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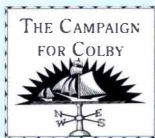
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Caught in the Web

Two years ago I attended a conference for college periodical editors and sat in on a sparsely attended seminar about on-line magazines. Few of us in the room had ever heard of such a concept—publishing our periodicals in cyberspace. The prospect of reading a magazine on a computer seemed pretty ridiculous at the time. What were the advantages of this new medium for the reader? I was skeptical.

Since then, on-line magazines and newspapers have proliferated. While many are electronic versions of their paper predecessors, new periodicals available only in electronic form are being founded with increasing frequency. Recently, colleges have begun to translate their printed publications into computer versions. And now *Colby* has joined the handful of pioneers. Beginning with the January 1995 issue, *Colby* is available via the World Wide Web, a form of the Internet that can send pictures, sound and video as well as text. Our resident computer guru, Anestes Fotiades '89, has designed *Colby* in its new electronic form. It's all there, the unabridged *Colby* magazine in an easy-to-navigate form that transfers the stories, news and photos of the printed magazine into a new medium that has potential to bring you even more information about the College.

Reading a magazine on a computer is no substitute for the real thing. The tactile enjoyment of reading can't be duplicated by moving a mouse on a desktop. Neither can the computer version be relied upon to perform many of the traditional functions—coffee table ornament, subway companion, fly swatter—of its printed counterpart. But it has its charms.

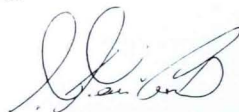
First, the on-line version of *Colby* is accessible virtually anywhere in the world. With a laptop computer and a phone modem you can read the magazine in the most remote parts of the planet.

Second, the on-screen *Colby* will become a jumping-off point for additional information about the College and its faculty. For example, an article about a Colby professor may be linked to full-text papers he or she has presented recently. Your class's alumni notes may be linked to information relevant to your class. The possibilities of the computer version go well beyond what can be imagined for the traditional magazine.

Third, depending on the software you're using, you can send a letter to the editor and let us know immediately what you liked, or didn't, about the latest issue.

The best thing about the on-line *Colby* is that it's there if you want it. Here's what you'll need to find and read it: access to the Internet and software to "browse" the World Wide Web. Mosaic and Netscape are the two most popular Web browsers, and *Colby* can be accessed by either. The address is <http://www.colby.edu/communications/CM/CMpage.html>.

Obviously, we don't expect hundreds of alumni to suddenly abandon the printed version in lieu of its computer cousin. But if you have half as much fun reading the on-line *Colby* as we did producing it, it will have been worth it.



J. Kevin Cool
managing editor, *Colby*

Readers Write

The Genuine Article

Sally Baker's splendid article on Sid Farr captured the essence of one of Colby's finest people. On visits to Mayflower Hill, my wife and I always headed to see Sid. His welcomes were invariably a treat.

I actually met Sid through my wife, Bette. She was once associated with the Alumni Office of the University of Maine-Orono. Their conversations were punctuated with mutual remembrances of conferences and the ever-changing role of college life in general. To dust off my Colby philosophy degree; Plato observed, "The way to get things done is not to mind who gets the credit for doing them." That had to be a key to Sid's unusual success.

A happy, resourceful retirement to Sid and our many thanks.

Gilbert Y. Taverner '48
Concord, Mass.

I just finished reading your article regarding Sid Farr's deserving retirement from Colby. However, I was rather disappointed that you neglected to mention one very important volunteer position in which Sid served—coach of the Silver Street Service Little League baseball team of 1975.

During an era when little girls were encouraged to be "mother's little helpers," and boys were encouraged to play competitive sports, along came Title IX. After reassurance that the Waterville *Morning Sentinel* had not made a typographical error, and yes, girls had to be entitled to a tryout, I knew my little apron and rolling pin were about to be replaced by a bat and ball! Within days I was notified that I had not only been assigned to a baseball team, but that I had the dubious distinction of being the first girl ever to make the league. The Sid Farr you wrote so highly about in your article was the same person who challenged tradition by selecting a girl for his baseball team.

One can only imagine the torment a little girl would encounter from other players, parents, coaches and league administrators in the traditional male setting of America's favorite pastime. It was not too long into the season when I realized that most players' fun was at my expense. I recall my parents calling Sid and explaining my frustration and desire to leave the team. "Tell her she'll go down in history and pave the way for little girls!" he said. Now I know why Sid has been so effective as a Colby development officer. How could a 9-year-old girl quit after hearing those words?

Sid Farr is a class act. I haven't seen him in 20 years, but his words of encouragement ring in my ears as if it were yesterday. Thanks for the great article and bringing back such good memories of a fine Colby person.

Margie Arnold-Riley
Champaign, Ill.

A Few Feet Short

The Olin Science Center looks too big from the drawing to be only 10,000 square feet. Could it be 10,000 square feet per floor? With four floors, 40,000 would be the total square footage. In any event, it's an exciting addition.

Richard Riemer '68
Cedar Grove, N.J.

The actual square footage is 37,150. The article also should have said that the \$6.4 million gift by the F.W. Olin Foundation was the largest in Colby's history. The article was corrected but an earlier version mistakenly appeared in the magazine. Sorry for the confusion. —Ed.

Designed to Please

The anatomy of the new design is a success. I can't remember when the magazine had a last makeover, but I like this result. The results that we all now see seem to me to have captured enough of the old to provide continuity and enough of a new style to enliven the format.

Permit me a general comment, which stems from your report that readers wish "for more news about the College." I also feel the need for more news of the campus and its faculty and student life. This issue has too little of that. I don't mean information about sports (keep that to two pages, as you did). And I don't look for more on us alums; you already have enough to portray how and where we have pursued our careers. However, if I want to find out what the faculty activities are, their research endeavors or the changes in instruction in their departments, I only find the page and a half of Faculty File. That is too little. We far from Waterville would like to know how the academic heart of the College is doing these days, by whom and how are our children being taught, what is the profile of the department of our own major, how are the library collections and services, the computer capacities and the labs—the teaching environment. I suspect those are the topics of which we out here would like "far more news." A full eight pages on "Hard Time" is only depriving us of news of the Colby we love!

David C. Weber '47
Stanford, Calif.

A Taste of Reality

I am writing a short response to an article in the January 1995 issue of Colby that arrived today. The article, on page 6, is entitled B.Y.O.B. It concerns the new Colby policy that allows local liquor stores to deliver only kegs of beer to campus.

It was just a year ago, January 28 to be exact, that our Colby College son's best friend left his dorm on the campus of Springfield College with his buddies. They were headed to drink at a local bar. Springfield College doesn't allow any alcohol deliveries though students can go to liquor stores and bring it back to their rooms. Sometime during the evening he decided to leave the bar. By himself. No one saw him go. It was an evening when the temperatures were sub-zero, and few people were on the road and, frugal as he was, we think he tried to walk back to the College. He never made it back. He collapsed along the way because he had drunk too much hard liquor, and he died of hypothermia. To this day we believe if he had stayed on campus and been around people, this would not have happened. Someone would have saved him.

"The administration is treating the Colby population like mature adults by instituting this policy" leaves something to be desired. Alcohol is alcohol. The reality is, college students are going to drink. As a parent I would prefer they do so in the confines of the campus we entrust them to, and not out on the streets of Waterville or beyond.

Pam Smith
North Bridgton, Maine

Periscope

Gleaned by Dean Earl H. Smith from the weekly campus newsletter, FYI

Hottest of All

An informal survey of 33 of the nation's best liberal arts colleges shows that Colby's 23 percent increase in regular admissions applications (see page 6) tops them all. Next closest is Reed College, which had a 17 percent bump. Colby's whopping 49 percent jump in early decision applications was topped only by Middlebury, which saw a 55 percent increase. The large volume of applicants will improve Colby's numbers—in academic quality, in overall diversity and in enrollment yield.

The Good They Do

Associate Dean of Residential Life **Jan Arminio** compiled a list of programs sponsored by residence halls through the first semester. It is long and impressive, especially in the category of public service activities, which included the collection of trash along the three-mile loop near campus, a Thanksgiving food drive, help at the local homeless shelter, a Halloween party for disadvantaged kids, volunteering on the playground of a local elementary school, fund raising for the Family Violence Project and a bake-a-thon for the Waterville Soup Kitchen. Jan's listing also includes more than a dozen health education programs and nearly 30 cultural events.

OD'd on O.J.

Having thus far avoided any reference to the O.J. Simpson murder trial, we must now tumble to a note from Special Programs Director **Joan Sanzenbacher**, who points out that three principal witnesses in the much-publicized trial have Colby ties. DNA experts **Michael Baden**, **Barbara Wolf** and **Henry Lee** all have been

summer faculty. **Baden**, a world renowned forensic scientist, has moderated Colby's forensic medicine course for more than two decades. **Lee** and **Wolf** have been frequent guest lecturers.

Only the Best

For the third time in the past five years, Performing Arts at Colby was selected to compete in the Regional American College Theater Festival. Students **Scott Cole '95** (Littleton, Colo.), **Mike Daisey '95** (Etna, Maine), **Brent Felker '96** (Cape Girardeau, Mo.), **Jason Spooner '95** (Washington, Conn.) and **Katie Thompson '97** (Lakewood, Colo.) appeared in *American Buffalo* February 25 at Regis College in Massachusetts.

Colby Pride

Ploughshares literary magazine and Emerson College have named Colby poet **Tony Hoagland** (English) as the 1994 recipient of the John C. Zacharis First Book Award for his book, *Sweet Rum*. . . . Professor of Music **Paul Machlin** has received a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for College Teaching to pursue research on the music and career of Thomas "Fats" Waller, the legendary American jazz pianist. . . . **Mary Beth Mills** of sociology and anthropology has received a Visiting Research Fellowship for 1995-96 at the Program in Agrarian Studies at Yale University. The award includes a significant stipend. . . . **Mitchell Family Professor of Economics Tom Tietenberg** recently participated in a United Nations press conference in Geneva, Switzerland, announcing the publication of his report regarding policy options for dealing with global

warming. Early results of the report were used in policy discussions at the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change meetings in Japan earlier last year. . . . Five Colby students recently gave presentations at a meeting of the New England Section of the Society of Physics Students at Wellesley College. Of all the colleges represented, no other had as many students willing to present their work. Salute **Dhumal Aturaliyi '95** (Kandy, Sri Lanka), **Mike Doogue '97** (Braintree, Mass.), **Jim Porter '95** (Waterville), **Mike Rosenthal '95** (New Canaan, Conn.) and **Mark Sinclair '97** (Quincy, Mass.).

In Colby Service

Traditional service awards were handed out by President **Bill Cotter** at the 13th annual Holiday Dinner Dance in December. Honored for 20 years of service were Dean of Students **Janice Kassman**, **Carmeline Fredette** (business office) and **Joyce Matthews** (economics).

Mooscellaneous

Bookstore manager **Bruce Barnard** is the first GOP city councilor elected from Waterville's Ward Four since Lord knows when and retired alumni secretary **Sid Farr '55** had the job. . . . **Doug Archibald** (English) will direct the Colby in Cork Program next year. **Jean Sanborn** (English) the year after. . . . **Lydia Bolduc-Marden**, Colby's sterling nurse practitioner, volunteered her services in the Dominican Republic in January

in a program that provides health care in developing Caribbean nations. . . . If ever there was a reason to gloat over a tie score, it would be the 3-3 epic between Colby and Princeton in men's hockey on January 3. The Tigers had nipped the vaunted University of Maine Black Bears, 3-2, in their previous outing and Maine, the same week, was rated number one in Division I. We think this made **Scott Borek's** sextet at least as good as any college hockey team in the nation. . . . **Sara Westervelt Bizier**, R.N., is a new day nurse at the Garrison-Foster Health Center. Sara's grandmother, the late **Susan Fortune**, R.N., was the head nurse in the old Colby infirmary in Roberts Union in the '50s and '60s. Sara's mother and dad, of course, are Colby's own **Nancy '54** and classics professor **Peter Westervelt**. . . . President **Bill Cotter** was invited by the Booth Ferris Foundation to participate in an informal conversation with college presidents and foundation officials about the needs of the higher education community over the next decade. The session was held in New York. Booth Ferris targets its funding at high-quality liberal arts colleges. The president also joined an American Council on Education panel in San Francisco, discussing "First Steps in Building Campus Community". He serves an ACE planning group that is studying free speech and campus civility. . . . Elected for second terms as overseers are **Bill Alford '72**, **Ken Hart '51**, **Rocco Landesman '69**. . . . In all of NESAC, only Amherst and Williams brought in more cash gifts last year than Colby's \$17.5 million.

Spreading JAM All Around

What began as a modest expression of cultural pride by a handful of Colby students has exploded into an international event incorporating more than 80 colleges throughout the United States and in five foreign countries.

Jewish Awareness Month was observed at Colby during March, but its outreach went well beyond Mayflower Hill. The series of activities celebrating Jewish traditions and heritage was conceived last year in a meeting of the Colby chapter of B'nai B'rith Hillel. Led by Scott Kadish '94 and Matthew Medwick '95, of East Lyme, Conn. and Jonathan Paris '96 of Canton, Mass., the group organized Colby's first Jewish Awareness Week with help from a Pitt grant from International Hillel. This year the organization embraced Colby Hillel's idea and promoted it to colleges around the world. With Medwick serving as a consultant, International Hillel prepared kits that provided support for Jewish awareness events on other campuses. Jewish Awareness Month is now planned at colleges in Russia, Australia, Canada and Israel as well as at more than 60 public and private colleges in the United States.

Medwick says Jewish Awareness Month was important for the Colby community because of the lack of recognition and understanding of Jewish

cultural and religious traditions. Rather than a militant expression of disaffection, he says, Jewish Awareness Month is an attempt to reach out to the non-Jewish community. "We just want to build awareness," he said.

"Since the first day I arrived, I knew there were some things that needed to change at Colby—and there are still some things that need to change." Medwick recalls that the first day of classes his first year at Colby was the same day as Rosh Hashanah, one of the holiest days on the Jewish calendar. "As a result, Jewish students



From the Hill

were torn between going to synagogue or going to the first day of classes," he said.

Although Jewish students comprise about 12 percent of the Colby population—their total is estimated at about 200—Medwick feels there is little recognition of this segment of the campus community. "One result of the Jewish Awareness Week we had last year was an increase in membership and

in active involvement in Hillel," he said.

Jewish Awareness Month included a traditional shabbat with students from Yeshiva University in New York, a debate between representatives of the Likud and Meretz parties of Israel, a discussion of Hasidism by a Portland rabbi, a Purim party and informal gatherings and film showings. The month culminated with a discussion of Judaism and diversity by Associate Professor of English David Suchoff and a talk by assistant professor of Sociology and Anthropology Adam Weisberger. ♦



A Facelift For the Spa

The Joseph Family Spa reopened in early February after a six-week, \$65,000 renovation. Students seemed pleased with the changes, which included removing large support pillars in the main dining room and replacing them with ceiling beams, constructing a small stage in the northeast corner of the dining room and lowering partition barriers in the small booths near the snack bar. Kim Berger '97, told the *Echo* "From what I've heard, people generally like what's been done. It makes the place look brighter and more open."

Tenure for Ten

In January the Board of Trustees confirmed the recommendations of the Promotion and Tenure Committee and granted tenure to 10 Colby faculty. Eight who received tenure appointments were promoted to associate professor.

Debra Barbezat earned her B.A. at Smith College and her Ph.D. at the University of Michigan before joining the Economics Department in 1992. She has published many articles in the economics of higher education and labor economics.

James Rodger Fleming specializes in the history of science in America and the history of the geophysical sciences. He earned degrees in both science and history, including a doctorate from Princeton University. He has held fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Smithsonian Institution and visiting appointments at



Front row (l-r): Herbert Wilson Jr., Ursula Reidel-Schrewe, James Webb. Back: Eva Linfield, D. Whitney King, Debra Barbezat, David Suchoff, James Rodger Fleming, Laurie Osborne.

MIT and Penn State. His books include *Meteorology in America, 1800-1870*; *Science, Technology and the Environment: Multidisciplinary Perspectives* (co-edited with Pugh Family Professor of Economics Henry Gemery); and the *International Bibliog-*

raphy of Meteorology (co-edited with Roy Goodman).

D. Whitney King, whose field is chemical oceanography and environmental chemistry, earned a degree at St. Lawrence University and a Ph.D. at the University of Rhode Island before joining

Colby's Chemistry Department in 1989. He is active in natural water photochemistry research funded by several national organizations.

Shakespeare scholar Laurie Osborne taught at Oakland University in Michigan before coming to Colby's English Department in 1990. A Yale graduate, she earned her M.A. and Ph.D. from Syracuse University.

Ursula Reidel-Schrewe, a native of Hamburg, Germany, did her undergraduate work at the University of Tübingen. She has an M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University and has taught German language, literature and culture at Colby since 1989.

David Suchoff, whose areas of interest are Victorian literature, comparative literature and Jewish studies, joined the Colby English Department in 1992 after teaching for several years at Boston University. His

Sidewalk Talk

Bucking a national trend, Colby's Admissions Office is having a record-setting year. In early March, the College already had received 4,200 first-year applications, a 23 percent increase over last year's total and a 47 percent increase over the total two years ago. Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Parker Beverage attributed the success in attracting prospective students to several factors.

"The College is truly on the move and is finally earning recognition for the extraordinary educational institution we are," he said. He credited faculty accomplishments as well as faculty involvement in the recruiting process, enthusiastic student tour guides and lobby hosts, recent fund-raising success and a committed and talented admissions staff for making Colby one of the hottest colleges in the country.

In addition to the increase in applicants, Beverage points out that more than 200 students already have been offered admission through the early decision program, which means that about 40 percent of next fall's incoming class identified Colby as their clear first choice prior to January 15.

Good Service

The appointments of Alumni Secretary Sid Farr '55 and Dean of the College Earl Smith to the rank of full professor were announced at the January meeting of the Board of Trustees. The promotions recognize "comparable records of extraordinary service to the College in a variety of roles," said President William R. Cotter.

Farr's retirement after 35 years of service prompted Cotter to promote him from associate to full professor. After he had made that decision, Cotter says, he realized Smith was equally deserving.

Farr served as alumni secretary, director of financial aid and career counseling, vice president for development and secretary of the corporation. "Sid is unique. Never a harsh word about anyone and never a harsh word from anyone about him," Cotter said.

About Smith, Cotter said, "Whatever Colby asks him to do, he adds it to his plate and then produces results." Smith served as director of student activities, director of communications, assistant to the president and dean of students before becoming dean of the college.

"They are both confidants to very large circles of people, and that kind of accessibility in the top levels of administration is essential to the College," Cotter said. ♦

degrees are from the University of California-Berkeley. He is the author of many articles and a book, *Critical Theory and the Novel: Mass Society and Cultural Criticism in Dickens, Melville and Kafka*. He was co-translator and author of the introduction to a translation of Alain Finkielkraut's *The Imaginary Jew*.

Historian James Webb specializes in the economic history of Africa and pre-colonial African history. After obtaining his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Johns Hopkins University, he studied in

Mauritania on a Fulbright grant and was a development economist in Senegal for three years before joining the Colby faculty in 1987. He is the co-author of *Mauritania* and author of *Desert Frontier: Ecological and Economic Change Along the Western Sahel 1600-1850*.

W. Herbert Wilson Jr. came to the College in 1990 after three years of teaching biology at the University of Washington. A specialist in the identification and migration patterns of birds and in marine biology and ecology, he has been

awarded numerous research grants. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of North Carolina and his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. Wilson has completed postdoctoral fellowships at the Harbor Branch Foundation and for NATO at Dalhousie University.

Cheshire Calhoun in philosophy and Eva Linfield in music were awarded tenure having previously achieved the rank of associate professor. Calhoun's expertise is in ethical theory, feminist philosophy and gay and

lesbian studies. She co-edited *What Is an Emotion?* She earned her B.A. at Northwestern University and an M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Texas-Austin.

A native of Germany, Linfield is a musicologist who specializes in 17th-century European music and music theory. She also is director of the Collegium Musicum. She received her B.A. from Wellesley College and her Ph.D. from Brandeis University and came to Colby in 1993 after teaching at Yale and the State University of New York-Stony Brook.

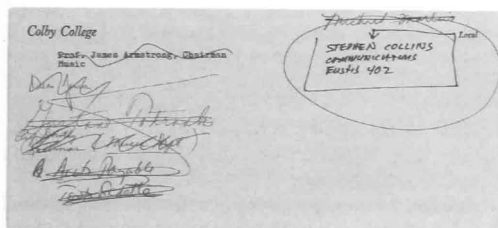
Living History

Organizers of this summer's Alumni College say that an all-star faculty lineup, an interdisciplinary curriculum and a World War II theme make the five-day event one of the most attractive ever offered by the College.

Designed to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, the Alumni College will be held July 29-August 3 on the Colby campus. "We wanted to do something special for our war-years alums, and this seemed like the perfect opportunity," said Director of Alumni Relations Susan Conant Cook '75. "And the quality of the faculty and the curriculum will interest all alums, not just those who lived through the war."

Seven current and former Colby faculty members will teach classes at the Alumni College. James M. Gillespie Professor of Art and American Studies David Lubin will lead a discussion about the film *The Best Years of Our Lives*, a classic "coming home" movie that depicts the experiences of three soldiers returning from the war. Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology Terry Arendell will teach a course about changes in the American family brought about by World War II. Associate Professor of English David Suchoff will teach "The Holocaust as History and Memory." Associate Professor of English Cedric Bryant will examine the great northern migration of African Americans and the literature inspired by the war years. Distinguished Presidential Professor of Government G. Calvin Mackenzie will teach "World War II: The Century's Political Pivot." Emeritus Professor of Philosophy Robert Reuman will discuss conscientious objectors to the war. Lee Family Professor of English and American Studies Charles Bassett, who helped organize the Alumni College, will teach a class titled "Snobbery on the Homefront."

"We want to expose alumni to faculty that they know well and showcase new faculty that the College is excited to have on board," said Demetra Giatas '88, assistant director of alumni relations.



Pushing the Envelope

Colby's ethic of environmental stewardship shows up in several ways, including its campus-wide mantra of "reuse and recycle." Envelopes often criss-cross the campus to half a dozen or more recipients before being discarded. But an envelope received recently in the Communications Office may set the record for longevity. The original recipient was Professor James Armstrong, former chair of the Music Department who taught at Colby from 1971 to 1983. That would date the envelope at least 12 years, except that the second recipient was Dean Parker Johnson, who retired from Colby in 1978 (he died in 1986), which

means the envelope has been circulating around Colby for nearly two decades, and perhaps longer. Also included on the family tree of users are Professor of Philosophy and Religion Gustave Todrank, who died in 1983, retired Professor of Music Dorothy Reuman, the Accounts Payable Office and Associate Professor of Art Michael Marlais.

Associate Director of Communications Stephen Collins '74, the most recent recipient, said it's the first time he has bestowed historical significance on an envelope in campus mail. "It's practically an artifact," he said.

Bassett says the classes will be team taught to capitalize on the interdisciplinary nature of the curriculum. "This being a small college where most of the faculty know each other and where team teaching is encouraged, this seemed like a good opportunity for us to get together," Bassett said. "Cedric [Bryant] and I may even be in the classroom at the same time. That's been a sort of modus operandi we've used in American studies classes to get two perspectives at once on the same subject."

Bassett says the Alumni College is interesting for him not only because he gets to see old friends and teach a different age group, but because it is a learning experience for all involved. "I get to talk to Cal Mackenzie about World War II, which is something I usually don't get to do. To have an opportunity to sit down with Cal and say, 'Hey, how can I work this in with what you're doing,' it will be a learning experience for the faculty," he said.

We want to
expose alumni
to faculty that
they know well
and showcase
new faculty

Giatas says the opportunity to return to campus and enjoy a few days of summer in Maine is always an attraction of the Alumni College. "We have a lot of events and activities planned outside of the classroom for people to enjoy," she said. "We'll have a dinner at the Alumni House the first night. We have the Al Corey Band Quartet playing Wednesday night, and there will also be period Bogart films every night."

Cost for the full session, including all meals, room and tuition, is \$295. Early arrivals on July 29 may pay an additional \$30, which includes a room for Saturday night and a Sunday breakfast. Persons wishing to remain after the College is concluded may select an additional \$60 package that provides a room Thursday and Friday nights and Friday and Saturday breakfasts. "We wanted to arrange a program that would allow people to make a mini vacation out of their trip," Giatas said. Free daycare for children ages 2-12 will be available throughout the week, she added.

Bassett says the fact that many of the participants will have lived through the war themselves will make for lively classroom discussions and a compelling week of study. "You're going to have people who can say, 'I was there' and who may challenge some of the things that are said in the class. We're going to have people in this course who were Rosie the Riveter working in an airplane plant. We're going to have people who went to Colby in the 1940s and who remember what it was like to be down on the old campus and have a virtually all-female college for a number of years. There will be a substantial portion of students who will have had direct experience with the material."

One Continuing Education Unit is available for persons who complete the course. Alumni who wish to get more information or to register for the Alumni College may call Giatas at 207-872-3190.



HILL SIDES

Dig This

Excavation at the site of the new Olin Science Center began late in February and construction is expected to be underway by the middle of this month.

The 37,000-square-foot facility—made possible by a \$6.4 million gift from the F.W. Olin Foundation—is expected to be completed by the fall of 1996. In addition to technologically advanced classrooms and laboratories, the new building will house a science library and a computer center.

Major Overhaul

The College has approved a new major in economics with a concentration in financial markets that will replace the administrative science major in 1998, when all currently enrolled students will have graduated. Students who choose the financial markets track will take four more courses than a traditional economics major, three of them in administrative science. Administrative science will continue to be offered as an interdisciplinary minor.

The decision was made following nearly 18 months of study and debate and on a recommendation by a review committee made up of economics and administrative science faculty. Evaluation of the administrative science program was prompted by the retirement in 1993 of Professor Yvonne Richmond Knight '55, which left the administrative science program with only two full-time faculty, both of whom share appointments with other departments.

Douglas Professor of Economics and Finance Randy Nelson will become more focused in finance, and Associate Professor of Administrative Science Leonard Reich will focus more heavily on science technology studies. Both will continue to offer classes in administrative science. Currently enrolled students will be permitted to declare the administrative science major, and sufficient courses will be provided to fulfill that major through the spring semester of 1998.

Housing Decision Delayed

The Trustee Commission on Multicultural and Special Interest Housing was unable to reach a consensus and extended its deadline for a final recommendation until this spring. Members of the commission were "sharply divided" meeting about the desirability of a separate housing unit for multicultural students at the conclusion of its December 15 meeting, leading to the decision to extend discussion and debate, says James Crawford '64, commission chair.

The commission held another meeting on March 4 and was expected to make a final recommendation to the Board of Trustees at its April.

WHY TENURE WORKS

The Tenure System Encourages Creativity, Ensures Stability and Promotes Continuity

by President William R. Cotter

Alumni and friends of the College frequently ask if I favor the retention of the tenure system for Colby faculty. They are often startled by my emphatic "yes." Although there can be mistakes in tenure decisions and there are opportunities to abuse the privilege, my experience in 16 years at Colby is that these risks are small when compared to the significant advantages of the tenure system for our students and for the College.

First and foremost, the continuing heart of a college is its faculty. Students, trustees, presidents and staff turn over with some regularity, but tenured faculty make a lifetime commitment to a college and are deeply invested in its quality and its future. Faculty are the custodians of the values of a college and the guarantors of its continuing excellence. It behooves the administration and the trustees to provide the resources and the environment to liberate the creativity of the faculty and to sustain their dedicated work over a lifetime of effort. The tenure system plays a fundamental role in that process and guarantees academic freedom, enabling the entire institution to seek truth unfettered by imposed orthodoxy.

The recruitment and evaluation systems leading to tenure at Colby are not unlike those in finance and law, the granting of tenure being equivalent to becoming a partner. In all cases there is a probationary period, rigorous testing, careful evaluation by the senior members of the organization and, finally, a decision that generally leads to a lifetime association.

In law and banking, of course, partnerships are not as secure as they once were, with many recent examples of senior partners being asked to retire early or otherwise alter their status in the face of radically changed economic circumstances. So, too, colleges may, in a financial crisis, terminate programs and end the tenure of the faculty in those programs. In higher education, the example is rare, whereas the early termination of partners seems to have become more common.

The pre-tenure or pre-partnership period is one of incredibly hard work and extreme pressure on young people, pressures compounded in higher education, because the scholarly work is submitted to review by those outside the college. The probationary period at Colby involves four separate, rigorous steps. First, all candidates have participated in national—and, sometimes, even international—searches involving 100 to 900 applicants. The tenure-track appointee typically has gone through inter-

views off campus and extensive reference checks, as well as interviews and model lectures on the campus. After that extremely competitive process, the successful candidate is normally given only a one-year contract.

Mid-way through the first year, the candidate undergoes a second evaluation. Assuming sound teaching and acceptable progress in scholarship, the typical candidate receives a three-year contract renewal. If doubts arise during the first year, the person might be given only a one-year renewal and would be subjected to a further evaluation during the second year.

The third evaluation is a comprehensive pre-tenure examination during the sixth semester of teaching. This involves a departmental committee of at least three members which reviews: the candidate's course syllabi, assignments, examinations and laboratory instructions; all material published or submitted by the candidate and any published reviews of that material; statements from the candidate evaluating his or her own teaching, advising, scholarship and contributions to the department, the College and the discipline; a statement by the department chair evaluating the candidate's teaching as a result of departmental peer review; all evaluation forms that have been submitted by students in the candidate's courses; and statistical summaries that compare student ratings of that candidate's teaching with departmental, division and all-College averages. If the candidate passes this third review, she or he is normally granted a pre-tenure sabbatical to complete an important scholarly or creative work and is given a three-year contract extension.

The fourth review is for tenure itself. The same kinds of materials involved in the sixth-semester review are gathered for the six-year period, and the scholarship of the candidate is submitted to disinterested (non-Colby) experts for review. These materials (collectively called "the dossier") are once more examined by the departmental committee, which makes a report and recommendation to the elected, nine-person faculty Committee on Promotion and Tenure. All faculty, including those not yet tenured, are eligible to vote in the election of the committee. Once elected, faculty serve a three-year staggered term to ensure continuity and consistency over time.

The Promotion and Tenure Committee, chaired by the dean of faculty, will spend countless hours reviewing each dossier and discussing whether the candidate meets the high

Colby standards for teaching, scholarship and service. Members of that committee vote individually on whether to recommend tenure, and each member submits to me a detailed evaluation of every tenure candidate in which they compare the teaching, scholarship and service of the candidate to the very best faculty tenured in recent years.

The committee, the dean and I have operated on the principle "when in doubt, don't tenure." Consequently, on average only two-thirds of those who reach the tenure decision year are recommended for tenure. Others fail to pass the first or third year reviews. In fact, some have worried that, given the rigor of our tenure policies, faculty turnover at Colby might be too high. This fear is mitigated by the fact that there is no annual tenure quota. Our procedures emphasize that "who is tenured is more important than how many." Nevertheless, the overall percentage of tenured faculty at Colby is comparatively low, allowing us to continue to hire young faculty, fresh from graduate education, who bring to the campus the latest developments in their disciplines. In the fall of 1994, of the 140 tenure-track positions at Colby, only 77 were tenured—52 percent of the full-time teaching faculty.*

Finally, the tenure system itself is regularly reviewed by a joint committee of faculty or the Committee on Promotion and Tenure and Trustee members of the Educational Policy Committee of the Board, to be certain that it is serving the best interest of the College and the faculty.

Those who achieve partnership in a law or investment firm or tenure in higher education achieve professional security, while those who do not are often expected to leave. In colleges they must leave, because the rules of the American Association of University Professors (which Colby adopted in 1971) prohibit the full-time employment of teachers beyond seven years without tenure. In the examples of law and banking, there is generally no fixed limit on the probationary period and individuals can be passed over in one decision year but made partners in a subsequent round. In colleges, this is not possible.

Some commentators concede that the pre-tenure selection and decision-making process is indeed rigorous, but they worry that faculty may reduce their efforts once they obtain tenure and lifetime security. My experience at Colby is to the contrary. In virtually every case, the granting of tenure has liberated that

faculty member to become an even more productive and important contributor to the quality of our academic and campus life, and her or his finest scholarly work is usually produced after the tenure decision, not before. Tenured faculty are motivated by a pride in their profession, a sense of responsibility and a recognition that they are the real "owners" of the College. In addition, the tenure selection process looks forward and tends to yield only those who are most likely to be stimulating teachers, productive scholars and active participants over a 30-year career.

Moreover, the tenure decision is not the end of student and peer evaluation of our faculty. Students continue to rate the effectiveness of teaching through their written evaluations at the end of every course, and these evaluations are closely reviewed each semester by the faculty member and the department chair. In addition, Colby maintains a merit salary system in which faculty members, department chairs and the dean of faculty review teaching, scholarship and service every third year throughout their tenure. The merit system can add hundreds of thousands of dollars to the lifetime earnings of the most outstanding faculty.

Faculty also undergo a complete internal and external review, equivalent in all respects to the tenure decision process, when they are nominated for promotion to full professor. But, some have asked, what if the full professor becomes ill or unproductive? There are procedures—although they are, properly, circumscribed with great safeguards—that allow the College to require a faculty member to take a medical leave (which can sometimes become permanent). In other cases, faculty can be dismissed by the College for "adequate cause" that is "related directly and substantially to the fitness of the faculty member as a teacher or a researcher." This procedure is rarely used in higher education, although there are many instances of negotiated terminations in cases where faculty members have become less productive.

Finally, the question has been raised whether there is a danger that faculty members will stay well beyond normal retirement, a problem that does not occur in partnerships, where there is usually a mandatory retirement age established as part of the partnership agreement. This is certainly a potential problem, but it has not become one at Colby. Very few faculty teach beyond 65 and many retire earlier. Still others have reduced their teaching loads from full to part time as they approach

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* A recent survey of 12 nationally ranked liberal arts colleges revealed that tenure percentages for full-time faculty ranged from Colby's low of 52 percent to a high of 77 percent. The average tenure ratio was 65 percent.

retirement. It will be important for the College to encourage retirement around age 65, and I hope that our pension and retiree health programs will continue to make that possible for our senior faculty, who have, in most cases, given their entire professional careers to Colby.

Some also worry that the tenure system will inhibit the College from making the curricular changes that are necessary to respond to societal changes and student demand for new courses. This danger is mitigated by the fact that faculty themselves are constantly updating their own material and introducing new courses. Moreover, there is sufficient turnover (retirements, resignations, denials of tenure or contract renewal, etc.) to enable the College to make new appointments in emerging disciplines. Also, the curriculum tends to evolve more slowly at a liberal arts college as compared to vocational-oriented institutions where rapid adaptations are needed to meet the changing demands of technology or of the market place. So, too, 75 to 80 percent of Colby graduates will go on to graduate school where more specifically vocational training is best offered.

Colby depends heavily upon the volunteer efforts of the faculty who take on advising, mentoring, committee and other service activities well beyond that which would be found in any sensible job description. The great bulk of that volunteer effort—the extra time with students, the long hours on campus committees, the special efforts with alumni and regular consultations with trustees—comes from tenured members of the faculty.

If we did not have a tenure system, we simply could not compete for the best and brightest graduate students who prefer appointments at colleges where tenure is possible. Moreover, even if tenure fell out of favor everywhere, this might, arguably, reduce the number of people going into college teaching because relatively low salaries combined with no job security would make teaching less attractive. Tenure may, in fact, enable colleges to attract and hold very able people for less money, since they have the benefit of lifetime job security. Even if tenure were abandoned elsewhere, I am not certain that it would be wise for Colby to drop its tenure program. Maintaining this system would give us a competitive edge in recruiting and retaining the very best faculty, thus providing our students with a superior education at no additional expense.

Of course, there *are* costs to the tenure system. Faculty members do not punch time clocks and are relatively free to minimize their workload if they choose to abuse the system. Some faculty members, in fact, do so, but they are so few in number that those costs of the system, for me at least, are clearly outweighed by the overwhelming benefits. Moreover, because of the merit system, the possibility of removing faculty, and other sanctions and rewards available to the College, it is unlikely that abuse of tenure would become uncontrollable.

The Balance Between Teaching and Scholarship

Colby is a teaching institution, and having a tenure system allows us to maintain a wise balance between teaching and scholarship. Emphasis on first-rate teaching is what distinguishes liberal arts colleges in the United States from research universities. All of our tenured faculty teach the same five-course load (or four courses plus laboratories in the natural sciences) and virtually all faculty teach all classes—freshman through seniors—every year.

Whereas undergraduate education will frequently be neglected at institutions where graduate and professional programs dominate, the opposite is true for the American college. In the large universities, students frequently receive the bulk of their instruction from graduate students, but that never happens at Colby. Our students may work as research assistants to our faculty, an opportunity typically available only to university graduate students. The central nature of teaching is so much a part of the ethos of Colby that most of the senior administrators teach at least one course each year.*

The Faculty Handbook makes it clear that the “paramount criterion” in determining whether a faculty member should receive tenure is “the candidate’s excellence as a teacher and adviser.” Such excellence has become the *sine qua non* for tenure at Colby, although the Committee on Promotion and Tenure also looks for “demonstrated continued scholarly activity and professional development and potential for continued growth.” The committee requires that research, publications or other professional activities must be “judged by peers and by outside referees.” Finally, service to the department, to the College and to the discipline “is expected.”

It is undoubtedly true that research expectations among

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* Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Robert McArthur teaches either logic or philosophy of law in the Philosophy Department; Vice President for Administration Arnie Yasinski teaches English and American poetry in the English Department; Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations Randy Helm teaches the Homeric epics in the Classics Department; Dean of the College Earl Smith supervises students doing independent work in journalism; and I teach a course on law and social change in the Government Department.

Colby faculty have increased over the years, but this has not been at the expense of their commitment to first-rate teaching. Indeed, in most cases our finest scholars are also among our finest teachers. Our faculty is motivated to continue the research or creative activities that have been an integral part of their self-definition at least since graduate school. Their scholarship informs their teaching and helps keep it fresh. Trends in many fields move research and teaching closer together as Colby students actively participate in faculty research both during the academic year and in the summer.

Virtually all our seniors, in their exit interviews, give highest marks to the quality of teaching and the interaction with faculty. This was reconfirmed in the *Princeton Review*, in which Colby students ranked our faculty in the top 20 of all colleges and universities for "bringing material to life" and told the editors: "The best things about Colby College are the excellence and the approachability of the professors." The *Review* went on: "This respect for the faculty prevails throughout the student body. Professors are warmly described over and over as 'committed,' 'outstanding,' 'always available,' and so on."

Faculty Workloads

Somenote that a faculty member teaches "only two or three courses a semester" and make an assumption that the total workload consists of the six or nine hours a week in the classroom.

My own experience in teaching Government 319 every fall is that I need about two full weeks in the summer to revise the course, produce the syllabus and obtain the new materials. I then spend about two to three hours to prepare for each hour of class time and many more hours in meetings with students, writing and correcting quizzes and examinations, making suggested changes in drafts of term papers, and then grading the final paper. Consequently, I estimate that I spend 10 to 15 hours a week on my single course. This will be double for a faculty member with two courses a semester and triple for those with three.

Most faculty have many more students to advise than I have, many teach courses with much larger enrollments and virtually all have substantial committee and other extracurricular obligations that can require from relatively few to more than 20 hours a week for one who serves on particularly time-consuming College committees.

Faculty also devote time to searches for new faculty members, peer evaluation, contract renewals and tenure and promotion committees. We also expect faculty to interact outside of class, in informal settings with students. Faculty cheer for the athletic teams, attend the plays, concerts and readings and join students for

lectures, residence hall discussions and other activities.

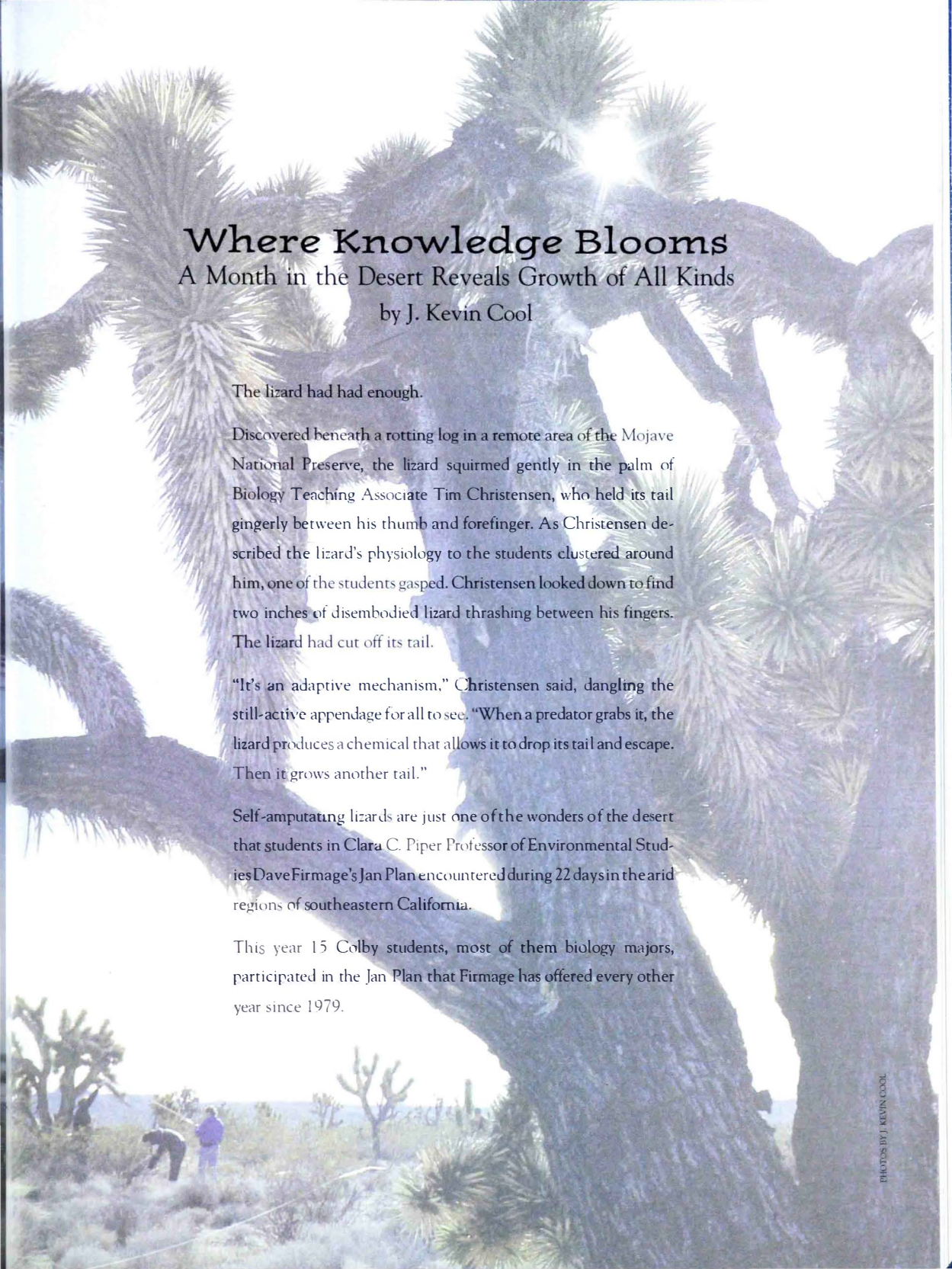
In addition, many faculty supervise a large number of independent student projects for which they get no teaching relief, including in the especially time-consuming Senior Scholars program. Finally, faculty are expected to be active in their profession, attend regional and national meetings, bring distinguished speakers to the campus and be active scholars who publish.

There is literally not enough time during the week for faculty to do all that is expected, and yet many faculty participate and excel in virtually all the responsibilities I have cited. This will frequently require seven-day weeks, one after another. There is a long summer break, but that is the time when most faculty get the chance to pursue their research and to prepare new courses for the coming year. Many faculty remain on campus with Colby research assistants during this period, not only advancing the scholarship of the faculty member but giving unique opportunities for Colby students to become research colleagues with very talented teachers. Other faculty are revising courses, continuing work on College committees (some of which are active in the summer) and pursuing administrative duties as department and division chairs. I hope they also use the summer for some real rest—and time with their families—so they can return reinvigorated to meet the new class and the pace of the fall semester.

Our faculty, almost universally, is composed of dedicated men and women who give of themselves much more extensively—to their students, to the College and to their profession—than, perhaps, we have any right to expect.

To sustain that excellence for the generations to come we have initiated, as part of The Campaign for Colby, an effort to increase the number of endowed faculty chairs. Trustees, Overseers and other good friends of the College have responded magnificently to that challenge, and we have now increased the number of fully endowed chairs from 4 in 1990 to 24 in 1994. These chairs enable us to say a special "thank you" to faculty leaders who have continued to put teaching first, but who also have generally been very active in College service and have achieved national and international reputations as scientists, scholars, artists, musicians and writers. In addition, new chairs reinforce the decision of the Trustees to pay among the highest competitive salaries at peer institutions, since those named to chairs receive a substantial salary increase. This has helped to signal our continuing commitment to the faculty, who, in turn, have given of their creativity, energy, and loyalty to keep Colby in the first ranks of national liberal arts colleges. Support of the tenure system sends an equally important message.

As we discussed our long range plans for the 1990s, alumni, parents, students, faculty and others raised six general questions about the College that I promised to answer in a series of reports. I have already written in *Colby* about (1) the cost of a Colby education (Nov. '93), (2) political correctness (Aug. '94) and (3) the importance of endowment (Nov. '94). This letter (4) deals with tenure, teaching and scholarship, and future reports will discuss (5) diversity at Colby and (6) liberal arts as preparation for careers and for life.



Where Knowledge Blooms

A Month in the Desert Reveals Growth of All Kinds

by J. Kevin Cool

The lizard had had enough.

Discovered beneath a rotting log in a remote area of the Mojave National Preserve, the lizard squirmed gently in the palm of Biology Teaching Associate Tim Christensen, who held its tail gingerly between his thumb and forefinger. As Christensen described the lizard's physiology to the students clustered around him, one of the students gasped. Christensen looked down to find two inches of disembodied lizard thrashing between his fingers. The lizard had cut off its tail.

"It's an adaptive mechanism," Christensen said, dangling the still-active appendage for all to see. "When a predator grabs it, the lizard produces a chemical that allows it to drop its tail and escape. Then it grows another tail."

Self-amputating lizards are just one of the wonders of the desert that students in Clara C. Piper Professor of Environmental Studies Dave Firmage's Jan Plan encountered during 22 days in the arid regions of southeastern California.

This year 15 Colby students, most of them biology majors, participated in the Jan Plan that Firmage has offered every other year since 1979.

The goals of the program have not changed, according to Firmage, but the depth and richness of the experience have increased with every trip. "We want first of all to give them exposure to a different ecosystem," Firmage said.

"Most of these students have never been west of the Mississippi, so for them this is all completely new. Second, we want to teach them field techniques. The class [back at Colby] that deals with these techniques is taught in the spring, and we usually can't get out until late in the term. This gives us an opportunity to spend more time showing them these techniques and their use. We want them to be familiar with what it's like working in a field situation."

"Students come out here saying they thought the desert was such a lifeless place," Firmage said. "By the time they leave they're all saying, 'I can't believe how much life there is here.'" On their first day in the field students already were beginning to understand life in the desert.

Using a botanist's guide to identify various characteristics of individual plants—type of leaf, color, flower and so on—students spent most of the morning identifying species of shrubs and cacti in the preserve. That afternoon they fanned



out in five three-member teams to conduct "transects," tests to determine the density of vegetation in a given area. Within the section that they tested, students found almost 20 different kinds of plants. Their names are as exotic as their setting. Spanish bayonet. Darning needle cactus. Cat's claw. Burro bush. Skunk shrub. Joshua tree.

"I never realized there was so much diversity," said Adam Wolk '97 from Davis, Calif. "I had always envisioned the desert as this flat, barren wasteland."

There were, however, some places that were virtually devoid of life, especially Death Valley National Park, in which the students spent a day early in their trip. Blisteringly hot in summer—a temperature of 134 degrees Fahrenheit, for many

*Jared Fine '98
holds the tail end.*

years the world record, was recorded at Furnace Creek in 1913—Death Valley during the winter months is slightly more hospitable but no less awesome. At Badwater, so named because of the high salt content in the pools that form here, the altimeter measured 282 feet below sea level, the lowest land point in North America. Relentless winds gusting upwards of 70 miles per hour did not deter students

from walking onto the salt flats to better explore this unique geological phenomenon. Later in the day students scrambled through the narrow



natural canyons of the Black Mountain foothills in an area known as Artist's Palette because of the shades of violet, green and orange rock created by decomposing volcanic ash. One student described Death Valley as a "moonscape," and the characterization was apt. Other than a few creosote bushes that struggled to survive on the fringes of the canyon, the only life visible all day was a coyote that wandered within a few feet of the road and paused for students to get a better look. Indeed, study-

ing biology here seemed a contradiction in terms. However, students found the absence of biodiversity as fascinating as the plethora of vegetation they had found the day before in the Mojave. In Death Valley—where wind, heat and shifting rock set the agenda for whatever life exists—students' perspectives about the relationship between humans and their environment began to change.

Jared Fine '98, of Westbury, N.Y., said the desert forced him to confront an environment harsh enough to resist human encroachment. "I'm learning there are places besides New York City," he said. "There are so many other environments, and now I just want to see them all."

The trip to Death Valley was eye-opening and provocative for all of the students, but for some, like David O'Connor of Waterford, Ireland, the experience provided a simple but profound poignancy. When asked to characterize his experience in one sentence, O'Connor replied: "I saw a coyote."

*Students test
vegetation density.*

It's a Jungle Out There

While Dave Firmage's students were tromping through the desert in California, Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology Bill Romey was leading another group into the rain forest of Ecuador.

And just as the Mojave Desert experience enriched students' understandings of the issues surrounding its preservation, the Ecuador trip clarified for Romey's students the complications of sustaining biodiversity while providing for human needs.

The theme of the Ecuador Jan Plan was human and environmental concerns related to rain forest destruction. Organized by Colby graduate Abigail Rome '78, who has worked since 1990 to preserve Ecuador's ecosystems, the trip put students in touch with Ecuadorean officials and scientists and with "squatters" who live and hunt in national parks.

"In this environment students get to see that there are very poor people who really have no choice but to go in and hunt game in the national parks," Romey said. "When you read about that, you might say, 'Kick 'em out, lock 'em up, put 'em in jail,' but being there you see that you must balance saving the animals with people's livelihoods."

Like Firmage, Romey believes that the Jan Plan is crucial to students' educations

in science. "I would imagine it's important in every field, but it's especially important in biology because you are dealing with physical objects you have to hold and touch and examine," he said.

The physical demands placed upon students in Ecuador also contribute to the educational experience, Romey says. "A lot of people have never been immersed in a culture—particularly one where they couldn't speak English freely—that doesn't offer some basic things they're used to. The beds we sleep on are basically a thin bit of foam on a piece of board. Most of the time if there is



BILL ROMEY

a shower available at all it's a cold shower. The food is quite plain, usually a bowl of potato soup and some rice."

Students spent long hours hiking at high elevations to villages accessible only by a crude cow path. "It's no vacation," Romey said.

Romey expects some of the students will look back years from now and see their experience in Ecuador as a major influence in their lives. A similar trip led to Romey's decision to pursue the study of animal behavior. "It was on the island of Tonga and a researcher who was studying humpbacked whales invited me to go out with him. There's just no substitute for that kind of experience."

W eary, hungry and red-eyed, their boots crusted with salt from the floor of Death Valley, the Colby students trudged into a restaurant in Baker, Calif. (Home of the World's Tallest Thermometer) for their evening meal. Within minutes one-liners—most at the expense of the restaurant's name, Bun Boy—were rolling like tumbleweeds.

Burgers and shakes all around. Some good-natured sparring with the waiters. "Don't get used to this," Firmage told the group through the chatter and bites of Bun Boy specials. "This is the last treat for a while."

As they piled into their vans for the return trip, still joking and laughing, it was clear that after only two days together these 15 Colby students already were a community. Out here in the Big Empty, getting along was one of the most important lessons of the trip.

Thrown together for more than three weeks, the students lived with an intensity few had ever experienced—living, cooking, eating, traveling together and gener-

ally sharing each other's space in a "home" that was a radical departure from their traditional college setting. They stayed at a compound known as The Desert Studies Center, operated by California State University-Fullerton. Literally an oasis, the former health spa was accessible only by a rocky, at times barely passable, road in the

desert interior. There was one open-air, communal shower room, spartan lodging and little in the way of entertainment. After their evening classroom session with Christensen and Firmage, students usually broke into small groups to play cards, talk or write letters. Yet they responded

well to the simplicity of the lifestyle and the lack of modern conveniences.

Marc Hebert, a sophomore from Madawaska, Maine, said the Jan Plan for him was much more than an academic experience; it was a time for personal growth. "This trip had a lot of firsts for me. It was the first time I had ever flown, the first time I'd traveled out of the East, the first time I had been to the desert and the first time I've



Amy Forrer '98 analyzes a burro bush.

lived with another group of people in this kind of situation," he said. "It has really opened up a lot of new things for me."

Firmage acknowledges that part of the educational value of the desert Jan Plan is the "group dynamics" that are worked out as a result. Student crews were given responsibilities for planning and preparing meals each day. They also were responsible for keeping track of field equipment and for specific recording and measuring of data.

Jared Fine, the New York native, said the educational aspect of the trip didn't end with the discussions about plants and animals. "This is not just about biology," he said. "The other night we stayed up late having a philosophy discussion. There's much more to learn here than I ever would have imagined."

Experiential learning was new for most of the students, and they liked it. David Regan, a sophomore from Lisbon Falls, Maine, said the Mojave Jan Plan "brought the textbooks to life."

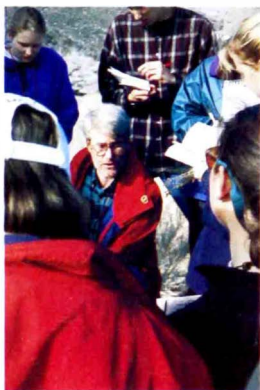
"I've really liked Colby, but I have felt

like there was something missing in my education, and now I know what it was," Regan said. "Being here and seeing the desert firsthand is so much more revealing than reading about it in a book."

Firmage believes that Jan Plan is "the most important thing we do" for science majors and non-science majors alike.

"We've had cases in which Jan Plans have determined students' career plans," he said. "Many students have told me after going to graduate school that this experience helped them prepare because they had been in the field and used these techniques."

For non-science majors, he says, exposure to field science provides context for environmental issues that students will be concerned about after college. In the Mojave, for example, Firmage and Christensen described how grazing rights had been an issue in the debate over whether the federal government should set aside parts of the desert as national preserves. "When we talk about these issues and we're actually standing in the place and examin-



Dave Firmage has led desert Jan Plans since 1979.

ing the ecosystem that is being affected, students have a much greater understanding of the complexities involved," Firmage said.

Caroline Ketcham, a junior from Prather, Calif., says she has driven through the Mojave several times but always viewed it as a "dull, lifeless place." "When I heard they were having a Jan Plan out here I figured there must be something more interesting," she said. Now, she says, she understands environmentalists' concerns about the fragility of the desert ecosystem and the beauty that should be preserved.

"The desert gets in your blood," Firmage said. "I know I miss it if I'm away for too long."

Christensen said, "Occasional trips to the desert are rejuvenating" partly because its contrasts with Maine are so dramatic. "It's so vast; the horizon is uninterrupted," he said. "Also, it's nice to get away from Maine winters."

Firmage is especially pleased that Colby can offer the desert Jan Plan to students regardless of means. Past foundation support has created a scholarship pool that

annually provides assistance for students who cannot afford the trip. "We didn't want this to become an exclusive experience," he said. "It's such an important part of our program that it wouldn't be right to limit it to students who could afford the full cost."

Firmage said that students who sign up for the Mojave Jan Plan don't expect a vacation. "This is definitely not Club



Med," he said. The knowledge and self-knowledge that students acquire during the three weeks in the desert are evident in journal entries whose tones range from raw excitement to wide-eyed awe. The journals reflect all of the grandeur and harshness of the desert environment,

and they reveal the spirits of curious learners and fun-loving young adults. Noah Owen-Ashley, a first-year from Essex Junction, Vt., described the biological and cultural lessons of his desert experience in an epigram that may best represent the collective mood of his program mates. "The desert," he said, "is burro bush and Bun Boy."

*Tim Christensen describes
desert flora.*

Character Studies

by Lynn Sullivan '89

Majester (Stewart) Abdul-Jalil and Anita Terry, both Class of '89, experienced the death of a parent at different times in their lives and under very different circumstances. Their private reactions as they put their lives together display a common courage, resilience and desire to help others. Today Abdul-Jalil has completed his second year at Morehouse School of Medicine, and Terry is in her final semester at Duke Law School.

Although his father has been dead for 17 years, Abdul-Jalil says he'll never forget that day after Christmas in 1978 that continues to influence his life.

These days he has taken upon himself some of the burdens left behind in the wake of his father's death while continuing to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a doctor. Abdul-Jalil is on a year-long hiatus from Morehouse to attend to family matters. His mother's breast cancer, first diagnosed in 1987, has returned, a brother died of AIDS in February and another brother has been diagnosed with AIDS. He travels between New York and Atlanta to ensure that his brother and mother are receiving proper medical care.

Abdul-Jalil has also become a surrogate father to some family members. He went to Denver when he noticed his nephew Corey drifting emotionally and academically under lax parental guidance. He eventually helped get Corey a scholarship to the Hyde School in Bath, Maine, Abdul-Jalil's alma mater. He hopes to get a similar scholarship for Corey's younger sister next year. The strain, he says, is significant but manageable. Despite the seemingly daunting circumstances, he remains committed to becoming a physician and returning to his old neighborhood in New York City.

Born in Harlem, Abdul-Jalil was the youngest of eight children. On the success of his father's restaurant business, the family was able to move from their tenement building to their own home in a safer Bronx neighborhood when he was 5.

Abdul-Jalil was only 11 when his father was murdered. The event sent his life spinning out of control, he says.

"I didn't deal with my father's death very well," he said. "My mom had to go back to work, I didn't have any supervision and I just didn't care about things that much. Ages eleven to thirteen were tough times for me."

His mother, Marion Stewart, one of the many role models she's had throughout the years, knew someone whose child attended the Hyde School. She encouraged her son to visit, and Abdul-Jalil says he fell in love with the school at first sight.

He says he knew his options were to stay home and get into more trouble or go to Hyde. He chose Hyde—a decision that changed his

life and perhaps saved it.

"Hyde is more concerned with personal growth, initiative and motivation," said Abdul-Jalil. "Hyde helped me get back on track." He says he hopes Hyde helps get Corey back on track as well.

On advice from a teacher at Hyde, Abdul-Jalil deferred attending Syracuse University and remained in Bath another year to apply to Colby. He became the first member of his family to earn a college degree.

Abdul-Jalil attributes his perseverance and personal achievements to his Islamic faith. He converted to Islam in 1986 and in 1991 changed his name, which means literally "servant of the one who should be revered."

"Islam keeps me focused. It helped me get through Colby and I am thankful for that," said Abdul-Jalil, who married Colby classmate Anne Burger '89.

After graduating from Colby with a degree in biology, Abdul-Jalil worked two years as an emergency medical technician, which provided experience in the medical field and better prepared him for medical school. In the fall of 1991, a year after being accepted, he began a five-year program at Morehouse, in Atlanta.

In the summer of 1993 Abdul-Jalil worked at Harvard Medical School researching pediatric AIDS testing methods for the Children's Hospital of Boston and the DuPont Corporation. Last summer he worked at a clinic in Villa Rica, Ga.—the only facility between Atlanta and the Alabama border—which saw more than 300 patients daily and gave Abdul-Jalil the opportunity "to do everything from dealing with newborns to geriatrics."

"My dreams haven't all died, they've just been put on hold for a while," said Abdul-Jalil about the current interruption in his medical school training. "It's up to me to have faith that what God plans for me is better than what I plan for myself."

He says he'd like to get his master's in public health in addition to his M.D. and then return to the Bronx to give back to the community where he grew up. "The Bronx really needs good physicians to come back," he said. "When people make it, they leave, they don't come back. I want to come back."



A few months before Anita Terry was to leave for a Ph.D. program in philosophy at the University of Connecticut, she learned that her father was dying of cancer. The United Methodist minister turned philosophy and religion professor did not have long to live. Terry had been working in Colby's Admissions Office since graduating three years earlier and wanted to take her education a step further. But she deferred attending Connecticut, not wanting to make any major commitments while her dad was so ill.

During that time she happened to speak to Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Robert McArthur regarding her choice of Ph.D. programs.

"When I talked to Bob he asked me if I'd thought about going to law school," said Terry, who now says she may have been opting for philosophy to please her father. "I thought about [law school] in high school a little, but never at Colby."

She changed course and planned for law school. Terry missed only four questions on the LSAT, scoring 179 of a possible 180. She was accepted at several schools and opted for Duke.

"I liked philosophy," said Terry, whose concentration at Colby was in women's studies. "My dad taught philosophy at a local college [in Iowa], and for me it was challenging and interesting while an undergrad. But it just didn't feel right."

Choosing a small school like Duke—with only 180 students in her class—was a good decision, says Terry. During her first semester—many law students' most intense and demanding time—her father died. She left school for three weeks.

"If I had gone anywhere else," she explained, "I probably would have had to drop out of school. But the professors made sure people were taking notes for me, they sent me my books and people just helped out. It was the best that it could be."

She says she coped well with her father's death because she had time to tell him how much she loved him and his death wasn't unexpected. Most important, she says, she was able to say goodbye and relive many family memories with him in his final days.

"It's not like you ever stop being sad," said Terry. "There are times that I'll think about something and want to tell my dad and then say, 'Oh, yeah, he's not around anymore.'"

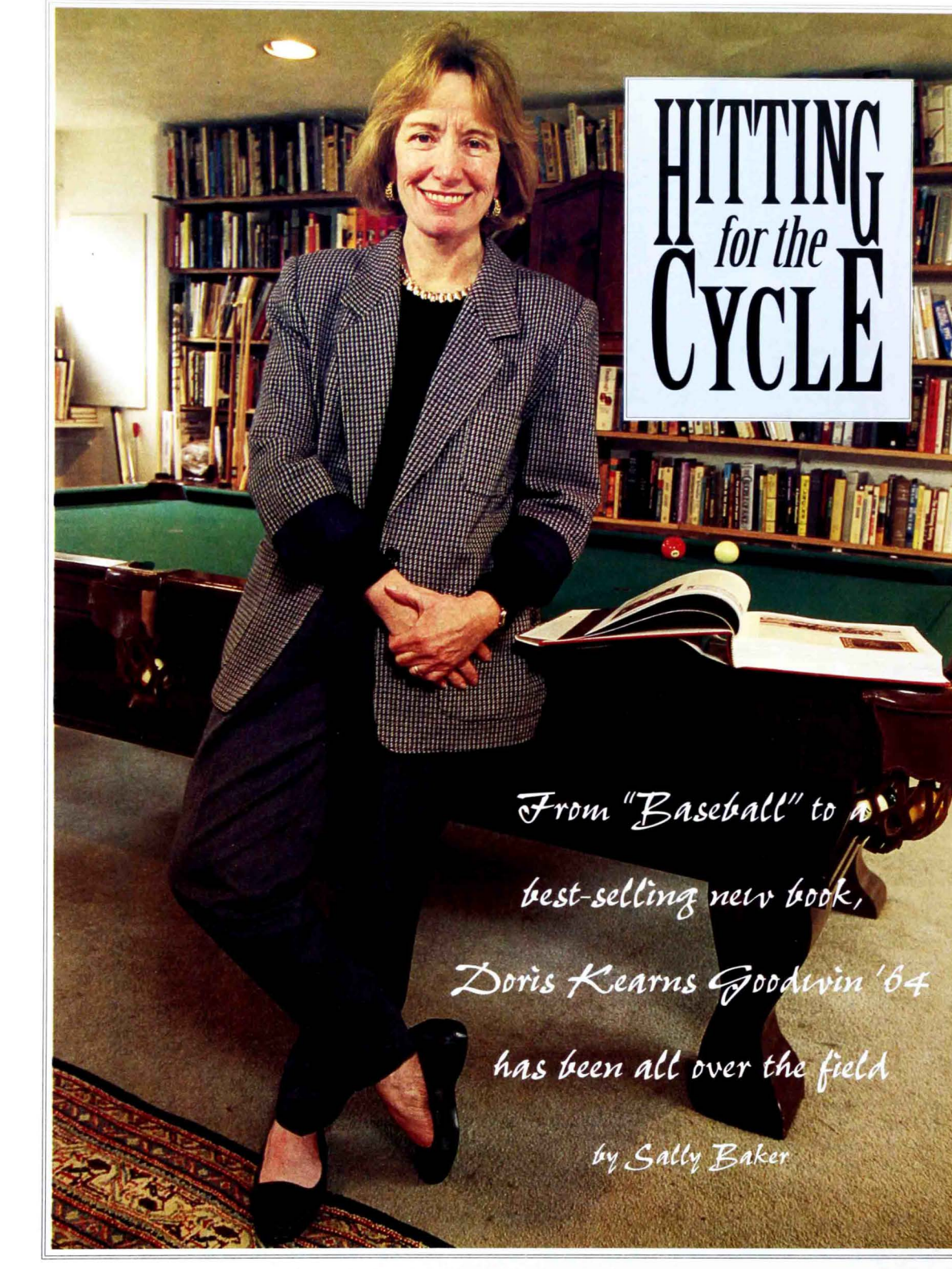
Terry endured: law school enabled her to concentrate on things other than her father and her family, and his death gave her a greater perspective on life and living.

"For law students it's very important to get good grades, but I could not have cared less because of my father's death," she recalled. "In the end that helped me a lot because I was more relaxed than other students. And now, sometimes I worry because I don't panic."

As editor-in-chief of the Duke law journal, Terry reveals a spirit similar to that displayed during her Colby days—distinguished by an enthusiasm for meeting people, singing and the pursuit of knowledge. (The law journal editor at many law schools is the top student in the class; at Duke members of the journal elect their editor.)

After her first year in law school Terry returned to Maine to work in the U.S. Attorney's office in Bangor. Last summer she split her time between law firms in Boston and Philadelphia. When she graduates in May she will head to Jacksonville, Fla., where she will clerk for Judge Gerald Tjoflat, Chief Judge of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. She says she will consider working as a public defender or as an administrator for a non-profit group and dreams of returning to Maine to teach at Maine Law School in Portland.

"I'm not really interested in working in a law firm," Terry said, despite the lucrative offer she received from a Philadelphia firm. "The money is hard to turn down. But I have this bleeding-heart liberal desire to help others, which isn't easy at a big law firm."



HITTING *for the* CYCLE

*From "Baseball" to a
best-selling new book,*

*Doris Kearns Goodwin '64
has been all over the field*

by Sally Baker

The first time Doris Kearns Goodwin '64 met President Lyndon Johnson, they danced. Literally and figuratively.

Goodwin went to Washington in 1967 as a White House Fellow, nominated for the program by Colby professor Al Mavrinac. After the induction ceremony, she attended a soiree given by the president that was packed with the most important people in government. Already angling to get Goodwin on his staff, Johnson swooped her around the ballroom, making small talk. He asked her if she had a lot of energy.

"Well," Goodwin said, "I hear you only need five hours of sleep, but I need only four so it stands to reason that I've got even more energy than you." Johnson countered that when he was a young man he, too, had hated to sleep, but the burdens of his office made rest more important. Then he went on to his next partner.

The anecdote, told in Goodwin's first book, *Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream* (André Deutsch, 1976), says as much about Goodwin as it does about the notoriously competitive Johnson, who couldn't bear to lose even a sleep-deprivation contest. Whether or not she's getting more sleep these days, Goodwin hasn't lost a step. Her books, media interviews and personal appearances are testimony to the level of energy she maintains.

Historian, biographer, political commentator, baseball savant and friend to presidents, Goodwin's career highs have been meteoric. But even for her, 1994-95 has been memorable. She's appeared everywhere, from Ken Burns's "Baseball" documentary to *The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour* to every major television morning show, C-SPAN, all the important newspapers, PBS and Arts & Entertainment Channel programs, national radio and *The New York Times* best-seller list. Her latest book, *No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II* (Simon & Schuster, 1994), has found ardent fans across the country—including President and Mrs. Clinton—and will be adapted for a television miniseries.

Goodwin's popularity is as easy to understand as her gifts are extraordinary. She has the wealth of material and timing of a seasoned raconteur and the charm of an accomplished, contented woman. In writing and speaking, her enthusiasm bursts through every story, making it seem as though each telling is the first. She delightedly describes her fanaticism for baseball—she recounted entire Brooklyn Dodgers games for her father when

she was a little girl ("I didn't know they put all that stuff in the papers the next day; I thought he wouldn't know what happened if I didn't tell him")—and she'll tell you about the *heartbreak* of the Dodgers' move to Los Angeles as if it happened yesterday. She provides lively political commentary for a weekly, Boston-based television program, and she's been wowing audiences and interviewers on the book-tour circuit since *No Ordinary Time* was published. Scheduled to speak on Mayflower Hill this month, in January she held a record-breaking Colby Club of Boston crowd spellbound through a 45-minute talk about the

Roosevelt book, having drawn more than 300 souls to Wellesley College on a miserable, drizzly evening that begged for home, hearth and hot toddies.

Goodwin's formula for success goes beyond charm and intelligence. As a Colby student she was noted for spending hours in Miller Library, poring over books and periodicals, writing papers—*finding things out*. A voracious learner then and now, Goodwin has used her endeavors to pile knowledge upon knowledge.

She went from Colby to graduate school at Harvard and then to the White House. After Johnson left the presidency, Goodwin accepted a teaching position in Harvard's government department and, for the next four years, shuttled between Cambridge and Johnson's ranch on the Pedernales River in Texas to assist him in compiling his memoirs. She married Richard Goodwin, a writer/

attorney and a former speechwriter for John F. Kennedy and for Johnson. His contacts with the Kennedy family helped her gain access to never-before-published papers stored at the Kennedy compound in Hyannis Port, Mass. In 1987 she published *The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys. An American Saga* (Simon & Schuster), which was the basis for ABC-TV's series "The Kennedys of Massachusetts."

Each of her books presented unique challenges, Goodwin says. "When I wrote the Johnson book I wasn't thinking of myself as a historian so much—or as a writer—but rather as someone who had this wonderful material and was trying to understand it. It's not really a full-scale biography as much as a character study of [Johnson]." *Lyndon Johnson* was a critical and popular success, and the confidence it gave Goodwin led her to experiment more with her writing. In *The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys*, she says, she set out to create a world for readers.



Goodwin and her husband, Richard, in her study.



The phone is seldom silent at the Goodwin home. Above, the author in demand takes a call from a TV reporter.

"I had to start thinking about the craft of writing, which I really hadn't done," Goodwin said. "I started reading all the best history books I could find, reading novels. That was the first time I tried to figure out, 'How am I going to do this?'" Her efforts paid off on a scale that would leave most fledgling writers breathless—*The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys* was a number-one best seller.

Goodwin refined her skills further with *No Ordinary Time*, in which the private concerns of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt are woven into the story of America in World War II. The result is a book whose themes are both intimate and universal. The myopia of the United States is reflected in Franklin Roosevelt's grumbling about poor White House cuisine as Europe and Asia are devastated by war. But at the same time, America's native generosity glows through the president's damned-if-I-won't aid to Britain in the Lend-Lease program. Its exuberance rings in his laugh and flows through his closest relationships—with everyone from daughter Anna to British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Its grit is symbolized in his daily struggle with paralysis—and its fear of weakness is clear in his refusal to admit publicly that he couldn't walk.

Eleanor Roosevelt comes across as a product of upper-crust neglect—an unloved child, a scorned daughter-in-law, a determined and humorless crusader and a betrayed wife. But she is redeemed by late-blooming friendships, mainly with women, and by work. She cares passionately about social issues and won't let reform be swallowed by the war effort. She is remarkable in her own right, gradually becoming aware of her worth and

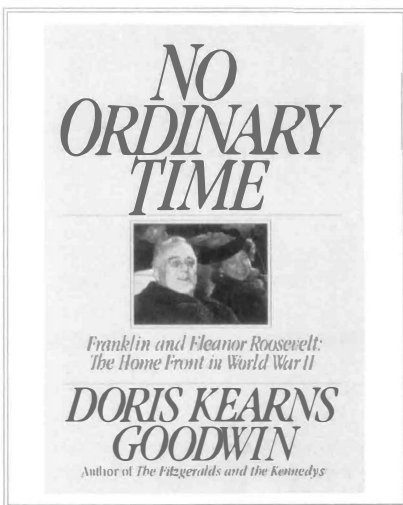
working that much harder to fulfill her promise. But she also is savvy enough to use her husband's influence to push her agenda.

Just as *The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys* proved to Goodwin that she was a writer, *No Ordinary Time* gave her a chance to grow as a historian. It was the first book for which she had no special access to the subject and, like the Kennedy book, was written after years of meticulous research—including combing the holdings at the Roosevelt library in Hyde Park, N.Y., and conducting hundreds of interviews with the Roosevelts' children, grandchildren, other relatives and friends and with Roosevelt-watchers.

If Goodwin had anything to prove—to herself or anyone else—she succeeded. Among all the scholars who have written about the Roosevelts, Goodwin is the first to make extensive use of daily logs kept by White House ushers. She offers new insights into the Roosevelts' lives based on the logs, which recorded the comings and goings of Franklin, Eleanor and their numerous friends and guests over the 12 years of Roosevelt's presidency. The logs were Goodwin's way of penetrating the layers of respectful silence that once protected presidents from gossip about their private lives. Partly through them, for instance, she learned that the Roosevelts each installed an entourage in the White House. Franklin's secretary, Missy LeHand, lived there until she had a stroke in her mid-30s. His best friend, Harry Hopkins, took up residence in an upstairs bedroom until after his marriage, and a host of others—including an exiled European princess, Roosevelt's daughter Anna and his snooty Delano cousins—came and went, spending the evenings relaxing over drinks and amusing the president. Eleanor, who had no patience for cocktails, small talk or relaxation, had a retinue that included Lorena Hickok, a former journalist who lived at the White House virtually in secret. The logs show that Eleanor was away from the White House far more often than not, evidence Goodwin used—in conjunction with other research—to portray a marriage that evolved from mutual love to estrangement to admiration to deep affection.

Goodwin's knack for using materials such as the ushers' logs also extends to those things she *doesn't* write—for instance, that Eleanor had a lesbian relationship with Lorena Hickok.

"There is a trend in some modern biographies to not only go beyond speculation but to put thoughts in people's heads and go beyond the evidence in order to make it seem as though you are reading a novel. And I understand that desire," she said. "All the research I do is in an effort to make it seem as much as if you were there as possible.



But if you go over that line beyond the evidence and you claim something is true just because you want it to be so or because it titillates the audience, then I think you lose the readers' trust."

Still, Goodwin's take on her subjects hasn't been overly reverent. She has admired each of them but hasn't hesitated to write about their failings. She says that's partly because she understands her responsibility as a historian to tell the truth and partly because she got to know one president when she was so young. "It just made me think about the president in human terms," she said of her time with Johnson. "In some ways, probably because of seeing him day in and day out in those last years of his life and realizing the kind of turmoils and ordinary struggles he was challenged by in those last years, it made me really see beneath the formal imagery of what he was doing as a president to the private joys and sadnesses he was encountering at the same time."

Chalk up her style, too, to "the female interest in relationships and in people," Goodwin said. She saw in Johnson's final years a cautionary tale about the price for putting one's profession above all else. Johnson got so accustomed to company that he could not be alone—he even made aides talk to him while he sat on the toilet and insisted they swim with him, doing a slow side stroke, in a White House pool so choked with floating desks and drink holders and trays that there was hardly room for people. He sacrificed family life and made those who worked for him sacrifice it, too. By the time he retired to the ranch he had become such a workaholic and micromanager that he stormed and fretted if his chickens weren't laying enough eggs. He hoped history would remember him for the Great Society reforms, but he probably knew that he was more likely to be remembered for escalating the Vietnam War.

Goodwin's examinations of Johnson, the Kennedys and the Roosevelts are unstintingly honest, despite her admiration for and friendships within the families involved. "You have to be willing to pay that price of some of those social relationships becoming strained, as long as you feel honest about what you've done," she said. "I'm not trying to 'get' these people—so there's not a tonal problem—but there will be things that they don't feel good about. If somebody were writing about my family I wouldn't want anything negative written either."

She says she didn't worry too much about what Johnson's relatives would think of *Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream*. "The bigger worry was *him*, even though he was dead. I sometimes have the feeling that even now he's looking down and saying, 'How come the book on me is the shortest of the three?'" Early reviews of *The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys* focused on unpleas-

Goodwin offers new insights into the Roosevelts' lives based on the daily logs kept by White House ushers, which recorded the comings and goings of Franklin, Eleanor and their numerous friends and guests.



More than 300 people turned out to hear Goodwin speak at a Colby Club event in Wellesley.

ant revelations—Joe Kennedy's decision to order a lobotomy for daughter Rosemary without Rose Kennedy's knowledge, the uncovering of an anti-Semitic letter written by Joe Jr.—and Goodwin heard that some members of the family weren't pleased. "But as it turned out," she said, "they eventually read the book, and because the Fitzgerald part was new to a lot of them they were willing to not just stereotype it from what they'd read in the newspapers."

A proposed next book may be less likely to ruffle egos. Goodwin and husband Richard, who is the author of several books and wrote *The New Yorker's* "Talk of the Town" column for many years, plan to collaborate on a book that will take several presidential decisions and tell each like a story. "Truman firing McArthur, Wilson and the League of Nations, Lincoln deciding to provision Fort Sumter, thereby bringing on the Civil War. . . . It'll be like a biography of the presidency, in a certain sense," Goodwin said, "because each will illustrate a different power."

Goodwin also has been asked to write about her childhood on Long Island in the 1950s and about the way loyalty to one of New York's three baseball teams helped new suburbanites retain their links with the city. "I'm really tempted to do it," she said, "because I can't spend ten years of research on it—there won't be that much. And again, it's part of that challenge of trying to figure out a new form and whether I can do it or not. So I've been reading memoirs lately. . . ."

Take note, autobiographers. The competition is about to get stiff.

Mundy Inspires Positive Reactions

By Stephen Collins '74

It's hard not to notice Miselis Professor of Chemistry Bradford Mundy. On the first day of Organic Chemistry class in the fall of 1992, recalls Sarri "Sarge" Salman '94, "this tall guy walks in wearing boots and a big belt buckle that says "Bozeman," and I thought, 'Boze Man? What is that? Some kind of nickname? What kind of professor is this?'"

It didn't take long for Salman to answer his own question. Bozeman, it turned out, is where Mundy used to teach in the graduate chemistry program at Montana State University. And the story of Mundy's impact on Salman and that Organic Chemistry class is representative of the imprint he's made upon Colby since arriving three years ago.

Mundy's credentials are impeccable and his penchant for hard work is obvious, evidenced by his duties as department chair, his workload on the Promotion and Tenure Committee and his ongoing research in the field of natural product synthesis. His reputation as a gifted scientist preceded him, but it is Mundy's enthusiasm and approachability that students often mention when describing him.

Salman says Mundy's "infectious love of chemistry" prompted him to declare chemistry as a major even though it required an extra year on campus to fulfill the requirements. Salman had high hopes for his undergraduate experience, he said recently from a lab at Boston College where he is in the

first year of a doctoral program in chemistry. As Mundy's research assistant, he says, he discovered "something I really loved." "I also wanted somebody to care about me and I really think Mundy did," he said.

Frank Favaloro '96, one of seven students working with Mundy as research assistants this semester, switched to a chemistry-biochemistry major after



Brad Mundy, right, discusses an experiment with research assistants Evelyn Oliveras '95 and Frank Favaloro '96.

taking Mundy's organic chemistry class. "He's just a great, great teacher," he said. Favaloro praises Mundy's teaching, his accessibility and his enthusiasm, but he is most awed by the depth of Mundy's knowledge. When one of the other research assistants reported in a group session that he had used "The Mundy Reaction," as the procedure is officially known, Favaloro was sold. "I hope I can know that much someday," he said.

Evelyn Oliveras '95 is working with Mundy on a new way to synthesize soap-

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anol, a natural product used in Mexico as a folk medicine and a contraceptive. She said she got excited about chemistry as a high school junior in Texas, but it was her lab work with Mundy that convinced

making molecules to mimic natural substances produced by plants and animals. He has synthesized natural sex attractants (pheromones) of pine bark beetles, Douglas Fir Tussock moths and Asian civet cats. He developed a new way to make one of the substances in the venom of the fire ant and recreated the toxic oil of hemlock that killed Socrates.

"At Colby," he explained, "we are trying to understand how atoms such as oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, when replacing a carbon atom, substantially alter how the materials react."

In addition to ongoing research, Mundy has published two chemistry textbooks since 1992, both with Saunders, a division of Harcourt Brace. But teaching, he says, is his greatest passion. "I enjoy showing young women and men the excitement of my field."

His career in the classroom began in 1967 at Montana State where he worked for 25 years, including two detours into administration, as the associate dean of the colleges of letters and sciences and as a National Science Foundation program officer in Washington, D.C. The administrative experience helped convince him that "I really liked my job as a professor—the teaching and research."

When he saw an ad for the position at Colby and how well he fit the criteria, he decided to apply. "It seemed a position designed for me," he said. Mundy's arrival at Colby coincided with a period when the

Chemistry Department was on a roll. In the last five years the number of chemistry majors has more than doubled, from 15 in 1989-90 to 36 now, according to Dean of Faculty Robert McArthur. Introductory courses are increasingly popular with non-majors as well. The number of summer research assistants tripled in two years. After a dozen years during which no chemistry faculty had received tenure, two earned tenure in the last two years—Associate Professor David Bourgaize in 1994 and Associate Professor D. Whitney King this year. A couple of major grants poured more than \$2 million into upgrading the chemistry labs and expanding the department's space into a new bridge between Keyes and Arey. And, when construction of the new Olin science building is completed, chemistry will inherit

additional space.

On top of all that, this winter Mundy was named a 1994 Camille & Henry Dreyfus Scholar. In that capacity, he will have a postdoctoral fellow working alongside him in the laboratories and classrooms for the next two years. Julie Millard, Clare Booth Luce Assistant Professor of Biochemistry and a Dreyfus postdoctoral fellow at the University of Richmond before coming to Colby, nominated Mundy for the mentorship. "It's an honor for Brad," she said. "It's recognition that he's an outstanding teacher and scholar."

Colby students and chemistry professors are excited about having another chemist in the department, all expenses paid, to help with teaching and lab research. Mundy said that impressive résumés began arriving at the beginning of

the year and he expects to make his selection before graduation. "It's really going to have a positive impact on the program," he said.

"This is an exciting place," said Mundy, who is in his second year as a faculty resident in Taylor Hall. "The facilities are outstanding, the faculty are exciting—thoroughly engaged in teaching and scholarship—and the administration is outstanding." And despite coming from a graduate program, he's impressed with the equipment. "People may moan, but I challenge them to visit many state schools, and they'll know they're in hog heaven," he said. "I wish more students had the opportunity to see other places so that they could realize the excellence of Colby. We have visiting scientists come to our seminar program and tell the

students that the facilities are as good as many graduate programs offer. From my own experience I can agree."

McArthur sees Mundy as a case study of how an endowed chair can help the College. "After Frank Miselis '43, endowed the chair in chemistry we launched a national search for a senior person and recruited Mundy. He's had an immediate impact in chemistry; in the science division and on Colby as a whole as a member of the Promotion and Tenure Committee and as an active participant in faculty recruitment efforts."

But the industrious Mundy is not resting on his laurels. "It is my hope to have one of the leading undergraduate chemistry departments in the U.S.," he said. "Give us a couple of more years and I think we have a real shot to get there." ♦

PUNDITS & PLAUDITS

Shelve "Mockingbird"?

Responding to a controversy in a Spokane, Wash., high school over attempts to remove the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* from freshman English classes because of its portrayal of blacks, Cedric Gael Bryant told the *Spokesman-Review* that the key issue is how the book is taught.

Bryant, associate professor of English, said *To Kill a Mockingbird* is "justifiably reviled" unless it is put into proper context by the teacher presenting it.

"The book reaffirms what already is a given for African-Americans: that it's very easy to be victimized without the slightest provocation and the chances go up exponentially if you are a black male," Bryant told the newspaper. "Any sixteen-year-old black person knows there are more options [than those presented in the book] and rejects . . . polarized social constructions for black men."

Bryant said *To Kill a Mockingbird* should be taught "because of its historical importance and as a metaphor for its own racial moment." But he questioned whether it should be the only novel dealing with race in a high school literature curriculum. He suggested Toni Morrison's Pulitzer-Prize winning novel, *Beloved*, as an alternative.

Shrinking Waste Line

Distinguished Presidential Professor of American Government G. Calvin Mackenzie told *USA Today* that despite suggestions to the contrary, federal government actually shrank during the first two years of President Clinton's administration.

Pointing out that the federal work force decreased by 86,000 between 1992 and 1994, Mackenzie said, "Government isn't getting bigger. It's getting smaller."

"These are some of the most significant cuts we've ever had in peace time," he said.

Guns and Butter

The Miami Herald, in a report about profiteering schemes by former military officers in Latin American countries, quoted Associate Professor of Economics and International Studies, Patrice Franko.

Franko, who has done extensive research on the Latin American defense industry, said that many of the region's largest armies are getting rid of military industries established many years ago. "They are going through a divestiture," she said.

In many countries, however, army officials are involved in business operations that have nothing to do with their country's defense, the article reported.

Trapped in a Circle of Fate


By J. Kevin Cool

If Maria Elena had taken her insulin, none of this would have happened.

In *Cocunut for the Saint*, the debut novel of Visiting Assistant Professor of English Debra Spark, fate is a main character. Set in San Juan, Puerto Rico, *Cocunut* is the story of Maria Elena, a hip 30-something art gallery employee who literally stumbles into the lives of a handsome widower and his triplet daughters. When she collapses in a diabetic faint in front of a small bakery operated by the widower, Sandrofo, she is revived by morsels of wedding cake he has prepared. Their chance meeting sets in motion a swirl of events that examines the role fate plays in determining identity.

The story takes place in the late 1970s, 10 years after Sandrofo has moved with his daughters from New York City to take over the bakery, which (we later learn) he inherited from his mother-in-law. He and the girls have lived simple, uncomplicated lives before Maria Elena appears. Sandrofo and Maria Elena begin a courtship, fall in love and eventually plan to marry. But as their relationship evolves, Maria Elena is nagged by doubts. Although she mistrusts her intuition, she is bothered by Sandrofo's shadowy history and his unwillingness to discuss it. Meanwhile, the triplets—Tata, Beatriz and Melone—are dealing with their own fears, desires and insecurities.

Spark uses an unusual combination of first- and third-person narrators, allowing the three girls and Maria Elena to describe the same events in their own voices. The story often backpedals to a new version defined from the perspective of the narrator. Spark says she used this device to draw out the personalities of her



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drunken eccentric who each year selects a different person on the island to imitate. Although the male characters are "losers," Spark says, *Cocunut* is not driven by a



four main characters. "None of them were reliable narrators on their own," she said. "I wanted to see the same events through each of the characters' eyes."

The three male characters in the book all are described in the third person. In addition to Sandrofo are Rayovac (yes, like the battery), who lobbies for a job at the bakery to be nearer to Melone, and Angelo, a

feminist perspective. "I guess you could interpret it that way, but that's not what I set out to do," she said.

The relationships among the triplets articulate Spark's themes about the search for identity. Tata is self-assured and popular; Melone is "the smart one," witty and self-deprecating; and Beatriz is quiet and introspective and more than a little neurotic. All of them understand

that their father is an enigma, but while Tata and Melone pass this off casually, Beatriz fears that her family is doomed. Beatriz's anxiety intensifies Maria Elena's attempt to learn the truth about Sandrofo and his family's origins. When Angelo selects Sandrofo as his subject to imitate, Maria Elena plays along, asking him to speculate about Sandrofo's past. Angelo gives a shocking litany of mischief and mayhem—drugs, robberies, family betrayals—that leaves Maria Elena unsettled but no closer to the truth. In fact, Angelo has foreshadowed an ominous revelation.

Even as Maria Elena embraces the role of surrogate mother, she works harder to fill in the gaps in her adopted family's history. The taciturn Sandrofo is no help, constantly repeating, "It's of no importance," when asked about his pre-Puerto Rican days. Finally, a trip to the local library and some investigative work lead Maria Elena to the truth. She confronts Sandrofo, who confesses that he is not who he claims to be.

Sandrofo, it seems, believes one can change identities like coats. But Maria Elena, with Beatriz's help, comes to understand that who we are is a product of the sum of our lives. "Fate is identity," Maria Elena's friend Lucia tells her. "You aren't your choices, but you are the product of what is to

Fresh Prints

Luisa Gonzalez

At the Bottom: A Woman's Life in Central America

Edited by Robert French '70

New Earth Publications

This English translation of the award-winning book by Costa Rican author Luisa Gonzalez recounts the story of Gonzalez's mother, an illiterate woman whose sacrifices made it possible for her daughter to obtain an education.

Set in the squalor of a San Jose barrio in the early 20th century, *At the Bottom* captures the dignity and vitality of the men and women from Gonzalez's childhood. The story of how she and her family struggled to break the cycles of poverty and illiteracy is especially poignant because the riches they seek are of the mind and spirit and not merely of money.



At the Bottom received the prestigious Costa Rican Aquileo J. Echeverria Award for outstanding achievement in literature in 1970. The book was translated by Regina Pustan, a long-time North American activist who has worked to improve the lives of Latin American people. The book was edited by Robert French, who is director of the United Front Child Development Programs of New Bedford, Mass.

Terry Arendell, Sociology
Fathers And Divorce
Sage Publications

Based on interviews with 75 divorced fathers in New York state, Arendell's study explores the attitudes and actions of men dealing with custody issues, family separation and gender politics. Arendell interprets the responses of her subjects using a narrative analysis consistent with a feminist perspective. Most of the men perceive themselves to be victimized and their rights violated by divorce. What emerges, according to Arendell, is the perception of a divorce as a battle to be won or lost, with the former wife as the "enemy."

happen to you."
In *Coconuts* lives pivot on single events—such as Maria Elena's decision to forego her insulin—but cannot escape the reach of personal history, as Sandrofo learns. The book's surprise ending closes the circle between the daughters' fates, Sandrofo's true identity and Maria Elena's search for answers. *Coconuts* conveys the

ambiance of a Caribbean legend, full of imagery and sprinkled with mysticism, romance and sensuality. Spark writes knowingly about the difficulties associated with defining one's self. A twin herself, she says her own experience provided insights into the characters of the book.

"I find the questions and conflicts about identity

Arendell's examination of "gender strategies" employed by men in her research group reveals the extent to which society influences behavior after divorce. Parenting activities and relationships driven by a "masculine discourse of divorce" is a primary focus of the book.

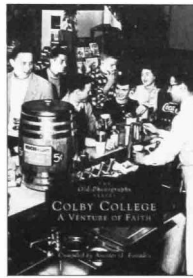
Arendell says men who were committed to traditional beliefs about gender differences and whose views about men's and women's respective family roles were conventional were most likely to engage in long-term overt conflict with their former wives. She sees this as more evidence of men's reluctance to let go of male prerogative.

An earlier book by Arendell, *Mothers and Divorce: Legal, Economic, and Social Dilemmas*, dealt with women's roles after divorce.

Anestes G. Fotiadis '89

Colby College: A Venture of Faith

Alan Sutton Press



A pictorial history of the College from 1813 to 1963, *A Venture of Faith* focuses on the people and events that have shaped Colby.

Compiled and written by Anestes G. Fotiadis '89, the book contains more than 200 photographs from the Colby archives, including the oldest known photograph of Colby, a daguerreotype taken in 1856 of South College, Recitation Hall and North College on the old campus.

In addition to providing a visual chronology, *A Venture of Faith* features a colorful and enigmatic cast of characters whose stories are sometimes well known and sometimes obscure. For example, one page of photographs is dedicated to Samuel Osborne, an African-American born into slavery in Virginia who worked for 37 years at Colby as a janitor and whose daughter, Marion Thompson Osborne, in 1900 became the College's first female black graduate.

The book follows the evolution of the Kennebec River campus and devotes several pages to the move to Mayflower Hill, including photographs of dirt paths passing through treeless pastures in what is now Colby's bucolic campus.

Historic and nostalgic, *A Venture of Faith* is a delightful voyage through Colby's colorful past.

interesting because of my relationship with my sister," she said.

A veteran short story writer—she edited the anthology *Twenty Under Thirty*—Spark says she worked on *Coconuts* for 10 years. "I wrote a chapter and then another chapter and sort of putzed around for a long time. I knew what I wanted to say and where I

wanted to go, but when I started I didn't have an ending in mind."

Spark is teaching three sessions of fiction writing this spring, her first teaching assignment at Colby.

"Anything I write helps bring ideas to the classroom, but the short stories actually are more instructive to my students than the novel," she said. ♦

Sleeping on the Job

By Lynn Sullivan '89

When the day ends and most faculty leave Mayflower Hill, 11 members of the community walk to their homes and their other jobs as faculty residents.

Faculty living in residence hall apartments offer a unique opportunity for Colby students, although at first some students are leery of their presence because of a misconception that they are disciplinarians or administration moles. They live on campus to foster a sense of community, elevate cultural understanding, provide a more intellectual atmosphere and give students a chance to interact with professors outside of the classroom.

Although not all faculty members can participate and not all students take advantage of the opportunities offered, those who do praise the program.

"Having Kerill in the dorm has broken down the stereotype that I had adopted of a college professor," said junior Grace Jeanes about Assistant Professor of Classics Kerill O'Neill, who lives with his wife, Judy Landers, in Treworgy Hall. "I thought they'd be unapproachable, quiet and only talk academics. Having him here has

been a nice surprise."

Don Saucier, a junior from Westport, Mass., says that seeing professors as "regular people" is a positive experience. Saucier met O'Neill, he says, while watching a "Monday Night Football" game involving the Miami Dolphins. Saucier and his friends were reacting to the game boisterously when O'Neill walked in,

Student Life

that he's patronizing or intruding," said Saucier.

O'Neill, now in his third year living on campus, says that he gets as much back from the students as he and



Kerill O'Neill and Judy Landers chat with students in Treworgy Hall.

silencing the group. When the Miami team made a mistake, says Saucier, O'Neill (a Dolphins fan) was visibly and vocally upset.

"We all thought, 'He must be okay.' I think of Kerill as a friend now. I can talk to him about everything. I never feel

Landers give.

"There is an added closeness with the students," said O'Neill, who sometimes organizes discussions around school issues or Spotlight lectures. "We allow them to reach a different level, maybe have a discussion they never have had before. It is a casual, easy relationship."

Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology Adam Weisberger, faculty resident in Goddard-Hodgkins, says he tries to do something formal once a month to help "elevate cultural respect in the residence hall."

Not all events are serious or organized. O'Neill says he has participated in a bowling night for charity, continues to watch football and will sometimes socialize in the lounge when students have gathered. In December, Weisberger hosted a Hanukkah party for the students, and he often hosts discussions in response to Spotlight events. He says he regularly attends the hall's Thursday night study break to watch the TV sitcom *Seinfeld* and, like O'Neill, watches "Monday Night Football" with the students.

Assistant Professor of Spanish Alison Maginn and husband John O'Neill, director of the Colby in Cuernavaca program, have logged two years as faculty residents in Dana.

"It's been a fine experience for us," said Maginn, whose substance-free parties with Spanish and Latin American themes have become popular events for many Dana students. "I would have a different impression of Colby if I were just in the classroom. I admire [the students] more having lived with them."

Faculty who choose to live on campus admit to sacrificing a certain amount of privacy and quiet. "It can wear on you, being around 18- to 21-year-olds, 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Weisberger. "I get off campus to preserve my sanity. I am virtually certain of the fact that I have good relationships, though."

Maginn adds that one of the drawbacks of residential

Kudos

Tamara Kenton '95 of Baldwin, Md., was co-author of an article in the *Journal of Molecular Biology* about the gene isolation research in which she collaborated with three other scientists. The research stemmed from a project Kenton began during a Colby Jan Plan at Johns Hopkins University. She later presented her research at the 21st annual Colby-Bates-Bowdoin Conference on Undergraduate Research in Biology.

A Song for Joey

Joey McClain is perhaps as well known to Colby students for singing folk songs in the Coffeehouse as he is for making the menu in Foss dining hall. The popularity of the gregarious food services manager stems in part from greeting hungry students as they walk into the vegetarian-oriented dining hall and from playing his guitar at Colby any chance he gets.

In both cases, many students love to see him. And if it weren't for one of those students McClain, 37, said he would never have picked up a guitar.



Joey McClain

"A Colby student heard me singing in the kitchen, and she said, 'Hey, why don't you sing with my boyfriend and me,'" McClain said. "Two days later, they came over to my apartment and we practiced." His new partner sold him a guitar and "I haven't put it down since," said McClain.

That was five years ago.

Since then, he has been the Foss dining hall manager for four years (he was a chef in Dana for two) and has played at Colby more than 13

times—at least five in collaboration with students. And if he wasn't playing, "I was helping them set up because I have my own P.A. system," he said.

"He's not a dining hall manager per se," said Sasha Cornell '96. "He's really more of a friend."

McClain's first concert, in Foss, was a tribute to El Salvador. He has often played at "open mike nights" and performed at the International Extravaganza in the Student Center last year.

"Anyone who makes magic when they sing inspires me," said McClain, who describes his music as folk with a twist of New Age jazz that combines rock, blues and jazz riffs. "If you've ever gotten totally lost in a song you'll know what I mean."

After a heavy snow storm last year, McClain said he was forced to spend the night in Foss. Students brought him a mattress, pillows and covers to make his stay in the dining hall more comfortable.

"We sang songs and told stories until two a.m.," he said. "I'm on campus even when I'm not working, and that opens up avenues for friendships."

life occurs during the winter months when her ground-level apartment roof becomes a starting point for sledders. "Sometimes they forget we are below them, and we'll politely ask them to stop," she said. "When we decided to [be faculty residents] we were conscious of moving in on their terrain. We can't expect them to live like middle-aged professors so we try to be

tolerant of [their lifestyles]."

The families of faculty become a part of the residential life as well. Maginn's daughter, Hannah O'Neill, 10, accompanies students on Friday afternoons when they take pets to area nursing homes for a Colby Volunteer Center program called Pet Therapy. "She loves the students," said Maginn. "To a 10-year-old, these are the

Feud for 'Thought

In early January, the Student Association, the Dean's Office and the Non-Alcoholic Programming Fund coordinated a Colby faculty "Family Feud" game in the Page Commons Room at the Student Center. The well-attended event featured a "jock" team, composed of various Colby athletic department coaches and administrators, and an "intellectual" team, made up of Colby professors from several disciplines.

The professors, captained by William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Government Sandy Maisel, took an early lead in the match. The jocks caught up quickly, however, led by captain Laura Halldorson, head coach of the women's varsity ice hockey team. The game went into extra rounds and the coaches' team finally won. Chaplin Commons president Andy Vernon '96, who organized a familiar event last fall, says the game is very popular with Colby students. "It was a feel-good event for everyone," he said.

Get Out There

One of Colby's oldest student organizations is also its most popular, according to a recent opinion poll sponsored by the Student Association.

The Outing Club, founded in 1920, was selected by students as their favorite in the poll conducted in late February. Although the club sponsors cross country skiing, canoeing and kayaking trips throughout Maine, students said they would like to see the Outing Club even more active.

The Environmental Council, the Bridge and the Colby Volunteer Center also were among students' favorite organizations.

Days and Knights

Ten years after their last appearance at Colby and 17 years after their performance in the movie *Animal House* made them famous, Otis Day and the Knights returned to perform at a "toga party" sponsored by Student Association on March 4.

Lead singer Otis Day, whose rendition of "Shout" became a party anthem for a generation of college students, told the *Echo* he enjoyed his return visit to Colby and was happy that students had embraced his music, even if it took a movie to do it.

coolest people in the world. She relates well with the kids. She knows more [students] than I do.

"Some of the students end up babysitting or going outside to play with Hannah," said Maginn. "There is a family atmosphere here; we bring a family and a bit of culture into this institution."

Some faculty residents become good friends with

students they've met in the residence hall. "[Adam Weisberger] is one of my closest friends here at Colby," said Kara Marchant '97 of Lakeville, Conn. "We have similar personal situations and we can talk to each other. There is no question that I will always keep in touch with him. Plus, he makes a mean cup of tea when you're sick." ♦

Gift of Sketch Books a “Coup” for Museum

By J. Kevin Cool

Three sketch books by William Glackens (1870-1938), a member of The Eight, or Ashcan School, recently were donated to the Colby Museum of Art by the Sansom Foundation, established by the artist's late son, Ira. The gift to Colby came about as the result of the friendship between Stanford Becker, a board member of the foundation, and Paul J. Schupf, a Colby trustee and member of the museum's board of governors, who has been a major supporter of the museum over the last decade.

When Ira Glackens died, most of the paintings in his estate were distributed to the foundation and the Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Museum. Subsequently, the foundation decided to distribute certain works to educational institutions, Becker says. He contacted Schupf, a long-time client and “a very close friend,” about the possibility of donating three Glackens sketch books to Colby. “Paul thought it was a fine idea,” Becker said. “There was no purpose in keeping them in a warehouse collecting dust. They should be in a place where they can be seen and appreciated.”

Schupf says he was on the phone to President Bill Cotter “in about two seconds” after Becker's call. “President Cotter wrote a brilliant letter outlining what the Colby museum had and its focus on American art. Colby has other works by artists from the Group of Eight, so this was a good match,” Schupf said.

Cotter called the Glackens sketch books “magnificent.” “We don't have in our collection a major Glackens work, so this is a wonderful addition to



the museum,” he said. “We are extremely grateful to Sandy Becker, to Paul and to the foundation.”

Schupf, who has contributed \$650,000 toward construction of the Katz Wing at the museum, said having the Glackens sketch books “is a big coup for Colby.” “The foundation distributed books to a few carefully selected institutions, including Colby,” he said.

Schupf praised Becker's persuasiveness in convincing the Sansom Foundation to place Colby on its list of benefactors. “Sandy has a great bedside manner and he is a very trustworthy guy, so his recommendation to the foundation carried a lot of weight.”

The three sketch books contain a total of 106 charcoal, pencil and red chalk drawings. They include landscapes, views of parks and towns and fully modeled human figures. “Sketch books provide the viewer with a special opportunity to see the spontaneous response of the artist to subject matter,” Museum Director Hugh Gourley said.

Gourley says Glackens—who was a newspaper illustrator early in his career—was dismissed by most critics of his time because of his realistic portrayal of everyday life. Glackens and seven other artists, including Robert

Henri, are credited with liberating artists from the constraints of academicians when, in 1907, they mounted their own exhibition in defiance of the National Academy of Design, which had rejected many of their submissions. They were derisively referred to as The Ashcan Group. As Glackens began to devote more of his time to painting, Gourley says, he was influenced by the work of the French Impressionists, especially Renoir.

“We are particularly fortunate to receive such fine works by a major figure in the development of 20th-century American art,” Gourley said.

The Marsons Keep Giving

It was a classic win-win situation. David Marson '48, who, along with his wife, Dorothy, recently established a \$100,000 charitable remainder trust for Colby, said the gift satisfied both his need for retirement income and for providing an important source of funds for the College.

Marson retired recently as chief executive officer of The New Can Company, Inc., a Holbrook, Mass., firm that manufactures metal tubes and components for the filter industry. Marson and his brother, Richard, have operated the family business since the 1950s. As he planned for his retirement, Marson says he was looking for a way to help his alma mater without overextending himself financially.

"I needed something that would provide some signifi-

cant cash flow during my retirement, but also help Colby. The remainder trust was a good way to achieve both of those," he said.

Based on a 5 percent return on a \$100,000 principle, the trust would provide approximately \$130,000 in before-tax income for the next 17 years. As the principal appreciates over the trust's life span, the benefit to Colby would be \$229,000. The unitrust would provide income for Marson, who is 68, every year until age 95.

Marson has long been one of the College's most active and supportive alumni. He previously has served as chair of the Annual Fund, chair of the Alumni Council and member of the Alumni Council Structure Task Force an overseer and vice

chair of the Board of Trustees. Both Marson's currently serve as correspondents for the Class of '48 and have won Colby Bricks, and he received the Marriner Distinguished Service Award. His family provided funds for the Marson Common Ground Room in the Student Center.

Marson says he has been back to Colby in 44 of the 47 years since his graduation. "Dorothy and I have put about 40,000 miles on our cars, driving back and forth to Waterville," he said.

"I see Colby as a real citadel of higher learning," Marson said. "And Bill Cotter is one of the finest chief executives I've ever met."

Marson, whose daughter Deborah is a 1975 Colby



Dorothy and David Marson '48

graduate, says his long and deep association with the College has been one of the most rewarding aspects of his life. "So many of my closest relationships have Colby connections. It's only natural for me to want to give back to it," he said.

"A Ticket to Opportunity"

Strengthening an already deep commitment to supporting African-American students, David and Marina Ottaway, parents of Robin Ottaway '95, have established a full tuition scholarship with a \$300,000 gift to Colby's endowment.

David Ottaway, whose career has included stints as a South Africa correspondent for *The Washington Post*, says he and his wife established the scholarship to help Colby attract African-American students and to honor South African President Nelson Mandela. Marina Ottaway is an Africa scholar and author who has collaborated with her husband on three books and wrote her own book about South Africa.

"While we fully realize that one scholarship does not solve the problem, we know that Colby has had difficulty attracting minority students because of its location," Ottaway said. He says the scholarship was named for Mandela, whom he first met while living in South Africa soon after Mandela was released from prison in 1990, because "we really admire him and see him as a symbol of racial reconciliation."

President William Cotter says he has known the Ottaways "for a very long time," dating back to when Cotter was president of the African American Institute. "David was working on South African issues at that time and so was I, and that's how we came to know each other," Cotter said.

Ottaway, who still spends much of his time in Africa for the *Post*, says he was overseas during most of Robin's four years at Colby. Not forgotten, however, was a discussion he and Marina had with Cotter about minority scholarships when their son was in his first year at Colby. When they met again last year, the Ottaways followed up with a proposal to create a special scholarship for African-American students with need. "We see education as the only way out for African Americans," Ottaway said. "They are disadvantaged in so many ways. Education is a ticket to opportunity."

The Ottaways have funded African-American scholarships at other institutions, including fellowships for children at a private Quaker school in Washington, D.C., and fellowships for doctoral students at Columbia University. Recipients of the Mandela scholarships will be selected on their academic ability and financial need. The scholarship will support four years of the student's education at Colby, at which time another recipient will be chosen.

"David and Marina are both fascinating people," Cotter said. "It's extraordinary to receive a gift of this kind from current parents. It's a great help for the campaign, which focuses on financial aid endowment, and their particular interest in helping minority students makes it even more special."

Short-term Jobs Go a Long Way

By Stephen Collins '74

There's a reason they call it commencement. Perhaps no one word captures the sense that education is preparation for life more than this one, which turns an ending into a beginning.

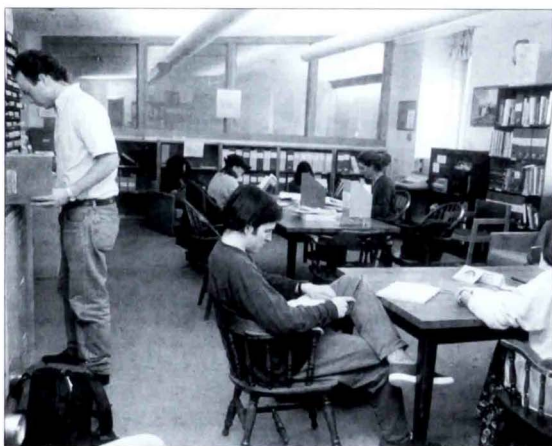
Over the past 10 years, as the job market has become more competitive, Colby seniors who commence careers or graduate study are increasingly aware that academic preparation, particularly for liberal arts graduates, needs to be augmented by experience. As Colby's career services operation has grown during that time, so too have the numbers of students seeking work experience through paid and unpaid internships. Internships, whether for Jan Plan credit, résumé enhancement or just to satisfy curiosity, are the currency of career preparation in the competitive '90s.

Said Linda Cotter, associate director of off-campus study and academic affairs and the coordinator of Colby's internship program, "The whole concept of internships has exploded compared to ten or twelve years ago when I was in career services." Employers have become increasingly sophisticated in how they can make productive use of interns, how they can use internships as recruiting and screening tools and how they can measure the value of internships on applicants' résumés, Cotter said.

Director of Career Services Cynthia Yasinski is blunt when she assesses

their value to students: "Internships are probably the biggest thing that separates the successful from the unsuccessful job seekers," she said. "They're more important than grade point average."

Yasinski says internships give students inside knowledge of a business or profession. On the job, students learn what they like and,



Traffic in the Career Services Office begins to increase as seniors near graduation.

sometimes even more important, what they don't like. Some students graduate with three or four internships on their résumés. She said, "It's very unusual and very unlikely for a student to say on his or her first internship, 'This is it!'"

For Erika Sayewich '92, it worked both ways. Having worked at Colby's Writers' Center for three years helping her peers with writing projects, Sayewich thought she wanted to be a teacher. She arranged an



internship at The Madeira School in McLean, Va., as a dorm helper and writing tutor for her senior-year Jan Plan. "Madeira is a great school," she said, "but I found

to live in Washington. Last fall Sayewich entered the University of Virginia Law School. "Now," she said, "as a first-year law student I have absolutely no life, but I think I made the right choice."

Yasinski says the first year in college is not too early to start considering career choices and internships. She encourages parents to help by getting their children to talk about careers with friends and with members of the extended family. Students should consider acquiring extra skills along the way for maximum career flexibility, Yasinski says. A second language, computer skills, economics and/or accounting courses—and especially writing skills—are important, she says. "Whatever the field is, you need to express yourself well."

In the current career sweepstakes, spending the summer working construction for spending money may be expedient and spending January skiing and partying even more shortsighted. "Sometimes students don't think, 'I can make an investment in my future,'" said James Meehan, Wadsworth Professor of Economics. "The students who are serious start early, are persistent, do internships, volunteer for experience, learn what they want to do and what they don't want to do. Most of these students end up finding a job—not necessarily the perfect job, but a job they're reasonably happy with."

myself wanting to see more direct results from my work."

Back in Maine she talked her way into an informal internship at the Augusta and Portland law firm of Pierce Atwood Scribner Allen Smith & Lancaster. "They were really great," she said of the firm's staff. "I had no real knowledge of law going in." After commencement, a job as a paralegal in the Washington, D.C., firm Covington & Burling gave her experience in a career field she liked and a chance

NOTHING NEW

Anecdotes from the Colby Archives

Class Action

A now dead but long-honored tradition at Colby, False Orders, called for men of the sophomore class to lampoon some member or institution of the College. By 1900 False Orders had taken the shape of a publication called *The War Cry*. In 1903, for the second consecutive year and in defiance of College President Charles L. White, the sophomores interrupted the annual Freshman Reading to announce and distribute the new issue of *The War Cry*. Outraged, White, who a few months earlier had banned dancing at College parties, suspended every man in the Class of 1905.

The result of that action was the Student Strike of 1903. Freshmen, juniors and seniors in the men's division demanded the reversal of the suspension and threatened to boycott classes and commencement exercises. In solidarity with the men, the women of the Class of 1905 declared that they were equally deserving of punishment. The strike had more bark than bite; after a flurry of meetings and the appointment of a trustee commission, life returned to normal. In the end, commencement was held and the sophomores missed a few days of classes.

Meehan said that, "with a liberal education, there's not a ready-made slot for you." Colby students should graduate with good writing and communications skills and outstanding analytical abilities, but sometimes research and creativity are required to merge those with a suitable career. Internships are part of that research, he says, speaking as a mentor to Colby students and from personal experience with his daughters.

Two years ago Meehan's daughter Shana graduated from Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y. As a specialist in the economics of industry Meehan knows all about corporate downsizing and the declining numbers of white-collar jobs in an era of flat growth and increased global competition and the effects they have had on new graduates entering the work force. But as the parent of a new liberal arts

college graduate he didn't know what to expect. Meehan decided that internship experience was important enough that he would support his daughter economically so she could accept an unpaid position with a congressman in Washington, D.C.

Whether it was economics savvy, parental guesswork or a combination, Meehan reports that he backed a winner when he put money on his daughter. It was less than a month before Shana had a job at a trade organization in addition to evening and weekend hours at a mall retail store. Not only is she making it inside the Beltway, she's putting money away for her future, just like her dad counsels his economics students to do.

"In a tough job market, the role you play as a parent is increasingly important," Meehan said.

The Butler Did It

At Colby in 1872 there was no place to go.



Dorms were rustic; steam heat had been installed only in the previous year, and residence halls lacked indoor plumbing. In fact, the only bathroom facilities on campus were located in a primitive, decrepit structure that survived despite repeated requests by students for replacement. And so on the night of May 14, 1872, six students set fire to the campus privy. Little was left except for the bare stone walls. The authorities investigated and subpoenas were issued, but mysteriously, the case was quickly squelched. The fugitive leader of the Privy Arson Gang was Nathaniel Butler Jr. '73, the son of a Colby alumnus and long-time Colby trustee. The incident did not damage Butler's future with the College, however. In 1895 he became Colby's 12th president.

Job Fare

Even a quick glance down the roster of Jan Plan field experiences this year makes clear that Colby students are taking full advantage of the College's ambitious program of internship placements.

The Office of Off-Campus Study, led by director Jon Weiss and associate director Linda Cotter, organized 253 field placements in 30 states and 13 foreign countries during the recent January Program. Some examples:

*Rebecca Nash '97 of Wayzata, Minn., developed an eco-tourism project at Corcovado National Park in the Peninsula De Osa, Costa Rica.

*Erin Carmichael '95 of Essex Junction, Vt., worked with the Vermont Department of Corrections to develop a leisure-time program for offenders.

*Colin DeBakker '97 of Hudson, Mass., assisted in a research project at the New England Regional Primate Research Center at Harvard Medical School.

*Erin Duggan '97 of Chappaqua, N.Y., completed a media internship at the NBC News program *Dateline* in New York.

*Jason Kidwell '96 of Augusta, Maine, worked in the public relations department for the Baltimore Orioles.

According to Jason Mahoney '95, his internship at the law firm of Morris, James, Hitchins and Williams in his hometown of Wilmington, Del., provided valuable experience as well as a chance to evaluate his chosen career field. "I am considering attending law school, and this experience will allow me to make an educated decision," he said. "If I decide that I do want to attend law school, this work experience will help me get into a good school."

Heart of a Winner

By Lynn Sullivan '89

Tyler Walker '96 is not one of the stars of the Colby men's basketball team, but you'd never know it by the way his coaches and teammates talk about him.

"Tyler is one of the most focused guys we have," said head coach and athletic director Dick Whitmore.

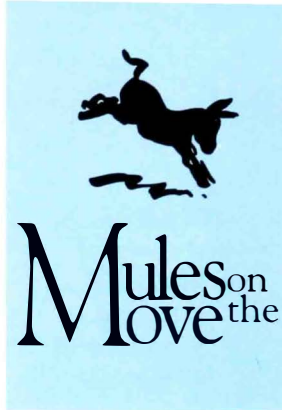
"He is a tremendous example of a hard worker and a vital team member."

Walker's contributions aren't sinking three-point shots, making key rebounds or setting up plays. "Every day in practice Tyler works harder than anyone else [on the court]," said teammate



STEPHEN COLLINS '74

Tyler Walker in a familiar pose—guarding Matt Gaudet in practice.



around," said Walker, who is responsible during practices for guarding senior tri-captain Matt Gaudet, the team's leading scorer and potential All-American. "[In practice I get] to challenge the starters. The best thing is playing against the good and great players everyday."

Walker, a 5'7" point guard, says that despite the frustrations of limited playing time, basketball is his first love and he'll participate until he no longer has fun—something he hopes never happens.

"I'm not going to say I'm content with [not playing]," said Walker, "but I'm not going to express it. To complain about playing time would be ridiculous . . . it disrupts team unity. It's natural to think you can play and it's tough sometimes not

T.J. Maines, a senior tri-captain from Augusta, Maine. "He is definitely a leader. During games he gets everyone involved and gets [the players] on their feet clapping."

Most games Walker is on the bench awaiting a rare chance to play. The Hampton, N.H., native—who was cut from the team his first year—has seen roughly 20 minutes of playing time during the past two seasons. That doesn't faze Walker, who remains enthusiastic.

"I get to play against one of the best point guards

A Whit of Difference

As an exclamation point on Dick Whitmore's 25th year as head coach, the men's basketball team breezed through the bulk of its schedule, at one point winning 17 straight games, to compile its seventh 20-win season in a row. It marked the 22nd winning season in Whitmore's Colby career, which also has included 19 Colby-Bates-Bowdoin championships or co-championships and three Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference titles.

Whitmore, who was named athletic director in 1987, has amassed a 424-183

career record and a winning percentage (.699) that's one of the best in New England. He was named the 1994-95 Maine State College Basketball Coach of the Year by the Maine Basketball Coaches and Writers Association.

Led by senior guard Matt Gaudet of Rumford, Maine, the White Mules finished the regular season with a 20-4 record. Gaudet, voted to the All-NESCAC team, averaged 18.1 points per game and finished his career as Colby's seventh all-time leading scorer. The White Mules, seeded fifth in the Northeast Regional of the NCAA



BUCH TAYLOR '98

Dick Whitmore was recognized for his 25 years at Colby in a ceremony at Wadsworth Gymnasium.

tournament, lost 80-66 to Williams in the first round.

The 17-game winning streak—which ended in Colby's last game of the

regular season, a 78-70 loss to Bowdoin—was the longest since the 1984-85 season when the White Mules won 22 straight games. ♦

SPORTS SHORTS



Stick Together

playing, but you have to have respect for seniority and the guys who've paid their dues. Plus the number one thing with everyone on the team is wanting to win."

Assistant coach Gerry McDowell '76 says Walker is an asset to the team. "Tyler is tremendously supportive of his teammates. He gives everything he's got from the bench to help us win games," he said.

Walker says it's hard to argue about minutes played when you're part of a highly successful team. Last year the White Mules had a 21-4 record and were seeded second in the Northeast Region of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III tournament. This year the team went 20-5.

"If I didn't want to play [in games] I wouldn't try hard in practice," said Walker, who runs a basketball and soccer camp during summers in Hampton. "If I'm not going to play in games, I've got to try hard in some other ways. I want to win as much as anyone on the team. You just have to keep in mind that you're contributing to a winning [program]."

"Tyler never complains," said Maines. "He may be down but you'd never

know by his actions. He never says a word and is always positive."

Walker was an outstanding high school athlete, playing basketball and soccer and running track. The American studies major says he came to Colby because of its academic reputation, not because of athletics.

A starting outside halfback on the men's soccer team, Walker helped lead the White Mules to an Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference championship in 1993 and to the tournament semifinals in 1994. He was elected a captain for next season by his teammates.

"I'm pretty lucky. I've been on two pretty successful teams even though I don't play much on one," said Walker.

"Part of what you do in coaching is admire," said Whitmore, "and it's easy to admire Tyler because of everything that he brings to the table every day. He is invaluable as far as the team is concerned."

"I think of Tyler as a leader," said Maines. "Next year, in my eyes, I think he should be a captain."

Said McDowell, "Tyler has the heart of a winner."

12th in the Nation

Four members of the women's squash team represented Colby at the Individual Nationals this season—second team All-American Kate LaVigne '95 of Paxton, Mass., first-year student Sonia Totten of Tokyo, Ellen Derrick, a junior from West Falls, N.Y., and Sarah Molly, a sophomore from Indonesia. The squad finished the season with a 16-11 overall record and a national ranking of 12, the highest in the 12-year history of the program.

Best Season Ever

The National Intercollegiate Squash Racquet Association coach's poll selected Colby's men's squad as the recipient of the 1994-95 Barnaby Trophy, which is given to the most improved team in the nation. In addition, the squad received the Summers Trophy for its performance at Team Nationals in February. With a 16-8 final record, they finished the season with a national ranking of 17—the best in the program's 24-year history. Junior Jamie Cheston, of Ambler, Pa., and first-year student Dave Dodwell, of Warwick, Bermuda, represented the White Mules at the Individual Nationals.

Roundup

The women's indoor track and field squad placed second, third and fourth at the three New England Challenge Cup meets and secured second at the Maine State Meet. The team finished fourth at the New England Division III championships and 13th at the ECACs. Senior Lenia Ascenso was undefeated in the 1000 meters and 800 meters until the Division III championships, where she placed 12th in the 800. Brooke Lorenzen '95 broke her own school record in the 20-pound weight throw with a toss of 49'4.25." . . . The men's squad tied for eighth at the ECAC championships. Senior Zach Nightingale won the 500-meter race with a time of 1:05.34, breaking a meet record held since 1992 and a Colby record held since 1983 by James McHugo '85. . . . The alpine and nordic teams placed in the top 10 at all the ski carnivals this season except for the nordic races at St. Lawrence. . . . Injuries and illness plagued the women's basketball team this winter as they finished the season with a 5-17 record.

Still Kicking

It's been a while since Frank Stephenson '62 laced up his hockey skates, so it's no wonder the former All-American goalie misses the game. Currently an education consultant living in Ojai, Calif., Stephenson still holds Colby records for lowest goals-against average in a season (2.18)—set in 1961-62—and in a career (2.45). After graduating he did a three-year stint with the Army before returning to Mayflower Hill to work in the admissions and alumni/development offices over a span of 14 years. In the early 1970s he was instrumental in the formation of Colby's women's ice hockey program. In 1980 Stephenson became director of admissions at the Thacher School in California, leaving in 1986 to start his own consulting firm.



Reunion Weekend June 8-11, 1995

Reunion committees have been busy for over a year planning activities to make this weekend special for each class. Below is a general schedule of the events for the weekend. Reunion classes also will receive a more complete schedule and reservation form in the mail, along with details about your class activities. If you have not yet received this, please call the Reunion Hotline at 207/872-3190.

All events take place on campus, unless specifically noted. You will receive a program when you check in at registration that will provide you with the full schedule of activities and the locations for all activities.

The registration desk will be open Thursday, 3:00-9:00 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m., and Saturday 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Please let us know if you expect to arrive other than during those times so we can make arrangements for your check-in.

Children are welcome, too! A full program of supervised child care activities is planned for children of all ages, on Friday 3:00-11:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday 9:00-noon for youngsters only. You may choose the Saturday-evening-only option (starting at 5:00 p.m.) for a reduced rate. A list of private babysitters is available through the Reunion Hot-line. Children not registered for child care may purchase tickets individually and participate in children's meals. A reduced price is available for children ages 5-12, and complimentary "Happy Colby Meals" will be provided for children age 4 and under.

Reservation deadline is May 26; there is a \$10 late fee per registration. No refunds after June 2. We cannot guarantee meals or rooms without reservations.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1995

3:00-9:00 p.m.	Reunion Registration Desk Open <i>Student Center Lobby</i>
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Class of '60 Trip to Hurricane Island Meet in Rockland
All Day	Class of '70 White-water Rafting on Kennebec River
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Class of '55 Dinner Cruise on Casco Bay
5:30 p.m.	Class of '45 Reception and Dinner
5:30 p.m.	Class of '65 Reception in South Portland
7:00 p.m.	Class of '70 Reception and Dinner in Portland
Evening	Class of '60 Reception and Dinner at Samoset Resort
6:00-8:00 p.m.	Dinner Buffet in Dining Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1995

7:00-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast in Dining Hall
8:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m.	Reunion Registration Desk Open <i>Student Center Lobby</i>
Morning	Class of '70 Golf Tournament
8:30 a.m.	Alumni Golf Tournament and Golf Luncheon <i>Waterville Country Club</i>
9:30 a.m.	Class of '45 Tour of Waterville
10:00 a.m.	Class of '65 Boat Trip and Island Picnic
11:30 a.m.	Class of '45 Lunch at Alden Camps, Oakland
Noon-1:00 p.m.	Lunch in Dining Hall
Noon-3:00 p.m.	Class of '80 Boat Cruise, meet in Bremen
12:30-2:30 p.m.	Class of '70 Boat Trip on Casco Bay (lunch included) Meet at noon, Casco Bay Lines, Portland
1:00 p.m.	Class of '85 Golf Outing
3:00-4:30 p.m.	Art Museum Exhibit Opening Reception— <i>Winslow Homer: Wood Engravings Portray America, 1854-1874</i> , works from the Colby, a gift of Lee Fernandez '55 and Patricia Davidson Reef
4:30-6:30 p.m.	Class of '70 Reception
4:30-6:00 p.m.	Class of '65 Reception
4:30-6:00 p.m.	Class of '60 Reception
5:30-7:00 p.m.	Dinner for Youngsters and Teens Meal for infants served at child care site
5:45-6:45 p.m.	Awards Banquet Reception
6:45 p.m.	All-Class Awards Banquet—All alumni are welcome. Reunion classes will be seated together. Music by Al Corey
After Dinner	Dancing with the Al Corey Quartet
Evening	Class Reunion Welcoming Receptions
10:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1995

7:00-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast in Dining Halls
8:00-9:30 a.m.	Class of '50 Breakfast
8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Reunion Registration Desk Open <i>Student Center Lobby</i>
8:30 a.m.	Alumni Fun Run on the 3-mile loop
9:45 a.m.	Alumni Association Spring Meeting—President Cotter will provide an update on the College. Alumni Council Business Meeting.
11:00 a.m.	The Parade of Classes Class Reunion Photographs for Classes of 50+ Club, '50, '55, '60, '65, '75, '80, '85, '90
Noon-1:30 p.m.	Lobster Bake, Cookouts, Class Events Reunion Lobster Bake/Chicken Barbecue Class of '70 Cookout Class of '75 Lunch Class of '80 Cookout
Afternoon	Class Activities
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Author Booksigning at the Colby Bookstore
Afternoon	Alumni and Faculty Panel Discussions
1:30-4:30 p.m.	"Estate Planning—Creatively" with Terry Mayo '57
3:00 p.m.	"Colby in Perspective: 1970 as a Turning Point" with Sociology Professor Tom Morrione '65
3:30-5:00 p.m.	Math Department Reception
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Country Line Dancing
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Dinner for Youngsters and Teens Meal for infants served at child care site
6:15 p.m.	Class of '45 50th Reunion Photograph
6:30 p.m.	Class of '70 25th Reunion Photograph
Evening	Class Reunion Dinners
After Dinner	Dances, Entertainment, Class Events including Dance with The Blue Flames
10:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1995

8:30 a.m.-Noon	Reunion Registration Desk Open <i>Student Center Lobby</i>
7:30 a.m.-Noon	Brunch Buffet in Dining Hall
Morning	Coffee and Doughnuts in Class Headquarters
7:30-10:00 a.m.	Class of '50 Brunch
8:30-10:30 a.m.	Lesbigay Alumni Coffee Hour, Sponsored by The Bridge
Morning	Class of '55 Brunch
9:00-11:00 a.m.	Class of '65 Breakfast
10:00 a.m.	Class of 1970 Informal Picnic
10:15 a.m.	Boardman Memorial Service



1995 Reunion Weekend Reservation

Name (first, maiden/Colby, last): _____ Class year: _____

Spouse/guest's name: _____ Colby class year (if applicable): _____

Please indicate preferred names for nametags: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Business phone: _____

MEALS & EVENTS	Adults	Rate	Total	Children age 5-12	Rate	Total	TOTAL
	Number			Number			
<i>Thursday, June 8</i>							
Class of '60 Trip and Lunch	_____	\$10.00	\$_____	_____		\$_____	\$_____
'70 Reception and Dinner	_____	\$17.75	\$_____	_____	\$10.00	\$_____	\$_____
Class of '55 Dinner Cruise	_____	\$30.00	\$_____	_____		\$_____	\$_____
Class of '45 Dinner	_____	no charge	\$_____	_____		\$_____	\$_____
Dinner on campus*	_____	\$8.50	\$_____	_____	\$5.00	\$_____	\$_____
<i>Friday, June 9</i>							
Breakfast*	_____	\$4.00	\$_____	_____	\$3.00	\$_____	\$_____
All-Class Golf Tournament and Lunch	_____	\$50.00	\$_____	_____		\$_____	\$_____
Class of '70 Cruise and Lunch	_____	\$15.00	\$_____	_____	\$10.00	\$_____	\$_____
Class of '45 Lunch*	_____	no chg.	\$_____	_____		\$_____	\$_____
Lunch on campus*	_____	\$6.00	\$_____	_____	\$4.00	\$_____	\$_____
Youngsters and Teens Cookout (same price for all children)=	_____		\$_____	_____	\$6.00=	\$_____	\$_____
All-Class Awards Banquet*	_____	\$19.00	\$_____	_____		\$_____	\$_____
<i>Saturday, June 10</i>							
Breakfast*	_____	\$5.00	\$_____	_____	\$3.50	\$_____	\$_____
or Class of '50 Breakfast	_____	\$5.25	\$_____	_____	\$5.25	\$_____	\$_____
Lunch: Lobster Bake*	_____	\$20.00	\$_____	_____	\$20.00	\$_____	\$_____
or Chicken BBQ*	_____	\$15.00	\$_____	_____	\$15.00	\$_____	\$_____
or Class of '70 cookout	_____	\$7.50	\$_____	_____	\$4.00	\$_____	\$_____
or Class of '75 lunch	_____	\$8.00	\$_____	_____	\$4.00	\$_____	\$_____
or Class of '80 cookout	_____	\$7.50	\$_____	_____	\$4.00	\$_____	\$_____
Youngsters and Teens Dinner (same price for all children) =	_____		\$_____	_____	\$6.00=	\$_____	\$_____
Reunion Class Dinner (circle one)							
50+ Club, Class of '45	_____	no charge	\$_____	_____		\$_____	\$_____
Class of '50	_____	\$24.00	\$_____	_____		\$_____	\$_____
Class of '55	_____	\$21.00	\$_____	_____		\$_____	\$_____
Class of '60	_____	\$23.00	\$_____	_____		\$_____	\$_____
Class of '65	_____	\$27.00	\$_____	_____		\$_____	\$_____
Class of '70	_____	\$25.00	\$_____	_____		\$_____	\$_____
Class of '75	_____	\$24.00	\$_____	_____		\$_____	\$_____
Class of '80	_____	\$24.00	\$_____	_____		\$_____	\$_____
Class of '85	_____	\$29.00	\$_____	_____		\$_____	\$_____
Class of '90	_____	\$26.00	\$_____	_____		\$_____	\$_____
<i>Sunday, June 11</i>							
Breakfast Buffet*	_____	\$5.00	\$_____	_____	\$3.50	\$_____	\$_____
or Class of '50 Breakfast	_____	\$5.25	\$_____	_____	\$5.25	\$_____	\$_____
or Class of '65 Breakfast—no advance tickets—price a la carte	_____		\$_____	_____		\$_____	\$_____

* Class of '45 and 50+ Club—no charge but you must indicate if you plan to attend.

= Meals marked with = are included with Child Care package price. Other children may attend but must purchase ticket. Complimentary "Happy Colby Meals" will be provided for children age 4 and under.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

Check as many as apply: Kosher Vegetarian No fat No salt No cholesterol Other: _____

On-Campus Accommodations

Adults			Children 12 and under		
# of people	Rate	Total	# of people	Rate	Total
_____	\$25.00*	\$_____	_____	\$15.00	\$_____

Check here for Thursday arrival. Yes, I would be glad to share a room. Please assign me with _____ or another classmate.
 * Class of '45 and '50+ Club—no charge, but you must indicate if you need on-campus accommodations.

Activities

- Check here if you wish to **reserve a golf cart** for the Golf Tournament (\$25 charge payable at the course).
- Check here if you are interested in the **Class of '80 Boat Cruise** on Friday.
- Check here if you are interested in the **Class of '70 Golf Outing** on Friday.
- Check here if you are interested in the **Class of '85 Golf Outing** on Friday.
- Check here if you plan to attend the **Estate Planning Seminar** on Saturday.
- Check here if you will play in the **Class of '80 Tennis Tournament** on Saturday. Partner's name _____

Child Care Programs

	Names/Ages/Sexes	Number	All-Week- end Rate	Sat. p.m. Only Rate	Total
Babysitting (age 0-4)	_____	_____	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$_____
Youngsters (age 5-8)	_____	_____	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$_____
Youngsters (age 9-12)	_____	_____	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$_____
Teenagers (over age 12)	_____	_____	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$_____

Class Reunion Memento

			Rate	Total
Class of '45 umbrella and tote bag	_____	No charge to class members; \$20 additional requests		\$_____
Class of '50 T-shirt	Large _____ XL _____		\$9.00	\$_____
Class of '55 T-shirt	Large _____ XL _____		\$9.00	\$_____
Class of '60 T-shirt	Large _____ XL _____		\$7.00	\$_____
Class of '65 T-shirt	Large _____ XL _____		\$8.50	\$_____
Class of '70 T-shirt	Large _____ XL _____	Child S _____ M _____ L _____	\$11.00	\$_____
Class of '75 T-shirt	Large _____ XL _____	Child S _____ M _____ L _____	\$10.00	\$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here for long-sleeve option for '75 T-shirt.				
Class of '80 T-shirt	Large _____ XL _____	Child S _____ M _____ L _____	\$10.00	\$_____
Class of '85 T-shirt	Large _____ XL _____	Child S _____ M _____ L _____	\$6.00	\$_____
Class of '90 cap	_____		\$6.00	\$_____

Total	Meals and events	\$_____	Payment form:
	Accommodations	\$_____	<input type="checkbox"/> cash
	Reunion memento	\$_____	<input type="checkbox"/> check
	Child care	\$_____	<input type="checkbox"/> credit card
	Late/On-site registration fee (after May 26) @ \$10	\$_____	
	Total	\$_____	

Credit Card Payment # _____ Exp. Date _____
 Mastercard VISA American Express

Special needs: _____

Mail to: Reunion Reservations
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 Waterville, Maine 04901

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TWENTIES

An ancient letter from **Marjorie Gould Shuman '37** (dated Feb. 18, 1994) urges me to be of stout heart if nobody sends any news. There will be dry spells, she said. Soon afterwards, I begged all of you to snow me under with an avalanche of mail—and you did!—203 responses. So, if you responded and haven't seen your name in this column yet, you will. . . . **Arthur Sullivan '22** writes: "Imogen and I are as well as can be expected at 89 and 94. I'm still playing golf and croquet. Croquet is a great game, and I've gotten quite good at it." A clipping that Arthur sent along leaves the impression that he is a man you wouldn't want to bet against. . . . **Caroline Rogers Hawkes '27** will have turned 94 on April 1, 1995. She has become blind, and her daughter, Ann Hawkes Paquin '52, reads the newspaper and the mail to her. Her daughter and son-in-law live with her, but she still does housework and gets out to church, to the Southern Maine Colby Group and to meetings of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. ♦

THIRTIES

Sumner Peter Mills Jr. '34 keeps fit, he says, by outrunning bill collectors and angry women. Sadly, at the time he wrote (April '94), he was recuperating from a broken hip but says nothing about how it happened: bill collector, woman

scorned or the law of gravity. . . . **Louise Williams Brown '34** is proud of her three children and their spouses and of her eight grandchildren; but modesty prevents her from telling us why. All but two of them spent Thanksgiving '93 with her in Bermuda. If all went as planned, she joined a group of 30 for a trip to Australia and New Zealand. . . . Just about everybody who was at Colby in the years 1930-1937 will remember **Harold M. Plotkin '34**, who died on September 22, 1994. Colby in the mid-'30s, darkened by the Depression and by the smoke of Maine Central Railroad locomotives, would not seem to have provided an up-beat environment, but there was a lot going on that tended to lighten the place up and predict great things for the future. It was in this decade, we must remember, that the college on Mayflower Hill was born. Curiously symbolic of these years at Colby, involving an idea ridiculous at the time—a landing on the moon—the musical comedy *Moon Madness* was one of the numerous entertaining brain children of Harold Plotkin. "Harold Plotkin did many things to enliven Colby in the early '30s," wrote **John Pullen '35** in a recent tribute. "His column in the *Echo*, 'The Plot Thickens,' was a spicy commentary on Colby social life. He introduced the College Inn tea dances of 1933 and the three-day Junior Week-End, which in 1934 featured *Moon Madness*. His editorship of *The White Mule* raised that publication almost to respectability as a comic magazine. After he graduated, I did not see him again for nearly 60 years, but we finally got together again toward the end of his life. Except for the physical alteration that nature works upon us, he hadn't changed a bit. I sure missed a lot of fun [by not seeing him all those years]." Harold and John were the principal authors of *Moon Mad-*



Alumni at Large

ness, which was presented by the junior class at the Waterville Opera House on April 19, 1934. Music was composed by **Kathryn Herrick McCrodden '35** and **Winthrop Clement '34**. The cast included **Bernard C. Stallard '37**, **Beth Pendleton Clark '35**, **Kathryn Herrick McCrodden '35**, **Arthur O. Brown '36**, **Anthony C. Stone '36**, **Beulah Bennett Sayles '35**, **Kenneth A. Johnson '37**, **Robert W. Colomy '35**, **William H. Millett '34**, **Winthrop Clement '34**, **James L. Ross '36**, **Morton Goldfine '37**, **Carl E. Reed '35**, **Dana W. Jaquith '35** and **Francis Barnes '36**. . . . **Arthur Feldman '35** has had an aortic heart valve replaced, which slowed him temporarily from his very active life as president and founder of Search and Rescue Groups of California, president of the North County Chapter of the World Affairs Council of San Diego (Calif.) and adjunct professor at San Diego State University. . . . As the result of two heart attacks and three angioplasties, **Sidney Schiffman '35** does a half mile in 20 minutes where formerly he did a mile in 10. He looks forward to his 60th reunion two months from now. . . . **Gordon Patch Thompson '35** writes: "On February 18, 1994, Sid Farr '55, alumni secretary, met with the following alumni for lunch at the Clearwater (Fla.) Beach Hotel: **Louise Brown '34**, who winters in Clearwater and summers in Portland; **Gordon Thompson '35** and wife Maude, winter residents of Clearwater and of Arlington, Mass., in summer; [the late] **Paul '37** and wife **Babs Walden Palmer '40**, winter residents of Dunedin who summer in Damariscotta (Maine); **Ottellie (Ot) Greely Ward '38**, who winters at the Marriott in Palm Harbor and

visits daughters in New England in the summer; **Peg Chase Macomber '27** (who had just celebrated her 92nd birthday) of Florida in winter and Maine in summer; **Albert Piper '36** of Dunedin in winter and Waterville in summer. **Ralph Williams '35**, who winters in Dunedin and summers in Boothbay Harbor, was there with his wife, Barbara [who has since passed away]. Everyone looks forward to Sid's visits and news from Maine." . . . **Mike Cohen '35** says he fears going to Hell because he's been told "down there all the TV channels are fixed on round-the-clock basketball and you can't shut them off." He and his wife, Kitty, do not have a dog, and they don't want a dog, but if they did have a dog it would be named "Brown Fang." "Better to have a name and no dog than to have a dog and no name," Mike observes profoundly. . . . **Alice Bocquel Hartwell '36** has had a cataract removed and highly recommends the procedure. She has been reading a college textbook, *Introduction to Literature* by Bedford. Reading old favorites and sampling new literature made her feel like a student again, she says. The commentaries were interesting and useful. . . . **Eleanor MacCarey Whitmore '36** had a violent crush on Professor Walter Breckenridge, and that's why she remembers him. She loves mysteries but did take time (and make the effort) to read *Truman* by David McCullough, 1,000 pages', and calls it "A wonderful story of an important period in our history." . . . **Arthur L. Spear '36** has sold his house and moved into an apartment—no shoveling snow, no lawn mowing, no house chores: "At age 80, this is a good deal for me." He remembers white chalk all over Professor Stanley's blue serge suit, Professor Weber's incomparable English literature classes and Professor Chapman's kindly interest in the welfare of

each of his students. . . . Elizabeth Thompson Clark '36 reports that she has two married daughters: one a physical therapist living in China, Maine, and the other teaching English in a college in China, as in People's Republic of China. Mrs. Clark was in the hospital for a month last year and then was in San Francisco for 10 days on an Elderhostel program. San Francisco was more fun. The San Francisco trip was her sixth Elderhostel, and she recommends them highly. Next Elderhostel—Hawaii. . . . Reverend Edwin Shuman '38 and his wife, Marjorie Gould Shuman '37, lead lives filled with busy (a term I just coined). With relatives and friends everywhere, they travel all over (England, Scotland and the United States). In an afterthought, Marjorie comments: "Since Ed was Dr. Libby's assistant for four years, he has a good many anecdotes to tell." (Stories about Dr. Libby are always welcome in this column, and we look forward to Ed's report.) . . . Henry Wilcox '37 has two daughters, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. In the fitness department he reports walking and doing stretch exercises about five times a week. He recommends *When the Bough Breaks* by Jonathan Kellerman. . . . Betty Wilkinson Ryan '37 has given her bicycle away because she lives in a four-sided valley; i.e., "everywhere I go is uphill from my house." She enjoys "the concerts, operas and museums of New York, where a veritable feast of options lies before me." Betty's uncle was the beloved Professor William J. Wilkinson. . . . Ruth Yeaton McKee '37 wants to walk 10 miles a day and entertain as she used to. She recalls that Dr. Libby used to terrify us in Public Speaking and that John Thomas was a joy to sing for in Glee Club. . . . Ethel Bradstreet Maney '38 has a son, Ardith '66 (Phi Beta Kappa), a daughter Laurel '70 (Phi Beta Kappa) and a son, Jack, who graduated from Dartmouth in three years, but Ethel does not give the year of graduation. Ardith is professor of political science at Iowa State, Laurel is a manager with the Miller Brewing company and Jack is an electrical engineer. She walks frequently down to

Lake Michigan, five minutes from her apartment in Milwaukee. . . . James Fox '38 plays violin with an accordionist at the Mona Lisa Rest Home in Ft. Myers, Fla. His son Jordan holds a second mate's license with the Merchant Marine and is employed by the U.S. Navy. His son Jon is a soccer coach in Fairhaven, Mass., where his team has been champion or co-champion each year. His daughter, Adele, is an accountant at the Belmont Hill Preparatory School. . . . Reverend Phillips Henderson '38 reports that on January 1, 1994, he was married to Rita Cloutier—"who was my minister of music at Memorial Baptist Church, Hartford, Conn., when I was minister there in 1974-1982." He recommends *The Culture of Disbelief* by Stephen L. Carter. It concerns the trivialization of religion and its practices by our government and society. . . . Violet Hamilton Christensen '39 has had cataract surgery, which greatly improved the sight in her left eye. By the time you read this, she will have had the right eye "fixed." Violet would rather write than anything, but volunteer work frequently gets in the way. . . . Sixteen months ago, Margaret Whalen '39 broke her left (writing) arm in three places when she fell on the ice. A long period of hibernation followed. She remembers Professor Everett Strong's French classes and from that experience has maintained an interest in French literature all her life. . . . Virginia Kingsley Jones '39 is a trustee of her local hospital (E. Boothbay, Maine) and is secretary of the board. At the time of her February '94 letter, she was the great-grandmother of a 1-year-old and, if all went well, was to be a great-grandmother again last July (see profile, page 43). ♦

FORTIES

Constance Tilley '40 lives in a retirement community in Gaithersburg, Md., where the people couldn't be nicer. Although the book is not new, Constance recommends *Upstairs at the White House*. She really enjoyed it. . . . For many years, Priscilla Mailey '40 vowed she would never leave her home but, hav-

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Ludy Levine '21 celebrated his 96th birthday last November 30. When asked by a *Central Maine Morning Sentinel* reporter how he felt, he replied, "I don't see any difference in my actions. I just carry on. I'm looking forward to 100 years. That's all I want." He and his brother, Pacy '27, rarely miss a Colby football, basketball or baseball game and continue to work six days a week at Levine's Clothing Store in Waterville.



Ludy Levine '21

MILEPOSTS

Deaths: William M. Chittenden '19 in Hamden, Conn., at 98. . . . Myra Dolley '19 in Portland, Maine, at 97. . . . Thelma Ryder Bush '23 in Springfield, Vt., at 92. . . . Louise M. Tilley '23 in Pittman, N.J., at 94. . . . W. Robert Lombard '28 in Machias, Maine, at 88. . . . Oris Greenlaw Walter '29 in Winston-Salem, N.C., at 86. . . . Ruth Park Smith '30 in Lancaster, N.H., at 85. . . . Pauline Gay Ryder '31 in Oak Ridge, Tenn., at 83. . . . Ralph M. Snyder '31 in Oxford, Maine, at 85. . . . John H.J. Wisnoski '31 in Ware, Mass., at 86. . . . Robert F. Greene '33 in Brookline, Mass., at 83. . . . Theodore H. Packard '33 in Holden, Mass., at 83. . . . Margaret Fernald Smith '33 in Wilton, Maine, at 83. . . . Louise Smith Veltin '33 in Oakland, Calif., at 83. . . . Frederick Bowker '35 in Bangor, Maine, at 83. . . . Evelyn Fuller Crowe '35 in Boise, Idaho, at 81. . . . Dorothy Tozier LeMaster '36 in Monmouth, Maine, at 79. . . . Edmund L. Barnard '37 in Belfast, Maine, at 79. . . . Whitney Wright '37 in Damariscotta, Maine, at 79. . . . L.D.A. "Doris" Russell '40 in Norwood, Mass., at 77. . . . Guy Scribner '40 in Homosassa, Fla., at 76. . . . Henry W. Abbott Jr. '41 in Vero Beach, Fla., at 75. . . . Thomas R. Braddock '43 in Wellsville, N.Y., at 73. . . . Frederick A. Howard '44 in Greenwich, Conn., at 74. . . . Edward H. Saltzberg '44 in Essex, Mass., at 73.

ing moved to a retirement community in Fresno, Calif., she is glad she made the cruelly difficult transition. Two lovely kittens came along when she moved. To improve her fitness, she attends cardiac rehabilitation sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays and walks two miles on Fridays. . . . Frank Jewell '40 lives with his new wife, Lois, at his home in Florida in the winter and at hers in New Hampshire in the summer. He sings in his church choir, sometimes as a soloist. He also solos on the trumpet and the harmonica. Too occasionally to suit him, he plays golf, softball, volleyball and ping-

pong. . . . John Foster '40 has been most affected by time spent in Cuba, seminars on racial justice and "enough review of history to inspire real anger at my own U.S.A." Travel in Chile, Argentina, Brazil and Cuba are both intellectually and physically restorative, he declares. . . . My brother, John Colby Eaton '41, and his wife, Barbara, living in Waterville, find their proximity to the Colby campus most rewarding. They attend many of the cultural programs offered by the College. . . . Norris Dibble '41 has retired from the practice of law after 45 years. He and his wife, Helen, have four children

Caring About Care

Health care reform is still up for debate in Congress, but it's already underway in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Virginia Kingsley Jones '39, who has worked at Boothbay Harbor's St. Andrews Hospital both in paid and volunteer capacities for more than 50 years and headed the hospital's recently concluded \$160,000 annual fund-raising campaign, says St. Andrews already has transformed health care in the region.

Despite being the largest employer in what Jones calls "this town down here on the peninsula," St. Andrews has only 22 acute care units and a 30-bed nursing home and no trauma or transplant facilities. The hospital has lost some doctors to larger establishments and higher salaries and has found it increasingly hard to reach people.

"So we've gone beyond 'hospital' to 'health care.' Health care means working with schools and the YMCA or having clinics like our blood pressure clinics," said Jones, who began at St. Andrews in 1941 after receiving her medical technology degree at the Central Maine General Hospital School of Medical Technology. She has served as chief medical technologist and as president of the hospital auxiliary and currently is secretary of the hospital's board of trustees. As the only member of the hospital personnel on the board, she says she brings "a different perspective toward employees."

St. Andrews features three family practice doctors and two interns in a group practice, which Jones says she has been advocating for years. "They're all employees of the hospital. Before, they were in competition, now they're working together," she said. "It's working."

Preventive health care is just around the corner, says Jones, who sounds as savvy as a hospital administrator after her stints on the hospital's executive, strategic planning and human resources committees. While the hospital still offers such services as x-rays and physicals and draws blood for blood work, it has established family clinic branches, one 15 miles away in Edgecomb and the other, a women's health center, in Boothbay Harbor. Both are serviced by the hospital's five physicians.

"Preventive health is the coming thing," Jones said. "You're going to try to keep them out of the hospital rather than in."

To be in a stronger position to deal with insurance companies, who, she says, increasingly want a facility to serve a base number of clients, St. Andrews is investigating networking services such as sharing physicians and laboratory testing with as many as nine other hospitals.

"You'll only get so much money to take care of John Doe. When it's used up, that's it. Health care is going to be a different thing," she said.



St. Andrews, which was built as an in-patient building, already is functioning as an out-patient facility, Jones says. One related result is home health care, another front-line St. Andrews service.

"Medicare won't pay for people to stay in hospitals so we have to send them home, but they aren't always able to take care of themselves—so they need home health care," said Jones. "We are it."

In a community with many retirees, the hospital also is doing a feasibility study to see how much interest exists in seniors' housing. "We need something for the whole spectrum," she said. "This is a business.

Today, you have to get into these outreach things or you can't survive."

The board also set up an advisory committee so that people with complaints or suggestions can call regarding services.

"We're trying very hard to meet all the needs of the community," she said.

Her position as head of the recent fund-raising drive was "only titular," claims Jones, a Boothbay resident since 1941. "But everybody knows me. They wanted somebody local and on the board who's respected in the community. I'm called on for how local people feel."

During 10 years away from the hospital to raise her daughter, Jones did clerical work at the Hodgton Brothers shipyard. When the yard was sold, she worked in the office of a local shrimp company for a year, then, armed with her Colby chemistry major and biology courses, was employed by the government as a biologist at a local research lab studying lobsters and herring. She returned to the hospital in 1970, where she remained until she retired in 1984, a year before her husband died.

Retirement seems a misnomer. In her 70s—and now a great-grandmother twice—she joined a tap dancing group at the YMCA. (She drew the line at public performance, she said, "but if they'd offer the old soft shoe, I'd do it again.") She also has served the College as a class agent and currently is in the middle of a three-year term as a 50-plus representative to the Alumni Council. But it's the hospital that claims the bulk of her attention. "It's been the biggest interest in my life," she said.

"Except they don't pay me any more," she joked, then added, "It's nerve wracking. But financially we're better now and have more patients."

"We can now look to expand," she said, already anticipating a St. Andrews capital campaign, perhaps for seniors' housing, a couple of years down the road.

and nine grandchildren. Norris volunteers at the Bay State Medical Center as a gofer—a job that calls for a lot of walking. . . . **Elizabeth Sweetser Baxter '41** sent me a clipping about the late Dr. **Gordon Gates '19**, who was a friend and classmate of her mother, **Phyllis Sturdivant Sweetser '19**, and of my sister, the late **Harriet Eaton Rogers '19**, mother of **Estelle Rogers MacDonald '39**. Dr. Gates was the world's leading authority on oligochaeta (earthworms) and was appointed head of the Biology Department at Colby in September 1948, according to an announcement by Dr. J. Seelye Bixler printed in the Sept. 19, 1948, issue of the *Portland Sunday Telegram*. . . . **Thomas J. Clohesy '42** is not happy with retirement in Scotia, N.Y., and wishes that he was back living in Boston or New England. He escapes the gloom by being an avid reader about the European Theater of World War II. His son, **Thomas M. Clohesy**, works in the financial field in New York. . . . **Bob Rice '42** has four children and two grandchildren, all of them adults. "Like everyone else who has acquired a word processor," he writes, "I'm writing a book. This one's about WWII activities and anecdotes as a pilot." He wishes he had freedom to sit down and enjoy TV, but he is too busy writing. He has been singing in his church choir for nearly 50 years. . . . **Dorris Heaney Batt '42** and her husband, George, went to Hawaii in 1976 to give guided tours at Waioli Mission House in Hanalei, Hawaii. Later (1980) they became guides at Grove Farm Homestead (a former sugar plantation home). The Batts have two daughters and a son. One of the daughters has been one of four florists in the White House for the last 10 years under Reagan, Bush and Clinton. Mrs. Batt and my niece, **Martha Rogers Beach '42**, have been close friends ever since their Colby days. . . . **Emanuel "Manny" Fruman '42** still works as the sales manager for a water-proofing company in Plains, Pa. Sadly, Manny had to be hospitalized twice this past summer and finds that even with Medicare,

hospital costs are stupendous. While visiting last summer in nearby Mt. Gretna, Pa., I chatted with Manny by phone, but he said nothing at that time about health problems. He has purchased a NordicTrack exercise machine and is getting involved in its use. Best of luck, Manny! . . . **Ernest Weidul '43** keeps active by fishing, reading, playing bridge and trying to keep a 150-year-old house from falling down. He wishes he were doing something about keeping fit such as fishing in Argentina, Siberia or Alaska. . . . **Sidney Rauch '43**, though officially retired from Hofstra University, is still active as a speaker at numerous educational conferences. He also participates in visiting author programs in elementary schools (grades 2-4), where he reads from and answers questions about his children's books, the Barnaby Brown series. He remembers Professor Alfred Chapman for his kindness and sensitivity to incoming freshmen, Dr. Libby, whose classes were never dull, and Carl Weber, "who made one proud of being an English major." . . . **George A. Popper '43** is busy with community activities in Westfield, N.J., and recently joined the Westfield Rescue Squad as a dispatcher. The Poppers enjoy traveling and have visited England, Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Switzerland, Italy, Costa Rica and several Caribbean islands. . . . **Patricia Ford Ellis '43** met her husband, **Albert Ellis '44**, in the trombone section of the Colby band. Band was fine during football season, but Professor Comparetti changed to classical music for the colder months and there aren't many notes for trombone in that kind of music, says Mrs. Ellis. She enjoyed being among the first to occupy the new rooms on Mayflower Hill. . . . **Ruth Graves Montgomery '43** has had both knees replaced and feels great. Next time she is at Colby, she can walk with everyone. Mrs. Montgomery has three daughters, including Patricia '71, and four grandchildren. . . . **Howard Johnson '43** was writing and revising a manuscript for a book on the meaning of Jesus, according to his April '94 questionnaire. The book will be more

philosophical than pious. Howard and his wife, Charlotte, have two sons: Dana in Franconia, N.H., and Conrad in Providence, R.I. The latter has three children—all boys. . . . **Charles Heath '42** and his wife, Ruth, have eight grandchildren, the oldest of whom graduated from Villanova in 1994. Retirement became boring, says Mr. Heath, so he is now working almost full time as cook in a soup kitchen, trustee of a scholarship fund and state coordinator (Maine) of a mature driv-

ing program. . . . **Marjorie Abar Gray '43** has been teaching courses on Native Americans at Athenaeum (a Learning After 50 program at Rochester Institute of Technology) and has moved to be near family. Her latest address: Apt. 45B, Hollandale Apartments, Clifton Park, N.Y. 12065. . . . **Priscilla Moldenke Drake '43** has five children and eight grandchildren. She has heart trouble, but it has stabilized. For fitness, she exercises while brushing her teeth. ♦

What's New?

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Dorothy Sanford McCunn

45 As 1994 drew to a close, I found that I didn't have much recent news from classmates. My sincere hope, then, is that everyone has been busy writing their autobiographies for inclusion in the class yearbook. I do have one sad item, however. The College recently was notified of the death of **Miriam Leighton Mayo** on May 31, 1994. . . . I did have a telephone chat with **Helen Gould Sullivan**, who spends the winter months in Naples, Fla., and divides the other months between Scituate, Mass., and New Hampshire. Helen informs me that she has 13 grandchildren ranging from 1 to high school age. She finds many activities to keep herself busy in each location. . . . I hope to see many of you on the Colby campus, June 8-11 of '95! ♦

Correspondent:
Nancy Jacobsen

46 I got the nicest note from **Ron Farkas**, now living on the garden island of Kauai, Hawaii. Ron and his wife left Duxbury, Mass., and now own several condominiums—you know, low-slung lanai-types with huge verandas a few steps from the beach. He sent pictures, and I have been dreaming about it. Ron said he'd love to see some Colby people on Kauai and could offer some very good deals for vacations. I'm ready! He's at 2337 Nola Rd., Koloa, HI 96756. . . . **Laura Higgins Anderson** just checked in. What's new? "I got remarried after 13 years of widowhood," she reports, "and am very happy." Robert is a captain, USN, retired, and they are

traveling far and wide when not at home at 186 Flying Point Rd., Freeport, ME 04032. . . . **Dick Dunphy** wrote from Green Pond, N.J., where he is in real estate. Last year he and wife Sylvia attended his 45th West Point reunion. . . . **Dixie Roundy Bebee** reports from Rockville, Md., that she is deep into high school sports thanks to her grandson. She watched him hit a grand-slam homer this summer and thought how her dad, **Couch Roundy**, would have cheered. . . . **Norma Taraldsen Billings** writes from Augusta, Maine, that she is taking a break from social work. **Dick '48** is executive director of Informed Notaries of Maine. Their grandchildren are busy graduating and like so many are aiming for graduate school. . . . Thank you all for sending in the questionnaires. The new system is a big help to this procrastinating newshound. ♦

Correspondent:
Mary Hall Finch

47 I am taking over as the new correspondent for our class and hope to maintain the standard set by **Beverly Benner Cassara**. She and I had coffee together this morning, and it was good to get to know her a bit better and meet her husband. Just after the conference on world population, Bev was in Cairo as a member of the executive committee of the International Council for Adult Education, Fifth World Assembly, for a conference titled "Women, Literacy and Development, Challenges for the 21st Century." Attending were people from 130 countries around the world, who were invited by Mrs. Mubarek, the keynote speaker. Bev was the moderator of one of the sessions. In connection with

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At the annual January meeting of the Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers, **Dorrie Meyer Hawkes '47** was honored with a plaque of appreciation upon her retirement from the agency's board of directors. . . . **Don Johnson '47** was inducted into the Quincy-North Quincy (Mass.) Football Hall of Fame in early December for his football achievements at North Quincy High School.



Don Johnson '47

MILEPOSTS

Deaths: **Wilber "Bill" Bastien '49** in Togus, Maine, at 74. . . . **Horton W. Emerson Jr. '49** in Maine at 69. . . . **Jeanne M. Hall '49** in Englewood, Colo., at 69. . . . **Avard Holt '49** in Skowhegan, Maine, at 66. . . . **Thomas W. Samuelsen '49** in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, at 67.

her work in adult education, Bev has traveled to many countries in Africa, to Thailand and to the environmental conference in Rio. . . . **Dana and Harriet Nourse Robinson** are in Beijing (Dana works in high-tech electronic exports) for a one-to-three-year stint. She says, "We have been spending three months there and three or four here for the past few years. So this will really be easier. I hate the long flight and the continued packing and unpacking. We like the hotel and staff—have a two-room apartment with a small kitchen but five restaurants if I'd rather not cook. Although this was her first Christmas in China, she thought it was Dana's 17th. . . . **Jane Rollins** has been vacationing in England for several years and this October spent three weeks in Britain visiting friends in the central highlands of Scotland and a week in Yorkshire, England. Earlier in the year, she enjoyed an Eastern European trip to "those wonderful old cities." Perhaps we can persuade her to write more about her specific impressions of each of the cities she visited. . . . John and I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary this year and as a treat will be spending a week on Lake George with our six children, their spouses and our five grandchildren. In retirement, we both work at Recording for the Blind in Cambridge, Mass., which puts textbooks on tape for print-impaired students from elementary through graduate school level. Judy Dunnington Vollmer '61 is on the staff there and would enjoy a call at 617-577-1111 from any of you nearby who could volunteer your help. It's a great place. . . . Please let me hear from many of you before the next issue comes out. Your classmates would really like to know what you're doing, so if you don't like to write, give me a call. Thanks! ♦

Correspondent:
Robert M. Tonge Sr.

49 I am sorry to report the death of two of our classmates: **Georgette Yuill Carpenter** on December 8 and **Horton W. Emerson**

Jr. on August 12. . . . **Shirley and Alex Richard** were honored by school administrative district 59 directors and Madison area high school when an academic wing of the school was dedicated in their names. A bronze plaque was mounted in the corridor close to the main entrance of the high school. Alex, who died in March 1994, was a teacher, football

coach and principal at the high school from 1960 to 1979, and Shirley, currently on the board of trustees of Husson College, was a business and English teacher at the school from 1954 to 1979. . . . **Elaine Noyes Cella**, owner of the children's section of the Antiquarian Book Store in Portland, Maine, reports that her four adult children live nearby in Maine

and Massachusetts. Widowed 11 years ago, she also has two granddaughters and a strange Siamese cat named Mookie. Her significant other, a former professor of English, is owner of Allen Scott Books on Exchange Street in Portland, Maine. . . . It's always great to hear from classmates. Send us your news. ♦



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Nancy Ricker Sears

50 Foster Bruckheimer is keeping busy as a Palm Beach County volunteer, writing tickets for violators of handicapped parking spaces. He included a picture of himself on the job, which you can see at reunion time if you haven't seen the man himself. . . . Bud Everts, who continues to serve the class on the Reunion Committee, writes that he enjoys golf and tennis as time permits from his investment practice. He and Elinor welcomed a second granddaughter in November, which brings the count to four and two. . . . Betty Jacobs Christopoulos and her husband, Arthur, winter in Bradenton, Fla., but will be back in Maine at reunion time and are planning to be there. Betty is active in the Sweet Adelines and also enjoys golf and bridge playing. . . . Paul Titus, who boasts a great-granddaughter, also hopes to make the reunion from Solana Beach, Calif. . . . June Jensen Pelger sent a postcard of the QE2, the ship that usually brings her to the United States from the Netherlands when she comes to spend time in Florida. Unfortunately, she won't be able to be with us in June but sends good wishes to all her classmates. . . . Francis Blon-

din recalls a great time at the 40th and looks forward to our 45th. He and Dorothy live in Manchester, N.H., and spend a lot of quality time with their 1-year-old granddaughter. . . . Newton Bates reminisces about spending his senior year in the vets' apartments after marrying Shirley in June of 1949. He has not been back to Colby since our 25th but says he thinks the campus is "one of the most beautiful of all college campuses," and it made him feel proud to be a graduate. . . . Robert Armitage writes from Vestal, N.Y., recalling a Colby Eight reunion and other friends with whom he has lost contact. Let this serve as an alert to Bob's friends. His wife is no longer living, but he has three children and 10 grandchildren. . . . Shirley Cookson Hall loves being retired and having the opportunity to spend more time at her camp on Norton's Pond in Lincolnville, Maine. She says that the names in this column are always familiar and bring back fond memories, but as caregivers to elderly parents, they don't expect to be at the reunion. Shirley says, "We like to be involved with our children and grandchildren, as well as contributing to community service organizations." Shirley chaired a fund-raising committee for her church, which brought in \$400,000. . . . Barbara Starr Wolf writes, "I've spent more than half my life in South America since I married in Buenos Aires in 1960. I have a very exciting life and live in the most vibrant, explosive, active, growing city in South America. São Paulo has it all. I travel a great deal, at least once a year to the States, combining business and family visits. They're all there, including my daughter and granddaughter." Barbara has been a key executive organizer for Nieman Marcus as well as buying

agent for them and for the Batus Group (department stores, including Saks Fifth Avenue). Currently she is planning tours and bookings for distinguished ensembles and artists such as the Franz Liszt Chamber Orchestra and Isaac Stern. . . . Jane Merrill Thomas of Lynn, Mass., will not be able to attend the reunion but has sent some great photos, which Dunn House alums will want to see. . . . Connie Leonard Hayes recalls that the most meaningful and close friendships of her life began at Colby. She and Dick look forward in two or three years to retirement in their new home in Grantham, N.H., where they will be near Charlie '49 and Ginny Davis Pearce and Walter and Joan Foster Barndt '51. Connie and Dick hope to make the reunion. . . . In Woonsocket, R.I., Lois Prentiss Mansfield, who taught school for 35 years after getting her master's degree, is struggling with Parkinson's but reveals a spirit that is both indomitable and serene. She asked her daughter to write for her and send wishes for good luck with our reunion plans. I'm sure she would like to hear from classmates. . . . Remember, I can supply addresses so that you can get in touch with any "lost" friends. Also, as I near the end of my term as class correspondent, I remind you that we are looking for replacements for our present officers. If you are interested, contact me or Priscilla Tracey Tanguay. Hope to see many of you there in June! ♦

Correspondent:

Barbara Jefferson Walker

51 Ted Weaver gives his address as Roseburg, Ore., but writes that he "threw away the Advil and spends most of the time traveling in [his] RV home." His memories of

Real Writing

Clemson University English professor Ronald Moran '58's *Getting the Body to Dance Again* recently won the 1994 National Looking Glass Poetry Chapbook Competition sponsored by Pudding House Publications in Ohio. Moran's fourth poetry collection, the book won out over several hundred entrants, and reviewers are comparing his portrayal of small-town life with Edgar Lee Masters' *Spoon River Anthology* and Sherwood Anderson's *Winesburg, Ohio*.

Moran credits his writing and teaching careers to his high school French teacher, J. Claude Bouchard '28, who led him to Colby, and to Colby professor Richard Cary. Under Cary's influence, he said, "a number of us sighted our barrels." Moran, who was born in Philadelphia and grew up in New Britain, Conn., says that when he told Cary he wanted to go "some place warm" to graduate school in American literature, his mentor steered him to Louisiana State University, where he received an M.A. in English literature and a Ph.D. in American literature.

"He did good by me," said Moran, who thanks Cary for introducing him to another literary influence, Maine poet Edwin Arlington Robinson, the subject of Moran's Ph.D. dissertation at LSU in 1966.

Moran taught at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill before taking a position at Clemson in 1975. From 1975 to 1980 he was Clemson's English department head. Recently, in addition to his department responsibilities, he has served as associate dean of liberal arts, and he's also been acting head of the speech and communication studies program since August 1993. He says he's now looking forward to being released from some of these duties and returning to the English department.

"I love teaching," Moran said. "I taught creative writing last semester. It was like an oasis." His busy schedule of late has left him only "finite and limited time to write," he said, "which leads to finite and limited poems."

One critic has grouped *Getting the Body to Dance Again* and Moran's third book, *Sudden Fictions* (which was published by John Judson '58's Juniper Press in Wisconsin), with the work of poets writing "virtual journalism," a de-



scription of his poetry that Moran accepts reluctantly.

At the hub of his world is State Route 123, a honky-tonk strip in a milltown in the Carolinas, where Jonathan, the speaker in a series of short narratives, observes an extended family of aunts, uncles, cousins and other busy citizens in their daily comings and goings. Moran argues that rhythmical language and scrupulous attention to details, place names and credible events "create rich situations—rich in people, details and incidents"—and that what happens to the characters in these poems is significant, timely and a lot less ephemeral than today's newspaper.

When he gives readings, Moran said, "People say, 'How

can he say those things about his family!' or 'You're writing about my family!'"

The poems are "sudden fictions," of course—Moran and his wife, Jane, have 34-year-old twins and few relatives—but the approximation of real people in a real world demonstrates that audiences like the narrative, action, personal experience and colloquial language. In an article he wrote about virtual journalism in *Northeast*, Moran predicted that "the climate in American letters will continue to warm for the VJ poem."

Moran says he didn't start writing until he was 25. He and his wife and a friend were sitting in their kitchen amused by the type of poems coming out of San Francisco, "so we started writing little imitations, and I never stopped."

He says he got so interested in the little magazines where he was publishing that at one point he made a list of more than 200 for the LSU and UNC libraries to order. Although he's also had work in larger quarterlies—and has written a book on the poet Louis Simpson and is co-author of an academic study, *Four Poets and the Emotive Imagination*—Moran said he's pleased to have made a career publishing in little magazines and chapbooks.

Whether his poems appear in large quarterlies or little ones "just doesn't make a great deal of difference," Moran said. "I just feel happy that there's some audience out there. I like it that these editors like what I'm doing. I feel honored that they responded so positively to what I've done."

Colby include Dean Marriner's English Lit and "Little Talks on Common Things," President Bixler asking, "Have you ever read the Bible?" and DKE picnics. Ted appreciates his B.A. degree, which qualified him to "tackle any pursuit." . . . **Bill Burgess**, Tucson, Ariz., sent in a copy of the program at which he was honored for his many contributions in the drama department of Sahuaro High School. He writes that this award feels to him like the Tony, Emmy and Academy Awards! . . . **Fred Boyle**, Springvale, Maine, is a genealogist who plans to publish a second book of local genealogy and then one on the families of Sanford-Springvale, Maine. . . . **Connie Preble Anding**, having moved from Minnesota to Tucson, Ariz., is "blissfully retired and heavily into hedonism." She recently enjoyed a visit from Patti Anderson Ebinger. . . . **Clayton Bloomfield**, Santa Cruz, Calif., is retired and president of SIRS, an organization of senior citizens that "promotes the enjoyment, dignity and independence of retirement." . . . **Margaret Slingerland** summers in Maryland, winters in Florida and travels to Elder-hostels. . . . **Audrey Bostwick**, Perkaise, Pa., an instructor in equine science at Delaware Valley College, went to England as coach of the U.S. team at the world championships in dressage and exhibition driving competition for the handicapped. . . . **Edward Bittar**, after receiving his M.D. from Yale, spent time in Jerusalem, the Navy, Damascus and England. He is now at the University of Wisconsin Medical School, where he says he specializes in "cell physiology, particularly ion transport across membranes." He is editing a compendium, *Principles of Medical Biology*, which is "directed at . . . emphasizing self-directed, problem-based learning." . . . **Dick Birch**, Hollis, N.H., is in real estate sales with Dewolfe New England. He enjoys golf and anticipates "winter breaks" in Florida. . . . **Bump Bean**, Concord, Mass., retired and now consults in telecommunications. . . . When you read this, I will have walked among the penguins in Antarctica. ♦

Correspondent:

Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey

53 Carolyn English Caci, Nelson Beveridge and I got together at a local restaurant in early November to share news of classmates, and we decided to meet every once in a while just to keep in touch. Carolyn said she'd recently had a visit from **Gig Roy** on her way from New York to Maine and expected **Marty Friedlaender** during Thanksgiving weekend. Marty, who retired from her directorship of social work at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital in New York City spent three weeks touring London and Edinburgh last summer, but she can't seem to distance herself entirely from social work—she has plans to do staff training and serve on social work committees and boards. . . . Another recent retiree is **Joan Shea Conroy**, former office manager. Her husband is deceased, and she now shares a home with her daughter. She reports that she is active in Friends of the Library in the Greenville, N.C., area and that her pride and joy is her garden. Perhaps she can take that talent to Arizona in May when she moves there with her daughter. She also mentioned she would enjoy writing to or visiting with other Colby grads. Her phone number is 919-757-0864 for anyone with the same wish. . . .

Barbara Weiss Alpert and **Hershel** still live in the New Bedford area. They have four children and two daughters-in-law, two grandsons and two granddaughters. Barbara has retired but says that **Hershel**, who is president of **Alper's Furniture** in Seekonk, is working harder than ever. . . . **Joe Bryant** still lives in the Brunswick area but at a new address on Caribou Drive. He and **Evelyn** have been married 41 years, and his family of two boys now includes their wives and two grandchildren in Amherst, Mass., and Freeport, Maine. As far as travel goes, he says he has been to heaven and back, having visited the Augusta National Masters Open last spring. . . . **Barnette** and **ladies** keep **Bobbie Studley Barnette** busy, she says, but she keeps the phone company in busi-

ness keeping in touch with her wonderful family—Dennis in the Marines, Katy in South Bay and Mary Lincoln in Dallas. **Bobbie** keeps reminding me that I am only a bridge away from Cape Cod, and I keep saying "next summer." . . . Retirement seems to have treated **Gwen** (Van Eerden '55) and **Dana Andersen** well. They live at the Boulder Country Club in Colorado. Dana says he has been retired since September of 1986 when he worked for CBS *Skiing* magazine. Although **Gwen** works part time for NOVA, they have done a lot of sailing—mostly charters, but they have their own boat, which they use in Florida and Mexico. Dana says he finds time to be involved part time with a Hawaiian company that produces Papaya Energy Bars. His marketing job sends him to Hawaii for planning meetings, and his travels take him to Europe, the Holy Land, the Caribbean and the Bahamas. He says that he is willing to reunite in a small way with anyone who happens to pass through the new Denver airport. . . . **Karl** and **Electra Paskalides Coumou's** big event of 1994 was daughter **Christina's** wedding on Memorial Day weekend, a family affair that brought her son from California and a sister-in-law all the way from Holland. Their son, **Eric**, and his wife, **Nancy**, made **Electra** and **Karl** grandparents in March. **Electra** noted that it's nice to stay in touch, a thought I would like to add myself: *keep in touch.* ♦

Correspondents:

Bill and Penny Thresher Edson

54 We are continually amazed and surprised by the variety of activities you all are enjoying in what some may term "our golden years." Our conversations with you have been enlightening—and fun! We hope that more of you will be motivated to send your news and comments. Many thanks to those of you who have shared to date. Best 1995 wishes from all the '54 officers: **President Ned Shenton**; **Vice President Judy Jenkins Totman**; **Class Correspondents Bill and Penny Thresher Edson** **Alumni Council representative Arlyne Rosen-**

thal Sacks. . . . **Ben Duce** writes of his activities in Westboro, Mass., since early retirement from research in pharmacology. He has established his own residential pet care service, Companion Associates, and also works with residents at a local DMR facility. He finds this to be "very rewarding interaction with people less fortunate than ourselves." He enjoys being a producer for Community Access TV, which he describes as an exciting source of information ranging from municipal government to children's programming. **Ben's** wife, **Diane (Stowell)**, works full time in the high school guidance department and enjoys the interaction with the students. She also participates in Companion Associates and the DMR facility. They both have great fun with their four grandchildren, who, "together with their parents, are the brightest people on earth." **Ben** is hoping to become proficient in sign language this year. . . . **Bob Hudson** writes that he has recently been teaching physical geology in the Houston area after retiring from a career in the oil industry. He and his wife, **Betty (Chilson '53)**, who have five sons and three daughters, have lived in Houston for some time. During the summers, **Bob** has been conducting research on the crustal tectonics of the Big Horn Mountains of Wyoming. He says he is still in touch with Professor **Don Koons** regarding his research. . . . **Bill Sullivan** tells us that he has happily retired after 35 years of teaching English at Somerset, Mass., High School, where he was department head. Since then, "Sully" has devoted time to his golf and his family. He still coaches golf at the high school and recently became a member of the Massachusetts Golf Association, which he serves on the tournament committee. **Bill** is at the grandfather stage with two boys and a girl. His daughter is **Michaela Hayes '83.** . . . From **Bob Fraser**: "Alumni magazine class notes: other than obituaries, in my experience are universally a bore. At our age, one either writes about achievements or about grandchildren. Since I have neither, I am writing about some thoughts triggered by attending our 40th last June. Our class stayed at the old

DKE house, which, among many other changes, currently features a condom machine prominently displayed in its laundry room. Had it appeared there in 1954, two consequences would have been nearly certain: social probation for at least one year and CPR for the house mother. To my knowledge, only one person actually used one while at Colby. That was 'Super' Ganem. He used it filled with water to bombard Tau Deltas from the fire escape at the ATO house while he muttered something about 'let the Jihad begin here.' It's too bad Joycelyn Elders wasn't around to be a house mother back in the '50s. If she had been, I bet they wouldn't have been wasted on water-fights. And who knows what else she might have taught us. ♦

Correspondent:

Ann Dillingham Ingraham

55 In anticipation of our 40th coming along in June, here is a quick

update from some of our classmates. **Jane Whipple Coddington** has five grandchildren now in New Jersey and still spends time working with hospice and setting up a library at a small school for deaf infants and pre-schoolers. She and husband Chad spend time traveling, skiing, golfing, and scuba diving. She says it must be called "growing old on the fast track." Jane also is enjoying Colby overseer and trustee meetings. . . . **Pat McIntire Andrews** and her husband, both retired, have four children and four grandsons. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a month-long trip to Hawaii, San Francisco, northern California and Lake Tahoe. They say that central New Hampshire is a great place for retirement, with lots of cross-country skiing and hiking and with Plymouth State offering numerous opportunities for courses, concerts and theater. The Andrews spend time volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, Mac as a builder, Pat as treasurer

of the local group. . . . A note from **Don Hoagland** brings the news that in May 1993, while spending five days in Boston visiting his son, Erik, at Berklee College of Music, he attended a party at the Charlestown home of **Lee Fernandez** and had an opportunity to talk with **Dick Bartlett**. In May 1994 Don was in Rome for the wedding of his daughter, Hilary, a marine geologist who is working and living in London. Among the wedding guests was **Beryl Scott Glover '58**. Following the wedding, Don spent a couple of weeks in Italy and Paris before heading for Madrid and Toledo. Don has had the opportunity to produce four adult jazz clinics for the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society. Don is still the public relations guy for the local squadron of the Civil Air Patrol and is working on winning his wings as a CAP observer—a search and rescue air crew position. **Lee Fernandez**, by the way, was noticed in *The Boston Globe* in September as one of

the volunteers who aided in the ongoing restoration of the Opera House, which was shut down in 1991 because of an accumulation of problems. ♦

Correspondent:

Eleanor Edmunds Grout

56 Don '54 and your sometimes remiss correspondent had a hectic summer and fall, but life is now more peaceful. We had three family reunions, and one was a month long. Our AFS daughter from Germany returned for a visit. While she was here in the U.S., she traveled to the West Coast on business. Her blond son, who speaks no English, stayed with us. Remarkably we could and did get along well and even traveled to Bethany Beach, Del., for 10 days. It was a real treat for us to have a boy in the family. . . . I hope you all are planning to attend our 40th reunion. **Kathy McConaughy Zambello** says she is psyched for reunion after a visit to Colby. She wants the class to get ready and reminds us it will be here before we know it. **Kathy and Lou '55** are really enjoying retirement: "Time at last for gardening, grandchildren, cottage on Damariscotta Lake, Maine, and a fitness club." The Zambellos also are enjoying a five-college bike path. **Kathy** sings in the university women's chorus and plays in two handbell choirs. . . . **Vashti O. Boddie Roberts** became superintendent of university schools/director of the Indiana Academy for Math, Science and Humanities at Ball State University, Muncie, Ind. **Vashti's** new home address is 3717 Lakeside Drive, Muncie, IN 47304. . . . **Hugh "Andy" Anderson** has retired after 30 years as a United Airlines pilot and captain. **Andy** and his wife, **Naomi**, live in Elizabeth City, N.C. They have four children and three grandchildren. **Andy** thinks retirement is great because he gets to sleep in his own bed most of the time. **Rowing** and selling Alden ocean shells keep him in shape. **Andy** and **Naomi** enjoyed sailing the coast of Maine last summer with **Warren '57** and **Barbara Faltings Kinsman** and the **Deke** reunion

NEWSMAKERS

Certified genealogist **Frederick Boyle '51** was guest speaker at the January meeting of the Rockingham, N.H., Society of Genealogists. . . . **Norma Ann Berquist Garnett '52** received the Colby Alumni Outstanding Educator Award for her 13 years as an adjunct member of the Brown University education department and for her work as an education consultant in foreign languages. . . . **Patricia Erskine Howlett '52** was appointed director of the M.S. degree program in public relations at Golden Gate University in San Francisco, Calif. As a public relations specialist, she has led seminars and workshops on community relations, communications and issue management and provided crisis intervention and public relations support to local school districts. . . . The Houston (Texas) Area Alumni of Colby, Bates and Bowdoin featured **Robert B. Parker '54** as the guest speaker at its October 15 meeting. . . . In July, **Vashti Boddie Roberts '56** was appointed superintendent of university schools/director of the Indiana Academy for Math, Science and Humanities at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. . . . The *Mountain Ear* in North Conway, N.H., profiled **Elizabeth Hardy George '57** last November for her contributions to the community. She is the administrator and hospice coordinator of Vaughan Community Services and has been involved in its clothing depot, food pantry, medical supplies loan program and various support groups. She is also the co-advisor to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care Services of Northern Carroll County.



Norma Ann Berquist
Garnett '52

MILEPOSTS

Deaths: **Frederick A. Greig '56** in Sun Lakes, Ariz., at 64. . . . **Joan Chipman Phillips '57** in Savannah, Ga., at 59. . . . **Eugene Wigner, Sc.D. '59**, in Princeton, N.J., at 92. . . . **Jean Gannett Hawley, L.H.D. '59**, in Portland, Maine.

in the fall. . . . **Mary Ann Papalia Laccabue** was only four miles from the epicenter of the Northridge earthquake. She wrote that the house is still standing with many cracks. Mary Ann said they had broken pipes, were without water for 36 hours and without power for 24 hours. Mary Ann is planning to retire from teaching after 25 years service in June '95. She taught math, stopping only nine years to be home with the children. Mary Ann hopes to attend our 40th unless her daughter Marguerite's dental school graduation conflicts. . . . **Bob and Dorothy Aikman Adel** have enjoyed a year of travel. I received a Christmas card from them written on the beach of Puerto Vallarta. We are envious of your 70 new birds, Dodi. Don and I will have to get busy. Best to all '56ers and remember to plan for reunion in '96. ♦

Correspondent:

Margaret Smith Henry

58 **Jane Daib Reisman** writes from Columbus, Ohio. Jane retired in June 1993 and John in April 1994, and this past summer was a blur of "being on the road, in the air and on the seas." They also visited Bob '56 and **Fran Wren Raymond** in Maine. The Reismans have three grandchildren. . . . **Fran Wren Raymond** herself writes that she and Bob are now in their ninth year in Hulls Cove, Maine, a stone's throw from Acadia National Park. Three grandchildren live either in Ohio or southern California. Fran is involved in lots of church things as well as hospice, gardening, etc. . . . Another retired couple is the **Cochrans, Betty and Ding**. After 36 years with American National Can Company, Ding retired in September 1994. They have moved to Skaneateles, N.Y., having bought their house from their daughter and son-in-law, who were transferred to St. Louis. Their daughter, Ann, had designed and built the house in 1989. . . . **Al Dean** has seven Midas Muffler stores in Maine, although middle son, Tom, will probably allow Al to cut back over the next two or three years.

During their "spare" time, Al and Kay (German '59) commute to Maine from their Massachusetts home, monitor two homes, do some, but not enough, flying and sailing and attend antique car shows (he still has the 1955 VW bug that was at Colby). Al is active with the Midas Dealers' Association. . . . Although he resigned from Fleet Bank in January 1994, **Norman Lee** immediately volunteered full time with a nonprofit agency called The Bridge Family Services in West Hartford, Conn. His intern position was over at the end of the summer, and at that time Norm was looking for a full-time job in the nonprofit world. He says he wishes he had made this change years ago. . . . **Peggy Fox Hutchinson** writes from Rockville, Md., where she is a private math tutor. Her husband, Ben, a consultant in the field of satellite communications, frequently travels to London, and Peggy has accompanied him on several trips. Not working/traveling or visiting families in Boston or Atlanta, Peggy and Ben sail their 31-foot sailboat on Chesapeake Bay. . . . **Bob and Cathy Stinneford Walther** also live in Maryland, in Aberdeen, where Bob has been working for over 30 years as a civilian mathematician for the U.S. Army at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Cathy works part time at Harford Community College tutoring accounting as well as teaching two accounting principles courses a semester. All six grandchildren live within a 30-minute radius. Both Cathy and Bob enjoy bicycle riding and managed over 1,000 miles during 1994. They travel to Maine every summer and have seen Joyce and **Ed Rushton** and Kay and **Warren Judd** as well as checking out Colby. . . . **Judy Levine Brody** is associate dean of admissions at Colby, and her husband, Morton, is a federal judge, District of Maine. They have three children—their married daughter, an attorney in Boston; a son, an attorney in New York; and another son, a senior at Tufts. . . . **Dick McFarlin** is listed as a veterinarian, but he hasn't practiced in years. At present he lives in St. Johnsbury Center, Vt., and spends as much of each day as he can in

his own way—splitting wood, working on a book and enjoying the Green Mountains. . . . **Sheila McDonald Gilman** and her husband, Goodwin (Goody), moved in the fall of 1994 from 70 Main Street to 87 Main Street in Newport, Maine. Goody had lived in the first house for 53 years, and now they have moved into a house his grandfather built in 1912. They invite everyone to come for a visit. . . . After 34 years in retailing with Sears, **Larry Cudmore** has retired to the bliss of Cape Cod. He and wife Jane have four children and four grandchildren. Larry golfs and does volunteer work consulting with small businesses and recently became a Colby overseer. . . . **Mary Lou Storm Donarski** and her husband, Ray, have two children. Their son (who went to Bowdoin!) recently became a father himself. Their daughter, who is 18, has Down's syndrome. During Down's Syndrome Awareness Month (October), Amy's picture was up on the big screen in Times Square, N.Y. . . . I was deluged with letters from my own questionnaire, and no doubt you are hearing from the Alumni Office directly. Please don't hesitate to reply to those questionnaires even if you have already received mine. I enjoy hearing from all of you and have many letters waiting to be published. I will try to give everyone space in future columns. Please stay tuned. ♦

Correspondent:

Ann Marie Segrave Lieber

59 After a wonderful trip to Italy in the fall, we're entering 1995 with vigor and enthusiasm. I'm especially delighted by the responses to the questionnaire that was mailed to one fifth of our class! . . . Congratulations to **Harvey and Sally Dine Bergman**, who were married in 1993 after Sally had been widowed for five years. They live in Massachusetts, where she is a real estate broker and he's a CPA. Sal's daughter and son are an attorney and a currency trader, respectively. . . . Californian **Phil Colburn** owns an insurance agency and was recently married to Charlene, a

computer data technician. Phil remains "fiercely active" despite a second bout with cancer. . . . Newlyweds **Georgia and Stan Armstrong** (is a pattern emerging here?) race tunnel boats. Stan gave up the corporate life to focus on the things he enjoys. . . . **Jay Church** says business life as the president of Cordage Papers is hectic. Jay and Kitty are the grandparents of seven! . . . Although **Lloyd Cohen** says he's slower, chubbier and more ornery, he still manages to be active in several organizations and is a fund raiser for the City of Hope. **Lloyd and Sheila** named their California business, D'n J Bears and Dolls, for their children; they also have two grandchildren. . . . **Carol Holt Case** and author husband **Dick** made two trips to England recently: research for Dick and fun for Carol. They have a cat named Chaplin, so named because he is black-and-white and funny. Carol owns Copywriting Plus, a print-only advertising agency. . . . Educational specialist **Gladys Frank Bernyk** works with learning-disabled high school students and is becoming increasingly aware of the value, in today's business climate, of learning real job skills in conjunction with an academic education. Gladys and physician husband **Alex** recently became grandparents for the first time. . . . **Carolyn Cummings Crain** and **Erla Cleaves Davis** enjoyed a fantastic trip to Greece last fall, after a hectic period of coast-to-coast coordination. Before returning to Tacoma, Carolyn enjoyed three days of Maine's fall color. Carolyn is the proud grandmother of three. . . . I have the double pleasure of keeping up with **Bob Younes** and family both visually and verbally, as they always include a family photo with their humorous and informative holiday letter. Dr. Bob has completed his studies for his M.B.A. and is evaluating some interesting career moves. Children **Nick** and **Nora** (are you a mystery fan, Bob?) are in elementary school, and **Bob** and **Anne** have to stay on their toes to keep up with their youthful curiosity. . . . All the best for 1995, and keep those cards and letters coming! ♦

The Sixties

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Kay White

60 A very enthusiastic committee is working hard to produce a reunion that will be interesting and fun for all. **Carolyn Webster Lockhart** is in charge of the "pre-reunion" at the Samoset Resort in Rockport, Maine. **Beth Whitehead Baker**, an antiques dealer in Rockport, has volunteered to help since she is right there. "The Samoset does a great job with groups," she reports; "food is good." The best part is the variety of activities offered—including doing nothing at all. . . . **Jane Holden Huerta** reports that there are 45 of "our" faculty members living in the Waterville area whom we plan to invite to attend various events during the reunion. This will be an excellent opportunity to catch up on a never-finished class discussion or to renew an enjoyable acquaintance. Jane's youngest son is graduating from Colby in June, and she is pleased that they will be celebrating future reunion years together. . . . **Russell Zych**, our fearless president, has been working hard to coordinate all this in spite of having surgery to combat stomach cancer. He is happy to report

that he is now fine, back at work and looking forward to seeing a lot of his classmates. . . . **Maren Stoll Sherman-Tremby** will be coordinating some of the members of our class who wish to help with registration, etc. . . . **Connie Maheu Armstrong** wrote to offer to help since she has been living in Minot, Maine, since 1986 when she moved back to work for her father's motor home business. Work and raising her son, who now works with her, made her "post-marriage" transition go well, and she was pleased to hear that there will be a variety of things to do for singles and people whose significant others can't be at this reunion as well as for marrieds. So plan to be there. Call a friend or old roommate and get them to come, too. If you need more information, please call Jane Huerta (617-484-3328) or me (810-646-2907). See you in June! ♦

Correspondent:
Penny Dietz Sullivan

61 First new news to arrive was from **Norm Macartney**, who has moved from Katonah, N.Y., to Beaufort, N.C., where Norm has started a landscaping/design business called One Green Thumb. Norm is still racing his motorcycle at Road Atlanta, Ga., and Summit Point, W.Va., and says, "It's the closest thing to flying and still being on the ground." His retirement dream would be to take a motorcycle around the world, but his wife, Mena, would only join him if she gets to go via the QE2 and meet him at designated ports! . . . **Diane Sadler Martin** is an activity consultant; her husband, an Episcopal priest. They have nine children, three granddaughters and two grandchildren on the way as of last September. Diane travels country-wide giving

keynotes and workshops in long-term care therapies. Seems that her time in dramatics at Colby is paying off, being on stage so much . . . she still remembers being Puck in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Somehow she also finds time to work on a master's at VCU. She asks if anyone has heard from **Heather Cambell Carney**. . . . From Northboro, Mass., we finally hear from **Willie Russell Merrill**, who is a research technician/lab manager doing research into gene therapy to discover better treatments for hemophilia and other hereditary diseases. She and her husband, Gary, a sales consultant, had three kids at UMass-Amherst at one time: son Christopher graduated in '92 and daughter Jennifer in '93; son Jonas will graduate in '95. They plan to retire on Cape Cod within the next two years. . . . **David and Patricia Houghton Marr** check in from Natick, Mass. They have three grandchildren with a fourth on the way. Pat works as a tax consultant. Dave, an attorney, says about retirement, "Attorneys don't retire, even if they lose their appeal." . . . **Iris Mahoney Burnell** is still working as a reverend but is trying to enter semi-retirement by working as an interim minister in churches that are in transition. Her husband is retired and is loving it. Between them they have seven children and five grandchildren and have fun just keeping up with all of them. . . . **Carol Ann Rancourt Ahern** lives in Orlando, Fla., where she is an instructor in Orange County schools. Her husband, Joseph, has recently retired from Delta Air Lines. She is thoroughly enjoying having him as a "Mr. Mom" because he has taken a lot of the burden off of her. Unfortunately, he planned to start working part time after Christmas, so it will end. They have two children—

Kimberly Ann, 25, and Craig, 21. Carol Ann's job is a challenging one—she teaches deaf students using sign language and says that she learns far more from them than they from her. They also have been enjoying traveling throughout the U.S. and will be in Puerto Rico after the first of the year. She wonders if anyone has heard from or about **Anne Lovell** or **Frank Wheat**. Write soon with your news... or fax it to 703-758-6709 or e-mail to penny@opnsys.com. ♦

Correspondent:
Judith Hoagland Bristol

62 Thank goodness for the ritual of holiday cards and messages! I loved hearing from **Sandi Rollins Kilgore** that her son Rob, 23, is living on Beacon Hill not far from where she and **Jane Germer Krebs** lived 30 years ago. Sandi and Bob's daughter Lisa also lives in Boston, and although the "Kilgores enjoy weekends at their summer home on Cape Cod through November," according to Sandi, "they take advantage of lots of cultural activities in Boston with family living in the city." ... **Sam McCleery**, living near Atlanta and still working for Delta, says his oldest son, Sam, and daughter-in-law Carrie live in Houston, where he is a project manager and she is finishing her master's degree. Their other son, Mike, is in the COOP phase of his master's program at Georgia Tech, working in the computer department of Chick-fil-A. This was the second summer that Mike spent with the Christian Youth Ministries of Hawaii on Molokai. And yes, the other McCleerys did visit Hawaii last summer. The McCleery girls, Andrea, 15, and Christi, 13, are doing teenage things like cheerleading, violin, gymnastics and getting ready to drive. ... **Roey Caribino**, a clinical professor of social work at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, continues to be busy with teaching—social work practice and theory, family foster care, field training in child and family service—and committee responsibilities at the school and professional levels. Roey does workshops on child abuse allega-

tions in foster care. She has done presentations at an international foster care meeting in Dublin and in Wisconsin and Minnesota. With several colleagues, Roey is spearheading a cooperative international survey of foster care abuse allegations with researchers in Canada, the U.K. and other sites. Roey planned to see **Margie Brown York** and **Elly Blauner** over the holidays and says that she usually misses **Jean Gaffney Furuayama**, who still lives and practices dentistry in New York City but traditionally visits her mother in Florida at this time. ... I got a brief message that it was a "great Year" for Bill and **Alice Webb** in Reading, Mass. How about some information or explanation on the "great Year," Alice? ... **Gail Macomber Cheeseman** and husband Doug, co-owners of Cheeseman's Eco Safaris, will be leading wildlife tours to Alaska next summer and to Australia for September. Gail's daughter, Rose, has a 2-year-old son, and son Ted is now 21. ... **Brenda Wroblewski Elwell**, who is the national account manager for Carlson Wagonlit Travel, planned a driving-hiking trip to New Zealand in March. Brenda said that her daughter Monique has fully recovered from her car accident and is still searching for a job in international finance. Monique currently is a concierge for the Rit: Carlton in Philadelphia and planning to start working towards her M.B.A. in the fall of 1995. Has anybody got a connection for Monique? ... **Bill Chase**, who has served as president of our class, is a physician-surgeon in Keene, N.H. Bill, married to Barbara (Haines '63), a teacher, recently completed a master of science degree in management at Antioch New England Graduate School. ... **John Chapman** is director of the Coastal Resource Center in Topsham, Maine. He is married to Allison, a choral arts teacher; Brian, 25, is lead guitar-vocalist for "the Zoo People" in L.A.; Andy, 24, is in the Air Force at Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany; Emily, 21, is a senior at the University of New Hampshire; Abigail, 18, is an intercultural exchange student in Christchurch, New Zealand; and Josh,

15, is a sophomore at Kents Hill School on the cross-country team. ... **Peter Duggan** and wife Mary Vance recently moved to Charlotte, N.C. Peter has a new position as vice president-marketing for Lance, Inc. Peter and Mary have three children; daughter Lesley, a second grade teacher; son Peter in college at Miami of Ohio; and daughter Jennifer at Rollins College. ... Keep the info coming. I love to hear from you all. ♦

Correspondent:
Barbara Haines Chase

63 Bill and I just returned from a week in our cabin in northern Vermont celebrating the year end with our family. One hope for the new year is that the Alumni Office has finally revised its system for mailing class questionnaires. My apologies to those who have received many and to those who have received none. Thanks to those of you who have responded with news and philosophy and invitations to visit! ... **Dave Cox**, farm manager for Lind Farms in Fort Collins, Colo., writes that he is still playing ice hockey in the local adult league. His wife, Cheri Lynn, is pursuing her master's degree at NCU in special ed. Dave is a bird collector, at present owning a military macaw, an African grey, a Meyers parrot and a monk parrot. ... **Gloria Bowers Duncan** lives with her husband, Don, in Windermere, Fla. After 30 years as a systems analyst and manager with ATT, Gloria has started her own business. She is doing tile painting and ceramics, and business is flourishing. Don works in audio-animatronics at the Magic Kingdom-Walt Disney World. ... Another Floridian, **Charley Carey**, lives in Delray Beach with his wife, Pam (Plumb '65). Charley is managing director of Financial Consultants, Ltd. Both of their sons, Timothy and Todd, have played for the Red Sox. ... **Al Carville** returned three completed questionnaires! All interesting! He is, at present, vice president, information systems and technology, for Hannaford Brothers Supermarkets. His wife,

Sally (Page '64), will return in March or April from Swaziland, Africa, where she has been serving in the Peace Corps. Al and children Stephanie, 24, and Gregg, 21, traveled to South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana, where they visited Sally and toured. Al also traveled to Australia, where Gregg spent last spring semester. In Sally's absence Al has taken up roller blading and sea kayaking. He also admits to driving a Miata on weekends, almost always with the top down! Best wishes to your family as it reunites! ... **Marsha "Fern" Palmer Reynolds** shares her home in Connecticut with husband John, Crazy Chrissie from the animal shelter and Myriam Montrat '94 from the Ivory Coast, who is in a training program in New York City. Marsha and John are teachers and, when not enjoying their "getaway house" in Biddeford, travel to more distant destinations: last year Normandy, during the celebration of the WWII landing, and next year possibly Alaska or the Ivory Coast. ... This holiday season found **Sally Morse Preston**, spouse John, and daughter Emily, 17, traveling to Barcelona, Spain, to visit their older daughter, Mary, 24, who is working there in a metals studio. The Prestons live in Holland Patent, N.Y., where Sally is a preschool teacher and John is a counselor. ... **Cynthia Peters McIver**, an educational consultant and freelance editor, lives in Fairfax Station, Va. Cindy and husband Rod pride themselves on keeping fit. (Says she can still do the twist!) But she is still trying to get up the nerve to free fall from a plane. ... **Tom Richardson** and his wife, Becky, live in Maui from April through November and in Alta, Utah, from November through April. To add interest to this humdrum existence, they traveled this December to New Zealand to do some hiking and fly fishing. ... **Dan Politica** and Sue (Kondla '62), his wife of 30 years, have recently moved into a new home in Exton, Pa. Dan is manager of credit card marketing for Sunoco. This is their second move in four years, but they are still wishing they were in Maine. ... Thanks to **Ceylon Barclay**, **Steve Eit-**

Going to Work in Genes

John W. Kusiak '69, a neurobiologist who works for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) studying Alzheimer's disease, has noticed that his career in research seems to be following the seasons of a person's life. After earning a Ph.D. in biochemistry from George Washington University Medical School, Kusiak's first postdoctoral fellowship for NIH was studying inherited diseases that afflict infants and children. Several years later he changed fields and began working on drugs for high blood pressure, a condition associated with mid-life adulthood. Now, as a molecular neurobiologist at NIH's Gerontology Research Center at the National Institute on Aging in Baltimore, Kusiak is studying the causes and prevention of Alzheimer's disease, which most commonly attacks the elderly.

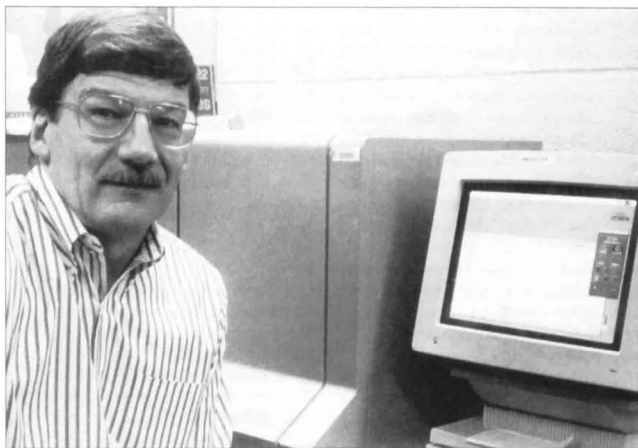
Fortunately, his career progress from the cradle to the nursing home has outpaced his own aging. Just in from a run and not particularly breathless for a man who turns 48 this month, Kusiak said he jogs three days a week and lifts weights regularly to stay in shape for some of his other interests—wine tasting and eating out among them.

Kusiak came to Colby in the mid-'60s already pretty sure that he wanted to go to medical school. He majored in chemistry, concentrating on biochemistry, and spent two summers as a lab assistant to chemistry professor Doug Maier. Together they worked on a grant from the Maine Heart Association studying proteins known to increase blood pressure. After graduation Kusiak taught high school for a year in Skowhegan, Maine, and then entered a master's degree program at George Washington University, planning to move from there into GW's medical-doctor program. He didn't realize until he compared his own laboratory work with the studies of medical school colleagues that he preferred experimentation and research to memorization of anatomical and pharmacological details and to the practice of medicine.

Kusiak, who in those days shared a Georgetown apartment with fellow Colbian Eric Rosen '67, said the transition from Colby's laboratories to those at the GW Medical School was smooth sailing. "In general, the education I got at Colby,

especially the biochemistry training, helped me a lot in graduate school," he said. "I basically breezed through [graduate courses in] biology."

During his first stint at NIH, in the laboratory of the Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke, he studied drugs and treatments for Tay-Sachs and Fabry's disease.



Because the clinical hospital was in the same building, he occasionally visited Tay-Sachs and Fabry's patients on the wards. As distressing as it was to see terribly sick children, it was a great motivator, he says. "It really makes you want to run back to the lab and spend the night finishing up experiments trying to shed a little light on those diseases."

When Kusiak moved to the Institute on Aging he first studied beta-blocker drugs for treating high blood pressure, then, when a new director came on board five years ago, was granted a sabbatical leave to study neurobiology (brain functions) and genetics at the NIH center in Bethesda. His current work focuses on genetic aspects of Alzheimer's disease; he is studying how a portion of a certain protein is deposited in the brain of Alzheimer's patients. Research by Kusiak and his colleagues indicates that a genetic mutation of the protein in one form of Alzheimer's is inherited. That's the exception, though, since Alzheimer's usually occurs sporadically and does not run in families, he says. Other recent research at the facility seems to have discounted aluminum deposits in the brain as a cause of the disease and has discovered that severe head trauma—getting knocked out cold—can be a risk factor for Alzheimer's.

So what's left after studying childhood, mid-life and geriatric diseases? "Maybe next I'll do research on near-death experiences and the paranormal," Kusiak joked. In the meantime he's decided that practicing what he and his colleagues preach about exercise and cardiovascular fitness is a good idea. "I've been hanging around the aging institute long enough that I'm sort of becoming a believer in it," he said, explaining the motivation for his running and lifting regimen. "I know it's really hard to do it—you've got to just make up your mind."

treim, Judy Allen Austin and Dick Bonalewicz, who also responded, but I've included news from them in the past year, and my editors are a stern group. ♦

Correspondent:
Sara Shaw Rhodes

64 The new questionnaires are sifting in, and I hasten to update you on news and on book recommendations. Sandi Albertson-Shea and husband Ray, both professors at Middlesex Community College in Massachusetts, have graduated two daughters from college so far and have one to go. Meanwhile, they have bought an 1826 farmhouse and are having a lot of fun. She recommends *Refuge*. . . . Charlie Angell, professor at Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts, spent the summer reconstructing a greenhouse. He recommends *The Shipping News* by Annie Proulx and *Baby, Will I Lie?* by Donald Westlake (a good mystery read), among others. . . . Ben Beaver graduated one son from Colby and has another at the University of Vermont. Ben is still refereeing soccer and has taken up golf with his wife, Marilyn. . . . Jean Brennan Call came home to Maine for Christmas this year with her mother and brothers. She recommends *Mama Makes Up Her Mind* and *Other Dangers of Southern Living* by Bailey White. . . . By Campbell is enjoying dance classes, is still teaching English as a second language and is living in a new townhouse. She recommends Joan Borysenko's *Fire in the Soul*, *A New Psychology of Spiritual Optimism*. . . . Sally Page Carville comes home from Swaziland in March. . . . Mike Cohen is general manager of a Dodge dealership and has attended the Skip Barber Racing School and tried racing for fun. . . . Gail Koch and Peter Cooper, teacher and guidance counselor in Vermont's schools, spent one day of the holidays with Barb McClarin Bing and Sandi Albertson-Shea. Gail recommends *In the Absence of the Sacred* by Jerry Mander, and Peter recommends *Your Money or Your Life* by Joe Domingus. They

own a home in Brattleboro. . . . Lynne Davidson-King is a part-time business professor at New York University, and she and husband Jim (married in 1991 after a mere 15-year courtship) spend their time between NYC and the Hamptons. Jim retired last April and is doing consulting in environmental and urban planning. They'd love to see classmates! . . . Linda Spear Elwell is still with Mary Kay but has moved to Sanford, Fla. She recommends *Ageless Body, Timeless Mind* by Chopra. . . . Thought you might like to hear some class statistics. We carry 312 people in the Class of 1964, of whom 277 graduated from Colby. Fourteen of our classmates have died. There have been 13 marriages between class members (by my accounting), of which 11 still exist. There have been 19 "interclass" marriages, and most of those have held up also. Several sons and daughters have gone to Colby and many others to similar New England small schools. Whenever I send out an all-class mailing, I'm lucky to get a 10 percent return, and about half of the class have not responded to anything from me in the last five years. One important note: whenever you change your address, it costs the College a bundle of money if you don't notify them right away. Any issue of the magazine that goes to the wrong address is returned to the College at our expense and must be remailed first class. Every mailing produces 500-600 returned magazines. That's awful! Do your part! ♦

Correspondent:
Richard W. Bankart

65 Let's go to Onie's! That was the message I left on Frank '66 and Susan Brown Musche's machine. Two hours later we had established a time and location over the Christmas holiday in Seekonk, Mass., for lunch with my old roomie. Joining us was Jay Fell '66, home from Colorado to visit his family. Susan is a busy mother of 8-year-old Stephen and three older girls. When not attending soccer games, etc., she is on the golf course. In '94 she

became vice president of the Rhode Island women's golf association. Susan and Frank enjoyed an Alaskan cruise last summer and some sun in the Bahamas a few months ago. Last summer, Susan had lunch with Debbie Davis and Lesley Forman Fishelman. Debbie is busy with Society of Friends affairs, and Lesley continues as a psychiatrist at Harvard Community Health. . . . Tom '63 and Patti Raymond Thomas checked in with news of their three-week safari in South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe last summer. Their son Bob '88 married Carrie O'Brien '88, and 25 Colby grads were at the wedding. Patti is very involved in the boards of League of Women Voters of Doylestown, Pa., Central Bucks County Family YMCA (she was Volunteer of the Year in '94) and Planned Parenthood. Patti also finished her fifth year on the Colby Alumni Council. . . . Bob Beechinor resigned from the broken pencil club and sent a lengthy update. He is a guidance counselor at West Genesee, N.Y., High School and teaches psychology as an adjunct professor at Syracuse University and Onondaga Community College. He celebrated a second wedding anniversary last November with Joanne, a mental health therapist and part-time fashion model. He writes: "Joanne and I are dancing to bands instead of playing in them. Keep in shape working out, playing basketball, tennis, etc., keeping up with music on my guitar—having a ball." . . . Ginger Goddard Barnes keeps busy as manager of human resources and customer relations at Avery-Dennison. She has lots of business travel to California (weekends at Big Sur) and Chicago. . . . Pam Plumb Carey and Charlie are now permanent residents of Delray Beach, Fla. They maintain a summer residence in Westport, Mass. Pam is an interior designer and owner of Interiors by Pamela. Charlie is a partner in an investment banking company in Ft. Lauderdale. . . . Tom Donahue has put "a thousand or so books" back on the shelves and repaired the damage after the January '94 California earthquake. He has visited Civil War battlefields at Manassas

and Gettysburg and says, "I never let a conference stand in the way of tourism." Tom spent part of his Christmas holiday in Flagstaff, Ariz., "visiting the Grand Canyon and looking into real estate for our eventual retirement ('eventual' being the key word there)." . . . You have sent your check to the Alumni Fund and made plans to join your classmates at our glorious 30th? Yes? See you there. . . . Hail, Colby, Hail! ♦

Correspondent:
Russell N. Monbleau

66 Sometimes too much drink is just not enough. . . . New Hampshire, January 15, 1995: it's 60 degrees. But since I have been absent for the past two issues, my priorities for the day are established. . . . Anne Ruggles Gere was the recipient of a surprise 50th birthday party that included cards, letters and calls from old friends, in some cases people she hadn't heard from in more than 30 years. This was the handiwork of Mary Jane, her sister, in consort with Budge, Anne's husband. (Mary Jane began her sleuthing efforts three months in advance of the party.) Anne has just finished a long stint as a member of the Conference on College Composition and Communication, where she served in many capacities, including the past year as national president. With this activity finished she is turning to her personal writings while continuing to direct the Ph.D. program in English and education at the University of Michigan. . . . Heidi Fullerton Warburton, after overcoming some challenging health matters, is back on track and has been promoted to district administrator for the Durham (N.C.) Guardian ad Litem Program. They represent the best interests of children who have a history of family neglect or abuse. In the meantime, her husband recently accepted a position in Fort Lee, N.J., which means they will deal with a commuting marriage, Heidi in N.C. and Woody in N.J. . . . This seems to be a growing trend in America, where a fickle local economy may dictate long-distance job commutes for people

who are unwilling to leave a local area that offers the quality of life they desire. . . . **Craig James** revealed his whereabouts by letter. After a stint in the Army and a short career at Mobil Oil, he earned his law degree in 1976. Starting in legal aid, he moved to the Idaho Supreme Court Judicial Education Office and then earned a partnership in a firm in Boise. Now he has made a momentous decision and is giving up law. He and his wife, Sue, will become the principals in the Trade Wind Yachts charter sailing operation in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. They may be reached at the Blue Lagoon Hotel and Marina, P.O. Box 133, St. Vincent, West Indies, should you wish to plan an exotic vacation. Craig concludes that "Apparently, life begins at 50!" . . . My milk carton campaign was serendipitously aided by my friend and insurance agent, who decided to post my 50th birthday on the advertising marquee on the Milford oval. Dean "Dag" Williamson, who was traveling through Milford, spotted the sign and, overridden with per-

sonal shame and guilt for not responding in over 10 years, sent me a nice letter. Dag is a senior underwriting executive and resides in Chelmsford, Mass. He's staying in shape on the tennis courts, where he ranked ninth in New England for men 50 years and up. He also reports that **Eric Werner** and **Pete Anderson** recently sealed the Grand Tetons. Dag and **Dick Dunnell** were invited to join, but Dick stated that his climbing goals include only the hills on the golf course, while Dag reported that the potential for a mile-long hang-glide drop with no hang-glider was not something he aspired to. . . . This past fall has seen more and more departures from Digital, which seems to be intent on reversing an old axiom. Formerly, "There are more and more people doing less and less, until pretty soon everyone is doing nothing" is fast becoming "There are fewer and fewer people doing more and more, until pretty soon there will be nobody doing everything." As a fortunate member of the Nobody Contingent, I find that current daily personal

tasks such as picking up the newspaper have become a time challenge. Add to this grandchildren numbers two and three this year (we're still all boys, by the way), my continued local involvement in youth programs and starting a side business (intended as my Digital tin parachute) and I have had time for little else. But now that I have finally begun to get my personal schedule somewhat under control, I'll get to the 1994 class Christmas letter, which I'll make every effort to get to you before spring. . . . It's at about our age that one begins to realize that the pizza is the pie that binds. Regards. ♦

Correspondent:
Robert Gracia

67 On a beautiful New England autumn day, the like of which occur more often in memory than reality, a mini-reunion of sorts took place at the Tufts-Colby football game. While the temperature hovered around 70

degrees and the Mules impersonated Penn State, a group of one-time D.U.'s gathered in the stands and reminisced about the days back when **Jim "Yukon" Thomas**, along with members of his family, made the trip from New Jersey and after the game did some sightseeing in Boston. During a lull in the game, **Jim** reported that he is considering giving up baseball to devote more time to his golf game. Seated next to **Jim** was **Harry "Bud" Graff**, taking some time off from his newly launched consulting business. **Bud** is simultaneously awed and excited as he faces the challenges involved in keeping his new venture flying—not dissimilar to what it must have been like when **Bud** played the line as the Mules faced the University of Maine. In the row in front were **Jim Bright**, **Dave Aronson** and **Eric Rosen**. **Jim** continues to make regular trips to Maine ski areas, and when the snow becomes a bit too bothersome he travels south to North Carolina, where he can visit both his children, who are at Duke. **Dave** is a

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The Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics of the University of Pennsylvania instituted the Charles C. Leighton, M.D., Memorial Lecture series on October 10. The series was established by the Merck Company in honor of **Charles Leighton '60**, who was the company's senior vice president of administration, planning and science at the time of his death. **Ralph Nelson '60** attended the event on behalf of the Class of 1960. . . . **Peter Ketcham '63** will be exhibiting his works at the Promenade Gallery in Hartford, Conn., through April 30. . . . In his sixth season with the Pittsburgh Penguins hockey team, head trainer **Charles "Skip" Thayer '64** was the subject of a story in the *Barnesboro, Pa., Star*. He credited Colby's long-time athletic trainer **Carl E. Nelson** "for being the father of my career because he gave me the basic fundamentals of being a trainer." The Penguins won the Stanley Cup in 1991. . . . The Rev. **Peter Ives '65** was profiled in the *Daily Hampshire (Mass.) Gazette* last fall. . . . **Barbara Howard Traister '65** is the new head of Lehigh University's English department. A specialist in Shakespeare and Renaissance literature, she has been a professor at Lehigh since 1973. . . . A story in the *Central Maine Morning Sentinel* discussed *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in Science, Technology and Society* by **Thomas Easton '66**. The book tackles controversial issues in science, such as the nature of science and research, the relationship between science and society,



Nathaniel Pitnof '66

the uses of technology and the threats that technological advances could pose to human survival. . . . Law partners **Nathaniel Pitnof '66** and **Steven Kressler** are hosts of a Sunday morning program, "Legal Express," on AM station WTAG in Worcester, Mass. According to *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, Pitnof said, "We joke around, but we give legitimate answers to the questions people have. . . . Most people don't have access to a lawyer. They're looking for homespun advice. So we talk in general about the nature of the problem, but we don't give particularized advice." . . . **Todger Anderson '67**, president of Denver Investment Advisors, was featured in the *Institutional Investor* in January discussing the benefits of mid-cap growth stocks. . . . **G. Ross Birch '67** was named the manager of the Hingham, Mass., branch of Prudential Securities in early October. He is also the vice president of the Municipal Bond Club in Boston. . . . **Richard Hunnewell '67**, an art history professor at Plymouth State University, received the school's 1994 Distinguished Teaching Award. A student said of him, "Professor Hunnewell fosters an atmosphere of openness and trust. His love and enthusiasm for the subject are infectious." . . . In January, **James Bubar '68** moved to Madison, Wis., following his promotion to chief information officer at TDS Telecom. . . . The Parlin Memorial and Shute Libraries in Everett, Mass., have hired **Deborah Van Hoek Abraham '69** as the new library director.

MILEPOSTS

Deaths: **Anthony Giles '66** in Marblehead, Mass., at 51. . . . **Marshall B. Barker, M.S.T. '73**, in Weymouth, Mass., at 66. *Marriages:* **Thomas J. Watson III '69** to **Karen Drobeck** in Greenwich, Conn.

year away from those parent weekend trips as his daughter, a senior at Needham, Mass., High, is about to venture into the world of higher education. Eric is contemplating an early retirement from the legal department of New England Telephone and perhaps teaching at a local law school. An added bonus was a visit from Phil Kay as he renewed old acquaintances. Later that evening, Jim Wilson joined this crew at dinner and filled us in on the trials and tribulations of running a one-man law office on Cape Cod. This every-other-year event presents a fine opportunity for Boston area people to meet and cheer on what has become, of late, the White Mule gridiron juggernaut. . . . A new year and many of us will celebrate the big 50 when that next birthday rolls around. But that's OK, because the news we've received shows that the Class of 1967 is not getting older but that we're getting better all the time! . . . Perhaps we should call Ed "Woody" Berube the bionic man. He writes that he recently had his left shoulder operated on for a torn rotator cuff, but that goes along with his three knee operations, back surgery and two foot operations. (Even with all this repair work, he carries a four handicap in golf!) He's a product logistics project manager with Xerox and lives in Webster, N.Y. His wife, Connie, is a first degree black belt in tae kwon do and his 14-year-old daughter, Breanne, has a second degree black belt and plays softball and volleyball. . . . In case you're planning an at-home wedding for your daughter, you really must contact Sandy Miller Keohane in Milton, Mass. As mother of the bride, she employed her creative flair to transform her house, pool and yard into a beautiful setting for a ceremony and reception. It was so unique that it was the subject of a feature article on weddings in the Quincy, Mass., *Patriot Ledger*. It sounded like a wonderful party. . . . Susan Finlay Chavez has been having a great time landscaping her home in Annapolis, Md., and has even included a goldfish pond and a

stream. She shares her home with four longhaired cats, including two Maine Coon cats. The detoxification unit where she worked closed down due to lack of funds, and she has been working as a psychiatric nurse for the last 15 months. . . . After her husband's brief assignment in Rocky Hill, Conn., Kathy Denehy Lewis has packed up and moved back to Nixa, Mo., where her husband, Bob, is head of the group purchasing department for FASCO. Since they'd only been in Connecticut about a year, Kathy was able to get her job back at the hospital, and she tried out her new PC at work to write her Christmas letter. She will be back in New England, though, because she has a daughter who recently graduated from Keene State (N.H.) in secondary special education and has another in nursing at URI. . . . Betty Coffey Gross and her husband, Mike, are relaxing (cheaply) now that their son, Matt, is at Hofstra. (Colby was too cold and too far for him.) She is proud of having survived 25 years of teaching with both her energy and interest intact but is frequently frustrated by administrative, state and federal "decrees." (Those of us in education know just what you mean, BC!) . . . We've tried very hard to file a column for each issue, but we really do need to keep in touch and pass on your news and views. Let's hear from all of you in the new year! ♦

Correspondent:
Mary Jo Calabrese Baur

68 Greetings, all. Glenna White Crawford writes from Idaho, where she is the diversion unit supervisor for the Ada County juvenile court. She's very proud of the volunteer program she instituted three years ago to deal with first-time offenders. Forty-five adults meet twice a month to resolve police complaints with youth and monitor these clients until completion of the terms of their diversion agreement. Success is reflected in the very low 20 percent recidivism rate. Their

three children gave Glenna and her banker husband, Richard, a wonderful surprise 25th wedding anniversary party, which included many friends and relatives. She is also active in raising funds for performing arts in Idaho, such as ballet, opera, an arts center and a museum. . . . In October, Alan Gray, wife Donna and their three children moved into their newly built home in Concord, Mass. Alan's community activities involve coaching children's sports. Daughter Erin, a high school sophomore, son Christopher, sixth grade, and Julie, first grade, all play soccer. Alan bumped into Jack Desmond '67 at a high school "back to school" night and also attended a Tufts-Colby soccer game last fall. . . . John DeSimone is a computer teacher living in Saco, Maine. His wife, Elizabeth (O'Gorman '69), is an antiques show promoter. Their oldest daughter, Anne, graduated magna cum laude from Bowdoin last June and is now in NYU Law School. Son Joshua is in a p.g. year at Hebron Academy, where he plays hockey. Their youngest daughter, Emma, is a sophomore at Thornton Academy and also plays hockey as goalie on the Thornton boy's varsity team. John notes that they spend their lives in very cold buildings. . . . Reed Harman is an investment manager in California. He and wife Nan have two children: Hayden, 25, who is a software consultant in New York City, and Spencer, 22, a junior at the College of Wooster in Ohio. . . . Linda Levy Fagenholz and her husband, Allen, are both pediatricians living in Erie, Pa. Their family includes Peter, 20, at Brown, Andrew, 18, at Williams, and Elizabeth, 11. That's all the news for now. ♦

Correspondent:
Diane E. Kindler

69 Thanks for the interesting responses to the last questionnaire. Many of you wrote about travel, career changes and children leaving the nest. Of course not all of us are in the same stage of life: Ann and Bob Anthony announce the

birth of Sarah Colt Anthony on November 8. . . . Eric Cote is a lawyer and chairs the Saco, Maine, planning board. . . . Jane Chandler Carney writes that she loved our 25th reunion, wonders about the whereabouts of Tanya McDowell '70 and remembers Jan Hogendorn as her favorite professor. She notes that his constant dwelling on the food giveaway programs in Africa in the '60s was prophetic and that every time she reads of famine in Africa, she is reminded of Professor Hogendorn. . . . Ines Ruelius Altemose looks forward to doing "Thelma and Louise Squared" once again with Susie Mathews, Jeanne Bryant and Judy Holden. Sounds interesting. Ines planned a late 1994 trip to London for both business and pleasure. . . . Sharon Timberlake traveled to London and Paris in 1994. . . . Gary Austin lives in Maryland with his wife, Kim, who works as a logistics program manager, and they have two children—Kimberly, an accounts manager for a health care firm, and Aaron, a member of the class of '96 at the U.S. Naval Academy. . . . Anna Thompson Bragg faces the mixed blessing of having four children in college later this year. Anna wonders which classmates are looking forward to retirement. . . . Gus Browne writes from Lincoln Center, Mass., that he took an early pension from NYNEX and joined Liberty Mutual Insurance in 1994. Gus soon will have two children, Jessica and Alec, in college and reports that travel plans will have to wait until after A.D. 2000! . . . I've moved my psychotherapy practice to an office overlooking Casco Bay in Portland, the sight of our spendid reunion cruise. My son, David, keeps me busy and fascinated with his nearly 8-year-old zest for life. Please take the time to stay in touch. ♦

The Seventies

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71 Since my last column was dedicated to the women of the Class of '71, this article features information about Class of '71 men only! Most of the information comes from the Colby files, so if it's obsolete or incorrect, please let us know so that we make the appropriate corrections. . . . Question: What do Ed Barry, Dan Blake, Larry Boris, John McCallum, Ron Lupton, Mark Newman, Joseph Greenman, Gary Burfoot, Jeff Edwards, Philip Byers, Bradford Moir, Alan Tuttmann, Bill Shumaker, Dennis Cameron, David Collins, Robert Greene and Robert Knight all have in common? Answer: They are just some of the lawyers from our class. . . . Alan Ackley, John Dyer, Tom Ellis, John Fochs, Lou Gordon, Richard Handel, Barry Kelley, Mike Round, John Philson, Nick Preston, Richard Kenworthy, Earl Lane, Steve Leon, Michael Twohig, Ted Weissman and Roger Foster also have something in common (strange as that may sound): They are all self-employed business owners. . . . Professors include Dr. William Anthony, in the Department of German, Northeastern University; Charles Colgan, associate professor of public policy, University of Southern Maine;

Duncan Hewitt, assistant professor, University of Maine; Jeff Nordstrom, associate professor, Fordham University biological sciences department; Steve Orlov, professor of humanities, John Abbott College; Michael Payne, professor, department of cell biology and anatomy, New York Medical College; William Simons, assistant professor of history, the State University of N.Y.; Harold Tamule, assistant professor, Suffolk University; and Jeff Willman, mathematics professor, UMaine-Orono. Several other men also are involved in education, including John Brassil, who is the director of studies at Mt. Ararat High School in Topsham, Maine, and Ken Didsbury, chairman of the humanities division, Tilton School, Tilton, N.H. Other teachers and school administrators include Donald Barton, Dave Freeman, Bruce Hubbard, Robert Kessler, David Rea, Andy Smith and Ron Sills. . . . Steve Cain, Robert Allen and Terry Towne are CPA's. Richard Blackburn is the Portland, Maine, tax assessor. Bill Buckner, who lives in Menlo Park, Calif., is the finance vice president of Any Mountain Ltd. Paul Bennett is assistant vice president of Caisse Nationale Credit Agricole in Chicago. Richard Beaty is a counselor at the Dianetics and Scientology Center in Hackensack, N. J. Mike Giuliano is an analyst for the Beacon Company and is living in Cambridge, Mass. Steve Dane is the general manager for Kluwer Academic Publishers of Norwell, Mass. J. Craig Dickinson is the president of Woodpile Inc. of Orono, Maine. Bill Glennon is a real estate appraiser in Quincy, Mass. Jay Reiter is the director of photography for the *Ithaca Journal* and Charles Abbott is a photographer. . . . Dr. David Glass is a vascular surgeon in

New York City. Other physicians include Bill Johnson, Frank Apantaku, Tim Richardson, Tom Gallant, Bill Schirmer and Roger Shell. Both Jeff Hood and Scott Eaton are psychotherapists. Larry Farmer is an optometrist. Jim Faulkner and Terry Wyman are dentists, and Lt. Col. Bill Agrella is a meteorologist. . . . Please return your questionnaire to me as soon as you receive it so that I have some interesting and new news for the next issue. Thanks for your support and encouragement and be brave. ♦

Correspondent:

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72 Congratulations, author Pat DeBerry Nordstrom, on publication of *Solve Your Child's Math Problems*. The book, written for families with children in the 5- to 8-year-old range, was a three-year project. Unlike many authors, who struggle to sell a manuscript or an idea to a publisher, Pat had several who wanted her book. She selected Simon and Schuster. The paperback book is \$12 in the "parenting" or "reference" department of major bookstores. Other Nordstrom news—Jeff '71 and Pat have celebrated their 20th anniversary and live in New York City with their four children. Jeff has switched jobs from academia to industry. He is employed by a biotech company, working on the cloning of genes. . . . Rhee Griswold Fincher writes of visiting Colby for the first time since 1972 with her husband, Mike. "What a treat when we walked into the biology building and found Bruce Fowles sitting at his desk! I only wished we had made the trip a few years earlier and could have found Tom Easton at his also." Rhee and Mike are still at the Medical College of Georgia,

where Rhee was promoted to professor of medicine in July. . . . Shelley and Mike Amster live in Concord, Mass., with their 8-year-old son, Adam, whom I remember from our '92 reunion as a precocious and personable youngster. Mike is one of the principals and founders of Harvard Ecology Associates, an "environmental health safety and transportation management consulting" company. . . . Anne Howard Cotton lives in New Canaan, Conn., and is a residential real estate broker for Brotherhood and Higley Company. She and her husband, Lee, have four children, the oldest approaching college age. . . . Peggy and Jim Colburn are busy parenting Tyler, 3, whose "art-work" I enjoyed on Jim's questionnaire. The Colburns are experiencing the challenge of leaner times in the real estate appraisal industry, where Jim is employed, but are grateful for the strength of their family and their Christian faith. . . . Joan and Bill Alford live in the Beacon Hill area of Boston. Joan is in a "service business for foreign students in New England prep schools." Their oldest son, Justin, is at Tulane and a member of the golf team there. . . . Sally Barker and Steven Hamburg are new parents! Hemma Leah Barker Hamburg was born in June 1994. Hemma means "daughter of the mountains," writes Sally, who adds: "we have a house we build a little bit at a time in the White Mts. of New Hampshire. Twenty-four hour colic for the first 3 1/2 months, coupled with a C-section and our move two weeks after she was born were a true endurance test. But not even this combination detracts from the joy of being parents." ♦

Correspondent:
Shelley Bieringer Rau

74 Greetings from the frozen north! As I write in January, we are in the midst of our first really cold weather—those of you who have left New England might remember single-digit temperatures and a howling north wind. . . . In Houston, where the weather is warm, Cynthia Vietor Kahle is a

mother and interior designer. Her family includes G. Kent Kahle, an investment banker, Carter, 11, Walker, 8, Page, 5, and a large assortment of pets. She keeps busy as a child advocate volunteer and working on an animal spay/neuter mobile. Cynthia would like to be getting rid of the constant collection of junk in her house (goes with the three kids, I think). She wishes she were a movie star and that she weren't talking on the phone so much. . . . Julia McNagy Hurley is in Columbia City, Ind., where husband David is a farmer. They have four children, ages 2-14, and also seem to collect children's toys and books. Julia returned to Colby last summer for the first time in 20 years. She liked the new buildings, appreciating how well they fit into the campus. . . . From frozen Minnesota write Joe '72 and Martha Hamilton Benson. Martha is a real estate appraiser. Joe a mortgage banker. Melissa, 13, and Tucker, 9, are in fun activities—swim team, soccer, indoor rock climbing. As a family, they enjoy many outdoor sports, but Martha wishes she were reading and sleeping more, getting to New England and seeing friends more often. She asks if anyone has heard from Liz Belsky? . . . In Michigan, Mark Pestana is assistant professor of philosophy at Grand Valley State University. Wife Mary Beth was expecting any day. Mark volunteers at a local retirement home and collects books by Thomas Aquinas. If anyone has a copy of Thomas's *Commentary on Aristotle's Treatise on Meteorology*, Mark would like to hear from you. . . . Barry Walch is also an assistant professor—of mortuary science—in Canton, N.Y. He and wife Joyce have two boys, ages 14 and 11, who are avid soccer players. Barry is a fraternity advisor trying "to move the frat system out of the dark ages" and is active in the Presbyterian church. He wishes he were building heirloom quality grandfather clocks instead of still rebuilding a very old house and collecting grad school credit hours. . . . S. Lynn and James Brace live in Friedens, Pa., with kids Corbin, 16, and Deidra, 14, both honors students. James is an excavator and avid cyclist. The

NEWSMAKERS

St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, Conn., appointed Sheila King Green '73 as its senior services coordinator. She will develop a program to meet social, educational, recreational, health and wellness needs for senior citizens in the area. . . . Cummings & Lockwood law firm in Stamford, Conn., elected William Narwold '74 as managing partner and executive committee chairman in November. He will split his time between the Hartford and Stamford offices. . . . James Shearard Jr. '75 has been appointed secretary and director of Nyrst Environmental Inc., where he has worked since 1992 as director of marketing and sales. He has an M.B.A. from Rutgers University and 20 years of environmental lab experience with public and private companies at senior and executive level positions. . . . Art Handman '76 has been named the director of grocery sales for Tropicana Products in Bradenton, Fla. . . . The Old Grey Goose, a folk band featuring Jeff McKeen '76 and Carter Newell '77, has been collecting traditional music from the Northeast and performing in the Waterville, Maine, area. They also present stories and ballads depicting traditional New England life. . . . Kevin R. Convey '77, managing editor of the *Boston Herald*, spoke at the Seacoast Communications Network meeting in Portsmouth, N.H., in January. . . . Richard Healey '77, the president of Foster-Healey Real Estate in central Massachusetts, is now president of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors. . . . Evan T.M. Katz '77 has been appointed chief budget officer of Newton, Mass. . . . St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, N.Y., has named Dr. Anthony Cagino '78 as co-director of its new pulmonary rehabilitation program. . . . Leslie Morgan '78 and his wife, Cindy, were featured in *Horizons* for their medical missionary work in Bangladesh. . . . The historic Inn at Chester in Connecticut, owned by Deborah Lieberman Moore '79, has won numerous awards for its fine dining and cozy atmosphere. Moore, formerly officer chief mate of a tanker in the Merchant Marine, bought the inn in 1992.

MILEPOSTS

Births: A daughter, Elizabeth Anne, to Mary Helen and Brian Hurley '76. . . . A daughter, Rebecca Mary, to David and Mary Zukowski Hurd '79.
Marriages: Pamela Bradley '75 to Ross Burton in Gloucester, Mass. . . . George Kesaris '78 to Julie Gray in New York, N.Y.
Deaths: Luther Foster, LL.D. '71, in Atlanta, Ga., at 81. . . . Benjamin A. Hawkins, M.S.T. '74, in Brandon, Fla., at 62.

Brace "collect what we can, which isn't much" due to cost and family restraints. . . . In Monmouth, Maine, live Kevin and Bonnie Nielson Gimpel with children Zachary, 13, and Torrey, 10. They keep busy with music, sports, acting, Scouts and the local credit union. Bonnie collects



Jeff McKeen '76 and
Carter Newell '77

books and junk; also weight, which she would like to get rid of! She would like not to be doing housework and would like to be teaching fifth-sixth grade. After attending reunion last June, Torrey has decided she wants to attend Colby. . . . Tigard, Ore., is home to Perry and Phyllis

Running a Model Railroad

“Do you really run a railroad?” Colby asked Deborah Wathen Finn '74. Before she could answer, the superintendent of the Raritan Valley Rail Line in New Jersey broke away for a moment, then came back on the phone to explain that one of the engineers just checked in to ask how her grandmother's broken hip was mending. One of the engineers?

“I'm... accessible,” said Finn, the only woman line superintendent of the seven lines operated by New Jersey Transit, the agency responsible for providing public transportation in the state. “It keeps you aware of what's going on.”

A woman in a traditionally male-dominated field, Finn says that a lot of people are watching the way she runs a railroad. Far from trying to derail her, she says, most of them are strong supporters. In the midst of one serious operational issue, an engineer even phoned her at home with his theories.

“I call them my Deep Throat calls,” said Finn, who lives in Westfield, N.J., with her husband, Tom, and two children. “People cheering me on, giving advice and insights. They find a way to share information with me. It's part of an interest in my success.”

Success means supervising 130 employees to deliver safe, reliable service to about 7,500 daily commuters on 50 trains operating over the 45 miles between Newark and High Bridge. She is responsible for a quality infrastructure—“the rail, ties, signal systems as distinguished from the rolling stock, which is the equipment you ride on”—and for the front-line employees, the conductors and engineers.

Trains move 21 hours a day, seven days a week, Finn says from her office in the Raritan yard, the line's headquarters and equipment service area. She moved up from assistant general manager about a year ago.

“I've improved the facilities, and I've helped employees to value themselves. These are the two things I've done here,” said Finn, who began her career in the transportation field in 1977, fresh from a political science M.A. at Northern Illinois University. Her work during the 1980s with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in policy setting and public affairs led progressively to management.

As superintendent of the Raritan line, Finn says she has worked toward an employee-based team approach to management. She cites a meeting at which rail workers complained that their safety vests were snagging on equipment. She proposed new apparel to her boss, then to the general manager of the railroad. Out of this came new flame-



orange jackets for the crews.

“You've got to start by valuing your employees,” said Finn, who in 1982-83 was national president of Women's Transportation Seminar, a group of transportation industry professionals networking to affirm women's roles in management in the transportation industry. “My front-line employees come to me. They feel they can take a risk. I think I see them taking more initiative, making their own judgments—they know they'll be supported. I see an increase in suggestions. And I don't get crackpot ideas. When you treat them well, they'll do it.”

Finn says her Colby government major and concentration in international relations, involving images, perceptions and conflict resolution, have been valuable, but she believes a general background in liberal arts has contributed to her management style.

“It was a good foundation that prepared you for a life of learning and wanting to better yourself. I'm never satisfied I've learned enough,” she said. She also remembers “a sense that Colby was preparing us to make the world a better place.”

The Raritan line recently initiated focus groups to learn how it could improve service to the public. Finn says one suggestion, instead of sitting for two months in a corporate memo, led to a prototype rail car in four months. In the future, she believes, the railroad must close the gap with the automobile in speed or amenities while offering more frequent service and “reliability, reliability, reliability.”

“I maybe able to alter service in the short and the long term,” Finn said. “It's tough to do in an organization with a hierarchy culture, but if you're willing to take risks, you can do it. The real story is ‘walking the feet,’ really doing what you say you should do.”

Finn was born in Bangor, Maine, but “lived all over” before she came to Colby, following her mother, Nancy Pratley Wathen '53, and her aunt, Ruth Pratley Madell '63. Her sister is Kimberly Wathen '79.

Finn says she especially values her Colby Jan Plans because of the field work and the future career options they offered but wishes she'd had even more exposure at the College to an environment in which women might learn and feel valued.

“It'd be nice to be at Colby now,” she said, where career counseling and leadership opportunities for women have expanded from those available 20 years ago.

“Was that when you didn't know that girls could do everything?” her 9-year-old daughter, Stephanie, asks her. Her answer, she says: “We can take on any challenge.”

Hasegawa Auger and kids, Cody, 12, and Jesse, 8. Phyllis is an exhibit graphic artist. She would like to be traveling more and is hoping to celebrate her 20th wedding anniversary in Costa Rica this spring. She wishes they were not doing major landscaping at their new house—did it get done before winter, Phyllis? . . . I'm out of space—more in a few months!

Correspondent:
Susan Gearhart Wuest

75 Thanks to those of you in the first part of the alphabet who responded to the latest questionnaire! **Beverly O'Brien Carne** and family moved to Glastonbury, Conn., from New Jersey a year ago. Describing herself as a professional volunteer, Bev lists Girl Scouts, PTO and Audubon Society as just a few of her activities. Husband Michael is a portfolio manager for Aelus Investments; their two children are Jennifer, 8, and Christopher, 6. Last May Bev had a wonderful time at a mini-reunion with **Deborah Marson** and **Barbara Carroll Peterson** in Boston. . . . **Alison Arthur** married Arthur Charbonney in September 1994. They live in Center Conway, N.H. Alison will graduate from nursing school this June. . . . **Elizabeth "Binkie" Cammack** Cloamore imagines that managing her family life is similar to the stress and excitement of being "an air traffic controller 24 hours a day!" Child number six, Catherine, was born in July 1993; the oldest is 11, five girls and one boy. All cynicism aside, Binkie finds her Colby education being put to great use, as her life only gets more challenging every day. . . . **Janece Keary Connor** is the owner of Janece's Originals, custom dressmaking and alterations, in Holliston, Mass. In June 1994 she was elected president of the Massachusetts chapter of the Professional Association of Custom Clothiers. Janece has discovered that running her own business is very rewarding and says that after three years she is finally beginning to realize a small profit. Once the school day is over, her three

children, Erin, 13, Michael, 9, and Devin, 4, claim her time. Janece met up last year with **Marguerite "Mugs" Nelson Sarson** at a gymnastic meet, where their daughters were both competing. Besides several volunteer activities, Janece is back singing now with the Heritage Chorale of Framingham . . . this she does just for herself. . . . "Supermom" **Sue Blanker** is busy with her two children, Sarah, 6 1/2, and Peter, 3, in Darien, Conn. In April 1993 Sue was elected president of the local Girl Scout Council, a volunteer position with time requirements similar to those of a full-time job. Besides volunteering in both children's school classes, she is active in her mothers' group at church and serves on the Darien Youth Commission, in addition to being a Colby associate class agent! . . . **Andrea Ward Antone**, a physical therapist, is doing home care for a private therapy practice in Warwick, R.I., which allows for the flexibility she needs in her schedule. Her three children, Becky, 13, Jamie, 11, and Lindsay, 6, are all into sports. Andrea's greatest challenge these days is having the three of them on three different teams! . . . **Charley Bolger** is still in the printing business in Edina, Minn. He and his wife, Gail, have two children, Christine, 9, and Bryan, 7. It is a small world, as Scott Ryerse '74 is his daughter's soccer coach. Charley visited **Mark Farrington** on a recent trip to Washington, D.C. . . . **Anita Baldwin** is living in South Berwick, Maine. She and Richard McAvlay were married in May 1993. . . . **Lisa Turtz Birnbaum** lists her occupation as psychiatrist/painter in Larchmont, N.Y., where she lives with husband Jesse and their two children, Zoe, 5, and Rose, 2. In August they moved into a beautiful old house with lots of room to spread out with the two children. . . . **Candy Skelly Crouch** is busy making wedding plans for August 1995 in East Boothbay Harbor, Maine. In October Candy completed a century (100-mile bike ride) and is looking forward to several more rides this year. . . . **Bill Muller** wants to correct the record concerning the report in the last issue about his alleged

injuries, news that was submitted by another classmate as a devious but brilliant practical joke. Bill refuses to identify the perpetrator but wants **Doug King** to know that somewhere, sometime, when he least expects it, his time will come! . . . Hope you all are making your plans for going back to Colby in June for our 20th reunion!

Correspondent:
Leslie A. Ramsay

77 **Jane Williams** and Bruce Blumberg still live in Pepperell, Mass., a pastoral setting for the Blumbergs' children, Phillip, 8, and Gwen, 5, and their various farm animals to live in harmony. Jane, having been home for the past eight years, writes: "It's fun to be back teaching (elementary school)!" Her husband, Bruce, is a graduate student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. . . . **Paula** and **David Stephen Boulanger** live in Andover, Mass., where she is in her last year of residency (pediatrics) at Tufts New England Medical Center. She is now interviewing for more local practice opportunities. He recently moved to KPM6 Peat Marwick—management consulting: business strategy/practice/management—and writes, "Look forward to participation in Colby events in Boston. . . . We missed homecoming in October." . . . **James** and **Lee Canning Breen** live in New York City, where she is an at-home mom of Molly, 7, and Cody, 3. He is a bond trader in emerging, thus more hazardous, markets. Lee is involved in a lot of fund raising for her children's schools—auction, Christmas sale, annual benefit. "I've learned a lot," she writes, "and gotten over any shyness about asking for help and/or money." . . . **M. Myers** and **Charles Burch III** live in Kennebunk, Maine. They are both teachers, and the family includes two stepsons and a daughter. After 14 years at Massabecic High School in Waterboro, Maine, and 10 years as the lacrosse coach at Cape Elizabeth High School, Charles writes (and I read between-the-lines, with pride): "Still officiat-

ing at H.S. basketball, named Maine H.S. Lacrosse Coach of the Year in 1994." . . . **Susan** and **Eric Clise** live in Woodinville, Wash., where they own a shop that provides finishing services to the printing community. Their family unit is "five (yes!) kids. Three adopted and two of our own ranging in age from 2 1/2 to 19. Love to hear from members of the band and friends. Drop me a letter on America Online c/o R. Eric." And to answer your question, Eric, I don't hear from **Sally Byrd** anymore. She's not a letter writer like most of us. . . . **Evi Anne** (Muller '78) and **Chas Cowing** also live in New York City, where she is a banker. Grayson Miller Cowing is 4 1/2, and Moppy, their cocker spaniel, is 8. Writes Chas: "Bought an apartment in NYC. Had a son. Am now broke." . . . **Karen Gustafson** and **Alan Crossley** continue to live in Madison, Wis., where he is a wildlife biologist for the state of Wisconsin and she is director of development for the School of Business UW Foundation at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Sam Crossley turned 8 in November, and the Crossley twins, Hannah and Caleb, turned 5 in July. There are no significant changes in Karen's life, she writes: "Just rolling merrily along." . . . And **Karen** and **Steve Cummings** live in Charlotte, N.C., where she is busy as the mother of their six children and one dog, their eldest being 10 and their youngest, Adelaide, four months. He is chairman of Bowles Hollowell Conner & Co.—an investment banking company offering advice to middle market companies in areas of mergers, acquisitions and private financings. After 10 years of life in North Carolina, and before that, seven years in New York City, he writes: "Things couldn't be better . . . great place to live, having a lot of fun with our kids." More to come. ♦

Correspondent:
Nicholas Levintov

78 Greetings to all! "Multi-purpose homemaker" **Ronni Jo Posner Carpenter** writes from N. Yarmouth, Maine, to say that

life is easy now that twins Scott and Robert are in first grade and daughter Alison is in pre-K three mornings a week: "Mom uses this minute spare time to exercise, organize and breathe without offspring interruption." Ronni-Jo and husband John also tend to a 1,200-square-foot vegetable garden when they're not visiting with Libby Maynard Gordon '79, Sue Pollis and Ted Reed '80. . . . Jane Brox has a collection of essays/prose, *Here and Nowhere Else*, coming out with Beacon Press in June. Jane, who lives in Dracut, Mass., received two major grants in 1994 to support her work, including one from the NEA. . . . Jennifer Nelson Bloomfield now hails from Truckee, Calif., and says she plans to "devote myself to raising my 5 year old, volunteering at the Sierra Nevada Children's Museum and skiing at Alpine Meadows." . . . You heard it here first. Ed Busuttill, former freshman co-captain of Robins on the quad, is now a lawyer—specifically, deputy district attorney for San Joaquin County, Calif. Ed notes that "when I'm not prosecuting gang members, I'm at the track road-racing motorcycles." (Nothing like relaxing after a long day at the office!) Ed and wife Shelley have three boys. . . . Also from the left coast, Pete Sheerin tells me that when he's not attending dental patients, he serves on the peer review committee of the L.A. Dental Society and does outside consulting and volunteer teaching. . . . Alicia Rodriguez Connolly is just next door in Severna Park, Md., consulting and counseling women who are in personal and professional transition. Alicia is married to Gerry Connolly '75. . . . Best wishes to all. ♦

Correspondent:
Robert Kinney


78 Professor Sandy Maisel visited with the Washington Area Alumni Club in October and predicted that the Democrats would lose between 25 and 30 seats in the House of Representatives but narrowly retain control. As we all know, this isn't quite what happened! Nonetheless, everyone

enjoyed hearing Sandy's insights, and we won't hold his prognostication skills against him! Classmates in attendance included Peter Krayer, who has left the Navy and works for a defense contractor in Maryland, and Sue (Mackenzie '80) and Mike Donihue. Mike has taken time off from his position in Colby's Economics Department to act as senior economist for the President's Council of Economic Advisors. The alumni club was also active in the recent pledge drive for PBS station WETA, where I ran into Ann Luedemann Hunt, who along with husband Tim '80 is kept busy by their two youngsters, Colin, 6, and Gillian, 3. I also saw Becky Rogers Bushong recently. Becky and husband Bill are the proud parents of Nell, 3, and recent arrival Andrew (Drew). . . . Questionnaire responses have provided lots of news as well. Ruth Anderson Kulman and her husband, Randy, both clinical psychologists, are busy raising Scott, 8, Seth, 5, and Ethan, 1, and recently built a new home. Ruth somehow has

time to play basketball in a coed league twice a week! . . . David Caruso and wife Nancie Specator, also psychologists, recently founded their own consulting company, which deals with career-related matters, and are working on a book about careers. David also published an article in *Mothering* magazine titled "Working Fathers." I guess raising Rachel, 9, Jonathan, 6, and Ethan, 2 1/2, makes him an expert! . . . Dave Ashcraft is also an expert on working dads, with Eric, 2, and recent arrival Katie! Dave is national accounts manager for Hartford Specialty Insurance in the Chicago area and recommends *A Year in Provence* for those with time to read. . . . Jocelyn Bartkevicius writes from Melbourne, Fla., that she received her Ph.D. in English last summer and is on the faculty at the University of Central Florida in Orlando as assistant professor of English and creative writing. She is also a second degree taekwon do black belt (so finish that assignment)! . . . Elizabeth Armstrong and

husband Eric Lofgren are still adjusting to the California climate after three years and occasionally pine for cold and snow. Liz continues her work and travel as a Japanese language technical interpreter and when at home is either painting or working in a local pottery studio. She asks, "Where is Kathy Bleakney Pawley?" . . . Even after 15 years I recognized Cynthia Pigott Bacon's distinctive handwriting when her letter arrived. Cynthia lives in Greenwich, Conn., with her husband, Louis, and three boys, Cameron, 8, Trevor, 6 1/2, and Dillon, 4. When this column appears the boys will have a new sister! Congrats, Cynthia! . . . Congrats also to Steve Celata, married in August '94 to Karen and now living in Michigan. Steve has spent the last five years as an international business consultant, with significant travel to Europe and South Africa, where he spent an exciting time during the elections. More questionnaires and an answer to the Bleakney search in the next column! Please write! ♦

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80 Don't forget . . . reunion weekend is June 8-11! Hope you've been making plans to attend. There's a lot scheduled between getting together for the reunion parade, enjoying some R&R at our own cookout with softball, tennis and family activities, and a Class of '80 dinner with guest speakers. If you have any questions about the reunion, feel free to give me a call. . . . **Kelley Keefe Slavin** is living outside of Chicago and keeping fit enough to make most of us jealous. She's teaching 12 fitness classes a week, everything from regular aerobics to prenatal classes to senior fitness and water aerobics. At the same time she's trying to keep up with Craig, 5, and Daniel, 1. . . . **Weld Butler** is the investment counsel for Harbor Advisory Corp. He and his wife, Sarah, bought a house in Eliot, Maine, and are "learning why humans are called 'tool users.'" . . . **Chris Jackson** is alive and well and teaching high school science, mainly biology and genetics, in Santa Fe, N.M. She's on the cusp of completing her master's in science teaching and is looking to work more in environmental education. . . . **Glen Coral** is managing his own insurance business in the West Chester, Pa., area. His most recent challenge was keeping the office together last summer while his partner, Jay Sigel, spent time ("very profitably") on the Senior Golf Tour. (Wouldn't it be nice for all of us

to have that kind of second career!) Glen and his wife are enjoying life with Jason, 7, Jonathan, 5, and Stacey, 1. . . . **Julie Greenwood Kreutz** is still living in the Atlanta area and working in geriatric rehabilitation. She saw **Jean Minkel** a few months ago when Jean and Julie's husband (who's also a physical therapist) got together for a conference. Julie is pleased to report that she and **Erin Ireton Elliott**, another Atlantan, finally got together after two years of trying! . . . **Scott Lehigh**, a columnist for *The Boston Globe*, and his wife, Marsha, welcomed twin girls into the world. . . . each weighing over nine pounds! (Is that some kind of record?) . . . **Karen Caine Babbitt** found herself thoroughly enjoying being back in the classroom last fall, teaching fourth grade in North Dartmouth, Mass. Emily and Ike keep her busy at home while she's grading papers and organizing lesson plans. . . . Keep those questionnaires and notes coming! As always, it's good to hear from all of you. ♦

Correspondent:

Beth Pniewski Wilson

81 Fred and Nancy Welsh Isbell now have a third child, Katherine Margaret, who joined big brothers Brian and Scott on November 1. Nancy is taking a leave from IBM, where she is a unit manager for the consulting and services group. Nancy has been with IBM for nine years now and lives in Acton, Mass. She often runs into Jeff Protentis, also in Acton. . . . Jim and Dani Nemeč Micsan welcomed a third child into their family, too: Joseph Raymond joined big sisters Jessica and Julia in December 1993. Dani and her family are living in Athens, Greece, where Jim is a foreign

service officer. While stationed in Greece, the Micsans have done a lot of traveling around Europe—to Rhodes, with a side trip to Marmaris, Turkey; to Prague, to meet Dani's relatives; to Munich, to visit Dani's mom and sister—and around the U.S., visiting friends all across the country. Dani also has found time to start a cake decorating business. . . . **Dawn Brydon** married Tim Sweeney last November—a wedding attended by Victor and **Ginny Bulford Vesnaver**—and is living in Arlington, Va. Dawn started a new job last October as the director of marketing for a trade association for the electric utilities industry. . . . **Jim and Laura Littlefield Bourne**, also in Arlington, are the proud parents of Kelsey Winslow Bourne, who was born last November in Washington, D.C. Jim and Laura found time to travel to Sweden, Norway and Poland last summer before Kelsey's arrival. . . . **Doug and Amy Parker Cook** are busy in Reading, Mass., raising their three children, Gregory, Abigail and Benjamin. Amy says that having three children in a little over three years has given them a lot of excitement and that there is never a dull moment in their house! Amy and Ann Albee Hoefle '80 organize an annual gathering of Colby friends that they call "Friends Thanksgiving." Everyone contributes to the meal and football game. This tradition has been going on for a number of years, and now the kids outnumber the parents! As well as Doug Cook and Ann's husband, **Iain Hoefle**, Colbians who attend the annual feast include **Bruce and Ellen Reinhalter Shain**, Dan '80 and **Liz Pizzurro Ossoff**, Deb (Zarella '79) and **Rich Dube**, **Marty MacMillin** and her husband, **George Plesko**, and **Greg and Ginny Low Pomeroy**. Amy says they hope to keep up the tradition

for many years to come. . . . Eleanor Campbell began law school at Seton Hall in New Jersey last fall. Eleanor says she received her M.B.A. from Drew University in 1988, so she decided it was time to go back to school again. Eleanor's German shorthaired pointer won highest scoring dog over 28 other dogs in the obedience trial at the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America National Show in Denver last May. . . . Peter Attenborough is living with his wife, Diane, in Stratham, N.H. Peter is a physician's associate student at Yale and is doing a rotation in cardio-thoracic surgery in Hartford, Conn. Diane is a senior physical therapist at Portsmouth Hospital. . . . Diane Young is liv-

ing in Stamford, Conn., and is an investment officer for Aetna, managing \$3 billion in real estate. Diane visited with Dani Nemeč Micsan in Athens back in September 1993 and then relaxed in the south of France for three weeks. In her spare time Diane is learning sign language and enjoys working with deaf children. . . . Carrie Bingham Boera and husband Michael are living in Newport News, Va. Michael is stationed at Langley AFB and is an F-16 pilot. Carrie writes that they have moved seven times in 12 years and are happy to be "back east" again. She is an administrative assistant for the USPA and IRA, a financial planning company. They have two children,

Benjamin, 9, and Arlie, 6. . . . That's all for this column. Please send in those surveys you should have received over the past several months or just drop me a note and let me know what you're up to. ♦

Correspondent:
Mimi Rasmussen

82 Kurt and Karen Peterson Binder wrote from Shrewsbury, Mass., where Kurt is an attorney. Their children are Nicholas, 7, Alex, 5, and Kate, 9 months. . . . Leslie (Perkins '84) and Bruce Anderson have moved from Connecticut to Maryland.

Leslie is an ophthalmic technologist, and Bruce is an assistant vice president in sales/marketing for USF&G Insurance. They have two children, Eric, 3, and Laura, born October '94. . . . Deirdre Duffy Donohue sends news of how busy she and husband Joseph have been—a new house, two new jobs, twobabies! Deirdre and Joseph are both attorneys in Boston—Deirdre at Hovey, Urbelis, Fieldsteel & Bailin and Joseph at Thornto, Early & Naumes. They have two daughters—Katherine, born November '92, and Elizabeth, born April '94. They also have a big golden retriever, Thatcher. . . . Curtis Ball is an estimator, and his wife, Deena (Schwartz '83) is teaching

NEWSMAKERS

Dr. Karen Ferrante '80 recently completed a fellowship in hematology and oncology at New England Deaconess and will work on the medical staff there and on the staff of Waltham Weston Hospital and Medical Center in Rhode Island. . . . Harold Alfond, H'80, donated \$1 million in November to the University of New England toward the construction of a health sciences building. . . . John Clevenger '81 has joined Meridian Consulting Group in Westport, Conn., as a senior consultant. . . . The Cleveland, Ohio, law firm of Hahn Loeser & Parks announced that Laura Gockel '81 has joined the firm as an associate. . . . Paul Damren '82 was promoted recently to the rank of major in the U.S. Marine Corps. . . . Jim O'Sullivan '82 was appointed vice president and commercial broker of Niles Company in Boston in January. . . . In October, Rick Wald '82 joined William M. Mercer Inc. in Minneapolis as practice leader in the health and welfare consulting group. . . . Trevor Stewart Burton & Jacobson Inc. in New York City announced that Patrick Woelfel '82 has become the director of the firm's marketing and client services. . . . Christopher Horner '85 is the new director of the instrumental program at Germantown Academy's upper and middle schools in Philadelphia. . . . In January, Key Trust of Maine promoted Lucy Lennon Tucker '87 to assistant vice president and participant recordkeeping supervisor. . . . Donald Pelotte, D.D. '87, minister in the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament in Gallup, N.M., was featured in a *Voice of the Southwest* story about strengthening the ministry. . . . In October, John Goslin '88 was named to the Massachusetts State Police. Currently he is working as a trooper in South Boston. . . . Jennifer Schaffer '88 joined Parrish Wickersham & Partners in Bedford, Mass., in November as mailing services manager. . . . Law firm Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell named Dean Schwartz '88 to its Concord, N.H., office in November. . . . In Boise, Idaho, John Seidl '88 and his sister Sarah



Laura Gockel '81

are running Seidl Home Co., a home construction company featuring quality craftsmanship. . . . Jocelyn Wooten '88 joined Oakland University in Michigan as an admissions office advisor for minority student recruitment. . . . BT Securities Corporation has elected David Genovese '89 to the office of vice president. . . . Heidi Greenman '89 is now the art buyer for the Massachusetts firm of Houston Effler & Partners. . . . Brian Rigney '89 was appointed director of annual fund and alumni affairs at the University of New England.

MILEPOSTS

Births: A daughter, Stella Strong, to Brad '79 and Lisa Turner Warner '80. . . . A son, Michael Philip, to Brian and Katherine Cowles Berkley '82. . . . Twins, Meredith and Robin, to Rob and Susan Woods Spofford '82. . . . A daughter, Catherine Grace, to Ann-Margaret White '85 and Sean Padgett '85. . . . A daughter, London Marie, to Donna and Andrew Docherty '86. . . . A son, Joseph Robert, to Richard and Deb Pernice Duffy '86. . . . A daughter, Rachel Rose, to Jill Glickman and Michael Hill '86. . . . A daughter, Taylor Christine, to Stephen '86 and Cheryl Lindenberg McCue '87. . . . A son, Peter Michael, to Michael '88 and Jennifer Erlandson Ayers '87. . . . A daughter, Jennifer Lydia, to Thomas and Lydia Kelley Nelson '87. . . . A daughter, Hallie Elizabeth, to James and Susannah Crowell Stridham '87.

Marriages: Anne Marie Phaneuf '82 to David MacKay in Nantucket, Mass. . . . Daniel Parrott '83 to Kimberly Hannon in McLean, Va. . . . Suzanne Desrochers '83 to Kelvin Patterson in Centerville, Mass. . . . Frank Hamblett '84 to Cynthia Peterson in Harwich, Mass. . . . Paul Swartz '85 to Linda Cairns in Washington, D.C. . . . Andrew Spirito Jr. '87 to Julie Juchnik in Cranston, R.I. . . . Mary Jane Carty '88 to Brian Brown in Gloucester, Mass. . . . Matthew Stetson '88 to Kristen Beard in Blue Rocks, Nova Scotia. . . . Peter Arsenault '89 to Colleen Byrne in Swampscott, Mass. . . . Patricia Carlson '89 to Clifford Ruprecht in Naugatuck, Conn. . . . Heidi Coughlin '89 to Scotty Davis in Aspen, Colo. . . . Melissa Hallahan '89 to Scott Fairfield in Pittsburgh, Pa. . . . Scott Harvey '89 to Tammy Ferguson in Spring Lake, N.J. . . . Karen Lapac '89 to Daniel Powell in West Hartford, Conn.

art classes to teenagers as well as doing some graphic design. Their children are Eric, 6, and Lydia, 4. . . . **Amy Bucklin** is married to Phillip Brown. Their two children are Elyse, 4, and Benjamin, 2. Amy is a technical writer, and Phillip is a senior systems engineer. Phillip was laid off from a medical start-up company and has accepted a job in Chantilly, Va., where they were to move after the holidays. Amy got back into the professional working world with a contract documenting imaging software. She now enjoys a part-time schedule that allows her more time with their children. Amy, **Kathleen Nicholson Massey** and **Wendy Bauer Castleman** have been successful in having small reunions with one another the last few years—the last being last summer. . . . **Wende Davis** is enjoying landscaping her small backyard at her new townhouse in San Diego, Calif. She misses the East Coast—especially the fall colors and open fields. Wende was able to leave behind her black lab, Cori, and her position as manager of toxicology for Cytel Corporation for a few weeks to travel to Spain with her boyfriend, Joseph Schultz. . . . After our five-year reunion, **Bob Benjamin** was married to Lynne Hughes, a registered nurse. They traveled to England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. They have two children now—Robert Patrick (August '89) and Caitlyn Marie (October '91) and live in Stamford, Conn., where Bob is an English teacher, tenth grade dean and coach of a variety of sports. He recently received his master's degree from Wesleyan University. Bob started his second career in 1988 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve. He was named distinguished leadership graduate in Officer Candidate School, received an Army Commendation medal, was named to the commandant's list for outstanding performance and has received the Army Achievement medal. He is currently the execution officer of the 733rd Transportation Company, a CFP Ia unit, which means that they are at the highest likelihood of call-up. Bob was promoted recently to first lieutenant in the Officer Advanced Course.

He finds his dual careers in education and the military to be challenging and demanding. . . . **Ted Dickerson** received his master's in architecture last May from the University of Colorado in Denver and is designing branch banks in supermarkets. Ted and his wife, Susan, have two children—Brad, born in February '88 and in first grade, and Michael, born in July '89. . . . **Scott Delcourt** recently accepted the position of executive assistant to the vice president of research and public service at the University of Maine after nine years as an associate scientist. He is close to completing his M.Ed. in higher education administration. His wife, **Sherry Kelly-Delcourt**, is a registered nurse at the Eastern Maine Medical Center and is in charge of the cardiac floor. Katie Ann is now 4, and their basset hound, Beauford, is 3. . . . **Tom Cone** and his wife, Tina, a registered nurse, have two children, Zachary T., born in April '88, and Trevor A., born in November '92. Tom is a managing partner for Chili's Restaurants. . . . **Thomas Dougherty** is a retail men's wear buyer, and he and wife Vicki have relocated to northwest Arkansas following a job change. Their daughter, Megan, was born in March '90, and a second child was due at my deadline. . . . **Bill Bower's** answer to the question "What changes have occurred in your life since we last heard from you?" was an understated "A few . . ." Bill is an environmental consultant, organic farmer and cross country ski coach. His wife, Nina, is an insurance administrator and organic farmer. Bill has a 6-year-old daughter, four stepchildren ranging in age from 19 to 26 and two grandchildren! ♦

Correspondent:
Sally Lovegren Merchant

83 This column is printed after the holidays but gives that holiday-cheer-all-year feeling. Please give the gift we can all enjoy: your news. I can't wait to hear from you. Thanks! **Kelly Burke Corwen** happily reported that she had gone back to work for Dun and Bradstreet as manager of fi-

nanacial strategy. She's thrilled to be able to have a more flexible schedule, which allows for more time with the guys at home—husband Bob and sons Sean, 4, and Connor, 2. I know from my own experience that to be able to have some time at home with the children has been invaluable and wonderful for our family, and I could feel Kelly's joy at being able to work two of her four days in her home office. Kelly and Bob keep in touch with George and **Deb Bombaci Pappas**, who are doing well in Littleton, Mass. They also noted that Regina and **Nick Silitch** have a new baby. The Corwens and the Pappases had dinner with Mary and **Chip Rooney**, who also are doing well. . . . **Dave Berno** wrote from St. Albans, Vt., to keep us posted. He's an insurance broker with Coburn Insurance of Burlington, Vt. He's been with Coburn for almost 10 years and is busy on the road in Maine, New Hampshire and Rhode Island but keeps current on Colby sports teams each season. Sons Dylan, 8, and Brendan, 6, are his life. Dave coaches both in hockey and Little League baseball. . . . **Tom Ahern** claims to be "mellowing out with age." Somehow I'm sure he's got more time to mellow, especially since he and his wife, Susan (Hamano '84), still have to drive around the kids, Shelby, 11, and Thomas, 8. Tom is an account manager for a computer software company near Boston, and Sue is a conference director. . . . From London, **Emily Baker** wrote of her satisfaction with the balance of motherhood and career. Zoe, 1, lives with Emily and her husband, Shu-ming Peng, a European equities trader. Emily is establishing her freelance career. (I really do love hearing from those of you who write. On occasion, especially now that I'm entering my seventh secretarial year, some of you will write to tell me you like the news and often send encouragement. Thanks!) . . . **Lisa Campbell Bourgeault** and hubby Dominique live in Gansevoort, N.Y., where Lisa is a credentialed alcoholism counselor and Dominique is in the restaurant business. Their daughter, Melanie, 2, was the reason they weren't with us at reunion in

1993. . . . A quick hello from **Noble** and **Mariellen Sullivan Carpenter**. They are in Bronxville, N.Y., where Noble is a real estate vice president and Mariellen is in brand management. They are expecting child number three in April to join siblings Noble III, 3, and Nicole, 1. . . . **Cynthia Trone Berger** gave us her new Burlington, Vt., address. Husband Denis owns the Symmetree Company there. They've been busy with Jackson, 3, and Kayla, 1. . . . Also busy with kids is **Jenny Knoll Bouchard** in Evanston, Ill. She and Page, her husband, are settled in the Chicago area and are about to begin the process of rehabbing their Victorian home. Son Shane is 2. . . . **Jen Thayer's** letters from Egypt are packed with nuance and the essence of travel. She recently wrote from Cairo, having returned from a trip to Syria—credible details of a busy and eventful two-week journey through centuries-old archaeology. Jen will return to the U.S. to job search, hoping to find something that will keep her in the Middle East, which, she says, is "still a frontier to conquer culturally and linguistically." Jen is our link to **Scott Stein**, who was "close to moving" to New York and looking for a job, and to **Barb Leonard** and **Dan Marra**, who are in Waterville. . . . Keep those cards and letters coming. As you know, postage is now 32 cents domestically, so your gift of writing is even more valuable. My best to you all! ♦

Correspondent:
Maura Cassidy

84 **Dave Augeri** writes that he just completed a contract with Banff National Park on their ecology and conservation strategies for large carnivores (bears, wolves, mountain lions, etc.). Now he is moving to the Seychelles Islands for one year to work on a project for the Smithsonian Institution and the Royal Society for Nature Conservation. He will be starting a Ph.D. in wildlife ecology, too. . . . **Cindy** (Gillis '86) and **Warren Burroughs** were expecting their first baby in November

1994. Warren is a corporate bond trader for JP Morgan Securities, and Cindy is a caterer. They live in Brooklyn Heights, N.Y. I last saw them in Boston at a fund raiser for the Steppingstone Foundation, an educational foundation for urban youth, whose executive director is Kelly Donahoe '86. . . . **Catherine Coleman Mullen** and her husband, Thomas, live in Acton, Mass., with daughter Jennifer, 2, and were expecting their second child in February. Cathy works part time as a consultant/freelancer in development while her husband is a vice president/management consultant at Pugh-Roberts Associates in Cambridge. . . . **David Ballou** writes that he married Kathryn Bedell, a Wellesley College graduate, in 1991. They met in Boston while attending law school and are partners in a small general practice in Cape Neddick, Maine. They spend their free time sailing and skiing. Dave encourages anyone up for a squash game to contact him! . . . **Brewster Burns** is also living in Maine, in Hebron. He and his wife, Cari Medd, are English and history teachers respectively. They recently bought a house, and Brewster finds that he now has stuff on weekends that he has to do! . . . **Kam Marquardt McLellan** recently moved to Frankfurt, Germany, with her husband, Scott, an Australian. Prior to Germany, they lived in Phoenix, Ariz. (where they met in business school) and in Brussels, Belgium. They have traveled extensively through Europe during the past four years and love every new discovery. Kam is self-employed sales and marketing manager, mostly coordinating international conferences. She is regularly in contact with her old roommates—**Valerie Lewis McHugh**, **Sandy Winship Eddy** and **Diane Perlowski**. . . . **Kathryn Soderberg** wrote with advice on being the class correspondent (her stint was '84-'89). She is currently vice president at ISU/Soderberg Insurance Agency in Lynnfield, Mass., where she recently received a Customer Service Award from *INC Magazine* and MCI. She also finds time to teach Spanish at local hospitals and at Salem State College. . . .

Paul Arthur writes that he has moved back to Maine—at last! He is the assistant director of environmental education for the Chewonki Foundation in Wisconsin and will be completing his doctoral dissertation in philosophy. . . . **Ann "Feta" Poolos Bailey** and her architect husband, Stephen, recently relocated from L.A. to D.C. She's working as a program manager for community health improvement at Voluntary Hospitals of America and is the proud mother of Alexandra Elizabeth, born in December '93. She's glad to be in D.C. as she is an East Coaster at heart! . . . **Bob** and **Beth Stillings Brooks** recently moved to a new house in Holliston, Mass., with their two daughters, Meghan, 5, and Katherine, 2. Beth is a developmental editor for college psychology textbooks at Simon & Schuster. I ran into Bob at a local health club—he's taken up marathon racing and can be seen running in downtown Boston almost every day at lunchtime. He is director of hospital contracting at Blue Cross/Blue Shield. . . . **Thomas Baker** is living in Waterville and is a supervisor in the claims department of Peerless Ins. Co. He and his wife, Margaret Nivison, have two children, Colby Alexander, 3, and Hillary Margaret, 6 months. Not a far commute to reunions! . . . **Stephen Bates** writes from Canton, Mass., that he has a travel intensive job working for Kryptonite Corp. and was looking forward to ski and snowboard season. . . . **Jeffrey** and **Maureen Betro Barrett** are living in Marion, Mass. She is a homemaker and mother to Jeffrey, 5, Andrew, 4, and Stephanie, 1. . . . **Charlie Wilton** married Tracy Hodge last September in Kentucky. Jennifer Armstrong '85 was the only Colbyite who attended the wedding. Both Charlie and Tracy are Ph.D. candidates in physics at the University of Wyoming. . . . Classmates wonder: has anyone heard from Leon Buck or **Charles Tenny** (last known to be in Kyoto, Japan)? If you have any news about them, please write to me. Best wishes for the rest of 1995! ♦

Correspondent:
Mary Alice Weller-Mayan

85 **Ann-Meg White** is working at Worcester Academy with **Dave Beers**. She and **Sean Padgett** had a baby girl, Catherine Grace, last September. They are building a house in Grafton, Mass., and hoped to be in by snowfall. . . . **Margaret Davis Maley** and her husband, Andrew '86, were first-time parents in March 1994 when their daughter, Margot, was born. . . . **Deirdre "Dede" Galvin-Wemple** and family moved to western Massachusetts as her husband is studying for his M.F.A. in creative writing at U. Mass. Dede is working on campus in the College of Engineering development office. Their son, 2-year-old Kyle, is on campus, too, at the university child care center. . . . **John Orcutt** wrapped up five years as executive director of Transportation Alternatives, a grassroots New York City environmental organization working for better public transit, an urban bicycling network and a safer, more pleasant pedestrian environment. In those five years, membership was boosted from 300 to 3,200, the budget zoomed from \$10,000 to \$350,000 and staffing went from one to seven. Jon is now associate director of the Tri-State Transportation Campaign, an organization coordinating work on transportation by 20 metro-area environmental groups. . . . **Annette Plummer Moore** is staying at home with two girls, ages 1 1/2 and 4. She keeps busy with part-time book-keeping and making quilts to sell. She is married to Jeff Moore '83. . . . **Wendy Ronan deMontbrun** has a 2-year-old daughter named Brittany Monet and was expecting her second child at the end of February. Let us know! . . . **Gary Ruping** married Karen Willim in June 1994. He is president of Ruping Builders, Inc., and was selected in 1993 as "Builder of the Year" by the Builders Association of Greater Boston. Gary is building his own home in Burlington, Mass. He invites anyone to visit him on Lobster Cove in the Boothbay Harbor region. He's "in the book" . . . **Stephen**

Haynes is married to Wendi Scappatura and has two children: Meghan Elizabeth, born in June 1992, and David Frederick, born in June 1994. Stephen is an agent with John Hancock and started a new business, EBPI, to assist emerging businesses with taxes and accounting. . . . **Christine Petersen** is a marketing director at Fidelity Investments. She has moved to Boston after seven years in the Big Apple and an eight-month stint in London and is enjoying the slower pace of New England. . . . **Hathy MacMahon Simpson** reports a son born in June 1994. His name is James Edward. . . . **Tom Menzies** is a study director at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Ellen, had their second child, Christopher, on July 10, 1993. They now have two boys. . . . **Christopher Leberherz** is practicing law in Falmouth, Mass., and has taken in a new partner. Their firm is now known as Leberherz and Sanidas. Christopher, his wife, Romi, and their 1 1/2 year old daughter, Katie, have moved into a new home in Falmouth. . . . As this is the last column you will read before the reunion, I would like to encourage everyone to make a return journey to Colby. Wouldn't it be great to see it and everyone again? Also, I am in the process of compiling a list of nominees for class officers (which includes this post as secretary). If anyone is interested in serving, please contact me ASAP. ♦

Correspondent:
Gretchen Bean Lurie

86 **Rick and Deb Pernice Duffy** are boasting about their new little addition, Joseph Robert, who arrived last May. With big sister Hannah Elizabeth also being Mommy, Deb feels fortunate that her superiors at the EPA in Washington, D.C., are agreeable to having Deb "telecommute" from her home in Cabin John, Md. . . . Another Taurus, Alan Tyler Hagstrom, also arrived in May. Proud parents Susie and Kyle Hagstrom are both residents at the Mayo Clinic. Kyle is an anesthesiologist, and his wife prac-

tices internal medicine. They keep in touch with Charlie Clippert and Chapman Mayo, who are also living in Minnesota.

... Suzanne Swain Masiello and her husband enjoyed a honeymoon through Italy, Turkey and Greece last June. In her fifth year at First Boston Corporation, Suzanne works in the institutional sales department. She had a visit with Laury Shea and her husband at their home in Vermont but undoubtedly continues to run into a large Colby contingent in her own Boston neighborhood. ... Rebecca (Sears '87) and Charles Cleary toured the Colby campus in the fall of 1993 with their little legacy, Esther Elizabeth, now 2. ... Thanks to Mr. James Cusack, we have an address for his son, Thomas Cusack. Located in Berlin, Germany, Tom landed his current position as a mergers and acquisitions consultant with Deutsche Bank (Germany's largest) just two days before the Wall fell. Recently he has been assigned to work on other Eastern bloc countries, including Russia. To quote Tom, "opportunities like this come once every 100 years." ...

Hamilton Brower is senior vice president account director for Deutsch, Inc., overseeing IKEA marketing and advertising. Writing from his newly remodeled circa 1863 Greenwich Village apartment, Hamilton tells us that he was commissioned by the Clinton administration to publish papers regarding the effects of advertising on Generation X. He also spent two weeks sailing around Seychelles last fall. ... Jill Myerow Blinderman works flexible in pharmaceutical sales, which is a great schedule for a busy mom at home with a 3 year old! She shares some additional class news: Tom '87 and Kathy Pinard Reed welcomed their second son, Josiah, last fall. ... Suzanne Battit continues to brave the cold winters in Chicago, where she is with ZS Associates, a consulting firm. Suzanne spent most of last summer/fall season as part of a sailing crew. ... Cheryl (Lindenberg '87) and Stephen McCue are "in the pink" with their little bundle, Taylor Christine, who arrived August 30. Naturally, they think

she's wonderful and find the many sleepless nights well worth it. ... Jennifer and Christian Barner are living in Cape Porpoise, Maine, and enjoy getting together with Chris Engstrom '86 and Henrietta Yelle. Christian is an attorney with Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer and Nelson in Kennebunk, and his wife is busy at home with their two boys, Nicholas, 4, and Cameron, 1. ... News arrived from Florida, where proud parents Donna and Andy Docherty welcomed London Marie to their family October 10. Andy is a naval flight instructor stationed in Pensacola. London joins big brother Connor, now 2, at home. ... Finally, I learned what a small world this really is. Last fall a new humanities teacher joined the faculty at the private school where I am an admission associate. She came to us having graduated with an M.F.A. from the University of Arkansas, where she was classmates with our own Jay Prefontaine! That's all for now. Hope to be hearing from the rest of you soon. Best wishes to everyone for continued happiness and success! ♦

Correspondent:
Sara Dickson

88 Happy spring! Many thanks to those who diligently filled out the questionnaires last fall! There have been lots of engagements, marriages, buying of homes and ... babies! Pat and Patty Haffey Clendenen recently had their third child, a girl named Claire. Pat works as an attorney at Minz, Levin Cohn, Ferris, Glouskey, and Popeo in Boston while Patty keeps her hands full being a full-time mother. They have 4- and 2-year-old boys. ... Bran Claytor, a student at Thomas Jefferson Medical School, and his wife, Sarah, had twins last November. ... Suzie Welch Carpenter had a baby girl named Natalie a year ago January. She is working part time at the Bachman Company in Pennsylvania and oversees their retail outlet at Vanity Fair Outlet in Wyomissing, Pa. She works out of her home and really enjoys the flexibility to be a "mom," too. ... Nancy Pare

Burton and her husband are the proud parents of Lindsey, who is now almost 2. (One is enough for now, she said!) Nancy works as a business insurance supervisor at Clark Associates Insurance Agency in Portland, Maine. ... Mary Eickhoff Dunn and her husband bestowed our alma mater's namesake on their son, Colby, born in 1994. ... Peter '89 and Laurie Meehan Reed have a son, Samuel, who was born July 4, 1994, and is otherwise known as Sammie. ... Lots of engagements have come across the wire also. It's been reported that Brian Connors has been engaged recently. Brian works at the Colorado Public Defender's office and lives in Salida, Colo. ... Nina Colhoun is currently living in Cambridge and looking for a job as a study abroad advisor. She is completing her master's work at the School of International Training in Brattleboro, Vt., while her fiancé applies to medical school. ... Rick Angeli is one of the many getting married in August. He is currently starting a career in sports marketing while working in Newton Centre, Mass., for IMG—"the oldest, largest sports, marketing management firm." Rick finished his M.B.A. at the University of Rhode Island last May. ... Also in August, Toby Bell and Vickie Caron are tying the knot in Portland, Maine. It's fun to see Colbyites match up in matrimony. ... Lisa Collett is on the marriage schedule for this year, as is Laurie Anderson. Laurie writes that she is teaching biology at the University of Texas after recently finishing her Ph.D. in plant biology. Her fiancé is a postdoctoral researcher in developmental biology. Laurie is wondering how Alan Crowell, Ken Nye, Debbie Gentile, Deedra Beal Dapice and Linda Roberts Pagnano are doing? Let us know! ... Also engaged are Whitney Kelting and Steve Runge '87, who are living in Boston while Whitney finishes her Ph.D. ... I last heard that Jim Brandt was still teaching outside of New York City and was named head football coach. Jim has recently joined the pre-maritomy ranks also! ... Mary Jane Carty Brown wrote me a nice letter describing her wedding last

October 1 in Gloucester, Mass. Karen Hentz Merriam, Amy Lumbar Holbrook and Susan Zimmermann were in the wedding party. Mark Wylie made the trip from Miami and sang a beautiful a capella song at the reception, "after which there wasn't a dry eye in the house." Mary Jane and her hubby are living in Arlington, Mass., where she works in the Harvard University government department. ... Greg Chronis, who was married last October, writes that he and his wife are living in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he is a professional liability underwriter. "We have no kids or pets," he says. ... Ed Barr, recently back from Tokyo, got married last June to Jennifer Pierce '89 in Boston. They are happily residing in N.Y.C., where Ed is an assistant vice president of a bank and Jen works as an editor for *Vogue* magazine. ... I saw Kevin Webb and Tom Ferris at a recent party in Maine, where I learned of Kevin's marriage to Kathleen Hitchcock last October. They are living in Maine, where Kevin practices optometry. Tom Ferris has been practicing law in Waterville since he graduated from law school. ... Still on the hill are Demetra Giatas, the assistant director of alumni relations, and Scott Smith, who works as the associate controller at Colby. Keep the news coming. ♦

Correspondent:
Deborah A. Greene

89 Congratulations to Kirk Koenigsbauer, who was engaged to Anita Gattine last Thanksgiving. They met at Tom Wilde's wedding, and Tom no doubt will be there when they tie the knot this July 1. Bob Gallagher will be the best man. ... Adair Bowlby graduated from UVM med school in May 1994 and is a resident in family medicine at Highland Hospital in Rochester, N.Y. ... Mark Cosdon continues his Ph.D. work in theater history, literature and criticism at Tufts University. His master's thesis is on the Flying Karamazov Brothers—"the jugglers with hair." Mark's published in *Asian The-*

ater *Journal* and *Theater Insight* and has read papers at theater conferences in Chicago and San Francisco. Somehow he manages to escape from the libraries and Mac to teach acting and direct productions for Tufts. . . . **Heidi Coughlin Davis** married Scotty Davis on top of Aspen Mountain, with **Anne Webster, Bill Stauffer, Salty, Craig Rogers** and **Susan Penz** in attendance. Heidi is the assistant manager of Boogies of Aspen and Scotty is with Little Nell Hotel. . . . **Tina Clifford** is the coordinator of programs in the Stu-A office at B.U. and is happy to be back in the Northeast. . . . **Melissa Early Ruwitch** was married last September to Thomas Edward Ruwitch, an old high school friend. Bridesmaids were **Lisa Troeger, Louise Tranchin, Lilly Dimling, Aimee Momene Simons** and **Rachel Bernstein**, and **M'Evie Mead** was maid of honor. Melissa is the assistant director of the alumni and parents program at Washington University in St. Louis and continues to volunteer her free time for women's issues. . . . **Christian D. Antalics** is a manufacturer's rep for Antal-Direct and recently bought a home in Wayne, Pa., with his wife, Gaynelle Peebles '93. They have a son, Christian David II. . . . **Lizzie Clapham** is reportedly in the Peace Corps somewhere. . . . **Robin Trend Baughan** bought a home in Branford, Conn., with husband Maxie Baughan, a golf pro. Robin is a broker manager for U.S. Healthcare and reports that her sister, **Melissa Trend**, is working on her Ph.D. in geology at Brown. . . . **Paul Argazzi** wrote that he was "smiling broadly the day after the Republican landslide and thinking fondly of L. Sandy Maisel." . . . **Cindy Bruzzese** is a pharmaceuticals rep in Middlesex, Vt., and is currently applying to law schools. She and husband Tom Murray were expecting their first child in January. . . . **Shaun Dakin** began his master's in international management at the American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird) in Phoenix, returning to the aca-

demic world after teaching in Japan and working in D.C. He attended **Sonya Hall's** wedding in Kittery, Maine, last summer and spoke with **Julia Smith**, who is considering a medical career, and **Pamela Woolley**, who is studying at the London School of Business. He also wrote that **Camilla Johansson**, who is in Dubai, UAE, working for her father's architecture firm, loves the business world so much that she is thinking of getting her M.B.A. . . . **Rachel Tilney** is an assistant director of admissions at the Westtown School in Westtown, Pa. . . . **Caroline "Callie" Knowles Clapp** and husband **Bill '87** became the proud parents of a 9 lb., 11 oz. boy last August. His name is **Bernard Knowles Clapp**, or **Ben**. A full-time mom, Callie is preparing to get a master's in social work, and Bill teaches math at Berwick Academy when he's not working on their Victorian house. . . . **Carolynn Bell** completed a master's program at Johns Hopkins in instructional strategies and teaches Japanese to private high school students in Maryland. . . . **Leslie Dropkin Casey** will finish her graduate work at the U. of Texas-Austin this spring and hopes to move back to New Hampshire with husband **Richard** as soon as possible. . . . **Colleen** and **Peter Arseneault** were married last October. **Mark Silvern**, an usher at the wedding, was just one of many Colby guests, including **Anthony Mazzola, Mike D'Agostino, Scott Williamson, Scott Wentzel, Brad Lord, Dan Valeri** and **Bruce Whiting**. Peter is a chiropractor, and Colleen is a registered nurse in Saco, Maine. . . . Last August **Jim Connolly** married **Adrienne Cole**, a sixth grade science teacher, and they spent a few weeks honeymooning in the rain forests of Ecuador and now live in Arlington, Va., where they are members of the Capitol Rowing Club and row in several races a year (including the Head of the Charles!). Jim works for a grassroots environmental group dedicated to restoring the Anacostia River in D.C. ♦

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90 Thanks to all of you who have sent in news recently. We're sending out surveys to portions of the class every so often, and the response has been overwhelming! Julie Ambrose graduated from Duke University's physician's assistant program in September of '93 and is now working in the emergency room at Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine. She occasionally sees Carolyn White, who is teaching biology at McAuley High School in Portland and working at Maine Medical Center in the poison control center. Through Carolyn, Julie heard that Erika Dresser and Rudy Penczer got married and that Erika is teaching and coaching at Holderness; Karen

Killmer is living in Portland and got engaged to Jorma Kurry '93; Melanie Brockway is working in Boston and attending Suffolk Law School; Kirsten Rossner graduated from the physical therapy program at Boston University with an athletic trainer certification and is now working in Charlottesville, Va.; Gretchen Granger is living in Portland and working at Idexx Labs. Julie has kept in touch with Michelle Perron, who is at the University of Vermont Medical School and is applying to residency programs. Julie also tells me that Scott Sullivan is now married and is enrolled in the physician's assistant program at Hahnemann. . . . Kerri Weise Augusto is completing her dissertation for her Ph.D. in clinical psychology. She's now living in Virginia and has two part-time teaching jobs at colleges in the area. In her spare time, Kerri spends time with her husband, Jonathan D. Augusto (an intern in veterinary medicine) and their pets (two dogs, two cats, one sun conure and a school of fish). Kerri is applying for clinical internships and hopes to end up back in the Boston area. . . . Sheri Berger recently graduated with an M.B.A. from Cornell University and is now working in human resources at the JP Morgan Bank in New York City. Sheri tells me that Jenny Alexander just graduated from Carnegie Mellon with an M.B.A. and was married in Pittsburgh in December '93. Paula Henriques is living in Portugal but traveled back to the States for Jenny's wedding. . . . Anne Pollock Briggs wrote that she and her husband, John, have recently moved to the Nashville area, where John is working as a computer consultant and Anne is enrolled in the M.B.A. program at Vanderbilt University. . . . Anna Brookes just graduated from the Massachusetts State Police Academy and is now working as a trooper (another Colby grad was in her class at SPA—John Goslin '88). Before entering the police academy, Anna spent about eight months working with the Red

Cross in St. Louis, Mo., with victims of the '93 floods. When Anna wrote, she was preparing to go to Maureen McGlynn's wedding in Boston on New Year's Eve; Anna herself is planning a June wedding to Glenn Barker. . . . Peter Bryant checked in from Boulder, Colo., where he moved after driving across the country last summer with Chris Haddad. Peter is working as an account supervisor with Shenkin and Sherman (a public relations firm in Denver), and Chris continued on to Seattle, where he has a job with an architectural firm. Chris graduated at the top of his class with a master's in architecture from Syracuse last May. Peter also tells me that David Freed is living in Watertown, Mass., and applying to master's programs in communications; Chris Jones is engaged to Jennifer Fenton '91 and teaching English in Harvard, Mass; Kate Carswell recently left her job at the Computer Museum in Boston and is applying to M.B.A. programs; Beth Kubik is living in Burlington, Vt., taking physical therapy classes and working with heroin addicts in a research project. Thanks for all the news, Peter! . . . Brian Clement is living in Portland, Maine, working as a stock broker at Tucker Anthony and getting married in June of 1995 to Carolyn Palombo. . . . Kathrine Cole will be finishing her master's in English at the University of Connecticut in May and is applying to Ph.D. programs at schools in the Northeast. She's currently teaching freshman comp at UC-Storrs and living with Jack R. Aydelott '91. . . . Don't forget that we'll also have a chance to catch up at our reunion in June. Hope to see as many of you there as possible! ♦

Correspondent:

Portia Walker

91 Ben Ames, currently living with his dog, Killian, has left the world of publishing to pursue his

master's in journalism at Columbia University in hopes of doing more writing. His other news: Brad Willard has moved back to Pittsburgh from Dusseldorf and is working for a computer systems advising company; Charlie Donaldson has moved out to Seattle; Allen Carlson is earning his Ph.D. in political science at Yale and also dabbling in student teaching on the side; Craig Damrauer '92 is getting his M.F.A. in creative writing at Arizona; Fred Stewart is now a very proud new uncle—congrats, Fred!—and Matt Bourgault has (and I quote) "dropped off the face of the planet!" . . . Susan Cummings, after moving back north from North Carolina, is now working in Harvard Square at Cambridge Energy Research Associates (CERA) in their marketing research end. While down south, she and Colleen Halleck ran in the Marine Corps Marathon in D.C., both sporting Colby gear—they even ran into one Colby grad and one Colby parent (literally)! They both finished in four hours, and "a finish line never looked so far away!" . . . Trish Biros is in her last year of grad school at Northeastern for "clinical exercise physiology." She is doing all the pulmonary function testing for the new Hasbro Children's Hospital and is also involved in a research project looking at the psychology of asthma. She also bought a house two years ago on her own and says, "the responsibility is scary but well worth it!" She misses Tom Brown like crazy! Deanne Newton was also in her program at Northeastern, then transferred to a school back in Georgia. . . . John Avery is a distributor for the Westport Rivers Vineyard and Winery in Westport, Mass., and also helps run the wine tasting room. He invites one and all to come and visit and taste "some of Massachusetts's best local wine." . . . Stephanie Carville received her M.Ed. in November '92 from Lesley College, then traveled for the next two years to England, Denmark and Southern Africa. She now is a first grade teacher at Green Farms Acad-

emy in Connecticut and is loving it! ... **Seth Canter** is a chemical operations manager for Clean Harbors Environmental Services in Cincinnati. He and Christina were married last July 31. **Steve Chernoff** and **Josh Green** were groomsmen, having flown in from St. Petersburg and New York respectively. Others present were Tom Brown, Tim Tanguay '90 and Maureen McGlynn '90 and her fiancé. ... **Cathy Breen** received her M.A. from Georgetown in '93 and started working for The World Bank in Moscow soon afterwards. She and her fiancé, Zhenya Gorodentsev, president of Major Inc., were married in December '94 and plan to spend the first half of '95 here in the States, then move back to Moscow. ... **Elin Baird Cain** is pursuing her master's in health psychology education at Stanford University and will graduate this June. Her husband, Brian Cain, is a surgical resident. ... **Jamie Chisholm**, currently working at Ropes and Gray in Boston, is looking at law school for fall '95. He and his wife, Alice, recently bought a new house in Weymouth. ... **Dale Bailey** and his wife, Ellen, are also new homeowners in Caribou, Maine, where he is an insurance underwriter and she is teaching high school math. ... **Margaret Curran** is the senior youth supervisor at Cobb Co. Children's Center, a shelter for abused/neglected children in Marietta, Ga., and fiancé **Peter Bailey** is a student in a doctor of chiropractic program. Along with raising their two kittens, they are also getting married in September '95—with **Amy Davis** and **Mike Schwartz** in the wedding party. ... Do you remember **Elisabeth Fowlie**? After leaving Colby sophomore year, she graduated from Emory, is now half-way through Vanderbilt med school, is a part-time EMT at the Grand Ol' Opry and is writing a book as well! ... As for myself, I had an extremely busy autumn. I'm also secretary of the Boston Colby Club, play violin and sing semi-professionally in the New England Philharmonic and Chorus Pro Musica here in Boston. NEP performed as part of Boston's First Night activities on New Year's Eve. It was incredible! ... Milestones: **Tracey Johnson** is engaged to **Peter Carpenter**, wedding July 1, 1995; **Margaret Mauran** is engaged to **Andy Ziccotti** '92; **Twisty Gogolak** is engaged to **Tom Dorian**; **Jim Lewis** is engaged to **Jessica Case** '89, wedding

August 12, 1995; and **Jojo Hardy** is engaged to **Mike Willegalle** from Minneapolis, wedding sometime in 1996. ♦

Correspondent:
Katie Martin

92 **Ethan Gettman** has been teaching high school English with the Japan Exchange since August 1992—he's fluent in Japanese—and also teaching English privately to younger students, local police and other town employees. He plans to return to the states in June. ... **Carol Chamberlain** finished her master's in education at BC and moved to Atlanta to teach junior high at the Paudeia School. Friends of hers living in Atlanta are **Jessica Maclachlan**, who spent last summer in Alaska, and **Eliza McClatchey**, who recently moved to Atlanta after having worked in Maine and New Mexico. **Wright Dickinson** is also living in Atlanta, and **Carolyn Harvey** recently visited in Atlanta before making a move to Boulder, Colo. ... **Beth Baumer** works for L.L. Bean and lives in Lisbon Falls; **Bonnie Dewsbury** works for the FAA and lives in Arlington, Mass.; **Cal Wheaton** is engaged to **Aimee Flores** '95; and **Krista Gai** is a flight attendant for Delta, based in New York City. ... **Meredith Corbett** finished her master's and has been teaching first grade in Winthrop, Mass., where she also lives. She wrote that **Jill Camuso** is living in Wakefield, Mass., with **Jen Robicheau**, who is getting her master's in psychology at Harvard; **Lisa Miller** is engaged to **Todd O'Connor** '91 with wedding plans for June 1995; **Amy Moody** is in her first year at BCLaw; **Sherri Beals** is in her third year of teaching in Japan with plans to attend grad school in the U.S. next year; and **Shawn Gager** is living in Brighton, Mass., and working at Sun Life. ... **Tom Capozza** is in his second year of a four-year scholarship at Dartmouth med school in return for four years of service with the U.S. Navy. He is a commissioned officer and spent summer '93 in basic training (Newport, R.I.) and summer '94 on the U.S.S. *Theodore Roosevelt*. Also at Dartmouth med are **Traci Marquis** and **Angela Toms Forman**. ... **War-**

ren Claytor became an uncle when his brother **Brannon** '88 had twins in November. **Warren**'s in his first year of grad school for landscape architecture at the University of Pennsylvania. ... **John Cook** is a staff assistant at GSAS Admissions and Financial Aid at Harvard. He recently completed a swim across Provincetown Harbor as part of the Swim For Life, a fund raiser for local AIDS organizations, and finished first in his age group! ... **Andy Ben-**

son is the assistant director of admissions, teaches English and coaches boy's lacrosse at the Millbrook School in Millbrook, N.Y. He ran the Dutchess County Marathon last fall in 3:30:23! ... **Jeremy Carver** is living in Merion, Pa., near Philadelphia. He wrote that **Toby Perse** is an editorial assistant at *Rolling Stone* and lives in New York City. ... **John O'Brien** is a small-business auditor for Arthur Andersen. ... **Matt**

NEWSMAKERS



Laura Longworth '92

Emilie Davis '90 became the head girl's basketball coach for Lawrenceville in Lawrence, N.J. ... **Chip Gavin** '90 is a research associate in the Maine Secretary of State's Office. ... A syndicated newspaper story featured **Matt Hancock** '90, Colby's all-time leading scorer, who dedicates time to a team playing basketball games against prison inmates at the Maine Correctional Center. **Hancock** is saw mill operations manager for Hancock Lumber Company. ... **Mike Niven** '90 is interning for the publications departments of Washington, D.C.-based magazines *American Forests* and *Urban Forests*. ... **Matthew Ovios** '90 has returned to Norfolk, Va., after a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas and the Persian Gulf. ... **Lauren Knebel** '91 has been promoted to account associate of *Blattel/Associations Public Relations, Inc.*, in San Francisco. ... **Charles Leach III** '91 is the assistant director of communications at Bowdoin College. ... *The Daily Hampshire Gazette* announced that **Laura Longworth** '92 is now the reporter for Easthampton, Mass. ... **Methuen High** in Massachusetts recently hired **John Rimas** '92 as its junior varsity basketball coach. ... The George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., awarded **Kimberly Zimmerman** '92 the Michael Harrington Scholarship. The award goes to a student committed to promoting anti-poverty policies. ... **Cristen Coleman** '93 completed her dual master's program in accounting and business administration at Northeastern University with honors. ... **Pierson Bourquin** '94, a sales representative at Computer Base in Lake Tahoe, Calif., said in an interview with the *Tahoe Daily Tribune* that the Internet system "will change our world." ... **Mark Gallagher** '94 was hired by U.S. Congressman **Edward Markey** as a congressional district aid for his Medford, Mass., district office.

MILEPOSTS

Marriages: **Bernie Khoo** '90 to **Bridgette Costin** in Vienna, Va. ... **Pamela Newsome** '92 to **Nathan Carpenter** '92 in Hingham, Mass. ... **Emily Fisher** '92 to **Stephen Medvic** in Sudbury, Mass. ... **Michelle Fortier** '92 to **John Biscotti** in Leominster, Mass. ... **Jennifer Coffin** '92 to **Drew Hoyt** '92 in Walpole, Mass. ... **Robert Sibley** '92 to **Evelyn Olivares** '95 in Ypsilanti, Mich. ... **John Brewster** '93 to **Zachary Geisz** '94 in Wolfeboro, N.H. ... **Karl Veilleux** '93 to **Lisa Jacques** in Waterville, Me.

Roads Scholar

After spending a year walking through Japan, Andrew Nemiccolo '93 is convinced that the journey, not the destination, holds the key to understanding.

Nemiccolo's 1993-1994 odyssey, funded by the Thomas J. Watson Foundation, called for him to walk the entire lengths of Japan's five Gokaido roads, a total of 1,000 miles. Gokaido, literally "five roads," served as the routes for an ingenious 17th-century system of administration that required the daimyo, or lords under the shogun's authority, to visit the capital city and live under the shogun's watchful eye for half of every year. For almost three centuries the daimyo led colorful processions to and from Tokyo along the Gokaido. With improvements made by the shogun, the roads became major highways used by merchants, religious pilgrims, sightseers and other travelers. Nemiccolo's trip was designed to retrace these routes to investigate the natural topography and current human environment.

Nemiccolo, who spent his junior year on the Colby in Kyoto program, said the Watson year was both intriguing and frightening. "I had not traveled more than a two-hour train ride from Kyoto during my junior year," he said. "The distinction between a year of living and a year of travel in Japan was dramatic."

On a budget of \$33 per day, Nemiccolo carried a tent and all of his clothes and supplies on his back throughout the trip. Because of the proximity of "post towns" along the Gokaido routes, Nemiccolo walked only about five miles per day, which allowed time to visit historic sites and structures, collect road-related literature at local museums and conduct interviews with local residents. "I permitted myself to ride buses or trains only to reach lodging, a museum or a historical site that lay off my walking route," he said. "After the detour I would continue walking from the same point. In this way I walked the entire length of the five roads."

He slept in virtually any open space where he was allowed. "Thinking of some of my tenting sites, I have to laugh," Nemiccolo said. "They ranged from parks, castle ruins, abandoned mini golf courses and bridge overpasses. This wasn't always a barrel of laughs, but it helped cut my



expenses and allowed me to meet my daily budget."

While hiking a mountainous section of Nakasendo road he visited an elderly couple, one of the three dozen times he was invited to stay with local residents.

"Staying in households and Buddhist temples all over the country was enlightening," he said. "Without question, it was the most valuable experience of the project. In a sense, my topic of study was not roads at all but the people who lived along the roads."

Despite the hospitality of many Japanese, Nemiccolo found the solo travel and long gaps between mail pickups—he had mail sent to his host family's home, where he would pick it up every few weeks—challenging but ultimately satisfying. "Several months passed before I came to value the solitude of the road. Almost daily I questioned and then reaffirmed my reasons for walking."

Passing through picturesque communities, strip malls, busy downtown areas and residential zones, Nemiccolo said evaluating Japan's contemporary culture based on his observations was "quite subjective and potentially dangerous," but he concluded that the country's development in the 20th century has gone virtually unchecked. The natural landscape as well as the country's historical structures have suffered, he says. Meanwhile, high-speed transportation and communications and the proliferation of national commercial chain stores have blurred geographic differences within Japanese society. "Japanese people still emphasize regional differences, but due to increased mobility and communication, things are less distinct than ever," he said. "This realization was somewhat discouraging to me at first, since the rich variety of related mini-cultures within traditional Japan is what had attracted me. Fortunately, the historical movement in Japan has been gaining momentum in the last decade. Dozens of museums have sprung up in the old post towns in recent years."

The journey was enriching as well as enlightening, Nemiccolo said. "I can say that I have profited greatly from a simple lifestyle of walking, note taking and meeting people from different lands," he said. "I would like to repeat the routine on another historic path some day."

Brown finished a two-year stint with the Peace Corps in Ghana and was getting ready to return to Africa for a bike trip throughout the continent with two friends. . . . **Ted Bosco** is living in Portland, Ore., waiting tables as he waits for something more exciting to come along. . . . **Chris Ward** and **Whitney Adams** were engaged this past July (having dated since September of their freshman year!) with plans for a summer '95 wedding on Cape Cod. Whitney is in product development for Britches Clothing, and Chris is an associate producer of videos for corporations and associations in D.C. **Kyle Lissack** is also living in D.C.—with Scott Osborne '91—and is a marketing consultant for John Hancock; **Helen Hopkins** and **Tabby Biddle** are both working for *National Geographic*; **Lisa Black** works for the National Gallery; and **Alice Johnson**, **Margaret Igoe** and **Christy O'Rourke** also are living in D.C. . . . **Brenda Burke** recently took a position as a research assistant at Harvard med school after spending two years at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. She has plans to attend medical school next fall. . . . **Danielle Desmarais** was married in August to David Mostoller '94. John Smith '95 was the best man, and in attendance were Kim Morrison '90, **Elizabeth Kowal**, Anna Lowder '95, Ben Strong '94, Alex Kean '96, Darrell Oakley '94, Carrie Sheppard '96 and Tim Mathieu '88. Danielle is working at the Williston Northampton School as a communications assistant, yearbook advisor and dorm parent. . . . **Brooke Coleman** finished her master's last spring and is now a doctoral student in psychology at Stanford, focusing on sports psychology, biculturalism and multicultural counseling. . . . Keep up the mail. ♦

Correspondent:
Kristin L. Owens

93 Thanks for the great response to our partial mailing. Chris '91 and **Heather Hews Caponi** also are residing in California and are expecting their first child in May. Heather is finishing up her master's in education. . . . **Karyl Brewster** and **Zach Geis**: '94 were married in Sep-

tember, and live in New York. Karyl works as a field chemist for Lindlaw Environmental Services. . . . **Lael Hinman** plans a May wedding to Jim Stanczak and will move to Houston upon graduation from Northeastern Law. . . . **Ingrid Bernhard** reports from Connecticut that she is engaged to be married in September to Richard Gordon. Congratulations to all the happy couples! . . . **Karen Beauchesne** loves her job as an assistant buyer for L.L. Bean's women's apparel department. Karen has been living in Falmouth, Maine, since October. . . . **Bill Charron** is living with **Rachel Kriteaman** and their pet hedgehog, Scapple, in Arlington, Va. Bill works through Covington & Burling providing legal assistance for probono cases in D.C. . . . **Amira Bahu**, in her second year at Rush Medical College in Chicago, writes that she is well and proud that she completed the Chicago Marathon in October. We're proud of you, too, Amira! . . . **March McCubrey** is touching up his old Colby thesis on the development of sporting camps in New England, which will be published this year. . . . **Sandra Vines** writes that after a year as a Fulbright teaching assistant in Dijon, France, and a summer of traveling, she has moved to Paris, where she plans to work on a master's in French literature through NYU. Sandra was visited by Anne Griffin '94, who is working in Moscow. . . . **Annelise Bunger** moved to the Boston area this fall, after a summer in Spain with her family, to take a job at The Forum Corp. as a human resource coordinator. . . . **Chris Chin** is still at State Street in Boston, accompanied by **Bill Miller**, **Bob Ward**, **Dave Bartlett** and **Joel Mackall**. Chris now lives in Norwood, Mass., with **Rod Corey**. He also reports that **Kristin Ellinger**, **Michelle Kennedy**, **Cristen Herlihy**, and **Leslie Tane** are living together in Boston and that he had the opportunity to meet up with **Kimberly Carr**, **Rob McCarley**, **Michelle Addario** and **Sue Krolecki** at a Greatwoods concert. Sue has been busy traveling, and Rob is employed doing research at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston. Chiny wrote as well that in Boston he's run into **Liz Artwick**, **Karen Nelson**, **Keith Dupuis**, **Josh Bubar**, **Dean Shaddock** and **Chuck**

Martin. . . . **Jeff Baron** has moved back to Brookline, Mass., and has taken a job doing sales and marketing for Media Map, a small research firm. Jeff says that **Phil Vilar** is now employed by the Webster Group. . . . **Beth Cronin** lives in Boston's North End with **Sally Zimmerli** and works for a publishing company. . . . **Pam Crebase** is in the middle of her second year as a second grade teacher in rural Louisiana for Teach for America. Finally, condolences to **Jenn Cowles**, who lost her father last year. . . . Keep the news coming. Until next time! ♦

Correspondent:
Alicia S. Hidalgo

94 **Christine Dash** works in customer service at Delphi Internet in Cambridge, Mass., and is also a circulation supervisor at the Regis College library. She lives in Chestnut Hill with **Debbie Fitzpatrick**, who works as a paralegal in Boston. They see **Marsha Ilmonen**, who lives in the same apartment building and works for a German-based company in Watertown. **Sally Reis** lives near Regis and has visited **Eric Burger** and **Mark Dantos** in Colorado. Christine adds that **Jen Bowen** is teaching in Maine and is making plans to travel across the country and that **Karen Whitcomb** and **Dave Bryan** live in Arlington, Mass., and are making wedding plans for July. Karen is pursuing a degree in education at Boston University, and Dave is a computer consultant in Woburn. **Jen Hurd** works for the same company. Christine also has been in touch with **Sandy Benson**, who attends NYU, and **Jenna Lemerise**, who teaches English in Munich. . . . **Pierson Bourquin** writes from South Lake Tahoe that he works as a sales rep/Internet consultant and is excited about giving people access to the world of information while living in the mountains and teaching skiing weekends at Heavenly. He would love to get e-mail: pierson@sierra.net. . . . **Erik Belenky** attends Duke University Law School. . . . **Amy Clapp** left for New Zealand to travel and work on organic farms. . . . **Todd Curtis**, a child-care worker in the child assessment unit of Cambridge Hospital, is moving

to Somerville, Mass., with **Marty Hergert** '93 and **Jenna Dinn**. . . . **Susie Belknap** traveled through Greece in June with **Sally Reis** and now lives in Brighton pursuing a master's degree at Lesley College and teaching in Chestnut Hill. . . . **Jennifer Chasin**, back home in Los Angeles, is working as a paralegal and looking into graduate programs in clinical psychology. . . . **David Mostoller** and **Danielle Desmarais** '92 were married last August in Wolfeboro, N.H. Guests included **Ben Strong** and **Darrell Oakley**. David is working on a master's in geology at U Mass-Amherst. . . . **Jonathan Kaplan** is a graduate student in public policy at the University of Chicago and also is working as the assistant swim coach. He writes that **T.J. Winick** is employed at a TV station in Burlington, Vt. . . . In the Boston area are **Heather Vincola**, **Christy Lynch** and **Marika Schwartzman**. Heather works as a paralegal at EMC in Hopkinton. Christy is with a public relations firm in Waltham and Marika is a mutual funds trader for the Colonial Group in Boston. . . . **Megan Harris** writes that she is in D.C. until next fall, living with **Laura Steinbrink** '93 and working at a law firm with **Kelly Boudreau**. . . . Since January, **Stephanie Cain** has been a reporter for the *Leuiston Sun-Journal* and is based in their Rumford, Maine, bureau. . . . **Erik Mortenson** is teaching English and coaching lacrosse and football at the Blue Ridge School in Virginia. . . . **Jenn Zwick** works for a law firm in New York and is engaged to marry a Canadian in October. Included as bridesmaids are **Julie Ackerman**, **Erinne Clark**, **Erin Crossland** and **Alyssa Schwenk**. . . . Received a letter from **Jess Drislane** and **Alex Bici**, who were taking turns visiting each other in Europe. Jess works as a consultant for Gemini in London and writes that the alumni network there is incredibly supportive. She lives in Chelsea with **Elizabeth Labovitz**, who works for the American law firm Whitman, Breed, Abbott & Morgan. Alex finished his first rotation in Madrid and has returned to Bankers Trust in New York, where **Mike Koester** also is employed. . . . Questionnaires are being sent out to one fourth of our class at a time so keep the news coming! ♦



O B I T U A R I E S



CAROL HOFFER BASSETT

Carol Hoffer Bassett, who taught mathematics at Colby for 20 years, died February 5 in Waterville, Maine, at 63. Raised in South Dakota and Nebraska, she received her B.A. and M.A. in mathematics from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. She taught mathematics at a high school in Iowa, then taught at the University of South Dakota, Iowa State University, Kansas State University and the University of Kansas. Following her marriage to Charles Bassett in 1956, she moved to Philadelphia, then in 1969 moved to Waterville when her husband joined the Colby English Department. After raising two children, she resumed her teaching career as instructor and assistant professor of mathematics at the College. She retired in 1994 as an associate professor emerita. She also was president, vice president and secretary of the Colby chapter of Phi Beta Kappa for 10 years. She is survived by her husband, a son, a daughter, a sister and several nieces and nephews.

GORDON W. SMITH

Gordon W. Smith, a professor of modern languages at Colby for 42 years, died on December 5 in Waterville, Maine, at 87. Born in Wareham, Mass., he was educated in Middleboro, Mass., public schools. He attended Boston University as an Augustus Howe Buck Scholar, then studied at the University of Nancy and the University of Paris. He began his teaching career at Colby in 1930 after receiving his M.A. from Harvard University. Predeceased by his wife, Doris, he is survived by two nephews.

JOHN H. SUTHERLAND

John H. Sutherland, English professor emeritus, died January 31 in Vassalboro, Maine, at 71. He was born in Boston, Mass., and received his B.A. from Swarthmore College in 1948 and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1951. Over the next 35 years he served the College as instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, professor and chair of the English Department. His lifelong commitment to social justice, beginning with his service as a conscientious objector during World War II, and the spirit of the Friends' meeting were always apparent in his awareness

of world concerns and in his patience, tolerance and search for consensus among his faculty colleagues. When he retired in 1986, he was known for his work on William Blake and as editor of the *Colby Quarterly*, which had broadened during the 11 years of his guidance to include larger issues of literature and culture. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, two sons and a sister.

IDA PHOEBE KEEN '05

Ida Phoebe Keen '05, most senior of Colby's alumni, died September 24 in Pomona, Calif., at 110. She was born March 1, 1884, on a farm in Unity, Maine, and attended Waterville High School. After Colby she taught modern languages in secondary schools in Maine and Delaware. In 1919 she joined the National City Bank of New York as a translator for French, German, Spanish and Italian customers, then became a secretary in the department of religion and psychology at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She retired in 1949 but continued working as a secretary in the graduate English department at Columbia University for nine more years. She had resided in Pomona since 1961. No immediate relatives survive.

MILDRED GREELEY ARNOLD '17

Mildred Greeley Arnold '17 died October 21 in Connecticut, four days before her 100th birthday. She was born in Rumney, N.H., and attended high school in Plymouth, N.H. At Colby she earned a B.S., then became a high school science teacher. While raising three children she earned certificates in psychology and child psychology from Columbia University in 1930 and 1931. For a number of years she was employed by the Episcopal Diocesan House in Hartford, Conn. Her sister, Winifred B. Greeley '18, predeceased her. She is survived by three daughters, a sister, eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

HAROLD C. MARDEN '21

Harold C. Marden '21, a former justice of Maine's Supreme Court, died September 30 in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, at 94. Born in East Vassalboro, Maine, he attended Oak

Grove Seminary. He interrupted his College studies to serve as a second lieutenant in the Army during World War I. Following graduation from Harvard Law School in 1924, he had his own law practice for a time, then associated with the late Cyril M. Joly Sr. '16. In 1942 he enlisted in World War II as a staff officer in the 43rd Infantry Division and received the Bronze Star and Legion of Merit before leaving the service in 1947 with the rank of colonel. He was mayor of Waterville from 1946 to 1948. In 1953 he was appointed to the Maine Superior Court, and in 1962 he moved up to the Maine Supreme Court, where he served until his retirement in 1970. He is survived by a daughter, Roberta Marden Alden '47, three sons, including Robert A. Marden '50 and Harold C. Marden '50, 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

MARY WATSON FLANDERS '24

Mary Watson Flanders '24, a retired teacher, died October 16 in Fort Myers, Fla., at 93. She was born in Littleton, Maine, and attended Ricker Classical Institute. She was a member of Chi Omega and was involved in several athletic teams at Colby, where she also excelled academically and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and to Delta Sigma Chi, the journalism honor society. For three years before her marriage she taught at Ricker. After returning to the classroom in 1945, she earned a master's degree from Columbia University and taught in Bridgewater, N.Y., until her retirement. Survivors include her son and daughter, her sisters, Elizabeth Watson Gerry '27 and Jean Watson '29, and six grandchildren.

MONA HERRON ERICKSON '28

Mona Herron Erickson '28 died September 9 in New Bedford, Mass., at 87. She was born in Brownville, Maine. At Colby she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. After receiving her degree in English, she taught for two years at Bridgton (Maine) High School. She pursued graduate studies at both the University of Vermont and Bates College, earning a master's degree in education. Until her retirement in 1972, she was employed by the Dartmouth (Mass.) school department along with her husband of 61 years, the late John N.

Erickson '28, who was a school principal. Several of her relations, including her sister, Maude Herron Holt '24, also attended Colby. She is survived by three children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

PAULINE GAY RYDER '31

Pauline Gay "Polly" Ryder '31, a retired draftsman, died January 25, 1994, in Oak Ridge, Tenn., at 83. She was born in Manchester, Mass., and attended Hopkinton High School. A sociology major, she met and married Sterling C. Ryder '29 while at Colby. In 1944 they moved to Oak Ridge, where she was employed by the Union Carbide Nuclear Department and later by EGG ORTEC as a draftsman until her retirement in 1972. She is survived by her husband, four children, 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

THEODORE H. PACKARD '33

Theodore H. Packard '33, a retired college professor, died December 23 in Holden, Mass., at 83. He was born in Boston and educated at Canton (Mass.) High School. After Colby he earned a B.S. at Tufts University in 1934 and an M.F.A. from the Yale University department of drama in 1941. He held a succession of teaching positions from 1937 until 1948, then joined Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he served as a professor of English for 27 years until his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Marion, four sons, one daughter, two brothers, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

LOUISE SMITH VELTEN '33

Louise Smith Velten '33 died November 11 in Oakland, Calif., at 83. She was born in Skowhegan, Maine, the youngest daughter of George Otis Smith and Grace Coburn Smith, both members of the Class of 1893, and she attended schools in Skowhegan and Washington, D.C. At Colby she belonged to Sigma Kappa sorority and the Kappa Alpha senior honor society and was active on the *Colbiana* board and as a delegate to the New England Co-ed Student Government Conference. She continued her education at Hunter College and New York University, where she earned a certificate in women's law. Her experience with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. in New York City enabled her to become executive secretary to Lewis Cotlow, an executive of the firm who became known as an explorer and author. A relative of many prominent Colby alumni—including her aunt, Louise Helen Coburn, Class of 1877, for whom Coburn Hall is named, and her brother, Joseph Coburn Smith '24—she remained active in the Colby Alumni Association and was a regular donor to the rare books collection of the library. Survivors include her

sister, Helen Coburn Smith Fawcett '27, and her nephew, George I. Smith '49.

ALBION L. FARNHAM '35

Albion L. Farnham '35, a resident of Brownville Junction, Maine, died October 20 at his home. He attended Brownville Junction High School and Higgins Classical Institute. At Colby he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, served on the student council, played basketball and was the star pitcher on the baseball team. After graduating with a degree in history, he taught at Waldoboro High School and Brownville Junction High School, then took a position as sales regional manager for Fresh Silks in Worcester, Mass. In 1946, after returning from Army service as a first sergeant, he was employed by the Canadian Pacific Railroad. In 1978 he was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. He was a lifelong enthusiastic supporter of the College. Survivors include his brothers, Roderick Farnham '31 and Raymond Farnham '36, and his nieces Patricia Farnham Russell '62 and Jane Farnham Rabeni '66.

DOROTHY TOZIER LEMASTER '36

Dorothy Tozier LeMaster '36, a psychiatric social worker and civic leader, died November 3 in Monmouth, Maine, at 79. She was born in Jersey City, N.J., and attended schools in Princeton, N.J., and Fairfield, Maine. She received a bachelor's degree in English education at Colby and was active in the International Relations Club and in basketball, volleyball, field hockey and tennis. She also did postgraduate work at Rutgers University. For most of her life she was employed as a psychiatric social worker for the state of Maine at the Augusta Mental Health Institute and at Tri-County Mental Health of Lewiston. She also was employed for a time at Coburn Classical Institute in Waterville and in the Jonesboro, Maine, schools. Predeceased by her husband, she leaves a son, a foster daughter, a brother, Price Y. Tozier '39, and one grandson.

EDWIN M. LEACH '38

Edwin M. Leach '38, a physician, died July 23 in Williamsburg, Va., at 79. He was born in Blue Hill, Maine. A member of Delta Tau Epsilon fraternity, he majored in biology, was a student assistant in biology, served on the *Oracle* board and volunteered at the YMCA. He graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1942 and interned at Cooper Hospital in Camden, N.J. From 1943 to 1947 he served as a physician in the Navy Medical Corps. During the Korean Conflict he was recalled to active duty and promoted to captain. When he returned from duty, he completed a residency

at Harvard Medical College in 1956 and was certified in pediatrics in 1959. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and four children.

FREDA K. ABEL '39

Freda K. Abel '39, a chemist, died August 4 in Bar Harbor, Maine, at 77. Born in North Sullivan, Maine, she attended Bar Harbor High School. After receiving her Colby degree in chemistry, she did graduate work at Columbia University, Brooklyn Polytechnical Institute and Rutgers University. She worked for the Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation from 1943 to 1945 and for Arthur D. Little, Inc., from 1945 to 1958. She then was employed as a market researcher and later as promotion coordinator by the Purdue Frederick Company, an international pharmaceutical research and manufacturing firm. She served the College as class officer and class agent and as president of the New York Colby Alumni Association. Surviving is her cousin, Karl Bracy.

GUY E. SCRIBNER '40

Guy E. Scribner '40, a retired teacher, died August 19 in Homosassa, Fla., at 76. He was born in Waterville, Maine, and educated at Coburn Classical Institute. He was employed by Hamilton Standard in Connecticut before returning to school at Central Connecticut State Teachers College, where he completed his degree in 1960. He taught industrial arts and auto mechanics at Manchester High School and at Stafford High School in Connecticut. He was a World War II veteran and a member of the Masonic Evening Star Lodge of Unionville, Conn. Surviving are his wife, Betty, three daughters, two sisters, five stepchildren and 15 grandchildren.

JOHN B. DAVENPORT '41

John B. Davenport '41, a plant manager, died August 30 in Bedford, Mass., at 76. Born in Springfield, Mass., he attended Willston Academy. He left the College to work at Foster Machine Co. in Westfield, Mass., for two years before joining the Army Air Corps. A bomber pilot, he flew B-17s in missions over Germany during World War II, then returned to his job at Foster Machine Co. In 1965 he moved to Doylestown, Pa., working and living there until 1981. After taking a position at a plant in Crossville, Tenn., he retired in 1982 and moved permanently to West Dennis, Mass. He is survived by his wife, Clara, a son, two daughters, a brother and sister, six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

JOHN P. TURNER '44

John P. Turner '44, a former insurance executive, died September 4 in Cambridge, Mass., at 72. He was born in Lawrence, Mass., and attended Lawrence High School. At Colby he

was class president and captain of the football team and a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. After leaving the College to serve in Japan and the Pacific area with the Marine Corps during World War II, he took evening classes at Boston University to complete his Colby degree. He became an executive with Alexander and Alexander Inc., an insurance brokerage firm in Boston, for whom he worked until his retirement in 1990. His wife, two daughters and two sisters survive him.

LUCILE UPTON GARRETT '44

Lucile Upton Garrett '44, a social service worker, died July 14, 1993, at 71. She was born in Waterville, Maine, where she attended high school. After attending Hickox Secretarial School in Boston, she worked at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., in support of the troops in World War II and married a returning veteran, Joseph Garrett. Thereafter she gave 40 years of service to the Maryland Department of Social Services. Survivors include her four sons and a daughter, nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

FORREST W. HUSSEY JR. '44

Forrest W. Hussey Jr. '44, an electrician, died August 16 in Winslow, Maine, at age 71. He was born in Waterville, Maine, and attended Winslow schools. He also attended Rutgers University. After serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II, he worked as an electrician for Maine Central Railroad, then established Hussey TV in 1956. In 1961 he established Hussey Communications, which installed and serviced two-way radio communications systems in central Maine. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Doris, three sons, four daughters, a brother, a sister, 25 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

MARY L. ROBERTS '44

Mary L. Roberts '44, an artist, died in 1993 at 73. She was born in Augusta, Maine, and graduated from Norway (Maine) High School. For a number of years she was employed at *The Catholic Worker*. Employed as an artists' model, she pursued a career of painting, etching, sketching, stenciling and calligraphy.

MIRIAM LEIGHTON MAYO '45

Miriam Leighton Mayo '45, a retired secretary, died May 31 in Portland, Maine, at 69. Born in Portland, she graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School. After Colby she was an administrative secretary at Falmouth High School before transferring to the guidance department. She served on the boards of the

Maine Medical Center Auxiliary, Sweetser Children's Home and Northeast Hearing and Speech Center. She leaves two daughters, a son, two brothers and two granddaughters.

DOMINICK R. NISTA '46

Dominick R. Nista '46, a retired postal worker, died July 28 in Weymouth, Mass., at 71. A lifelong Weymouth resident, he graduated from Weymouth High School. In World War II he served as a medical corpsman in the U.S. Marine Corps and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered while rescuing Marines on Guam. After the war he was employed by the United Shoe Corp. in Boston. In 1986 he retired after 31 years at the South Boston Annex and the Weymouth Landing post offices. Survivors include two sons, three daughters, eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

ERNEST T. BERNIER '50

Ernest T. Bernier '50, a store owner, died October 5 in Waterville, Maine, at 81. Born in Lewiston, Maine, he attended Lewiston schools before serving four years in the military. He attended Roberts Business School before enrolling at the College, which he left to manage Carroll's Cut Rate in Waterville. In 1948 he opened his own store in Pittsfield, Thrifty's Variety Store, which he continued to own and operate for many years. In 1976 he ran as an independent for the Maine House. He is survived by a daughter, two sisters, a brother, two brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law, three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

WILLIAM B. RIORDAN JR. '53

William B. Riordan Jr. '53, a retired sales manager, died on September 30 in New York City. Born in Worcester, Mass., he attended Shrewsbury High School and St. Peter's High School in Worcester. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was for many years a sales manager for Baccarat Crystal in New York before retiring. He leaves his long-time companion, Angelo Bosica, a brother and two sisters.

PETER S. STUTTS '55

Peter S. Stutts '55, a retired insurance executive, died September 30 in New Haven, Conn., at age 60. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and attended South Side High. At Colby he was a philosophy major, member of Zeta Psi fraternity, captain of the rifle team and president of the Gun Club. After serving in the Air Force, he began a career in insurance and eventually became senior vice president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. Survivors include his wife, Susanne (Capen '55), three daughters, two sisters and five grandsons.

FREDERICK A. GREIG '56

Frederick A. Greig '56, a retired General Motors Corp. manager, died December 14 in Sun Lakes, Ariz., at 64. He was born in Yonkers, N.Y., and attended Gorton High School. After serving in the Marines during the Korean Conflict, he majored in business administration at Colby. He worked for General Motors' Cadillac Motor Division for 31 years in Detroit and then at various zone offices, including Memphis, Tenn., Minneapolis and Overland Park, Kan. He retired in 1987 as a district manager. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, two sons, one daughter, one brother and eight grandchildren.

URSULA SENENKY PASCARELLA '74

Ursula Senenky Pascarella '74, an emergency room social worker, died in Portland, Maine, at 41. Born in New South Wales, Australia, she was a psychology major at Colby and went on to Boston College of Social Work, completing her degree in 1978. She was a psychiatric social worker at Webber Hospital in Biddeford, Maine. At the time of her death, the result of an accident caused by a drunken driver, she was a social worker in the emergency room at Maine Medical Center in Portland. She is survived by her husband, Thomas, her parents and two sons.

JEAN GANNETT HAWLEY. L.H.D. '59

Jean Gannett Hawley, L.H.D. '59, a trustee emerita of the College, died in Portland, Maine. Chairman of the board of Gannett Newspapers in Portland, she headed fund-raising campaigns for the Portland Symphony Orchestra, the Multiple Sclerosis Society and many other local organizations. She served on the Colby Board of Trustees from 1960 to 1972. Her interest in art and the Museum of Art in particular was invaluable to the College.

LUTHER HILTON FOSTER. LL.D. '71

Luther Hilton Foster, LL.D. '71, former president of Tuskegee University, died November 27 in Atlanta, Ga., at 81. He was born in Lawrenceville, Va., and earned a bachelor of science degree from Virginia State College in 1932, his master's from Harvard in 1936 and his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1951. In 1953 he became president of Tuskegee University, where he remained until 1981. He was a trustee or board member of many nationwide organizations, including the United Negro College Fund and the George Washington Carver Foundation. Survivors include his wife, Vera Chandler, a daughter and son and five grandchildren.

A Trip to Hillary's House

by Jane Moss

Robert E. Diamond Professor of Women's Studies and French

In January 1992, Hillary Rodham Clinton visited Colby during a statewide tour to kick off the Clinton presidential campaign. David Leavy '92, a Colby senior at the time, was working for the Clintons, and when he learned that I was a Wellesley College classmate of Hillary's, he asked me to play host to the event. I was delighted, since I had known Hillary fairly well when we lived for two years in the same small dormitory. I was proud to present her as an outstanding lawyer, a long-time advocate for children's rights and the architect of Arkansas's educational reform. At the end of my introduction, I urged the Colby community to vote for Bill Clinton in the Maine caucuses so that I could fulfill my dream of attending my 25th college reunion at the White House. Everyone laughed, but I was only half joking.

On February 3 my dream came true when I joined more than 300 of my 1969 Wellesley classmates in accepting an invitation to the White House. A loyal alumna and student government president during our college years, Hillary was disappointed when her duties as First Lady prevented her from attending our 25th reunion last June. (She had been in Europe for the commemoration of the Normandy invasion.) If she couldn't go to the reunion, she decided, she would bring the reunion to her.

Since a White House class reunion is a once-in-a-lifetime event, classmates flew in from France, England, Cameroon, Pakistan, Canada, Puerto

Rico and all over the United States. Many of us wanted to be there to show our support for a long-time friend whom we admire greatly for her intelligence, thoughtfulness, courage and sense of humor.

Arriving at the White House for our reception (paid for by the class treasury, not the taxpayers), we all were impressed by the imposing size, grace and beauty of the building. We all were too busy greeting old friends to notice

afternoon was being greeted individually by Hillary in the Diplomatic Reception Room, a charming oval room presided over by a portrait of George Washington. The First Lady greeted each classmate, chatted for a few minutes and then posed for an official photograph. When it was my turn, Hillary



much as we passed through security checks and followed long corridors to the wing where public receptions are held. Herded upstairs by polite young guides and military escorts, we were greeted by music from a Marine band in full dress uniforms. For three hours, we wandered about the rooms where presidential news conferences and formal receptions are held, sipping drinks, sampling hors d'oeuvre and lying to each other about how little we had changed.

The highlight of the

hugged me and immediately started talking about her visit to Colby three years ago. She wanted to tell me that David Leavy, the young man who arranged the campaign visit, now works in the White House. I invited her to return to Colby during the next campaign and she promised to keep it in mind. An aide asked us to smile for the camera and in a flash I had said goodbye and been ushered into an adjoining room with impressive displays of White House china sets. As my friends

and I walked (or rather floated) back to the main reception, we all agreed that Hillary was a gracious and beautiful First Lady.

The other reunion events were equally impressive. On Friday morning at the Old Executive Office Building, classmates were briefed on public policy issues affecting women by Attorney General Janet Reno, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, Deputy Education Secretary Madeline Kunin, U.N. Ambassador Madeleine Albright and Assistant to the President Alexis Herman. At the World Bank building on Saturday, we listened to discussion on "Outlook 2000: What We Need to Know" by two panels of classmates working in business, higher education, television, government and health professions.

The second highlight of the reunion weekend was the class dinner at the Mayflower Hotel. We knew that Hillary would be in attendance, but when the president arrived with her, the cheering was ecstatic. The First Couple mingled with classmates and spouses, shook hands, hugged old friends, signed autographs for the children of classmates and generally joined in the fun of a college reunion. When he took to the podium for a few brief words, the president told us how sorry Hillary had been to miss the June reunion and thanked us all for making her so happy by bringing a Wellesley '69 reunion to the White House.

Believe me, we were happy to oblige. It was a thrilling experience none of us will forget.

Final Period



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