leading discussion groups for her church and singing in a country/folk trio that performs in coffeehouses and other small venues in the Boston area. . . . Jackie Low Chee checked in with a good deal of notable news since she last wrote to the alumni column. She received her M.B.A. in 1987, married John Chee, a computer programmer, in October 1991 and bought a house in North Reading, Mass. . . . Just about a year after son Conner was born in March 1991, Erin Ireton Elliott took on a new job in corporate sales for a

graphic designer in Atlanta. At the time she wrote, Erin was looking forward to getting involved with the Georgia Council on Child Abuse's volunteer program for new parents. . . . Nancy Chapin is living just outside Kennebunkport, Maine, in the village of Cape Porpoise. As of this writing she was planning a month-long sojourn in New Zealand. (Can I come along and carry your bags, Nance?!) . . . Jane Dibden Schwab left the United Methodist Church in late '91 and took her clerical vows with the Evangelical Church Alliance. Affiliation with a smaller fellowship has enabled her to perform short-term ministry work in the Oakland, Maine, area and serve as a volunteer head librarian at Temple Academy in Waterville. She and husband David have a new daughter born last April: Amy joins sister Lisa, 3, and stepsiblings Matthew, 13, and Wendy, 11. . . . Penny Janzen Winn took a new job last June with International Data Group and has teamed up with me as editor of IDG's weekly worldwide company newsletter. She and her husband, Kevin, parents to Conner, 2, welcomed Sarah Elizabeth into the world last September. . . . I hope you and your families enjoyed the holidays. Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy 1993! ♦

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Correspondent:

Beth Pniewski Wilson

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**81** Faith Bramhall Rodenkirk is living in New Berlin, Wis., and is an assistant director for group marketing at Northwestern Mutual Life. She and husband Don have a little boy, Alexander Bramhall Rodenkirk, born in June. Faith writes that Kathy Dornish visited her last fall while in Milwaukee making her

television debut on a local talk show. She was introducing a new line of china. Faith travels a lot on business so she's able to look up old Colby friends. She saw Alison Thomas Vietze while traveling to Boston. Alison, if you read this, please write and give us all an update. Last January Faith caught up with Kim Wadkins in California. In Washington, D.C., she visited with Tory Sneff Schulte. Tory was in the midst of a career change and is now recruiting managers for restaurants. She has a little girl, Courtney, 2. Faith headed back to her home state of Maine and visited with Charlie '80 and Mari Samaras White and Emily Lindemann Stuart. They gave her lots of good advice on motherhood since Faith was expecting a baby in July. But Alexander surprised his parents and arrived on Father's Day three weeks early! . . . Elisabeth Eustis is living in Mount Vernon, Maine, not far from Colby. The house she is renting is owned by a Colby graduate. She is making and wholesaling hand-painted lampshades. The state of the New England economy being what it is, she has been doing more marketing outside of the region. Recently a Japanese/American trading company began representing her in Japan. She says that since her first inkling of having any artistic ability came during her junior year in Kyoto, there is a sense of coming full circle. . . . Margaret Carlton Bash was living in Pinetop, Ariz., but moved to Bethesda, Md., last fall. While in Arizona she was a pediatrician for the Indian Health Service, a branch of the U.S. Public Health Service. She has been working on AIDS prevention in Indian communities. She writes that the Arizona mountains are beautiful and, yes, there is skiing. She moved back to Washington, D.C., for a few years to complete a pediatrics infectious disease fellowship in vaccine development with

the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research. She and husband Craig have two sons, Nic, 4, and Christopher, 2. . . . Last fall I had a mini-Colby reunion at my house in Wayland, Mass. Several classmates were in attendance: **Janet Blau Cobb**, **Ellen Owens Dion**, **Lauren Hampton Rice**, **Lynn Bruen Winter**, **Darlene Howland Currier** and **Nancy Welsh Isbell**. There were nine children, ranging from Lynn's son, Adam, who was 7 months, to Ellen's daughter Amy, who was 5 1/2. Janet is living in Shrewsbury, Mass., and has Danny, 4, and Lindsey, 2, to keep her busy. She is also active in the Junior League. Ellen is living in Marion, Mass., and has two other children, Andrew, 3 1/2, and Benjamin, 1, who was born during our 10th reunion! Lauren, coming from Maine, drove the farthest. We celebrated the third birthday of her son, Jonathan. Lynn is the newest mother of the group and is continuing to work part time at Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro, Mass. Darlene is busy in community theater around Boston. Her next play, *The King and I*, was slated for November in Weston, Mass. Nancy and her husband, Fred, just bought a house in Acton, Mass., and settled in there last fall. I also had dinner last fall with **Alex Sutton** (aka **Christy Gauss**) at her new home in Maynard, Mass. She recently started a job at Molten Metal Technology in Waltham as an assistant to the general counsel. . . . I am still working on using information from the survey I sent out last fall after our reunion, but please keep those letters coming! ♦

Correspondent:  
**Sarah Lovegren Merchant**

**83** Many of you wrote to offer news, and others responded to our reunion idea questionnaire. We thrive on your responses, so send them to me at any point, even if the deadline has passed. A group of us who met in Waltham, Mass., in September to review the questionnaire

responses are optimistic about the numbers of our class that plan to attend. We do want everyone to be there—so plan now! The June 4-6 weekend will offer entertainment, reminiscing, outdoor activities, babysitting and much, much more. We did get a lot of feedback about keeping the weekend gala and not too heavy, and we have taken all suggestions to heart. Begin looking for correspondence about reunion and respond to it carefully and promptly so that the planning can go even more smoothly. For our class directory, be sure to complete the form that comes to you and return it quickly. Many thanks to Pam Alexander and Mary Porter and to **Barb Leonard**, **Dan Marra**, **Paul Lezberg**, **Debbie Bombaci** and **Duncan Gibson**. Remember, too, that to make the weekend a true success, our class needs many helpers, so please volunteer, even if you feel you live far away. If we all pitch in, we can be really proud of the results! . . . To the news: **Becky Cook Rogers** wrote that she was moving in November to California—and was pregnant. Husband **Jesse's** company, Specialized Bicycle Components, is relocating him back to corporate headquarters in Morgan Hill, Calif. **Becky** says that she hopes to transfer smoothly into ADIA Personnel Services Headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif., in their automation department. She has been managing a franchise branch office since June 1991. **Becky** and **Jesse's** son, **Jamie**, is 2, and **Becky** reports him to be a "wonderful, well-behaved, excited-about-life little boy." I quote her now and will quote her later, too. I have two little "wonderful" used to be well-behaved little boys. . . . **Andy Hanson** says that his and wife **Bobbi's** new address is Riverside, Conn. **Andrew** is vice president of a private placement group at Merrill Lynch in New York City. . . . Also in New York City is **Ed Higham**, who windsurfs and vacations in Aruba on occasion and participates in taekwondo twice weekly. He received his M.B.A. from Columbia in 1985 and has been employed by Chase Manhattan Bank, currently as vice president in investment bank-

ing. . . . **Maria Jobin-Leeds** and hubby **Greg '81** are living in Cambridge, Mass., happily puttering about their home and "overgrown yard." **Maria** is five years now as an AIDS educator and trainer and in inner-city health education. She said Colby roommate **Cindy Whittier Wells** has been working at Colby and had two children last **Maria** knew. **Cindy**, please write us to confirm! I showed up in **Cindy's** office one day at lunchtime and left a note of hello. . . . **Dan Parrott** usually sends a photo of the sailing ship of which he is captain. His company, Married Foundation, carries medical teams around the Marshall Islands. He recently helped organize a "Youth at Risk" program involving Hawaiian and Marshallese teenagers with drug, alcohol and other social problems. See the profile of **Dan** in the November *Colby*. In June we hope he'll set sail to land in Waterville for our reunion! . . . **Scott Russell** and family have moved to wife **Eve's** (Emer '86) family home in Tunbridge, Vt. They bought the house and totally love their life there. **Scott** received his Ph.D. in May and is now home writing, translating and freelancing. **Eve** is working at Vermont Law School. Their children are 6 and 4. . . . From Cranford, N.J., came a letter from **Jamey Verrilli**, principal of Link Community School in Newark, N.J. The school is an independent alternative school for low-income minority students, and 97 percent of the students go on to graduate from high school in a city where 50 percent usually drop out. Keep up the fantastic work, **Jamey**! He and wife **Beth** are parents of **Nathan David**. . . . One afternoon in August my 5-year-old son, **Jordan**, and I were in Ellsworth, Maine, at Burger King before seeing the movie *Three Ninjas* (I enjoyed it more than **Jordan**, and he loved it!) and I recognized **Dana Maisel**. When we lived in **Mary Low** at Colby, **Dana**, brother **Josh**, and dad **Sandy** had to put up with those of us upstairs. I never dreamed she'd grow up, however! . . . Keep reunion in mind. Keep those letters and photos in the mail to me. Take care! ♦

Correspondent:  
**Mary Alice Weller-Mayan**

**85** **Guillermo Perez** worked with the U.S. State Department in Barbados for the two years following graduation. He then invested in a seamless aluminum business in Rhode Island. The business thrived for several years until **Guillermo** took a two-month vacation in Colombia. After his business failed, he decided to give education a try. He received his master's in education and is now a bilingual elementary teacher for the Providence School Department. **Guillermo** is currently living in Smithfield, R.I., with his wife, **Deborah Fiebich**, and his two children, **Stephanie Rose** (born Sept. '90) and **Emerson Robert** (born last June). . . . Last winter, **Anne Boatright Beaney** was the assistant coach for the Casco Bay girls' ice hockey team. . . . **Heidi Cool** has been working for a law publishing firm, where she designs ads, brochures and book covers. She says, "Amazing what one can do with a degree in philosophy. I can't prove my own existence, but I can draw pictures with the computer." She was given a 21 sailboat, which needs a lot of work on the hull; she'll try to fix it herself. **Heidi** is also on a curling team. . . . **Jim Fraher** writes that in May and June '91, he was in Bahrain (an island off Saudi Arabia in the Persian Gulf) with the National Center for Atmospheric Research. He spent a month flying over and through the Kuwaiti oil fires, taking atmospheric samples to determine their environmental global impact. The project will appear in the February issue of *National Geographic*. **Jim** has a master's in chemical oceanography and is currently working for the University of Rhode Island as a marine specialist. He was on a research cruise for 30 days at sea at the equator near Hawaii. **Jim** writes, "We are studying iron in-pu—perhaps you've read **Martin's** theory about solving the greenhouse effect [by] fertilizing the ocean with iron—well, his group was there and we did the atmospheric mea-

surements." Paul Nolet joined him in Hawaii for several weeks of fishing, diving and loafing. Jim also writes that he stayed with Frank Luca in Ft. Lauderdale. Frank was a master's in history and is working for a private special collections library. Jim also stayed with Dr. Rick Patten '84 and Lisa, who are parents to a baby boy, Benjamin. . . . Manoj Kanskar is working on a

Ph.D. in physics at the University of Oregon at Eugene. . . . Jennifer "Jeffner" Kirk Savoie was married April 4 to James Savoie at the Little White Church in Eaton, N.H. They went skiing at Whistler in British Columbia and then spent a few days in Vancouver. She is working as a stockbroker for Fahnestock & Co. at their branch office in North Conway, N.H.

(James is self-employed and restores old and special-interest automobiles.) . . . Lisa Maria Booth had a baby boy on March 23. His name is Noah Philip Booth. . . . Rick and Kathryn Clarke Anderson had a baby girl June 16, named Emily Potter Anderson (Class of 2014). . . . Wesley '82 and Martha Merrifield Martin announced the arrival of Lucas Charles, born on July 29. ♦

Correspondent:  
Lucy Lennon Tucker

**87** It's a beautiful fall day in Maine, complete with crisp, clean air, clear blue skies and stunning foliage. Unfortunately, as we all know, my favorite time of year does not last that long in this state, and the odds

## HEADLINERS

Peter Forman '80 won his seventh consecutive two-year term as state representative from Plymouth, Mass. The Republican lawmaker has been the house minority leader since 1991. . . . After working on the campaigns of George Bush in 1988 and Maine Governor John McKernan in 1990, Andrew Dodge '89 campaigned for Britain's Philip Treleaven in the Conservative Party member's election bid for MP for Ealing Southall.



Peter Forman '80

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Deborah Cook '81 served as the Clinton campaign's press secretary in Maine. . . . Daniel Shagoury '82 is the new planning and research associate for Senior Spectrum, an organization that operates senior centers and administers programs in home-based care, Meals on Wheels and referral services for people over 60. He will be responsible for strategic planning, corporate fund raising and grant writing at the corporate office in Gardiner, Maine. . . . In a humorous column written for the *Cambridge* (Mass.) *Chronicle*, the paper's editor, John Breneman '83, maintained that when he started school he "embarked on a life of never-ending alternative education." . . . Dennison University's president recognized Theodore Goodrich '85, who teaches English at Pomfret School in Connecticut, as a teacher who inspires his students and leads them "into the excitement of learning and ideas." . . . Peter Westervelt '85 received a doctor of medicine degree and a Ph.D. in molecular microbiology and microbial pathogenesis from Washington University School of Medicine. . . . After two successful seasons as spring track coach at Beverly High School in Beverly, Mass., Brian Norris '86 is devoting full time to Stephenson & Brook, a loss management company in Marblehead, Mass. . . . Wendy Lapham Russ '86 has been named public relations director at Salem Community College in Salem, N.J. . . . Elizabeth Orlic '87 is the new assistant director of annual giving at Bowdoin. . . . Jeffrey Russell '87 passed the Maine state bar examination in July. . . . Gould Academy biology teacher Steve Sanborn '87 and a Hungarian teacher exchanged 60 students between Gould and the Varga Katalin Gimnazium in Szolnok, Hungary. Sanborn received acco-

lades from the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program for "fulfilling the goal of increasing mutual understanding between Americans and Hungarians." . . . Recently appointed town planner for North Andover, Mass., is Kathleen Bradley '88. . . . Business has been so good for Jorgensen's Gourmet Goods on Main Street in Waterville that Jon Jorgensen '88 and his partner have expanded into larger quarters a few doors away. . . . Last summer, Rumbel's cafe on 7th Street on Manhattan's Lower East Side exhibited photographs of New York City by photographer Carolina Kroon '88. . . . Melinda Cheston '89 was appointed corporate sales manager of Boston's Lenox Hotel, where she is responsible for managing corporate group business. . . . Margaret Harnett '89 was named secretary to Ronald L. Ziegler, former press secretary to President Nixon and currently president and CEO of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores. . . . Steven Hewitt '89 is teaching English at the East Woods School in Oyster Bay, N.Y.

## MILEPOSTS

*Births:* A daughter, Paige Clark, to Rod and Gretchen Bean Lurie '86. . . . A son, Solomon, to Ed Solomon and Wendy Birbrower-Solomon '86. . . . A daughter, Allegra Julia, to Melinda and Ethan Wiesler '86. . . . A son, Nicholas David, to Jeff '88 and Mary LaPointe Farley '89. . . . A son, Scott King, to Paul and Patricia King Rowe '88. . . . A son, Stephen Jon, to Jon '88 and Judy MacDonald Webel '88. . . . A daughter, Caralie Suzanna, to Geoff '89 and Deedra Beal Dapice '89. . . . A son, Noah Thomas, to Donald McMillan '84 and Sarah Rogers-McMillan '84.

*Marriages:* Kenneth W. Branch '80 to Maria D. Murrell in Edmonton, Ky. . . . Michael F. Romano '81 to Leslie Anne D'Orsi in Brattleboro, Vt. . . . Tory A. Weigand '82 to Francine Kavanagh in Danvers, Mass. . . . Charles Catania '83 to Roberta Flynn in Tarrytown, N.Y. . . . Michael Sasner '83 to Claire Gorman in Waterville, Maine. . . . Sonia Kaloosdian '84 to Brian Hale in Nantucket Island, Mass. . . . Karen A. Killam '85 to Karl Schumck in Reading, Mass. . . . Thomas A. Donahue '85 to Sharon Smith in Farmington, Conn. . . . Kristen D. Giblin '86 to Jeffrey S. Lindquist in Seekonk, N.J. . . . Kevin Mead '86 to Susan Kellogg in La Jolla, Calif. . . . Dana H. Friedman '87 to Lynn Marie Sanchez in Long Beach, Calif. . . . Brenda R. Gilman '87 to Terence N. Quinn in Concord, N.H. . . . Kevin M. Donovan '88 to Monika Thea Forst in Burlington, Conn. . . . Todd A. Nicholson '88 to Gloria Heal in Portland, Maine. . . . Mark Cosdon '89 to Hannah Treitel in Towson, Md. . . . Karen Diver '89 to Christopher McMann in Falmouth Foreside, Maine. . . . Stephen P. Rand '89 to Karen Faunce '90 in Waterville, Maine.

of it snowing before I even finish this column are pretty good (scary thought)! Anyway, on to some news from people I haven't heard from in ages. . . . Jennifer Shackett Berry wrote to fill me in on what

she's been up to in the last five years. Jen is the proud mom of not one but two beautiful baby girls, Kelsy Barbara, born May 1989, and Emma Lovejoy, born last March. Jen says life with two small chil-

dren is hectic but extremely rewarding. Jen balances academia and motherhood as she is teaching English and gender studies at the New Hampshire School, a small coeducational boarding school in the

foothills of the White Mountains. She coaches soccer, basketball and tennis and was recently promoted to English department chair and dean of the senior class. Jen keeps in touch with Charmaine Twigg—

## Go Fly a Kite

What's that up in the sky? Well, on a blustery day in just about any park in the United States, Canada and parts of Europe, it could be a Trlby kite. The colorful plastic stunt kites manufactured by Trlby Products Inc. in Torrington, Conn., are staples of the specialty kite industry. And Stacey du Bell Mileti '80 is one of the secrets of Trlby's success.

Mileti, who left Colby hopping to work in a museum and ended up becoming fascinated with the nitty gritty details of running a business, writes all of Trlby's advertising and marketing materials, serves as its chief administrator and oversees its financial affairs. And although her background is impeccable—she worked in public relations and in advertising for major New York-based firms in the early 1980s—Mileti didn't wind up at Trlby by answering a want ad. She heeded her heart.

The creative force behind Trlby is Mileti's husband, Bill, an industrial designer and one of two original partners in the business, which was formed in 1981. Stacey and Bill Mileti met four years later, just as she was becoming disenchanted with life on Madison Avenue.

"I used to come home from work and say to Bill, 'I can't believe this. Everything bad you've ever heard about the advertising business is true,'" Mileti remembered. "I mean, people sleeping their way to the top, my boss calling me from poolside to tell me I had to work all weekend, you name it."

Trlby, too, was in transition. Squeezed by the high cost of business life in Stamford, Bill Mileti was searching for a new town in which to set up shop. He and Stacey spent six months tramping around factory buildings all over central New England, finally settling on an abandoned tire factory in Torrington. And, Mileti said, "we decided at the



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same time, 'Well, if we're doing this we might as well get married.' We got married on October 18, then loaded up the trucks and moved on the 20th."

Trlby picked up several thousand extra square feet of floor space in the move, enough to allow for an expansion. The couple, who then employed 10 other people, invested in a computer-aided design system so Bill could strut his stuff on the research and development end, and Trlby began to grow. The company's gross is now triple what it was then—which is impressive despite the fact, as Mileti is quick to point out, that the kite business as a whole is only a small segment of the giant toy industry.

"To keep perspective," she said, "I like to remember that Mattel makes about \$850 million a year on Barbie alone. I doubt the whole kite industry is worth \$150 million."

Trlby has found its niche, with healthy sales in kite shops and hobby stores of its mainstay model, a two-string stunt kite that can be maneuvered in flight, and, with kites paying the basic bills, has begun accepting contracts from larger companies and the government for some of its patented plastics technology. Trlby sold 1 million plastic airplane wings to the mammoth Hasbro toy company in 1991 and has been tapped by General Motors and the U.S. Navy for other projects. But the company has stayed relatively small.

And that's okay with Mileti, who is leery of seeing Trlby grow too big. As things stand now, she says, she has her husband working in an office next door, their toddler, Elinor (pictured above with Mileti), being cared for in an adjoining room—even the family dog curled up on an office couch. "For all the aggravations of a small business," Mileti said, "some things are priceless."

who with her husband of one year, Mike Hartnett, recently became a homeowner—Dr. Kelly Malloy, who is a veterinarian in Fryeburg, Maine, and Dede Boothby Carter, who is busy with her 1-year-old daughter, Rachel, in Portsmouth, R.I. Jen also ran into John Derham, who was finishing up as a composting consultant in Australia and moving on to New Zealand when she saw him. . . . Andrew Jeske writes from New York City, where he's been living in SoHo for about four years with his German shepherd, Vincent. He's been with Lippert/Heilshorn & Associates, Inc., a financial communications firm in midtown Manhattan, for about a year and a half, and he recently became a senior account executive. His firm represents over 40 public companies to the investment community, and his clients are largely medical/health care and entertainment companies. He seems to be enjoying life in the Big Apple but says he doesn't run into many Colby people, so if you're in the area he says give him a call, he's in the phone book. . . . Hannah Howland wrote from Chicago, where she is living with Trish Curry '86 and attending the Art Institute of Chicago for painting. Hannah is also playing electric guitar in a band called Susan's Front Door. Last November she had an exhibition in Todd Bishop's art gallery, "Artkammen" in Boston. . . . Allyson Goodwin says that she and husband Mark Short moved with their dog, Bronte, to New London, N.H., where Allyson is the director of annual giving at Colby-Sawyer College. She spent time last summer with Pam Blanchard, who was off to Harvard in the fall to get her master's. Allyson also runs into other Colby grads from different years and is currently working with Ben Armstrong '89 at CSC. She still keeps busy volunteering for Northfield Mount Hermon, her high school alma mater. . . . That's it for now. I expect the next column will be loaded with news because I sense a lot of mail coming my way! I hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season. ♦

Correspondent:  
Deborah A. Greene

**89** Much thanks to Sue Banta Gallagher and Mary LaPointe Farley, who sent me long letters filled with news about many classmates. What I don't fit in this column will be in the next issue. . . . Cheers!—from England and Andrew "Marty" Dodge—whose political experience made him a valuable aide to Britain's Conservative Party and the campaign of Professor Philip Treleaven. Although the campaign was unsuccessful, Andrew found British elections "to be refreshing, exciting and a great deal more telling than their American counterparts." . . . Laura Thornton loves her job at the Women's International Professional Tennis Council, working on the Women's Pro Tour. She updated me on some NYC folks, namely Jen Pierce, who is now an associate editor at *Vogue*; Cathy Andrew, back for another (final?) year at Brooklyn Law School; and Mark Taylor '90, who is currently at work on a new film. Laura also added that she was engaged to be married on June 12 but left me guessing as to who her fiancé is. . . . A Salzburg, Austria, boarding school is the destination of Rachel Tilney, who is taking off a year or two from grad school at Northwestern to work and visit with Camilla Johansson. Before departing, Rachel was able to catch up with Thomas Hooper, busy taking engineering classes in Philadelphia; Jeff Hall and Jeremy Banks, busy doing something in Boston; and even Karen Ritchie, who was back in the U.S.A. for a few weeks on vacation from her translating job in Japan. . . . K. Hilary Pfeifer wrote from Eugene, Ore., where she's been since leaving Colby. After taking some ceramics classes at the U of O, she now sells her porcelain work in 15 galleries across the country. Playing and coaching soccer and tending to her year-round organic garden keep her busy, but she still keeps in touch with Colby friends. . . . Britt Moore and John

Mullen dropped me a note from Down Under: they're living in Dunedin, New Zealand, where Britt works as an independent tourism planning consultant for the Department of Conservation after recently completing work for a master's in regional and resource planning. . . . Anchorage was the site of a mini-Colby reunion this past July: Julie Dodge traveled around Alaska after leaving Oregon, getting ready to head back East and the U of Maine at Orono, where she's studying to be a veterinary technician. Cathy Palmer Evers '90 and husband Jim were expecting their first child in a few (very few) weeks, but managed to join Julie. David Rand '88 and me for breakfast. Since then I learned that Cathy delivered a healthy baby boy, Tyler. Congrats! . . . Sue (Banta) and Bob Gallagher wrote to say how much they enjoyed seeing all their Colby friends on their wedding day last May 30. Kirk Koehnigbauer took some time off from Microsoft in Seattle to travel east and be their best man. Colby bridesmaids included Christina Theokas, who lives in the Boston area and is working in a Chelmsford school as a counselor/therapist for special needs children, and Melita Marks, who is also living in Boston and works for a management consulting firm in Cambridge. The jet lag award of that weekend went to Rocky Genovese, who flew in from London for the big event. He works for Banker's Trust and spends most of his time between Prague and London working on commercial real estate projects. The Boston contingent was well represented by Don Darby, who still works for College Pro; Steve Caen '90, who is with Shawmut Bank; Cathy C.C. Cook, who works at MIT; and Mary Browne, who is teaching and planning her own wedding to Jeff DeSandro '87 next summer. Robyn Torrisi, another guest at the wedding, is also planning her wedding in between her work at Brown University on a grant study. John Hayworth '90 traveled from Vanderbilt, where he's finishing up law school, and Bill "Manute" Carr traveled from Philadelphia but

is now apparently in Atlanta beginning an M.B.A. program at Emory. It's tough to keep up with some people! . . . And to John Girard, who expected a "scathing reply" from his class secretary in this column: I'm just glad to hear from you for the first time in four years! I might add that if a fourth-year Harvard medical student has time to pick up a pen, the rest of you have no excuses! ♦

# THE NINETIES

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**92** Letters have come to me from all over the U.S.A., and for those of you who have not yet written to me (or called), get with it! I just gave my first job two weeks notice and will begin working for J. Crew. Needless to say, I'm looking forward to great benefits, i.e.: free clothes! As for the rest of you, here's what's happening. . . . **Lori Moran** began the summer living in Portland, Maine, and working through a temp agency. She has since landed a job with Wright Express as a clerk/receptionist. Although it's "not exactly my destined career," it keeps her busy while she searches for a more suitable position. She also has plans to go to grad school in the future and last fall had plans to move into an apartment in Portland with **Paula Gardner**. . . . **Kris Boynton** is currently living at home and last I heard was hoping to land a job with Pilgrim Health Care, a company he has worked for over summer vacations. I hope he's also still playing the guitar and singing

Rick Springfield songs. Yeah, Kris! . . . **Laura Armstrong** had quite a summer exploring the Boulder Mountain Parks (Colo.) as a senior park ranger. Laura was looking forward to a trip to Utah with her family and then life as a ski bum. . . . **Bob Gramling** is "faculty" at the University of Colorado, where he is conducting research. (Sorry Bob, I lost my notes and can't remember what you're researching—oops!) News about these folks comes to me via **Anne Bowie**, who saw them recently on a trip to Colorado, where she was visiting high schools through her new job in the Colby Admissions Office. Anne will be in Washington, D.C., and a number of other places around the country. She also informs me that **Stephanie Clement** and **Kim Ereminas** are sharing an apartment in Minneapolis and that **Kristen McMahon** is living in Indianapolis, working at the city's zoo. Anne has also spent time with **Ben Beatie** and **Dave Roderick**, who is teaching English and coaching soccer and basketball at a private school in Massachusetts. Anne shares an apartment in Waterville with **Gina Marsico**, who is also working part time in the Admissions Office. . . . Also working at Colby is **Dave Jorgensen**, now the assistant director of Stu-A. . . . A letter from **Sura Dubow** filled me in on what's happening in San Francisco. She landed a job as a paralegal with **Berry and Appleman** and is living with **Lyz Makely** and **Meg Ewing**. **Amy Selinger** was on her way out to join them, hoping to get a teaching position. Sura keeps busy swimming with a master's program. Little did she know that she was joining the National Masters Champs, most of them having swum for Division I schools! She has also run into **Kelly Wenger**, who is living in San Francisco, and **Anthony More** and **Laura Dwyer**, who were also there, jobless at the time and searching. Sura also in-

formed me that **Derek Bettencourt** is now living in Chicago, working for an insurance company. . . . **Liz Cimino** has just moved into Boston and is sharing an apartment with **Michele Rowell** and **Kim Webber '91**. She said that **Greg and Jane DeStefano Becker** "had a beautiful wedding" in Fairfield, Conn., on July 25. **John Rimas** and **John Daileanes** were both ushers, and **Jill Soper '93** was a bridesmaid. Also at the wedding: **Paul Butler '93**, **John Polischuk**, **Tom Capozza**, **Scott Nussbaum**, **Lori Moran**, **Lisa Cavallaro** and **Angela Tennett '93**. **Tom Capozza** is going to Princeton and doing lots of research. **John Daileanes** went to Greece to play basketball. However, he "didn't like the goats or the \$5 charge to use a public bathroom aka a hole-in-the-

ground." Welcome home, John. Before the September 15 primaries, **John Rimas**, running for state rep from Methuen, had knocked on every door in Methuen and was one of the front-runners. He ended up in third place. . . . **Karen Santoro** is living in Medford, Mass., attending Tufts for math. . . . "Camper" **Dan Belvin** (my one-time co-COOT leader) informed me that he is off to Texas to serve Uncle Sam. In January, he will be assigned to Fort Knox, Ky., where he will join an armored unit. He left me with the advice to "enjoy myself—and be all that I can be." . . . That's all the news I have room for now. If you haven't seen your name in this column yet, please write me! The reward is worth it, don't you think? I miss you guys! ♦

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## NEWSMAKERS

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Abington Savings Bank in Boston appointed **Cynthia Demskie Borhek '90** director of marketing and training. . . . **William Busineau '90** spent three weeks monitoring human-rights conditions in Haiti for the Organization of American States. . . . **Heather Anderson '92** was a volunteer for Kansas Representative Al Lane. . . . **Jenn Coffin '92** is the newest member of A Classic Sound, a barbershop harmony chorus of 36 women based in Easton, Mass. . . . Against tough competition from Canada and Maine, **Michelle Corrigan '92** won an all-expenses-paid \$25,000 Rotary Club scholarship for study abroad. . . . **Sarah Haynes '92** has been commissioned a second lieutenant through the Air Force ROTC program. . . . English teacher **Adria Lowell '92** is one of several new faculty members at Berwick Academy in South Berwick, Maine, who were recruited for their global outlook on cooperative problem-solving. . . . **Erin L. Minear '92** is with Teach for America in Arkansas, where she teaches mathematics. . . . **John Rimas '92** ran third in the five-person Democratic Party primary contest for state representative from Methuen, Mass.

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## MILEPOSTS

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**Marriages:** **Janet Blaney '90** to **Dominic Brian Walsh** in Norfolk, Conn. . . . **Valerie Ann Bryer '90** to **James Pettit** in Lorimer Chapel. . . . **Kristin Herberster '91** to **Paul Davis '91** in Stowe, Vt. . . . **Melinda Rohrman '91** to **Stephen R. Burgess** in Lorimer Chapel. . . . **Jane DeStefano '92** to **Gregory Becker '92** in Fairfield, Conn.



Faculty Members Dorothy Koonce and Jonas Rosenthal



Dorothy M. Koonce

DOROTHY M. KOONCE, Colby professor of classics, died October 31 in Waterville at age 57. She was born in Pomfret, Vt., and attended schools in Randolph, Vt. She received her B.A. from Cornell University, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and graduated with distinction and honors in classics. She took her M.A. and Ph.D. in classics at the University of Pennsylvania. She was a lecturer in Greek at Swarthmore College in 1962-63, the year before she came to Colby. Over the years she served as director of the programs in Ancient and Medieval Studies and Western Civilization and twice served as chair of the Classics Department. She also was a member of numerous College committees, including the Educational Policy Committee and the Committee to Study the Future of Colby. A member of the American Philological Association and of the Association of Ancient Historians, she was a gracious teacher-scholar who enlivened ancient studies for generations of Colby students. Surviving are her husband, Professor of English and of Performing Arts Howard Koonce, her mother, two sons, three daughters and three grandchildren.

JONAS O. ROSENTHAL, Colby professor of sociology, died October 31 in Waterville at age 62. He was born in Raleigh, N.C., and educated at Phillips Exeter Academy. After receiving a B.A. in political science from Swarthmore College and an M.A. in sociology from the University of North Carolina, he did graduate study at the Merrill Palmer School and doctoral work at the University of Pennsylvania. He served as a member of the Army Counterintelligence Corps before joining the Colby Sociology Department in 1957. His service to the College was wide-ranging. As well as serving as chair of his department, he was director of studies in Human Development and director of African-American Studies and was instrumental in establishing the Colby-Pomona College student exchange program. Over the years he was active on a number of College committees and in the American Association of University Professors. From 1962 to 1965 he was administrative assistant to the president and also served as faculty representative to the Board of Trustees. He will be remembered not only for his teaching but for his uncompromising fairness to students, most notably demonstrated to those who sought his help in 1968-1970, when he served as dean of



Jonas O. Rosenthal

students during the Vietnam War era. He served as chair of the board of the YMCA, clerk of the board of Oak Grove Coburn School, member of United Way committees and member of the Maine State Advisory Committee to the United States Civil Rights Commission. His commitment to organ donation and medical education and research through anatomical bequest was stated publicly in the hope that it would encourage thoughtful consideration by others. He is survived by his wife, Anne, a daughter, three sons, his mother, two sisters, six grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Friend of Art

EDITH KEMPER JETTÉ, a generous Colby benefactor and co-founder of the Friends of Art, died November 15 in Boston after a lengthy illness. "She always had time to pause and inquire, smile and comfort, care and console, and congratulate and love," President Cotter said at memorial services held for her in Lorimer Chapel on December 4. "We shall miss her greatly, but her contributions and her indomitable spirit will live on in this, her adopted alma mater, to benefit the generations of students, faculty, staff, and friends yet to come."

President Emeritus Robert E. L. Strider II recalled the years when she and her husband, Ellerton, were most active at Colby, he as chair of the Board of Trustees and she for her work with the Friends of Art in developing the College's renowned art collection. "Colby will not forget these fine friends," Strider said, "nor their contribution toward its present excellence, and both of them will remain enshrined in the annals of the College they helped move toward its special kind of distinction."

Speaking for the Friends of Art, Vice President Emeritus Edward Turner told of her "thorough, meticulous and highly effective" work in the development of the Friends program and recounted her close involvement in the early exhibitions that brought the Colby collection to national prominence.

Some 35 years ago the Jettés gave Colby

the American Heritage Collection, one of the broadest assemblies of American primitive art in the country, and in 1975 they donated 96 paintings by American Impressionists, an extraordinary collection that toured the United States. At that time, fully one third of the works that comprised the Colby collection were gifts from the Jettés. In the last decade, as a contribution to the Colby 2000 Campaign, they further enriched the collection with a dozen important 18th- and 19th-century American portraits. The couple has been honored at Colby by the naming of a gallery at the museum and by the creation of the Jetté Professorship of Art.

### Family Farmer

**RUBY M. ROBINSON '18**, a Maine farmer, died August 21 in Rumford, Maine, at 97. She was born in Mount Vernon, Maine, and attended Mount Vernon High School and Kents Hill. After earning a B.S. at Colby, she taught in various secondary schools in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts and New York. She attended Columbia University's Teacher's College in 1925-26, earning a master's degree in education. Following the death of her father in 1930, she returned to Mount Vernon to take charge of the 175-acre family farm, single-handedly maintaining a herd of Jersey dairy cows and a large vegetable and flower garden and producing cherries and maple syrup until her retirement in 1965. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mount Vernon and its Baptist Women's Mission Society and a life member of the Mill Stream Grange. Predeceased by her brother, Nathaniel Robinson '15, she is survived by three nephews, including Quimby Robinson '61, two nieces, including Patricia Robinson Tucker '56, and several grandnieces and grandnephews, including Anne Robinson '96.

### Telephone Manager

**DANA A. JORDAN '33**, a New England Telephone Company manager, died September 3 in Damariscotta, Maine, at 80. He was born in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, and attended Cape Elizabeth schools. At Colby he was active on the *Echo* and in the band and served as president of the Glee Club in his senior year. Following graduation, he was employed in the commercial department of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company's Portland office. For 30 years was an office manager in various company locations around Maine, with

time out from 1944 to 1946 to serve as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Armed Guard. From 1965 until his retirement in 1974 he was the telephone company's commercial staff supervisor for Maine. He was a 32nd-degree Mason and a member of the Tranquil Masonic Lodge of Auburn as well as several other Masonic organizations. He was active in Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Community Chest, Red Cross and Salvation Army drives. In 1951 he was elected to Colby's Alumni Council and served for six years on the Finance Committee. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, four daughters, his sister, Margaret Jordan Lewis '35, and a brother.

### Dental Nurse

**FRANCES M. PALMER '34**, a noted children's dental nurse who was also an active volunteer for Colby, died October 16 in Pittsfield, Maine, at age 81. She was born in Pittsfield and graduated from Maine Central Institute. At Colby she majored in biology and was active in tennis, volleyball, swimming and plays and was a member of Phi Mu sorority. After graduation she attended the Rhode Island School of Nursing. In 1934-35 she attended the Boston School of Dental Nursing, then was employed by the City of Newton, Mass., in the Public Health Dental Clinic. A certified dental assistant, she was the author of several professional papers and was a delegate to many international dental congresses. She also was a delegate to the American Dental Assistants Association and the American Society of Dentistry for Children. The year after her retirement in 1973 she was awarded the Paul Revere Bowl for the longest continuous service in dentistry for one employer. In addition to her professional affiliations, she was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Congregational Church in Newtonville, where she sang in the choir for many years. She was president of the Boston Colby Alumnae Association and a representative to the Alumni Council. In her later years she returned to Maine, where she continued to be active in community organizations and enjoyed traveling. Among her survivors are three sisters, including Beatrice Palmer Frederick '29, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

### Colby Family Member

**BARBARA BRIDGES STINNEFORD '34**, a teacher and homemaker, died August 8 in Catonsville, Md., at age 79. She was born in

Waterville, Maine, and graduated from Waterville High School. After Colby, where she was active in Sigma Kappa sorority and several sports, she taught in Maine schools until her marriage in 1939 to James R. Stinneford '36, who died in 1989. In Catonsville she was active in the First Presbyterian Church, Over 55 Club, Women's Club and a bridge club. She was a member of the Colby Club and of the Sigma Kappa alumni group. Other deceased family members who attended the College were her aunt, Adelaide Lakin '05, her sister, Eleanor Bridges '34, and her brothers-in-law, Claude '26, William '30 and James Stinneford '36. Her mother, Cleora E. Bridges, was a house-mother at the College. Survivors include her sister, Jean L. Bridges '40, three daughters, a son, nine grandchildren and her nieces, Catherine Stinneford Walther '58 and Mary Stinneford Daglio '63.

### Home Health Aide

**MARY HITCHCOCK BAXTER '41**, a home health aide, died September 25 in Ware, Mass., at age 73. She was born in Sanford, Maine, and graduated from Chicopee High School in Chicopee, Mass. At Colby she majored in French and for a time taught languages in White River Junction, Vt. In 1972, following the death of her husband, the Rev. John André Baxter '40, she became a substitute teacher and librarian at Ware Middle School. Later she was a home health aide for the Ware Visiting Nurses Association. She also taught Sunday school at Trinity Episcopal Church and was a member of the church's missions committee, choir and vestry. She was a charter member and past president of the Ware Historical Society and helped to organize the town's bicentennial program in 1961. She was active for many years in the local Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. Her mother was Cassilena Perry Hitchcock '10. Her stepfather-in-law, Professor of Education and Psychology Edward J. Colgan, taught at the College from 1924 to 1955. Among her survivors are two sons, including John H.E. "Ned" Baxter '65, two daughters, Marguerite "Peggy" Baxter '70 and Mariellen Baxter '74, a brother, two grandsons, two nephews, a niece and two grandnieces.

### Teacher

**MARY BREWER NORTON '45**, a Maine teacher, died September 16 in Brewer, Maine, at age 67. She was born in Waterville, Maine, and attended Waterville High School. At Colby she was active in Delta

Delta Delta sorority and a history major, finishing her studies in three years. She taught in Maine schools in Waterville, Eastport and Machias and for 18 years taught at Brewer Junior High School. She was a member of the National Education Association, the Maine Teachers Association and the Gamma Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa sorority. Survivors include her husband, Charles, two daughters, a son, five grandchildren, two sisters, Frances Brewer Barker '42 and Hazel Brewer Warren '45, an aunt and several nieces and nephews.

## Editor

**NORICE MAHONEY CONANT SMITH '48**, an editor and writer, died September 19 in Springfield, Mass., at age 65. Born in Springfield and schooled at Classical High School, she took work in education at Smith College for a year after leaving Colby. In 1952 she married James Conant, son of the president of Harvard University. He predeceased her, as did her second husband, Dr. George Smith. During a long career as a newspaper and medical writer, she lived in Montreal, Boston, Reno and Ft. Lauderdale, where she became the editor of publications for the Florida Council for the Arts and Humanities. A physical disability forced her into retirement, but she continued a career as a freelance writer. She leaves a son, three daughters, a brother and her stepmother.

## Maine Attorney

**JAMES H.H. WHITE '54**, a fifth-generation Guilford, Maine, attorney, died September 16 in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, at age 60. He was born in Guilford and graduated from Piscataquis Community High School. At Colby he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. After receiving an LL.B. degree from Boston University in 1957, he carried on his early practice in the family law office built in the early 1900s by his great-grandfather, Henry Hudson, Class of 1875. His grandfather was Maine Supreme Court Justice James H. Hudson, Class of 1900 and Colby trustee. In 1963 he became a member of C.W. & H.M. Hayes law firm in Dover-Foxcroft, an association that lasted until his death. From 1959 to 1963 he served as Piscataquis County probate judge and was a member of the Piscataquis and Maine State bar associations. He was a past master of the Mt. Kineo Masonic Lodge, past president and member of the Guilford Kiwanis Club and member of Anah Temple Shrine of Bangor, the Tri County Shrine, the Rose Croix in Portland and the IOOF

in Guilford, where he also served on the Guilford-Sangerville Water District Board. He was a member of the Guilford United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Norma, his mother, a son, two sisters, including Mary L. White Shawhawy '51, a niece, Shireen Shahawy Stinneford '85, and cousins John '38, Robert W. '41 and Richard Pullen '50.

## Attorney

**JOHN A. FISHER '57**, a founding partner of the New York City firm of Fisher, Fallon, Salerno, Betlesky & Kelly, died September 11 at age 57. He was born in New York City and was a graduate of Xavier High School. A history and government major at the College, he was treasurer and president of the Newman Club, an officer of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and a member of ROTC. He received his law degree from St. John's University School of Law in 1961 and began his law practice in New York City. He was active in civic and political affairs in the Yorkville section of Manhattan and for many years was a delegate to the New York County Democratic Judicial Convention and to the Democratic State Convention. He was a member of the board of governors of the Marymount School, the Catholic Lawyers Guild, the Defense Association of New York, the New York Bar Association, the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and the Society of Medical Jurisprudence. He is survived by his wife, Nuala, and a daughter.

## Noted Professor

**ROBERTO CRESPI '63**, a noted professor of world literature and cultural studies, died July 15 in Santa Cruz, Calif., at age 50. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and lived in an orphanage in Puerto Rico until the age of 2, when he was adopted and raised in a Puerto Rican community in New York City. Although he spent two grade school years in classes for mentally retarded children because he spoke no English, he graduated from Seaford High School in Seaford, N.Y., at 15. He majored in philosophy and mathematics at the College, after which he spent two years in the Peace Corps in Colombia teaching math. He then went to Harvard University for advanced study. He was a professor of Latin American literature at the University of California at Santa Cruz and had recently completed an acclaimed definitive study of the Mexican revolutionary novelist and political theorist Jose Revueltas. A lifelong Communist whose energies were given to organizing a Work-

ers/Socialist Party, he devoted much of his time to minority students at Santa Cruz, where he was a founding member of Oakes College. He was considered an extraordinary teacher and was instrumental in designing two innovative instructional programs, Spanish for Spanish Speakers and World Literature and Cultural Studies. In the 1980s he provided a home to three sons who had been shuffled through the foster care system before he adopted them. His sons survive him.

## Businesswoman, Triathlete

**BARBARA I. HAMALUK '70**, an amateur marathoner and triathlete, died on October 16 in Tucson, Ariz., after being struck by a car while jogging. She was 45. She was born in England and educated in Newington, Conn. At Colby she majored in government and was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority. She earned a master's in political science and business administration at the University of Maine. She worked for many years at L.L. Bean in Freeport, Maine, and after earning her master's, had worked on the staff of Senator Edmund Muskie. At the time of her death she worked at the Arizona Mail Order Company in Tucson. She was an avid athlete, running in the Boston, New York City and New Orleans marathons and competing in the Iron Man Triathlon in Hawaii. She is survived by her father, a sister and two nieces.

## E.R. Physician

**CRAIG A. HOUSTON '75**, an emergency room physician, died October 13 in Bangor, Maine, at age 39. He was born in Waterville, Maine, and attended Waterville High School. During his years at Colby he received the Charles A. Dana Scholarship for three consecutive years, won Chemistry Department prizes and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. After graduating *summa cum laude* with a major in chemistry, he attended Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where he earned his M.D. in 1978. He also attended Mount Sinai College and completed a residency in emergency medicine at Jacobi Hospital. He was a staff physician in Peninsula Hospital Center's emergency department and later served as a board-certified emergency room physician at Beth Israel Hospital in New York City. For years he was an alumni interviewer for the College. He is survived by Areyh Golan and by his parents and two sisters. ♦

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## A Different Diversity

Please accept my appreciation and thanks for your inclusion of the "Spinning Around Campus" article in the most recent *Colby* (November). I generally find *Colby* to be too positive, so for me this article was a breath of fresh air. When did Colby last receive an application from a deaf, blind or wheelchair-bound student? Have any been accepted and then chosen to go elsewhere? Is this visible minority recruited by the admissions staff with the same expenditure of energy and funds that they commit to the visible non-handicapped minorities? The answers to these questions might make for an interesting follow-on article.

Non-handicapped minority students matriculating at Colby certainly provide a needed diversity and, in doing so, hopefully allow tolerance and understanding to flourish. Physically handicapped students add another dimension: they daily confront you with your own mortality. It is a very non-exclusive club in which you may become a member regardless of race, creed, color, gender or socioeconomic status. It is a confrontation that can be especially meaningful to an age group that behaves as if it believes that it will live forever in spite of drinking, drugs, AIDS and on and on.

If I were to read the literature that Colby provides prospective students, look at the view books, take the campus tour—all as if I were a handicapped Irish immigrant—what would Colby say to me?

Irish need not apply!

John H. Bubar '68  
Bangor, Maine

## Miss O'Rourke, I Presume

My treatment of late-comers to class has received some unfortunate publicity. It began during the Commencement ceremonies of 1992, when the class valedictorian, Christy O'Rourke, reminisced about arriving an hour late for her first class at Colby, a section of English 115 taught by me at eight in the morning. Parts of her speech were published in a recent issue of *Colby* (August), and I find myself notorious as an example of the dictatorial and doddering old school master who shakes his ruler in the face of ten-o'clock scholars.

Let's hear the facts.

On the first day of all my classes I say a few words about tardiness. The message is simple: better late than never. If you oversleep, I tell them, don't just bag the whole class for another hour of slumber. Drag on some clothes and crawl over to Miller 14 and make the most of what's left of the session. I promise not to make snide and sarcastic remarks or even to call on you, if your eyes are still glued shut. Come late, but come.

I've had students show up when only 15 minutes remained of the class. I don't encourage that, but I don't act frosty either. And that's probably what I told Christy when I spoke to her after class that first day.

There's more to the story. As I sat on the aisle at Commencement, holding hands with myself, wishing I'd worn mittens and glad I'd had pizza for breakfast, I listened to the speech and wondered why it was that none of the students I'd ever taught got to be class speaker. So I warmed up very quickly when Christy mentioned my name. I'd forgotten her completely.

As the procession of seniors conga'd past me on the way to the fun house up on the platform, Christy came over to me.

"Miss O'Rourke," I began, "I never said that."

And she, very perceptively, asked, "Did you remember me?"

And I, very honestly, replied, "I'll never forget you."

She gave me the high-sign with her thumb and moved on to a hug and a diploma.

I don't teach classes at eight in the morning anymore.

David Mills '57  
Department of English

## Correction

In the November issue of *Colby*, Professor K. Frederick Gillum was misidentified. He is a current member of Colby's Department of History.

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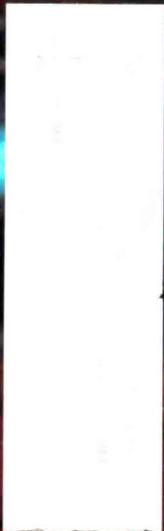
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