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The Choices We Make

Last spring, members of the Colby staff met for an entire day in my living room to talk about this magazine. Much of what we shared that day concerned our readers. We exchanged views about what we should be trying to accomplish by publishing this magazine and the factors that drive our decision making. In short, we talked about stories.

Ultimately, any magazine must return to the fundamental truth that readership is the main thing. While people may disagree about the relative “worth” of a particular story, we think most would agree that an unread publication serves no purpose. We do not assume for one moment that our readers will enjoy Colby simply because they attended school here, have children here or are tied to the College in some other way. If Colby is to be worth reading, it must be interesting, affinitive aside. Which brings me back to our meeting last spring, smaller versions of which occur during the planning stages for each issue we produce. We ask ourselves, “Will people read it?”

The article about alumni volunteers that begins on page 12 was the result of alumni suggestions. We were told that although we occasionally feature financial contributors, less attention is given to dedicated Colby supporters whose gifts are measured in time and energy. But our rationale for preparing the article went beyond simply recognizing hard workers; the story had intrinsic interest. Had it fallen short of this second standard, we probably would have suggested an alternative way of honoring volunteers.

We also must try to interpret the tastes and attitudes of our readers when confronted by potentially controversial stories. This issue contains two articles that required serious reflection before we printed them. The first was Sally Baker’s depiction of the community reaction to the slaying in late January of two nuns at a local convent. We suspected that most of our readers already knew most of the general facts involved because the crime was widely publicized in national media. What our readers probably didn’t know, and what we thought they would like to know, was how the murders affected Waterville, and more specifically, Colby. After agonizing over whether our coverage would revive the pain caused by this terrible event, we decided that the story of the community’s response was worth telling.

Marc Glass’s profiles of Colby’s pre-dawn employees created a similar dilemma when one of the subjects of the article, Eustis custodian Pete Johnson, died suddenly a few weeks before we went to press. Should we omit the segment devoted to Pete, scrap the entire piece, or run the article as originally conceived? We decided that, if for no other reason, Pete’s endearing personality and dedication to Colby compelled us to print the segment about him. And, on a more personal level, we hoped that the article might serve to honor the memory of a friend we miss.

We hope we made the right calls in both instances. If you feel we didn’t, we would like to know. The more you tell us about what you want in Colby, the better job we can do in delivering a publication that engages readers and advances Colby’s mission.

Write. Call. Send e-mail. Drop us a postcard. We want to hear from you.

Kevin Cool
Managing Editor, Colby
They're Good, We Must Admit

Thanks for a first-rate article, "The Sowing Road," written in a very readable style. Mr. [Parker] Beverage sounds like the perfect admissions director for Colby, promoting the terrific Maine students who enrich campus life so much. [He is] in the mold of Bill Bryan '48 (former dean of admissions at Colby) and dare I say, Bill Shaw and my husband, Bob Glover, at Bowdoin, men who valued diversity in the student body and who understood the bond between their colleges and the state. Colby and its student body are in very good hands.

Beryl Scott Glover '58
Birmingham, Ala.

Just for the Record

All records are made to be broken someday, and while I'm not glad that one of them was my father Eddie Roundy's football victories, I am happy for Coach [Tom] Austin and very proud of our Mules.

There is one fact to this accomplishment, however, that still brings great pride to me for my father's sake: He started coaching football at Colby in 1924 and stopped in the late 1930s—about 15 years. That means it took nearly 60 years to better what he did in that short time. That, in itself, is a pretty good record.

As almost every Colby person knows, his gifts to the college didn't stop there. For another 15 years, until July 1954, his baseball and basketball teams brought glory to the athletic department, and his gentlemanly manner and conduct brought respect to him and the entire college community. I only wish his 30 years of service had received more credit in the recent Colby College: A Venture of Faith. Please pardon my obvious prejudice, but I am still very proud to be Eddie Roundy's daughter.

Dixie Roundy Beebe '46
Sterling, Va.

Didn't Go Down Easy

The picture of "Blueberry Ale" on the cover of the February 1996 issue of Colby and the accompanying article bring back distasteful (no pun intended) memories of the sea of beer and other alcohol products which washed over the college when I was a student there in the early 1960s. It was a disgraceful situation.

We encourage or should be encouraging students as well as the general population to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages. The message which Colby sends is that it is fine to drink. After all, some of the alumni actually have gone into the business of producing beer.

Colby College prides itself on being a community of scholars. Pictures of beer bottles and an article about making a living making beer are not in keeping with Colby's educational image or mission.

Stephen Schoeman '64
White Plains, N.J.

Searching for Memories

I'm helping a friend research early women pilots, and she's especially interested in personal stories about Bernetta Miller, housemother at Louise Coburn Hall in the 1940s and '50s. I recall several interesting conversations with Miss Miller and considered her an especially kind and understanding woman with an extraordinary past. Her accounts of driving an ambulance during World War I and becoming one of the first women in the U.S. to receive a pilot's license are vividly etched in my brain. I'm hoping this message will prod a few more memories from others who will come forward with stories of their own. I'll be delighted to hear from you, and my friend will be grateful as well.

Congratulations on the (not-so) new format! Reading about all the different aspects of Colby—from student life, to the faculty's creative efforts, to alumni who've gone on to apply their Colby educations to equally fascinating careers—makes for absorbing reading. It makes me grateful, once again, for my Colby experience some 40-plus years ago. And it also inspires me to save each issue to share with my 15-year-old granddaughter. Wouldn't I love to see her on Mayflower Hill!

Carolyn English Caci '53
North Chelmsford, Mass.

Readers with access to e-mail can respond to Ms. Caci at cacica@AOL.com.

Corrections

The caption beneath the photo of April B. Armstrong in the February issue of Colby incorrectly listed her class year. She is a member of the Class of '97.

Colby welcomes letters from readers. We reserve the right to edit for brevity and clarity. Please send correspondence to: Managing Editor, Colby, Office of Communications, Colby College, Waterville, ME 04901.
Carnegie Fellow
Nicole Dannenberg '96 of Sunnyvale, Calif., has been selected as an International Peace Junior Fellow by the Carnegie Endowment. She was one of 11 chosen from some 150 applicants representing the nation's top colleges. She will be a research assistant for a senior fellow at Carnegie and will work on the journal Foreign Policy.

Two Goldwaters
Heide Girardin of Jay, Maine, and Lisa Tinanoff of Unionville, Conn., both juniors, were chosen from a field of 1,200 candidates from more than 500 of the nation's colleges to receive Goldwater Scholarships. Among sister schools, only Wesleyan also can boast two such scholars. Amherst, Middlebury, Swarthmore, Tufts and Williams had one each.

Colby Chemists Invade
A huge Colby contingent invaded the national meetings of the American Chemical Society in New Orleans in March when 15 students and eight faculty combined to make a whopping 27 presentations. Students included majors in both chemistry and biology. We're pretty sure that no small college has ever been this broadly represented at a national science meeting.

Well, Well
Test wells in the basement of the new Olin Science Center are providing learning opportunities even before the facility opens—and some practical scientific application, too. When engineering consultants for the local sewerage district needed information on the water table to develop plans for a new sewer line in front of the campus, they called on Geology Professor Paul Doss who, together with Andrew Flint '96 (Catonsville, Md.), provided the data. Flint had been using the wells for his senior independent research project.

Our Best Face
The dying sugar maples and the completion of the Olin building have accentuated the need for landscape improvements along the central mall in front of Miller Library. Michael Van Valkenburgh, chair of the Harvard School of Landscape Design, has been engaged to design a new mall plan that will include new terracing on the lower mall, new granite steps, a new stone seating wall in front of the library, lighting, and the replacement of trees with several different species. The work will be completed by this fall.

Colby Pride
Perhaps you caught the wonderful piece on Acadia, written by Michael Burke (English), in February's Yankee Magazine. President Bill Cotter's essay supporting the tenure system, one of four pieces he has written on topics suggested by alumni, was reprinted in the January/February issue of Academe, the bulletin of the American Association of University Professors. Sally Baker (communications director) wrote a piece for Down East magazine, reviewing a fascinating new chronicle, Maine: The Pine Tree State from Prehistory to the Present, published by the University of Maine Press. The National Science Foundation has awarded Prof. Sandy Maisel (government) and Prof. Walter Stone of the University of Colorado a $175,000 grant to do an in-depth study of the U.S. congressional candidates in the 1998 election. The grant will provide resources for several Colby students to assist in the research. Jane Moss (women's studies and French) has been elected to the executive committee of the Modern Language Association's division on Francophone literatures and cultures and to the MLA delegate assembly. She also serves on the editorial board of the American Review of Canadian Studies and is managing editor of the journal Quebec Studies. See Tony Corrado (government) quoted and heard everywhere on presidential campaign financing.

Michael Donihue '79 (economics) has been invited by the Australian government to present his work on economic forecasts and macroeconomic policy in the U.S. at the Treasury Department in Canberra, the Federal Reserve Bank in Sydney, the Queensland Treasury and the economics departments of Australia National University, Flanders University in Adelaide and Griffith University in Brisbane.

Jim Fleming (science and technology) has been asked by the Smithsonian Institution to help commemorate its 150th anniversary. He has organized a session at the American Geophysical Union meeting in Baltimore this month on Geophysics and the Smithsonian Institution, 1846-1996. Cate Talbot Ashton '80 (associate director of career services) has been elected the next chair of the American College Personnel Association's commission for career development. Fernando Gouveia (math and computer science) and Colby have received a $24,000 supplemental grant from the National Science Foundation in support of Fernando's project on the arithmetic of modular forms and of diagonal hypersurfaces. The latest award brings the grant total for this project to $78,000.

Town & Gown
Paul Doss (geology) has received a grant from the Maine Campus Compact to fund a course that incorporates service-learning into an advanced environmental geology curriculum. The course will focus on geological assessment of the greater Waterville area, which can then be used in development, zoning and planning issues facing the city. The Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission has hailed Don Allen (geology) for his volunteer work in providing interpretive materials on the park's geological history. Rowland Frazee and the late Edmund Muskie, chair and vice chair of the commission, credited Allen for expanding the understanding of the park's geology for the benefit of both the commission and future visitors. Colby and Dex Whittinghill (math and computer science) have received a $23,600 grant from the Exxon Educational Foundation in support of a project titled Planning Regional Isolated Statisticians Meetings.

Moosecellaneous
There will be 14 candidates for tenure next year, 10 more in 1998, only five in 1999 and four in the year 2000.... The Colby crew team has a new shell, thanks to the Holiday Inn Corporation and Kevin Mahaney of Bangor. The new, eight-oar machine will be named, appropriately, The Holiday Inn.
New Digs
On Campus
By Stephen Collins '74

Yet another ambitious building project has been kicked off on Mayflower Hill. In February, Colby announced plans to undertake a $16-million, five-year program to build a new residence hall and upgrade existing dormitories and dining halls. Ground-breaking for the new building is planned for September on a site between the Hillside complex and Johnson Pond.

The overall project earmarks $7.2 million for dorm renovations, $6.5 million for new construction and $2.5 million for upgrading the three existing dining halls. It is the most extensive facilities project undertaken by Colby since the College moved from downtown Waterville to Mayflower Hill 50 years ago, and it comes on the heels of a $10-million construction program that included the F.W. Olin Science Center ($6.4 million) and related construction ($900,000), the Paul Schupf Gallery for the Works of Alex Katz ($1.5 million) being added to the Colby Museum of Art and the Pugh Center ($1 million) addition to the Student Union.

The new residence hall will accommodate approximately 140 students and will replace beds lost when Colby renovates and upgrades living spaces in existing buildings. The improvements will begin this summer in the Hillside Complex, with all living spaces except the Heights scheduled to be upgraded between now and the year 2000.

President William R. Cotter told trustees at their January 20 meeting that Colby should have first-class residential accommodations, and he reviewed efforts to bring its academic and support facilities into top condition. Besides the Olin, Schupf and Pugh projects, Cotter said recent improvement projects have included the expansion of Miller Library and satellite libraries; new science facilities in addition to the Olin building; new offices and classrooms in the Lovejoy annex; expansion and renovation of the Alfond Athletic Center; and construction of the Lunder House.

Vice President for Administration W. Arnold Yasiniski explained that components of buildings wear out after 40 or 50 years. The College has kept up well as academic buildings on Mayflower Hill reached that age; now it's time to address the residence hall situation, he says.

"More and more, stu-

Life After Hoops

William Gates, the soft-spoken basketball player whose journey from inner-city Chicago to suburban prep school was chronicled in the award-winning film "Hoop Dreams," told a Colby audience that urban black youth often see sports as their only option for success.

"They don't think about being doctors or lawyers because it seems too far away," said Gates, whose appearance attracted an overflow audience to the Page Commons Room. "Basketball is something they can imagine themselves doing, even though it's very intense and not many make it to the NBA."

Gates's pursuit of a career in professional basketball was derailed by a knee injury he suffered prior to his sophomore season at St. Joseph's High School, a mostly white private institution in suburban Chicago that lured him away from the Cabrini Green project where he grew up. "Hoop Dreams" followed Gates from his enrollment at St. Joseph's as a 14-year-old freshman to his recruitment by Marquette University. Gates says the education he received at St. Joseph's as a 14-year-old freshman to his recruitment by Marquette University. Gates says the education he received at St. Joseph's was worthwhile, but he criticized the school for its treatment of Arthur Agee, his co-star in the film. Agee, who, like Gates, left inner-city Chicago to attend St. Joseph's, returned to his public school after less than a year at the prep school because of academic and financial problems. "My feeling is that if you take a kid out of his environment and bring him to a new place, don't send him back," Gates said. "[Being forced to leave St. Joseph's] affected Arthur's self-esteem. He felt like he wasn't worth anything."

Gates now lives in Oak Park, Ill., with his wife and two children and travels throughout the country sharing his "Hoop Dreams" story. Agee plays for a professional basketball team in Winnipeg, Canada, and still dreams of making it to the NBA, Gates said.
sents are looking for privacy," he said. "They want singles or single rooms within a suite, and they want more privacy in bathrooms." In addition, he says, students bring a lot more possessions, furniture and appliances to college than did previous generations and need more space.

Yasiniski asked for opinions about where to locate the new residence hall via a questionnaire on Colby's World Wide Web site. The 500 respondents, mostly students, split evenly between those who liked the site near Johnson Pond and those who wanted to see the new building up the hill between the Heights and the Hillside buildings.

Further site studies were underway this spring to design a building that would sit somewhere near where the present roadway runs between the Hillside complex and the pond. "It's important to make it look like the building doesn't own the pond," Yasiniski said. The Boston architectural firm of CBT Inc. was selected from five finalists to draw up the design.

Sobering Discussion

A Spotlight Event devoted to discussion about alcohol abuse on campus, conducted as part of a 10-month study by the Trustee Commission on Alcohol, elicited comments both for and against stricter regulation of drinking among students.

Beverly Nalbandian Madden '80, chair of the commission, said the forum was "one more important piece in what has been a very thorough process." Madden said she and other members of the commission—composed of trustees, students, faculty and administrators—were impressed by the level of dialogue at the forum. "Students were very respectful of each other's opinions, and their comments were thoughtful and constructive," she said.

Students who favored tighter enforcement of alcohol policies offered compelling testimony about health risks, antisocial behaviors and property damage they say stem from drunkenness. Josh Fishkin '96 (Redding, Conn.), a member of hall staff, described incidents in which students—often freshmen—were hospitalized for alcohol poisoning and nearly died. "You have to deal with the problem of underage drinking," he said. "Until you do that, the other policies are a waste of time."

Saranna Robinson Thornton '81, assistant professor of economics and a faculty resident in Mary Low, attributes many of Colby's current alcohol-related problems to "a change in the sociological norm." According to Thornton, attitudes about drinking to excess are different from when she was a student. "If you got so drunk that you had to vomit, you were very uncool," she said. "People learned very quickly what their limit was and they didn't go beyond that. When I returned to Colby as a faculty member in 1989, I noticed a change in the norm. It appears to me that the new norm is that if you get drunk and vomit and then continue to drink that shows toughness. That's a very dangerous change."

Thornton says alcohol abuse degrades the quality of residential life on campus. She related personal experiences in which different groups of drunken students verbally assaulted female students in a dining hall and were found urinating in a garbage can outside her room. "I want to say that I think we have a real problem here; it's not minor, it's not insignificant. And it imposes a real cost on students and on faculty who live here. I would like to see some focus on changing the
Several students agreed that harsh measures were needed for irresponsible and inappropriate behavior related to drinking, but they said campus-wide rules about parties should be liberal enough to allow alcohol consumption without fear of sanction. Colby should encourage drinking in a social environment and not push students either off campus or into their rooms, where drinking tends to be more destructive and dangerous, they said.

Student Association President Tom Ryan '96 talks with trustee commission member Ron Lupton '71.

Brian Golden, a junior from Hillsdale, N.J., said that the vitality of social life at Colby could be damaged by a radical move to curb alcohol abuse. "Students need to feel that they have a comfortable academic and social atmosphere, and too much of a change one way or the other is going to skew that balance," he said. Eric Adams, a sophomore from Lexington, Mass., said Colby needs to work toward "reducing the demand rather than removing the supply." He said educational programs, particularly for first-year students, would promote more awareness about alcohol abuse.

Madden noted that while students differed in their opinions about how Colby should respond to alcohol abuse, there was no dispute that irresponsible drinking poses a problem for the College. "I didn't hear anybody say that there wasn't an issue with alcohol on campus. There seems to be a collective agreement that there is an overabundance of alcohol," she said.

Student fears that the commission would ban alcohol or take other radical steps to diminish consumption are unfounded, according to Madden. "We do not want to make Colby a dry campus; that has never been our intention," she said. "The desire of the commission is to create an environment where people can drink responsibly, and equally important, where there is respect for other members of the community. People shouldn't have to tolerate someone urinating in a pail or vomiting all over the place."

The commission will present its recommendations at the May meeting of the Board of Trustees.

HILLSIDES

Just Like a Fairy Tale

When Performing Arts at Colby staged Stephen Sondheim's synthesized and updated fairy tale, Into the Woods, in February, it was a fitting celebration of the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Strider Theater and of the dedication of Colby's performing arts team. Both Into the Woods and the theater's inaugural production in 1976, Dido and Aeneas, featured the collaborative artistic vision of director Richard Sewell, choreographer Tina Wentzel and musical director Paul Machlin.

It was the ninth time Sewell and Machlin have teamed up to stage a major musical, and with more than 50 students involved, it may have been their most ambitious undertaking to date. The work paid off, though, and for two weeks in February, Into the Woods had the hottest tickets in town, with six performances sold out weeks in advance.

Wentzel's choreography included a backdrop of dancers who brought the woods to life. Machlin's pit orchestra accompanied a polished choral performance on stage, and Sewell's overall direction earned the show high marks. "An exceptional experience not to be missed," reported Catherine B. Page for the Echo.

Spanish Symposium

Twenty scholars from around the country assembled at Colby April 12-14 to discuss issues of Hispanic culture and identity through literature, art, history and politics. The symposium, titled "The Written Body of Hispanic Culture," featured keynote speaker Professor Julio Ramos of the University of California at Berkeley, who presented his short documentary film, "La Promesa."

All members of Colby's Spanish faculty moderated discussion groups during the two-day symposium. Participants included scholars from the universities of Massachusetts (Amherst) and Wisconsin (Madison); from Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Boston and New York universities; and from Bates, Carleton, Barnard, Bentley, Russell Sage, Vassar, Reed, Hamilton and Dartmouth colleges.

Museum Collection Grows

Installation of a Sol LeWitt wall drawing, purchased recently by the Colby College Museum of Art for its permanent collection, began April 23. The installation coincided with an exhibition that opened May 1 of 56 LeWitt drawings and a lecture by New York art critic Phyllis Tuchman, "Sol LeWitt and Minimalism."

Tuchman describes LeWitt's career as "rich and varied," and it is one marked by continued innovation. While his three-dimensional structures gained him his first widespread public recognition, he is perhaps best known for his wall drawings, a concept he pioneered in 1968.
While You Were Sleeping

Text and Photos by Marc Glass

Long before sunrise, work is being done at Colby. Bread is baked, floors are scrubbed and trash is collected. The legions of pre-dawn workers at Colby see only a handful of students in the wee hours of the morning and might never meet a parent, but they hardly consider their jobs thankless. Despite working hours that defy circadian rhythms, they derive satisfaction from seeing a job well done and knowing Colby is improved by their effort.
If you attended Colby after 1973, you probably tasted Sandy LeClair’s cookies. What you probably didn’t know was that she was baking them while you slept off your past-midnight exam cram. LeClair, one of three bakers in Dana Commons, arrives every day at 3 a.m. to begin preparing Colby’s daily supply of 82 bread loaves, 281 dinner rolls, 12 cakes and 1,106 cookies. There aren’t many folks up at that hour around Colby except cooks, bakers and maintenance personnel. But often during exam weeks, book-weary students eking a snack will drop by LeClair’s kitchen, and—after having been treated—will stay for her company. “They’re very pleasant about it so I find them muffins or bagels and we visit a bit,” said LeClair.

It’s hard to imagine such hospitality in the middle of the night, but LeClairs says that she enjoys working with her “friendly and helpful” colleagues and preparing recipes that regularly win student praise. “When I’m trying something new with brownies or waffles, I wonder, ‘Will they like it? Will they let me know?’” she said. “Sometimes students will come out to the kitchen after eating something I baked to ask for the recipe. It’s nice—that’s when I know it was good.”

Jason Kidwell ’96, who says he’s a “sucker” for LeClair’s M&M cookies, takes a pragmatic approach to enjoying dessert. “I conclude every meal with cookies, a slice of chocolate creme pie or an eclair so I’m completely full. It’s done in an attempt to avoid reaching for third helpings of the main course,” he said.

When her shift at Colby is done, LeClair joins her husband, Mike, at their home-based oil delivery business in Benton to work as bookkeeper and receptionist. She works until 5 p.m. Then, many evenings during the week, she attends Order of the Eastern Star meetings as the recently elected district deputy. “People in the kitchen say, ‘I don’t know how you can do it,’” she said. “I just like to bake, that’s all.”
Eustis, Colby's main administration building, is nearly empty at 4:30 a.m. Computers, phones, fax machines and their operators doze while the building custodian wields his or her dustpan, mop and vacuum. Until early March, G. Peter Johnson ruled this domain. His death from a heart attack delivered Eustis denizens a difficult loss. When Colby followed Pete on his round in February, his daily battle to keep the building's tile and carpet free of salt and sand inverted a law of physics: what goes down must come up. Though it seems like a task for Sisyphus, Johnson found reward in a job well done.

“Folks in this building appreciate what you can do for them,” he said. “I appreciate doing the work because there's a family aspect in this building that everyone from the top down has. It catches on.”

Once the stairs and floors were grit-free, Johnson made the rounds to collect rubbish and recyclables. Allen LaPan, the supervisor in the student post office, passed by and couldn't resist the opportunity to razz his early morning comrade. “Quick! Take a picture. Catch him while he’s actually doing some work!”

Johnson, shaking out a fresh plastic trash bag, didn’t miss a beat. “Watch it there, mister. This bag’s just about big enough for your head.”

Like the dusting and vacuuming, the playful banter was an important part of Johnson's pre-dawn routine. Encouraged by LaPan’s ribbing, a few others joined in. “Hey Pete, how come your partner’s not doing your work for you today?” one asked. Johnson just shook his head and grinned. “Alan is such a prankster. He puts everybody in a good mood by jazzing 'em up. They're all good people around here.”
At 7 a.m. the lights aren’t on and the doors remain locked in the main foyer of the Harold Alfond Athletic Center, but several students are gathered outside the front doors waving to custodian Donna Dionne. Dionne, who begins work at 4:30 a.m., has been keeping the field house in pristine condition for the past 12 years. When she opens the doors she greets each student by name. “This is the most wonderful place. The students are so appreciative of the work we do in this building,” Dionne said. “I just turned forty-two, but being surrounded by their energy and spirit makes me feel like twenty.”

Dionne, whose daily cleaning responsibilities include the facility’s floors, sinks, toilets, locker rooms and foyer doors and windows has only one complaint about the students: “What would possess anyone to put their lips all over the windows in the doors?” she asked.

It’s clear that Dionne, a self-described “psychotic cleaner,” takes pride in her work and derives satisfaction from the steady stream of appreciative comments, especially those from Athletics Director Dick Whitmore and Dean of the College Earl Smith. “They always say that no matter how much sand and salt is put down on the roads and sidewalks during the winter, this place looks good,” she said as she stopped to pick up a scrap of paper that missed the recycling bin. “They’re sympathetic to what we do.”

Dionne represents the third generation of family members to work at Colby. Her mother, Lorraine Chipman, was a custodian in Treworgy and Lovejoy, and her grandfather, Arthur Drouin, was a custodian in the Hillside Complex. Dionne, whose sister, Pam Dudley, now works in the stockroom, says she grew up around Colby and fondly remembers the visits to work with her mother. “While she worked, my sister and I would get sodas and visit with Mrs. Guilford, the house mother, who always liked having kids around,” she said. “The College has been good to all of us.”
Alumni find many ways to give back

Where am I going to find a job? [Miranda] thought. 'I've left my résumé everywhere—advertising agencies, banks, investment firms, temp agencies. Why am I being blown off like this? After all, I have a degree from Colby in sociology and women's studies...'

Maybe it isn't deathless literature. Maybe it can't even rival the latest from Danielle Steel. But "Miranda's Adventures in New York" has fervent fans. Installments of Miranda's story, complete with cliffhangers, began appearing in the New York Colby Club newsletter last year, with each installment written by a different club member. At a meeting of the Alumni Council Communications Committee in New York last January, the first order of business for Valerie Miller '84 was a non-agenda item: did anyone have a copy of the latest Miranda chapter?

"I'm addicted," Miller said.

That's the idea. If club members are clamoring for more about Miranda they will probably read the entire newsletter. And if they read the newsletter they are more likely to participate in club events and to feel closer to the College.

Miranda is the brainchild of newsletter editor Art Klein '53, one of more than 2,000 Colby alumni volunteers who give time and service to the College. Many say staying involved with the Colby "family" is an important motivation. Colby, they say, deserves their support—financial and otherwise—and they are happy to serve as ambassadors for the College.

Alumni, along with some parents and other College friends, provide essential support to myriad departments, including Alumni Relations, Major Gifts, Annual Giving, Career Services, Off-Campus Studies, Admissions and Communications.
"They are a very important cog in our machine," said Associate Dean of Admissions Judy Levine Brody '58. With invitations to college fairs and requests for one-on-one, off-campus interviews arriving "in droves," Brody says, there is no way the paid professional staff can be everywhere and do everything. "And," she added, "it isn't financially wise to send a staff member to a two-hour college fair in, say, Danbury, Connecticut, if we know we have plenty of alumni in the area who can represent us."

Brody maintains a database of alumni willing to interview prospective students and to attend college fairs to hand out literature and answer questions about Colby. She says new volunteers are always needed. "We never know from where requests will come for interviews," she said. "Just this week I had a request from Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and I couldn't fill it. Colby is getting more nationally known, so we're getting more requests." Brody says admissions volunteers may not hear from prospective students for several years or might get three calls in one year. "They have to be like the fire department: on call," she said.

Susan Conant Cook '75, Colby's director of alumni relations, and Demetra Giatas '88, the assistant director, coordinate the activities of hundreds of volunteers. In addition to the dozen or so board members of each major Colby club, Cook and Giatas work with volunteers from each of the 10 annual reunion classes, the class officers, with the 100-member Alumni Council and with the 51 correspondents who contribute columns to Colby magazine. In addition, they help alumni representatives plan events for alumni, parents and prospective students across the country and internationally and they support ad hoc volunteers who, for instance, sponsor the Colby Book Prize in their towns.

"There are things [volunteers] can do that we can't do as well from here," Cook said. "If we'd like to have an event organized, they know which restaurants in their area people wouldn't be caught dead in and which are hot. They can call people—who are often their friends—to invite them to the event and can follow up in ways we couldn't."

Cook says many alumni enjoy serving on their class reunion committees because they find it easy to call classmates. "And we never turn away a reunion volunteer," she said. "There's lots of room for involvement; this work can be done from anywhere in the country."

The Office of Off-Campus Study, under Associate Director Linda Cotter, recruits alumni to offer summer and Jan Plan internships to students and to provide housing for students during those times. Alumni-sponsored internships have given students the opportunity to sample a full gamut of professions, including medicine, law, television news production, scientific research, sports promotion and many others.

Cynthia Yasinski, director of career services, also relies on alumni to extend the reach of her small professional staff. The department's Career Connection database lists about 1,000 people, mostly alumni, who are willing to talk to students and recent graduates about career choices. Yasinski says the list is growing and expects it to double in the next few years.

A small group of alumni work within their companies to recruit employees from among Colby seniors, and a larger group regularly sends job postings to the College for the "Career Services Newsletter." In recent years several alumni panels have been held on campus and in conjunction with Colby clubs in large cities. Topics have included careers in teaching and in the sciences and what to 'do' with certain majors, such as philosophy and religion. Alumni invited to Colby today weekend have volunteered to meet with individual students to discuss careers. Others take calls from students and recent graduates looking for jobs where the alumni or alumna lives.
And many alumni offer to put students up when they are visiting for a job interview.

Steve Langlois '85, of the Bain and Co. strategic consulting firm in Boston, came to Colby in January 1995 to interview potential employees. Companies like Bain, he says, conduct interviews by asking students to work on case studies. "I might say, 'Assume you've been hired by a Colby alum who wants to start a restaurant in Waterville and wants to know whether it would be profitable. How would you think about that?" Langlois said.

"It was clear that these students didn't have much experience with this kind of interview," Langlois said. "But there is an increasing interest in consulting, and most consulting firms interview this way."

Last fall Langlois returned to campus to participate in a panel discussion about jobs in consulting along with Kathryn O'Neil '87, a management consultant, and Matt Kearns '93, who works in environmental consulting in Maine. Following the panel, Langlois and O'Neil acted out a typical consulting firm interview for an audience of about 25 students.

When Langlois came back to recruit students this winter, they were better prepared. "We interviewed ten, brought three in for a second interview and offered one a job," he said. Now, he says, Colby is on the way to joining the core group of colleges and universities—including the Ivy League, Stanford, Amherst and Williams—to which Bain sends recruiters. "Colby students are trained in the liberal arts, they are smart and they know how to think analytically. They have everything we want," he said.

Many alumni volunteers report similar—though less dramatic—mutual benefits from serving the College. Not all of them can offer jobs to students or can spend the time that Langlois, who also is a member of the Alumni Fund Committee, a former class agent and an admissions interviewer, can give to students.

Colby Brick Award winners are:

* Regina Foley Hauiland '61 served as an Alumni Fund agent and class agent from 1981 to 1991. She also has served as the director and president of the Hartford (Conn.) Alumni Club, was class vice president from 1981 to 1986 and has volunteered for both the Admissions and Career Services offices.

* Jean O'Brien Perkins '46 has served on various alumni committees over the past 20 years. She has been a member of the Alumni Council, a class agent and a member of the 50th reunion planning committee.

* Paula and Peter Lunder '56 both are members of the Colby Museum of Art Board of Governors. Peter has been a College overseer since 1982 and served as class vice president from 1991 to 1996. In addition, he has been heavily involved as an alumni volunteer in Colby's fund raising campaigns.

* Lawrence Pugh '36 has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1982 and chair since 1991. He is a member of the Colby Museum of Art Board of Governors and served as co-chair of the Colby 2000 Campaign. Pugh received a Distinguished Alumni Award in 1986 and an Alumni Council Special Recognition Award in 1987.

* Jean Van Curan Pugh '35 is a long-time Colby supporter who has served as an admissions interviewer and is a member of Friends of Art.

* Margaret "Meg" Fallon Wheeler '66 has been involved in a variety of College activities. She was a member of the Alumni Council Task Force on Council Structure, a member of the Reunion Gift Committee and a former class secretary/treasurer and was instrumental in organizing the 25th reunion for her class.
Becoming a Volunteer

There are many ways alumni can help Colby by volunteering, from playing host to large College-related events to offering a student a place to stay to discussing their careers with students over the telephone.

Everyone who writes, sends e-mail or calls the College with an offer to volunteer receives a response from the appropriate office or from another volunteer. "If anyone volunteers to do something for which there is no current need or opening, that name is passed along to the Alumni Council or to the nominating committee of the appropriate class," said Alumni Relations Director Susan Conant Cook '75.

Because Colby is committed to maintaining a lean administration in favor of spending its resources on faculty and students, potential volunteers sometimes won't receive a response to their inquiries for several weeks—or longer, perhaps, if the offer is given verbally to someone traveling for the College who cannot pass it along to the appropriate office right away.

But the College depends on and values its volunteers, and alumni are urged to write or call the following offices for more information.

Office of Admissions
Lunder House
4800 Mayflower Hill
Waterville, Maine 04901-8848
207-872-3168
admissions@colby.edu
http://www.colby.edu/admissions/

Office of Career Services
4140 Mayflower Hill
Waterville, Maine 04901-8841
207-872-3343
career@colby.edu
http://www.colby.edu/career.serve

Office of Alumni Relations
4310 Mayflower Hill
Waterville, Maine 04901-8843
207-872-3190
alumni@colby.edu
http://www.colby.edu/alumni/

Office of Off-Campus Study
4300 Mayflower Hill
Waterville, Maine 04901-8845
207-872-3648
sfaiglio@colby.edu

Office of Annual Giving
4320 Mayflower Hill
Waterville, Maine 04901-8843
207-872-3186
annual@colby.edu

Colby. But they say that almost anyone who wants to get involved can secure a comfortable niche and will find the experience rewarding.

Lewis Krinsky '65 and his family have played host to three Colby students during Jan Plan in recent years, he is an admissions recruiter, he has organized a series of social events for Houston-area Colby, Bates and Bowdoin alumni, and he is always on call to gather Colbyans when President Cotter or other College officials or faculty visit Texas. Krinsky also has volunteered for the Alumni Fund and served as a class officer and on the Alumni Council, among other things. But, says Krinsky, a stockbroker, "all of the activities I'm doing for Colby can be managed around a business schedule. I'm strapped for time right now; my schedule is full. But I can work recruiting in the evenings. It's not hard; there's no great personal sacrifice. The reward is the satisfaction of knowing that you've helped continue to build an institution that's worthy of the support you're giving it. There's no doubt Colby is worthy of it."

Fund raising is a task many people shy away from, but Annual Giving Director Nina Tilander can reel off a long-as-your-arm list of Colby alumni who have excelled as class agents.

"Colby does a terrific job in support of its volunteers," said class agent Ernie Fortin '51, whose class notched a 74 percent participation rate in last year's annual fund drive. The Annual Giving Office sends out regular newsletters with updates on the fund's progress and types, prints and applies postage to the solicitation letters written by agents. "Thank goodness," Fortin, a former New England Telephone executive, joked, "because the one thing I miss in retirement is having a secretary."

Fortin says the Colby work "goes in spasms" and is not a full-time commitment. "There are months when I don't make a single call," he said. "As we approach May and June I'll shut myself up in my bedroom—I don't have an office—and call classmates, sometimes for hours. Once the momentum gets
going you’re just determined to get everyone. I know there are some classmates who are ill or who don’t have any money to give. I call them just to see how they’re doing.”

Diana Herrmann ’80, Cathy Woodward Gill ’86 and Rebekah Mitchell ’91 fit Colby club events into their busy lives. Herrmann, senior vice president of Aquila Management Group, is president of the New York club, which offers a packed calendar of social and service activities to members. The club sponsors two admissions-related events each year, one for students who have been accepted to Colby but who have not yet decided to matriculate and one for incoming Colby students in the summer before they arrive on Mayflower Hill. Each event also attracts many parents who are eager to speak to Colby alumni about the College. Additionally, the club sponsors career-development programs for Colby students and plays host to symposia by Colby faculty members and administrators.

“The Colby planning report was discussed at one forum with trustees and administrators so alumni could participate in the process and give their reactions to the plan,” Herrmann said.

Gill, the president of the Colby Club of Boston, is a lawyer and the mother of two young children. Like Herrmann, she is dedicated to various forms of volunteerism, despite her seeming lack of free time. “I’ve made a commitment not to let work dominate my whole life,” Gill said. “I need time for my family, but it’s important to me to do things outside of work that make a contribution.” Gill also serves on the board of a local preschool’s PTA and does pro bono legal work.

Mitchell is an account specialist at Phase Two Strategies in San Francisco, the president of the San Francisco Spinsters—a group of 22- to 35-year-old female college graduates who get together socially and for community service—and an unabashed Colby lover. She has organized two Colby events in the Bay Area in the past two years—a cocktail party at the Park 55 Hotel and an evening with much-beloved Professor Charlie Bassett.

“It’s so easy,” Mitchell said. “The Alumni Office sends out the invitations. I make a few calls, find a hotel, sign the contract. I try to keep the prices reasonable so everyone can attend.”

All of the alumni volunteers interviewed for this article say that not only is Colby deserving of their efforts but that there are distinct benefits to serving the College. For Mitchell, who confesses to missing Mayflower Hill deeply, it’s a chance to make connections with people she might not have known without the Colby tie. “At a capital campaign event in San Francisco this week I sat next to classmate Elin Baird, who works at Stanford. We talked the whole time,” Mitchell said. “We hadn’t known each other well at Colby; now we’re exchanging e-mail.”

Gill, Krinsky, Langlois and Fortin say Colby influenced their lives powerfully and for the better, and, though each cringed to repeat what they called a “cliché,” each said volunteering was a concrete opportunity to give back to the College.

“I came from a poor family in Madison, Maine, and was the first one in my family to go to college,” Fortin said. “I hope nobody thinks this is Joe College or mundane or something, but earning a living in life is the biggest challenge, and in my opinion, Colby allowed me to do that. It gave somebody without any money a chance in life.”

Krinsky, veteran of more than three decades of service to Colby—and counting—says that when he talks to prospective students or current ones, his imperative is “to impart the knowledge I’ve gained in business over the years as a result of my Colby education. I want to help them get a faster start in life and get ahead.”

“I may not be able to give Colby as much money as I would like to,” Krinsky said. “That’s frustrating. But there are things people can do without burdening themselves. There are many ways they can support the College if they are financially unable to. They can make a positive difference in the lives of young people and the long-term health of Colby.”
A Community Heals

Slaying of Nuns Brings Introspection, Forgiveness

By Sally Baker
Accused murderer John du Pont, who had holed up in his Pennsylvania home for much of the week and kept police at bay, turned himself in on January 28, a Sunday. If he'd held out longer, a story datelined Waterville, Maine, would have led every national television and radio newscast that day. It got second place.

Colby alumni in every part of the country and most of the world found Waterville on the front pages of their newspapers the next morning—not because of anything that happened at the College but because one of the worst crimes in Maine history had been committed in the Elm City.

On January 27, a windy, stormy evening, Waterville resident Mark Bechard, 37, broke into the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament convent on Silver Street and beat and stabbed four nuns whom he had interrupted in prayer. Bechard's weapons were a knife, a religious statue and a cane owned by one of the nuns. Neighbors, including Colby's Catholic chaplain, John Marquis, who lives across the street in the Notre Dame parish residence and was entertaining the Colby Eight for dinner that evening, didn't know anything was wrong. The storm kept most people inside and was loud enough to drown out any noise from nearby buildings.

The attack took less than 10 minutes, and the Waterville Police Department, alerted by a 911 call from the convent, responded almost immediately. But two of the women, Mother Superior Edna Mary Cardozo and Sister Mary Julian Fortin, both in their late 60s, died. Two others, Sister Patricia Keane, 68, and Sister Mary Anna DiGiacomo, 72, were injured, DiGiacomo so severely that she was hospitalized until mid-March and now is living in a Waterville nursing home.

Bechard has been in and out of the Augusta Mental Health Institute for much of his life, but on the night of the murders he was without supervision, off his medication and probably using alcohol or drugs. His mother knew he was in trouble and twice tried to call a mental health emergency line for help. A power surge caused by the storm knocked out a machine that should have routed those calls to a case worker on duty. Mark Bechard was lost in Maine's understaffed, under-funded mental health care system.

As members of the national and international media flocked to Waterville, city people tried to come to grips with the crime. It was a blow to the innocence that allows Elm City residents to leave their cars unlocked, walk home after a late movie and open their doors when a stranger knocks.

Marquis says many Colby students and staff members approached him to discuss their feelings after the women were killed. "They talked about the situation and how it affected them in terms of personal safety," Marquis said. "If two nuns aren't safe in their convent, none of us is safe."

Those sentiments, along with the pure shock the killings fostered, were echoed across the city in the days following the attack. Letters to and articles in the Morning Sentinel revealed the depth of the murdered women's influence and of Waterville's pain and confusion.

Members of a small, poor, contemplative order that relies on donations and rummage sales to survive, the Blessed Sacrament nuns numbered only nine before the slayings. But extraordinary numbers of Waterville residents—from state Rep. Paul Jacques to Mayor Ruth Joseph to convent neighbors—came forward with story upon story of the sisters' kindness and compassion.

"They spend their time praying for people and for the world," Marquis said. "And of course the thing that was so ironic, so tragic, was that those who pray for others should end up in this violence."

The people of Waterville were angry and sad, but their response was anything but hostile to Bechard. He was forgiven immediately by the surviving Blessed Sacrament nuns and other Catholic clergy, and his case sparked state-wide debate about mental health care reform. Bechard was seen as almost as much of a victim as the women he attacked.

"Enough people in any community have been touched by mental illness to understand that he didn't know what he was doing," Marquis said. "And this isn't like a big city. This is a small, close-knit community where people know the Bechard family. There is a lot of sympathy for the family, as well as for the sisters."

Bottles and jars appeared on store counters across Waterville to take up a collection for the convent. At the Shop 'n Save in Elm Plaza, the tall, deep Community Fundraiser bin near the door was stuffed with dollar bills, fives and tens a day or two after a placard that read "For the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament" was attached to the top. Local churches and civic groups pitched in with money. Individuals donated food and helped in any other way that seemed appropriate.

Thenun's funeral was attended by many members of the Colby community, as was an interfaith service at Notre Dame church the night before. Marquis says both were times of "grief and healing" for the city.

"It was a tragedy that began with a truly senseless act but ended with a ritual in the packed church on Silver Street that made sense of the lives before they were lost," wrote Sentinel columnist Gerry Boyle '78. "It began in a crescendo of rage and ended on a note of the most plaintive and gentle forgiveness. The week that began with horror ended with hope."

In March, nuns from one of two other Blessed Sacrament convents in the United States came to live in Waterville, which is now the order's provincial headquarters.

Mark Bechard, who is represented by Michaela Murphy '78, has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity and will be tried in the Maine Superior Court. He is being held in the Augusta Mental Health Institute's forensics unit. The legacy of his actions continues.

"I've heard from various people of things that have come about as a result of this," Marquis said. "People are paying more attention to caring for their families; they are attending church; they are taking a look at their spiritual lives. Some families are healing because of this. It wasn't just a media story that went away the next day."
A Special Collection

Researchers and Students Find New Life in Miller Library’s Archive

By Kevin Cool
ancy Reinhardt was looking for the Henry James letters—hand-written letters from the novelist to friends and associates—in a wooden file drawer in the Robinson Room. She crouched to reach the floor-level file and rifled through the manila folders inside. Every few seconds she extracted a folder, examined its contents, put it back. Finally, she located two folders containing the letters she sought and was preparing to close the file when she noticed a folder with a book inside. She removed it, set it on a table nearby and sat down to have a closer look. The book was a 1909 literary anthology, *The English Review*. James’s *The Velvet Glove* was among the stories in the anthology, according to a digest on the cover. Reinhardt paused. A signature below the digest had caught her eye. “Conrad? Joseph Conrad?” she asked out loud. “It is. That’s Joseph Conrad’s signature. This is signed by all of the authors.” In addition to those by James and Conrad, the anthology included stories by H.G. Wells and G.K. Chesterton, both of whom had also scrawled their names on the cover.

“I find this kind of stuff all the time,” said Reinhardt, who is completing her second year as Special Collections librarian. “I am continually amazed at the materials we have here.”

The Special Collections may be underappreciated, even unrecognized by many students who pass through Colby, but its rare books, personal papers and one-of-a-kind manuscripts provide valuable interdisciplinary research materials. And its reputation is growing.

Reinhardt, who came to Colby from the Houghton Library at Harvard, says “the collection”—housed in the west wing of Miller Library—is extraordinary for a college Colby’s size. “It’s a very rich collection, particularly the Healy Collection and the Hardy materials,” she said. “There is real depth here that covers many areas.”

Special Collections runs the gamut from historical curiosities to important scholarly documents. Users can see a flower vase from the sloop Herul, the ship that Jeremiah Chaplin sailed up the Kennebec River to found Colby, or read from the original, serialized version of a Charles Dickens novel. Part archive, part museum, Special Collections is composed of three distinct but interrelated sections.

The James Augustine Healy Collection includes published works and correspondence from late 19th- and early 20th-century Irish literature and features several rare first editions of works by George Bernard Shaw, Oscar Wilde, William Butler Yeats and James Joyce. A prized holding is the 12th copy of the limited first printing of Joyce’s *Ulysses*, one of only 100 signed by the author.

The Edwin Arlington Robinson Memorial Room—named for the Maine native who won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry three times—preserves a collection of books, manuscripts and letters pertaining to American and British poetry and prose. In addition to the archives of Robinson’s work, the room houses one of the largest Thomas Hardy collections in the United States. Among the artifacts is a chair from Hardy’s home.

The Alfred King Chapman Room serves as the depository for the Colby archives, including historical records and complete runs of *The Colby Echo* and *The Oracle*.

Reinhardt says scholars are particularly attracted to the Irish literature collection and the Hardy materials. “We get inquiries all the time,” she said. “Scholars are very interested in our Hardy collection, which includes annotated books from his personal library.”

Other materials include an early Kelmscott printing of works by Geoffrey Chaucer, a book from the personal library of Puritan
leader Jonathan Edwards and a rich collection of Civil War letters and documents. Displayed in the Healy Alcove is the collection’s incunabula—literally “books in the cradle”—as section of books published before 1500. The oldest complete book owned by the College was printed in 1476, just 22 years after the introduction of the printing press in Europe.

Reinhardt has spent much of her first two years sifting through the tens of thousands of papers and materials located in the Special Collections, trying to get a handle on what is there. “I keep coming across things that nobody knew we had,” she said.

Special Collections is primarily a teaching resource, Reinhardt says. “The goal of the collection is to support the curriculum,” she said. “It should be a living laboratory where students can actually handle these materials and make connections with what they’re studying.”

Reinhardt works closely with faculty to provide archival materials that supplement classroom study. Assistant Professor of English Elizabeth Sagaser takes students in several of her literature courses to Special Collections to view early publications of Shakespeare, Edmund Spenser and other writers. “Nancy has been able to give students in my early modern literature classes a sense of how the book really came to be, what the first papers were made of, a sense of the economy in which books were first made, and has been able to show them some early editions of the texts,” Sagaser said. “She just has great stories, too, like how the earliest papers were made from unborn lamb skin.”

Sagaser says some of her students conveyed in their journals their amazement about the richness and depth of the Special Collections. “Some seniors said they had never been in the Robinson Room and that they were so relieved to have found out about it before they left,” she said. “Younger students are always excited to learn that Colby has these museum-quality books, and, in fact, several of them have written papers using these texts as sources.”

Katie Quackenbush ’99 of Shelton, Conn., wrote, “I was astounded to see and touch these books that were so old. It was incredible. The concept of something surviving for such a long time and then me being able to hold it was difficult to accept.”

Jim Fiebelkorn ’98 (Minnetonka, Minn.) was equally charmed. “It is really fun to hold a manuscript in your hands that was printed in 1473 [sic] and wonder, where has this paper been and how did it come to Colby?”

And Rachel Westgate ’98 (Tiverton, R.I.) said handling the old books helped her develop a new perspective. “I kept thinking of how people who have been dead for hundreds of years, who are now nothing but dust, touched and felt these same things when they were alive. I think of how different their lives must have been and wonder what they were and what they did,” she said. “Ms. Reinhardt was right when she said that each book has a history of its own. . . . It makes you wonder what people will think of our language and our literary works when they read it five hundred years from now. Seeing all of the changes in written works over time from scrolls to books and now to computers makes you wonder how people will read our work in the future.”

Reinhardt says she was excited about Sagaser’s upcoming Milton course because “we have early editions of Paradise Lost with engravings.”

The collections hold materials useful in many disciplines. Reinhardt says. Given the current debate about family values, sociologists might be interested in a king’s proclamation from the 17th century discouraging alcohol abuse and profligacy in public places. Theologians, historians and anthropologists would find useful a 1535 pamphlet, probably hawked on street corners in Germany, that describes Lutheran doctrine. “When you consider the impact of the Reformation and how the development of printing interacts with that time, it’s quite exciting to have an item like this,” Reinhardt said. “This is a good example of how these materials can help students make connections.”

Reinhardt wants used books—beat-up, dog-eared, scribbled-in books that show the marks of human habitation. “The role of a head of special collections at a college should not be that of an antiquarian book dealer whose objective is to keep all of the books pristine,” she said. “I’m not worried about marks in books. I’m interested in dirty old books as well.”

Marginalia is often more interesting to scholars than the text in which it appears, she says. The annotations that show up, say, in a 19th-century copy of Aesop’s Fables might reveal something about how literature was taught, she says. “At an educational institution you are interested in the book as an artifact, how it was used. You are interested in the cultural context and the sociology of it. There are clues about the time—how people thought, what their interests were,” she said.

When identifying and acquiring materials, Reinhardt is
An Olympic Achievement

If you want to see a little Olympic history this summer, you need go no farther than the Special Collections at Colby. Housed there, in its original three-inch by four-inch leather-encased holder, is the first medal awarded in the modern Olympic Games at Athens in 1896.

The silver medal (gold medals were not awarded to first place winners until later) was won by James R. Connolly, whose career as a writer of sea tales eventually made his Olympic victory a mere biographical footnote. The precise date of the medal’s acquisition by Colby is not known, but it was given to the College as part of a collection of Connolly books and personal items by his daughter, Brenda, in the late 1940s or early 1950s. An earlier gift to the College by James Augustine Healy included many Connolly first editions, and his best known work, *Gloucestermen*, helped establish Colby’s highly regarded collection of Irish literature.

Connolly, who received an honorary degree from Colby in 1950, was a student at Harvard when he dropped out of school to compete in the first modern Olympics in Athens. His performance in the hop, skip and jump—the precursor of today’s triple jump—earned him the first medal awarded in the Games and established a record that stood for 13 years. He never returned to Harvard, didn’t receive a college degree and went on to become what Joseph Conrad—himself a pretty fair teller of sailing adventures—once described as “America’s best writer of sea stories.”

In addition to the historic silver medal, Special Collections owns a silver cup and a medallion presented to Connolly for his Olympic achievements.
Chi na--Tai wan Furor
No Surprise to Zhao
By Stephen Collins '74

In the wake of Taiwan's first direct presidential elections, Colby's East Asian political science expert, Assistant Professor Suisheng Zhao, heard the sweetest words a political analyst can hear: "You predicted everything."

That's what a China specialist at the U.S. State Department told him after Taiwanese independence rhetoric warmed up and the People's Republic of China surprised the West by lobbing missiles near the island, prompting the U.S. to dispatch aircraft carriers to the neighborhood. Zhao briefed the State Department last summer after he returned from a research trip to Beijing. His views were at odds with the State Department's belief that China's top policy makers had no such intentions, Zhao says.

With advanced degrees from universities in both China and the United States, as the editor of The Journal of Contemporary China and as Colby's teacher of Chinese politics, Chinese foreign policy and international relations in East Asia, Zhao is among the best informed and most concerned people in the world when it comes to Taipei-Beijing relations. Last summer he predicted that China would threaten Taiwan with force if talk of independence got too bold.

This spring he's warning that the world should prepare for more Chinese sword-rattling and that there is still a gulf of misunderstanding between the political reality in East Asia and Westerners' interpretations of events there.

Zhao fears U.S. officials still don't believe that Taiwan's new president, Lee Teng-hui, is committed to independence for the island, which China considers a renegade province. Because the idea of an independent Taiwan is anathema to China, he says, "I'm kind of torn apart," Zhao said. "I try to use my knowledge and my background to serve both sides, but sometimes I feel that neither will listen to me."

Zhao's research interests are theoretical physics, atomic and high energy physics, and the string theory, and cosmology.

Eight Earn Tenure

The Board of Trustees has approved the recommendations of the Promotion and Tenure Committee and granted tenure to eight faculty members. All will be promoted to associate professor as of September 1, 1996.

Robert Bluhm (physics) earned his bachelor's degree in physics at New York University and his Ph.D. in theoretical physics from Rockefeller University. He joined the Colby Physics Department in 1990. Bluhm also has obtained a master's degree in physics from Princeton University and a master's degree in English literature from Columbia University.

His research interests are theoretical physics, atomic and high energy physics, and the string theory, and cosmology.

Guilain Denoeux (government) specializes in comparative politics and Middle Eastern and North African politics. His current research centers on the politics of democratization in
teacher and an excellent scholar. "You can only realize both at a school like Colby," he said this spring, praising the College's balance between scholarship and teaching as well as the academic and technological support he receives. Even before the East Asia imbroglio made the cover of Newsweek in March, Zhao's courses were popular, and publicity surrounding the confrontation only heightened interest among his students, he says.

Because he has e-mail and can view international television news in his office, Zhao feels he is better informed in Waterville than his counterparts are in either Taiwan or China. And travels to China, Taiwan and Singapore during the year helped him keep his finger on developments that don't make the news.

While his published books, Decision-Making in Deng's China: Perspectives of Informal Networks in Egypt, Iran and Lebanon, from Insiders (M.E. Sharpe, 1995) and Power by Design: Constitution-Making in Nationalist China (University of Hawaii Press, 1996), have focused on China and Taiwan, Zhao's current and future interests take a broader view of East Asia and put him at the forefront of an emerging specialty. Next year St. Martin's Press will publish his third book, Dynamics of Power Competition in East Asia: From the Old Chinese World Order to the Post-Cold War Regional Multipolarity. "It's a huge and diversified area," he said. "The U.S. has the best China-watchers and East Asia scholars, but most study single countries."

With the region emerging as the world's third center of economic, cultural and military power, it needs to be treated as one sphere, he says. "Being a comprehensive Pacific scholar requires broader knowledge," he said.

Michael Donihue '79 (economics) joined the faculty in 1989. He spent the 1994-1995 academic year as the senior economist for the President's Council of Economic Advisors in Washington, D.C. Donihue earned both his master's and Ph.D. in economics from the University of Michigan. His teaching areas are macroeconomic modeling and economic forecasting, macroeconomic theory and mathematical economics.

Benjamin Mathes (mathematics and computer science) came to Colby in 1990 from a postdoctoral position at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He received his bachelor's degree from Middlebury College and his M.S. and Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of New

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Faculty Notes

Larissa Taylor, assistant professor of history, was chosen as one of two recipients of the John Nicholas Brown Prize for 1996 for her book Soldiers of Christ: Preaching in Late Medieval and Reformation France.

Ira Sadoff, Dana Professor of Poetry, received the George Bogin Memorial Award from the Poetry Society of America. The prize, which "recognizes freshness and originality" and "stands against oppression in all its forms," was given to Sadoff for poems from his forthcoming collection, Delirious, to be published by David Godine in May 1997.

Herbert Wilson, associate professor of biology, presented a paper and chaired a session for the Cooper Ornithological Society in San Diego.

Deborah Norden, assistant professor of government, chaired a panel for the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.

Adrianna Paliyenko, assistant professor of French, chaired a session for the Northeast Modern Language Association in Montreal.

Clare Boothe Luce Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, was a workshop leader for a conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems in Vancouver.

Harriett Matthews, professor of art, exhibited her recent sculpture and drawings in the Colby Museum of Art.

Clare Boothe Luce Assistant Professor of Computer Science Batya Friedman (mathematics and computer science) has been at Colby since 1991. She received both her B.A. and Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. Her areas of specialization are human-computer interaction, the human relationship to technology and computers in education. Currently she is working on a book, Designing Computers for People: Human Values and the Design of Computer Technology.
Making Cents of the Deficit
By Sally Baker

Throughout the budget battle of 1995-96, as President Clinton wrangled with a stubborn Congressional freshman class and federal workers were repeatedly sent on furlough, Assistant Professor of Economics Saranna Robinson Thornton '81 maintained that almost no one was getting the point. Dismayed by media coverage that focused heavily on political winners and losers, on who was compromising and who was not, Thornton urged policymakers—and journalists—to look to the future.

"In about fifteen years, when the baby boomers begin retiring and becoming eligible for Social Security and Medicare, we're going to start having deficits that are going to make today's deficits look insignificant," she said. "It's estimated that in twenty years or less, spending on entitlement programs will be one hundred percent of all revenues. At that point, every dollar of discretionary spending—on things like federal prisons, education, AIDS research, cancer research, national parks—will add to the deficit."

Thornton's conclusions are contained in Bucking the Deficit: Economic Policymaking in America (Westview Press, 1996), which she wrote with Distinguished Presidential Professor of American Government G. Calvin Mackenzie. Written with wit and style in clear, jargon-free prose, the book is for anyone who wants to understand what the country's current budget problems are, where they came from and what could be done about them.

Political expedience is at the root of today's deficit, Thornton and Mackenzie say. Programs created during, especially, the Franklin Roosevelt and Lyndon Johnson administrations evolved from social safety nets for those in need into entitlements for huge numbers of Americans, regardless of need. And politicians who want to be reelected don't threaten those programs.

"What's happened in our country is that politics has so dominated the process that instead of having little deficits when we're in recessions and either balanced budgets or small surpluses when we're in an expansion, we've gotten to a point where people want their programs and they want tax cuts," Thornton said in an interview the week the book was published.

Thornton says the current budget debate is an attempt to "treat the symptoms" of overspending rather than the major, underlying causes. Mostly, she says, the discussions have revolved around changes in discretionary spending, "and when they address entitlement spending it's for the most part the entitlement programs that aren't costing us that much, things like AFDC and food stamps. We're not going to face an enormous budget crisis in fifteen years because of food stamps."

What need to be on the operating table, she says, are massive revenue-eaters like Social Security and Medicare. Given time to prepare, baby boomers could make changes in retirement and health insurance plans to cover themselves in old age, and the entitlement programs could be used solely for those in need. "You pay auto insurance from age sixteen on, and if you don't have an accident you don't say, 'I want my premiums back.' I'd like to see Social Security and Medicare turned into true insurance programs," Thornton said.

A government and economics major at Colby, Thornton once planned to go into elective politics, with the U.S. Senate as her ultimate destination. A summer as a Senate Budget Committee staffer adjusted her ambitions, and shortly after graduation she went to work for the Federal Reserve and became interested in monetary policy. "I thought I would go to graduate school for my Ph.D. in economics, then return to the Fed or to another government agency," she said.

But, Thornton says, once she began teaching as a graduate student at Carnegie-Mellon University, "that was it. I fell in love with teaching." She returned to Colby in 1989, and Mackenzie, her former academic adviser and a favorite professor, suggested that they be on the lookout for a research topic they could tackle together for publication. Two years ago they began work on Bucking the Deficit, which is part of Westview's "Dilemmas in American Politics" series, edited by Colby Professor Sandy Maisel.

"She did the economics and I did the policy," Mackenzie said. "It was great fun because she's so good. She's exceptionally smart, she always had her parts of the work done on time, and any differences we had over the text we worked out easily. I'd love to do another project like this—if I could find another collaborator as good as Saranna."
David Nugent (sociology and anthropology) received his Ph.D. in anthropology from Columbia University in 1988. The bulk of his fieldwork has been conducted in northern Peru, although he also has experience in Kenya and in the eastern Canadian Arctic. Nugent is the author of two books. The first, Modernity at the Edge of Empire: State, Individual and Nation in the Northern Peruvian Andes, 1885-1935, is being published by Stanford University Press this year. The second, Locating Capitalism in Time and Space: Essays on the Influence of Joan Vincent, is slated for publication in 1997. Nugent’s areas of interest include political and economic anthropology, race, ethnicity and nationalism, Latin America, East Africa, agrarian society, and state, and nation building. He is fluent in Spanish and Russian.

Adrianna Paliyenko (French) has been a member of the Colby faculty since 1989. She earned her B.A. and her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her M.A. from Boston University. Her teaching interests are 19th- and 20th-century French poetry and prose, surrealism, 20th-century French theater, feminist/psychoanalytic approaches to women in poetry and literary criticism. Paliyenko has published articles on 19th- and 20th-century French poets and on 19th-century French psychiatry. She has a book-length study on French poets Rimbaud and Claudel forthcoming and is now preparing a historiography that will reconstruct the women’s poetic movement in 19th-century France.

Steven Saunders (music) received his B.F.A. and his M.F.A. from Carnegie-Mellon University and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. His publications include Cross, Sword, and Lyre: Sacred Music at the Imperial Court of Ferdinand II of Hapsburg (1619-1637), Fourteen Sacred Concertos from the Court of Ferdinand II of Hapsburg and The Complete Works of Stephen Collins Foster. His areas of specialization are 17th-century music, American popular songs and the life and works of Stephen Collins Foster. He is president of the New England Chapter of the American Musicological Society.

PUNDITS & PLAUDITS

King for a Day
Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, John D. MacArthur Associate Professor of Sociology and African-American Studies, was quoted in a Baltimore Sun article about Afrocentric dress worn by black clergy. She told the newspaper that the use of African robes and vestments is not a new phenomenon but grew out of the black theology movement of the 1960s. That movement receded but returned in the 1990s, prompted by growing political and economic concerns among blacks, Gilkes said. “One of the criticisms of the black church that emerged in the sixties was the white-centered imagery,” she said.

Gilkes received a standing ovation for her address in Arlington, Mass., at a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday, according to the Arlington Advocate. She said all Americans “must participate in the healing” of racial animosity and ethnic divisions. “I wouldn’t want to answer to Dr. King for the state of the world today,” Gilkes said.

According to the Advocate, as Gilkes took her seat following the speech Arlington resident Claire Mayton leaned over to her and said, “Dr. King could not have done any better.”

Attention Deficit
Political debate about the budget deficit in the United States has gathered momentum as public concern over the problem intensified, and President Bill Clinton was among the most strident, said G. Calvin Mackenzie, Distinguished Presidential Professor of American Government, in an article in the Boston Sunday Globe.

Clinton, who, the newspaper said, originally campaigned on the notion of increasing American competitiveness, gradually embraced the views of 1992 independent presidential candidate Ross Perot, who stressed the deficit over all other issues.

“Nobody in the election, of course, was for the deficit, but once the election was over, Clinton sure spoke the way Perot did,” Mackenzie said. “He moved in the Perot direction.”

China Stumbles
In an opinion article in the Chicago Tribune, Professor of History and East Asian Studies Lee Feigon analyzed the recent decision by the Chinese government to select the next Panchen Lama, the most powerful figure in Tibet after the Dalai Lama.

“If the Chinese government had let well enough alone and simply allowed the Tibetans to pick their own Panchen Lama, it would have showed that China’s Communist rulers were not defensive about their own leadership,” Feigon wrote. “But now the Chinese have overreached themselves, revealing their administrations to be on shaky ground not only in Tibet but in China.”
Hoops with the Devil, Other Dangerous Men
By Robert Gillespie

A street musician standing on his hands in front of Mozart's grave plays "I'm an Old Cowhand" on his harmonica. A young husband, replaced in his wife's affections by a ferret, drives the creature nuts with a cranked-up stereo. A 12-year-old kid shoots hoops in a game of Death with the devil.

Hooked up with a drifter and small-time grifter, one of Becker's many "dangerous men," she feels that they are in "one of those adventure movies, holding hands and leaping off a cliff together." The surprise is that "She had no doubt that they'd land right in the middle of a big pile of feathers, or something equally astonishing."

Becker's characters, most of them young, usually land in trouble instead. Taking risks seems to be the only way they can live—"to confront the darkness head on," as Christine decides, "and not blink." Not until 17-year-old Duney in "Magister Ludi" leaps into the local quarry on a spur-of-the-moment swim with the menacing leader of a rock band does it occur to her that she might be raped and murdered. Dangerous Men dramatizes the goofiness and desperation of people who fall into the Comedian "destructive element." Some of them, like Duney, may even end up still innocently swimming circles around the danger, but mostly they go on repeating or reliving their mistakes and looking heartrendingly dopey. The down-and-out street musician thinks his life peaked the summer he stood on his hands and played the harmonica—back when he was "a self-supporting musician playing in all the great cities of Europe."

In "El Diablo de la Cienega," Victor, a 12-year-old wizard with a basketball, believes that the mysterious stranger who challenges him to play Death is the devil. An exquisite confrontation of innocence with danger on a dry, windswept basketball court in New Mexico, where the sounds of radios drift through the evening from distant trailers, the basketball-shooting battle dramatizes the stakes in Becker's universe. If Victor loses, he loses his soul to the Evil One. If he is to win, he tells himself, he must "Think no bad thoughts. . . . Keep your heart pure."

Becker's customarily menacing world can turn cruel, and life can be "a lot like that movie" The Good, The Bad and The Ugly, according to a character in "Big Grey." Even though the bad and the ugly dominate and unfairness rules, however, Becker's central moral perception is that out of the badness and even out of one's own ugliness can come a bit of the good, too. In "Bluestown," a 15-year-old boy and his divorced father, a 35-year-old aging boy and itinerant guitarist, take off for a gig in Montreal without the boy's mother's permission. What begins as buddies on the road starts to look like a kidnapping. What gift can the father give to his son other than to abandon him?

Several of these stories portray musicians or people on the fringes of rock, rap and blues music, a world that Becker knows well from his years playing guitar in blues and country bands during the early 1980s.

"I toured through Europe as a street musician one summer," Becker said. He saw a lot of musical acts and situations similar to those in "The Handstand Man"—"though nobody actually standing on his hands playing the harmonica," he said. "I did play bluegrass in front of Mozart's birthplace, though."

The crafting of a story in some ways is like playing music, Becker says. "It takes place over time. You start with an idea, explore it, then get out of it. It's how I think about structure." Episodic, with flashbacks and jumbled chronology, the stories are marked by dramatic ironies and surprising anticlimaxes. (The story "Taxes" looks run of the mill compared to the majority of these stories because the unexpected doesn't happen.) The speaking voices are unique and convincing.

Becker has received several awards and prizes, and his stories were included in the Best American Short Stories volumes in 1986 and 1990. Winning the prestigious Drue Heinz prize has been "a great boost," he says, and Dangerous Men has
A Prized Accomplishment

For the fifth time in six years, a Colby alumnus has won the Pulitzer Prize. Just before press time, Colby learned that Alan Taylor '77 has received the Pulitzer for history for his book William Cooper's Town: Power and Persuasion on the Frontier of the Early American Republic (see Books and Authors in Colby, February 1996).

Currently a professor of history at the University of California at Davis, Taylor previously taught at Boston University, the College of William and Mary and at Colby. He is also the author of Liberty Men and Great Proprietors: The Revolutionary Settlement on the Maine Frontier, 1760-1820 (University of North Carolina, 1990). Earlier this spring he won Columbia University's Bancroft Prize in American history.

Senior Artists Show Their Stuff
By Kevin Cool

A sk Michael Branca '96 (Milton, Mass.) to describe his work and his eyes brighten.

He holds up a sculpture formed from a discarded telephone receiver and a

Michael Branca '96

wine jug covered with a thick layer of wax. It looks like the head of a creature from Star Trek. "I'm sort of into this decapitation thing," he said with a wry grin, which explains the nearby sculpture of a head with a nose around it inside a makeshift cage and the large painting of a man brushing his teeth while holding his head in his left hand. "Some people think these are kind of gross," Branca said in a way that suggested nothing could please him more. "I try to put humor in what I do."

Branca's cheeky paintings and sculpture are part of the senior art exhibition that opened at the Colby Museum of Art in early May. His work, and that of the other students in the show, represents the culmination of four years of study and technical maturation. It's also a payoff for the solitary hours in the studio where, until now, these pieces resided unseen.

"It's very exciting to have a chance to show my work," Branca said. "I want people to be confronted by it."

Stephanie Sack '96 (Salisbury, Vt.) also is grateful for the opportunity to display her art. "I'm excited to hear what people think," she said. "It's interesting to have some feedback to know whether my work affects people differently."

Sack produced a collection of paintings using a common subject—sea shells—to emphasize line and color. She says that shapes found in nature always have inspired her painting. "I really like the layering effect you find in shells. It allows you to bring out the texture and lines," she said.

Branca relies heavily on "found objects"—junk—as points of inspiration. A section of pegboard he located in a refuge pile near the Physical Plant building provided the canvas for one of his paintings, which depicts—what else?—a headless man driving a car about to run over his head, which is lying in the road. While in Rome during his junior year, Branca fashioned a public sculpture from old televisions and mangled motor scooters he retrieved from a trash heap.

"The junk provides a springboard," he said. "It's hard to come up with ideas, and sometimes

Getting Personal

When Colby announced several months ago that its Internet server would be made available for students to create their own personal pages on the World Wide Web, some were skeptical about what it would spawn. Would it be drivel or something useful? Well, while there is plenty of what a curmudgeon might describe as nonsense, many student pages are intelligently crafted and interesting to read.

Michael Sabin '96 of Seattle, Wash., introduces his poetry—an anthology titled Purple Shadows—with a mysterious entryway surrounded by a magenta haze. Having "entered," readers may flip through the pages of the anthology, sampling Sabin's poems.

Multilingual Korin Heavner '96 (Lubbock, Texas) has created a home page with a strong international flavor. In addition to learning snippets of German, Swedish and Turkish, readers can travel to an Internet site for the Turkish Daily News and get the current exchange rate of the Turkish lira.

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Unlike some students who are dabbling with Web publishing for class assignments, Reith's foray into cyberspace was self-initiated. She concedes that her interest in information technology may be especially keen because her mother, Jacque, is a Webmaster at IBM. In fact, Emily's page includes a link to her mother's Internet site. Nevertheless, Emily's Web site is decidedly personal. Her own artwork introduces the page, which includes several observations about living in Maine and about issues important to her.

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this stuff gets me started.”

Sack also spent a semester abroad, in Botswana, and she says the experience influenced her art in ways studio practice could not. “I gained so much knowledge about how other people live that it can’t help but change how I view the world,” she said. “I’m sure that shows up in my painting.”

Professor of Art Harriett Matthews says students who qualify for the senior art show have completed at least four semesters of course work in the medium in which they are exhibiting. Branca is the only student exhibiting both painting and sculpture, she says. “Not every student who participates in the show is an art major,” she said. “The beauty of a small program like this is that students who work in other fields can also be quite serious about their art.”

She pointed out a human figure sculpture made from wood pieces in a variety of geometrical shapes. “This was produced by a science student who is participating in the show,” she said. “I have had students who went on to graduate school in art who were honor students in a different major at Colby.”

Matthews says teaching studio art at a liberal arts college is rewarding because it gives students a way to express themselves that they might not have explored otherwise. “By the time they are putting together a senior show they have developed their own vision,” she said.

“The best thing about showing my paintings is that somebody besides me will see them,” Sack said. “My mom always wants them on her wall, but I can’t live with them there. I want to change them. It’s hard to figure out when they’re done.”

Kudos

Continuing a string of 26 years in which at least one Colby student has been awarded a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, Jill Picard ’96 of Peterborough, N.H., carries on the tradition. Picard’s one-year fellowship will provide funding for her research on women in agricultural areas of Jamaica. “The ultimate goal of the year [abroad] is to understand the unrecorded roles that women play, as well as their needs and demands,” Picard said.

Keeping Each Other Honest

Are Colby students more honest than their peers at other colleges? Maybe, maybe not, says Whitney Glockner ’96 of Menlo Park, Calif. But a combination of faculty accessibility and “the shame factor” discourages cheating, she wrote in The Colby Echo.

Glockner cited statistics from a recent Rutgers University study that revealed that Colby students feel strongly about academic honesty. Of the 30 campuses polled, Glockner said, Colby appeared to have fewer incidents of cheating than many other colleges. But she stopped short of saying Colby students were inherently more honest.

“I find it hard to believe, given the behavior of students out of the classroom, that there is just an all-around more honest and wholesome bunch of kids at Colby than at any other college or university,” Glockner said. “Though the small size of classes and the nature of testing at Colby make it harder to cheat on tests, I believe that the relationships we form with our professors motivate Colby students to act with more academic integrity.”

Glockner said students would feel shame if they cheated on a test and were not caught. “Imagine explaining to your friends how you got the only ‘A’ on [your] microeconomics theory exam when you knew you owed it all to your uncanny ability to read what was written on your chest.”

Swine Dining

Light eating Colby students make some local pigs very happy.

Four days a week, said the Echo, leftover food from Dana dining hall is given to a pig farmer from nearby Pittsfield. The pigs’ feast usually consists of extra soup, stale cookies and unused portions of prepared food. Assistant manager Dan Roy told the Echo that donating leftover food to area soup kitchens would create liability if somebody got sick from eating it. “With the pigs we don’t get in trouble,” he said. Perishable, unprepared food (like fruits and vegetables) is donated to the local homeless shelter.

The Mule Rules

According to students, a pale pack animal beats Bullwinkle any day.

The Student Association asked students whether they preferred the College’s current mascot, the White Mule, or would rather have a newer alternative like the moose. The mule won in a landslide, 348 to 192.

The Stu-A newsletter The Colby Gripe said the survey was prompted by the derision aimed at the current mascot, which it said is “often referred to as a jackass.”

The White Mule has symbolized Colby’s athletic teams since 1923.
Cultivating a Corps of ‘Informed Advocates’

By Kevin Cool

The best thing about Colby’s regional campaigns may have nothing to do with raising money. The best thing may be finding people like Chad Higgins ’96.

Higgins, a government major from Sabbatus, Maine, has participated in several campaign events over the past few months. He is representative of the cadre of volunteers who assist Colby’s efforts to generate support—a link in the chain of people whose work the College covets, says Director of Development Eric Rolfson ’73. “Just as the endowment provides a foundation for the future of the College, getting people involved in some meaningful way lays the groundwork for the future as well,” Rolfson said. “The regional campaigns allow us to broaden our volunteer base, which is one of our major goals.”

Volunteers provide a range of services for the College, according to Rolfson. Students attend campaign events, where they mingle with alumni and friends of the College, offering their perspectives on campus life; faculty often participate as program presenters; and alumni are helpful in personal meetings with prospective donors. Regardless of their role, these volunteers compose what Rolfson calls “a corps of informed advocates,” without which Colby could not succeed.

The volunteers say they are merely giving back what Colby has given to them. “I love Colby, and I love to talk about Colby,” said Kim Allen ’96, who participated in campaign events in Hartford and Greenwich.

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“President Cotter wants us to be completely honest. We aren’t giving a party line,” Ed Goldberg ’59, Major Gifts Committee co-chair for the downtown Boston area, says his involvement stems from his strong belief in and loyalty to Colby. “I have two children who went to Colby and I went as well, and it’s time to give back,” he said. “The manpower necessary to raise one hundred million dollars cannot be achieved through a professional staff alone. The friendships and relationships alumni have with each other create a well-established network that complements what the College is doing.”

“This is a defining moment in Colby’s history. The successful outcome of this campaign will determine Colby’s standing in the future. Colby exists because of the generosity of those who preceded us. There comes a time when we must provide for the next generation,” Goldberg said.

Alumni volunteers are our best ambassadors,” Director of Regional Campaigns Alisyn Goodwin ’87 said. “They are very enthusiastic, and that enthusiasm is contagious. We need alumni volunteers to help because our staff is small, and we simply cannot do it all without them.”

Volunteers often accom-
A Product of Possibility

Tina Garand's story, like many that emerge in the course of a fund-raising campaign, was not contrived to set people's emotions whirling, but it did. The senior from Augusta, Maine, wanted to share her story with contributors at a luncheon for scholarship recipients held at Colby a few months ago. When she had finished, according to Allyson Goodwin '87, director of regional campaigns, "there was not a dry eye in the room."

Garand, the daughter of French-Canadian immigrants and the first member of her family to attend college, described the day she received her financial aid award from Colby. "My father was convinced that I would not be able to attend because of our financial situation," she said. A few days after learning that she had been accepted to Colby—and therefore would not have to pay additional application fees to other colleges—she was summoned from her history class and greeted by her mother, who held "the magic envelope," Garand says. Inside was Colby's offer of financial aid.

Now preparing to graduate, Garand has extracted every bit of opportunity from her college experience. She majored in French while also completing course work that will allow her to pursue a career in medicine. She spent her junior year in Caen, France, was captain of the indoor and outdoor women's track teams and for four years was a voluntary emergency medical technician. She has applied for a Peace Corps fellowship and hopes to spend the next two years working on nutrition programs in Africa.

It was all made possible, she says, by financial aid. "I would not be here without the financial aid, and more specifically, without the grant aid," Garand said at the luncheon. "On behalf of all of the students who have received financial aid to attend Colby, I would like to thank you. You have changed the lives of so many of us, and it will never be forgotten."

Stories like Garand's often are lost in the mechanics of fund-raising, says Goodwin. But they are reminders that efforts to build endowment affect the futures of individual students. "This is not about numbers, it's about students like Tina Garand," she said. "There is a very human story behind every gift."

The testimonials of fellow alumni are often persuasive. "When alumni hear from one of their peers, 'This is why I gave [to the College],' that resonates," he said. Goodwin says alumni who are asked to volunteer usually are receptive and anxious to help. "They're flattered to be asked," she said.

Faculty participation is crucial because, Rolfson says, "to a lot of alumni, the faculty is the College." When Distinguished Presidential Professor of American Government G. Calvin Mackenzie addressed audiences at recent campaign events he talked about the need to maintain Colby's heritage of generosity and progress. "We're just a small college in Maine, yet we stand among the giants of American higher education. How did that come about? How did the little school by the river with a handful of buildings and a tiny endowment become one of the great colleges of the world?" Mackenzie said.

"Government didn't do it. A couple of big gifts from a few very wealthy friends didn't do it. The discovery of oil under Coombs Field didn't do it. It was instead the extraordinary collective effort of thousands of friends and alumni of this College, doing what they could together to raise the money to pay for Colby's progress. Theirs have been sustained acts of the most remarkable generosity—and of uncommon love."

"They're a splendid omen for this campaign—and for Colby's future. My colleagues and I understand that we and our students are the great beneficiaries of your commitment and your sacrifice. We want you to know that we see you as full partners in the noble work that's the mission of our college. We're grateful for the opportunity to prove ourselves worthy of your generosity. I promise you that we will."

That kind of speech, if it doesn't have people reaching for Kleenex, certainly gets hearts beating a bit faster, Rolfson says. "There is pride in association with a winning team, and that's what we have," he said.

Very Scientific

Trustees approved a series of renovations in the science complex, scheduled for the summer of 1996, totaling $1,454,000. These projects, together with others slated for the summer of 1997, constitute the third and final phase of science facility improvements and are being funded by gifts and grants, including those from trustee Paul Schupf and the Krege, Sherman Fairchild and Keck foundations. These projects include construction of a general chemistry laboratory, $350,000; the Schupf Scientific Computing Center, $100,000; a molecular and cellular biology research lab, $250,000; a clean room, $75,000; introductory biology laboratories, $350,000; Arey student research laboratory and offices, $20,000; an advanced AV prep room, $10,000; a Keyes student/faculty research laboratory and faculty office, $190,000; and an astro-physics laboratory, $100,000.
Parents Wistful About 'Leaving' Colby
By Kevin Cool

The journey is almost over for some Colby parents. Four years after saying goodbye to their sons and daughters on the first day of college, parents of graduating Colby seniors will be back on May 26 to reflect, celebrate and ponder their children's futures.

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likewise, says Deborah Desautel of Barrington, R.I., whose daughter Dori is graduating. "I will be a little sad because I won't be going back to Colby anymore," she said. "When we visited to see Dori's soccer games we often felt like we didn't want to come home."

Over and over, parents point to Colby's supportive people as a distinguishing feature of the College. Kristen Shinneman, mother of Niki '96 of Bellevue, Wash., says her daughter received "wonderful attention and support" from faculty, especially those in her major department, music. "The personal interest of her professors has been a big help to her," Shinneman said. "She has grown a lot and gained so much confidence in her abilities through that. She could not have chosen a better school—it fit her like a glove."

Desautel says Dori always felt comfortable approaching her professors about a concern, which Deborah says eased the pressures college students often feel. "After she spoke with her dad and me she went immediately to her professor and talked it over, and sometimes she didn't even call us. She just worked it out," Deborah said. "Professor [Charles] Bassett was a wonderful influence on her, as was Dean [Mark] Serdjieni [73]. Dori entered Colby not knowing what she wanted to do after college, and the people there helped her sort things out, pointed her toward careers that would use her talents. She is entering law school this fall."

The Montgomeries, whose daughter Beth graduated in 1989 from Colby, say they were glad that faculty reached out to parents as well as students. Several faculty made a point of introducing themselves during the couple's many campus visits and made them feel like members of the community. The same was true of College staff, they say. "It seemed like they bent over backwards to see that not only your kids were having a positive experience but that we did, too," Sheila Montgomery said. "There is a strong sense of community on the campus and also in the town of Waterville. It's one of those rare cases where the town really is happy to have the college there."

Speaking of Commencement

Charles Osgood, a longtime news broadcaster and journalist, will deliver the keynote address at Commencement on May 26.

Osgood, a CBS correspondent since 1971, is the anchor of CBS News Sunday Morning and anchor and writer of The Osgood File, a four-times-daily CBS Radio Network program. At CBS he has served as a commentator for Up To The Minute, as co-anchor of the CBS Morning News, as a contributor to the CBS Evening News With Dan Rather and as anchor of the CBS Sunday Night News. A graduate of Fordham University, where he serves as a trustee, he is the author of four books. His daughter Kathleen Wood will be among the Colby graduates at Commencement.

Receiving honorary degrees along with Osgood, who will be awarded a doctorate of humane letters, are:

Thomas H. Kean (doctor of laws), president of Drew University and former governor of New Jersey. As governor he was noted for his programs to cut taxes, create new jobs and reform the state welfare system and for his environmental and education policies. The keynote speaker at the 1988 Republican National Convention, he has served on the President's Education Policy Advisory Committee and as chair of the Education Commission of the States and the National Governors' Association's Task Force on Teaching. His daughter, Alexandra, is a member of Colby's graduating class.

Robert Treat Paine (doctor of science) is a zoologist and ecologist who has taught at the University of Washington since 1962. He is the recipient of numerous professional honors, including the Lerner Marine Fellowship from the American Museum of Natural History; the Sverdrup
These parents also recognized the need for their children to exercise their independence. Letting go was one of the most difficult aspects of college parenting, they say. “Both of our kids were different,” said Montgomery, an avowed “hands-on” parent. “We were at almost every basketball game Beth had, and we've been to several of Mike's events, too, but I think he would have liked us to step back a little. It's been hard for me to learn to shut up and stay out of the way.”

If parents are wistful about ending one aspect of their relationship with Colby, they also are pleased that they have become part of an extended family. Desautel, a nurse, says her local community includes several Colby graduates, one of whom she treated as a patient. “When she found out I had a daughter at Colby, she thought I was okay,” she said. “[Colby alumni] seem so committed to their experience; it really does seem like a big family.”

“The relationships Niki developed and the influences people at Colby had on her will be with her for the rest of her life,” Kristen Shinneman said. “Those things are very important.”

Montgomery, a family and consumer services teacher in Thomaston, tells students she knows to check out Colby. “I'm just so impressed by what a student can achieve and by the leadership opportunities available to them,” she said. “I tell them they couldn't do better than Colby.”

Postdoctoral Fellowship from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography; the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Scholarship; the Ecological Society of America's MacArthur Award; and the Ecology Institute Prize. He has been a fellow of the National Academy of Sciences; an AAAS fellow; and a Tansley Lecturer for the British Ecological Society. He has led or served as a member of the boards of the Ecological Society of America and the Palau Marine Research Institute and has participated in several National Regulatory Commission and National Science Foundation panels.

Rya W. Zobel (doctor of laws) was appointed as a U.S. district judge for the District of Massachusetts in 1979. From 1990 to 1994 she served as chair of the Judicial Conference Committee on Automation and Technology. Before that she was a member of the Conference Committee on the Operation of the Jury System and the Committee on Judicial Improvements. She also was chair of the American Bar Association's National Conference of Federal Trial Judges in 1991-92. She is a graduate of Radcliffe College and Harvard Law School and was in private practice prior to joining the bench. She has been a member of Harvard University's Board of Overseers, a governor of the Handel and Hayden Society in Boston, a trustee of the New England Deaconess Hospital and a director of the United Way of Massachusetts Bay.
No Cold Shoulder
For Their Ice Fans
By Marc Glass

Several very polite Colby men's ice hockey
defenders saved the photographer from a trip to the
emergency room. Working from the White
Mules' bench during the Colby-Bowdoin game, the
photographer would have been hit by an errant puck
not for the authoritative but courteous warning
"Watch your head, sir." He ducked just as the puck
crashed off the Plexiglas behind the bench. Having regained his
tall height and some composure, the photographer
turned to give a sheepish "thanks" to the attentive
players, who, for that

moment, humanely divided
their attention between the
game and the unwary
interloper in their midst.

The incident was instruc
tive about the nature of
men's ice hockey under the
leadership of head coach Jim
Tortorella, who emphasizes
that success is a function of
character and effort.

"Winning is the result of
time things that have
involved beforehand," said
Tortorella, "If the founda
tion of the program is being
good, good working
hard, the outcomes will take
care of themselves."

And win the Mules did: four
years ago they were in
17th place in the ECAC—
this year they finished with a
19-6 record and an NCAA
playoff bid. The team was
ranked as high as number
in NCAA Division III:
East during the season.

Barbara Gordon '97, coach Laura
Haidorson and Meaghan Sittler '98
respectively, broke Colby's
all-time career assist record
for defensemen and topped
the century mark in scoring.
For the first time in many
years, the White Mules beat
Bowdoin at home, 2-1, and
even though they lost to top-
ranked Middlebury in the
first round of the playoffs.

The team, under Gordon's
unique approach for making
sure that each of the players
is a "good person" is his Kid
on the Bench program.

Area youngsters enter their
names on raffle tickets in

Next Stop, Nagano?

The women's ice hockey team, which completed one of
its most successful seasons with a record of 12-9-1, owes
much of its success to forwards Barbara Gordon and Meaghan
Sittler, who combined for an extraordinary 76 goals and 76
assists. Gordon, a senior from Glendale, Calif., and Sittler, a
freshman from East Amherst, N.Y., shared the limelight as easily
as they assisted each other's scoring.

"Playing with Barbara I
love it" said Sittler. "We
know where we are on
the ice all the time, and
we complement each
other really well. It was
much harder for me to
score when she was hurt."

Despite Gordon's
three-game absence due
to a knee injury, she and Sittler both were among the top
three in the nation in scoring for most of the season. During
the week of January 15-22, the Eastern College Athletic
Conference (ECAC) named Gordon Player of the Week and
Sittler to the Honor Roll. They graciously swapped ECAC
honors the following week.

Gordon was featured in the March 5 issue of Sports
Illustrated for scoring five goals in a game against St.
Lawrence University. Sittler, last year's ECAC Rookie of the
Year, had hat tricks in seven consecutive games and also got
the attention of Sports Illustrated, which ran a feature article
about her in its March 18 issue. "Playing with Meaghan has
brought hockey to a whole new level for me," said Gordon.
"It's the first time I've ever been able to play on a team with
someone of her ability. I'm having a lot of fun with her."

Though their list of accolades is lengthy, Gordon's and
Sittler's greatest honors may still be ahead of them—both
are contenders for the first-ever American women's ice
hockey Olympic team, which will compete in the 1998
Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. Both were members of the
U.S. Women's Select Team that traveled to Finland to
compete and train with the Finnish Women's National
Team last August. In the first of four matches, all of which
the Americans won, Sittler netted two of the U.S.'s six
goals and was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

In March Sittler was selected to represent the U.S. again
this time for the Pacific Women's Hockey Championships in
Vancouver, B.C. Though the Americans chosen to compete in
the April tournament won't be the final Olympic team, they
will be competing against the women's national teams from
Canada, China and Japan. Participation on the U.S. Select
Team that competed in Finland and playing in the Pacific
Women's Hockey Championships are considered preliminary
for selection to the Nagano-bound Olympic team.
the hope that they will be selected to assist the team with water and towels during the game. Tortorella thinks both the kids and the players benefit from the program—a belief supported by the scene in the locker room following the Bowdoin game at Colby. After the players got their usual even-handed dose of constructive criticism and praise, the game's Kid on the Bench was treated to the game puck, good-natured hair tousling and a chorus of thanks.

"The players do a great job of engaging the kids, so they leave the game with a lot of excitement about Colby hockey," Tortorella said. "The kids' presence also forces our players to be conscientious about being role models regardless of whether we win or lose. It's about trying to use hockey as a vehicle to enhance character."

Tri-captain Stu Wales also believes that building a successful team begins with recruiting good people as well as good hockey players. "After a recruit has stayed with one of us for a visit, Coach will ask us about his attitude and approach to school," said Wales. "If we report things that Coach doesn't like to hear about a recruit, then the recruit's out of the picture—no matter how good a player he might be."

Wales, who says he knows how unsuccessful informal, off-season training can be with unmotivated players, believes that Tortorella's philosophy for assembling a team made his job as tri-captain much easier. "After some of the early captain's practices, I'd look around at the players and realize what great people they were in addition to being great players," he said. "I've never been on a team of twenty-six guys that was such a close group with one goal in mind."

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**Still Kicking**

On April 27, friends, colleagues and former players gathered at Millett Alumni House to celebrate Mark Serdjenian's 20th year as men's soccer coach at Colby. Serdjenian '73, who was Maine Men's Soccer Coach of the Year and New England Coach of the Year in 1990, says he loves coaching Colby students. "They're intelligent, dedicated and able to put athletic into perspective," said Serdjenian, who is associate dean of students for academic affairs.

Serdjenian, who never played soccer before coming to Colby as a student in 1970, says he owes a great deal to his coach, Jack Scholz, who died recently of cancer. "He gave me a chance when I'd never played the game before—I doubt that could happen now," he said.

Aside from his duties at Colby, Serdjenian coaches a girls' team, coordinates a junior high indoor league for girls and directs a two-week summer camp at Colby, and he just completed his 15th year of working with the Waterville Youth Soccer Association.

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**SPORTS SHORTS**

The men's basketball team finished the season with a 16-11 record and earned a sixth seed in the ECAC tournament. Led by senior David Stephens '96 (BOSTON, Mass.), the White Mules upset third-seeded Eastern Nazarene and second-seeded UMass-Dartmouth before falling in the finals to top-seeded Amherst College, 64-62. Stephens was named NESCAC Co-Player of the Year and finished the season ranked in the top 10 nationally in scoring and rebounding. John Hebert '97 (Van Buren, Maine) shot over 50 percent from three-point range and broke Colby's record for three-pointers in a season, previously held by All-American John Daleianos '92. . . . The women's basketball team improved under first-year coach Tricia O'Brien, finishing with a 7-17 record, including a three-game Winning streak in early January. Grace Perry '97 (Andover, Mass.) was named to the All-NESCAC Second Team. Perry and co-captain Emily Larsen '98 (Sioux Falls, S.D.) will lead a strong squad of returning players for next year's team. . . . The men's and women's squash teams earned national rankings. With a record of 16-11, the women's team finished in 10th place in the USWSRA and 11th place at the Howe Cup Invitational. Sonia Totten '98 (Tokyo, Japan), Ellen Derrick '96 (West Falls, N.Y.) and Sarah Molly '97 (Jakarta, Indonesia) all qualified for national competition. The men's team finished its season ranked No. 17 and won the C Flight Summer Trophy for the second consecutive year. David Dodwell '98 (Warwick, Bermuda) advanced to individual national competition. . . . In women's indoor track and field, Danielle LeGrande '96 (Modesto, Calif.) earned All-American honors in the 20-pound weight event by finishing fourth in the nation with a toss of 51 feet, 7 inches. Cynthia Pomerleau '97 (Bowdoinham, Maine) won the pentathlon event at the ECAC championships. Pomerleau scored 3,149 points—10 shy of the school record. . . . In men's indoor track and field, Conrad Saam '96 (Skillman, N.J.) pole vaulted 14 feet, 8 inches to take third place in the ECAC championships and break the Colby record previously held by John Dowling '70. Matt O'Connell '96 (Brookfield, Mass.) established a new pentathlon record when he scored 3,120 points to finish fourth at the New England Division III Championships. . . . The men's swimming team finished 12th out of 26 teams at the New England Swimming and Diving Championships at Wesleyan University. Geoff Herrick '98 (Topfield, Mass.) set school records in the 100- and 200-yard butterfly and 200-yard freestyle. His times qualified him for the NCAA Division III National Championships. . . . The women's alpine and nordic ski teams finished seventh overall at the Eastern Championships held at Middlebury College. Annie Flanagan '99 (Ketchum, Idaho) finished 11th overall and was named first alternate to the NCAA National Championships. The men's alpine and nordic ski teams finished eighth overall. Ken Raiche '98 (West Newbury, Mass.) paced the White Mules with a 21st-place finish.
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TWENTIES
Stanley L. Painter Jr. '59 dropped us a note to say that Dr. Merrill S. Greene '20 was still active as a medical examiner and that he, Dr. Painter, had just seen Dr. Greene at the Forensic Science Seminar held at Colby in early August 1995. Also, at the annual meeting of the Maine Medical Examiners Association, the chief medical examiner of Maine thanked Dr. Greene for his 65 years of service as a medical examiner. Although his home address is Wrightwood, Calif., Marjorie Everingham Edgerly '25 celebrated her 90th birthday in New Hampshire with plenty of company: three sons, one daughter, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Edith Grearson “Ducky” Moncy '26, who drives her Volvo to symphony every so often, flattered me with a little note: “Good luck to you. I wish I might see you sometime.” (Edith probably gets around better than I do right now, but hers is a hard invitation to turn down.)... Irma Davis McKechnie '26 lives in a retirement home in Huntsville, Ala., and wouldn’t change a thing about her life. She has two sons, three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. “Judy Taylor, in Latin,” she writes, “was an interesting old codger.” ... If Esther E. Wood '26 had it to do over, she would have (1) gone to England and (2) spent more money. With the aid of her dog, she owns and maintains her own home. Poor eyesight has led her to take up learning to type. When she was young, she had many, many relatives: now, she says, she has very few relatives but many, many friends. ... If you see a cyclone coming at you and it comes up to you and stops, chances are that George H. Hawes '28 of Carzon City, Nev., will step forth, dressed in turnes and looking for another major project with which to improve his adopted state. George is the oldest Nevedan ever to hold elective office, serving in his third term as a member of the Carson Tahoe Hospital Board. George has been a school principal, personnel officer at Wright Aeronautical, owner of a Dodge dealership in Ely, Nev., a lobbyist and a director of the senior community service employment program for AARP. Successful in elective state politics, he also has been active in civic groups (38 years), Elks (50+ years), Masons (66 years) and many positions in the Democratic Party. ... Alberta Van Horn Shute '28 does housekeeping to keep in shape but would rather be writing. She has three children, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She recalls that Judy Taylor, professor of Latin, had a little finger that stuck out permanently. Anyone else remember that?•

THIRTIES
Ina Hussey Weymouth '31 volunteers at the Maine Veteran’s Home in Augusta and plays the piano for their chorus once a week. She also helps decorate the place for parties and plays cribbage with the residents. Says Ina, “I am 85 and the only one left in my family.” She is co-chairman of the Volunteer Association where she lives. ... Marjorie Van Horn Bernier '32 maintains an eight-room house with large yard by way of using her time constructively in retirement. Reading Mrs. Bernier’s list of favorite professors reinforces my belief that students in our generation at Colby really loved our professors. ... Maxwell Ward '32 has a revolutionary approach to politics: throw the rascals out and put in new rascals. Maxwell taught school for 38 years in Maine. He was principal of Clinton High School for 13 years and spent 14 years as principal of the high school in Oakland. ... Phyllis Hamlin Wade ’32 lost her husband, Earl '39, in November 1994. Phyllis is marking time waiting to have cataracts removed so she can return to reading, driving and sewing, but her health is good. Her daughter Terri Lee '68 is director of patient accounts at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. Another daughter, Donna, manages a sub-diving equipment shop in Calais and also teaches the subject. ... Bernard H. Porter '32 has willed everything, “including his teethbrush,” to Colby. He invites all to visit his special collection of more than 4,000 contemporary letters in Miller Library. ... Although he spent 45 years as a Methodist preacher in Maine and Texas, Leo Fletcher Ross '32 is now limited mostly to watching sports on TV, owing to the loss of a leg in 1988. In the 1996-97 annual debate sponsored by Dr. Libby, Mr. Ross stumped packed the chapel pews with rafters paid to clap, the role being that the winning team was the one that got the loudest applause. The Ross alumnus made a fearful din at the appropriate times, and Lee’s crew won $75. He spent his winnings on ice cream. ... On board the M.S. Statendam cruise ship on January 13, 1996, Captain Frans Coen presented Dorris Moore Cox '33 with a certificate and platinum medal for having traveled 250,000 miles on the Holland America Cruise Line. ... Charlotte Blomfield Auger '33 speaks for many of us when she says, “Sorry I haven’t anything really spectacular to report. My husband is in precarious health (heart), so we live from day to day. At 85, there are so many things that have to be done—which make you tired! Bending over even to tie shoe- laces can be and often is a major achievement when it is finished. We plug along. I cook nutritious meals, and my grandchildren think I am a fantastic cookie maker. I read, listen to the news on TV, and watch basketball games. All in all, I’m glad to be alive.”... When it gets cold in Fort Fairfield, Maine, Mary Smith Strandt '33 has an easy answer. She rents an apartment for six months in a senior complex in Winter Park, Fla. Perhaps this reason is behind all the Florida return addresses I find on my mail in the winter. ... Rebecca Chester Wyman '33 has two children, David and Mary, who are now middle-aged—and Rebecca can’t believe it. She lives in a five-room unit among 21,000 retirees in Laguna Hills, Calif., keeping track of a large gray and white cat named Augustus. ... Although Gladys Averill Heubach '33 lives in West Newton, Mass., she is grateful that she can still drive the 300 miles to her summer home on the rockbound coast of Milbridge, Maine, where she loves to entertain her old Colby friends. These have included Barbara and Mal Wilson '33. On her return home last summer, she spent a weekend with her old Colby roommate, Ruth Leighton Thomas '33. ... After 65 years of marriage to Laurence Dysart, Mabel Clough Dysart '34 wouldn’t change a thing about her life. Mabel’s circle of immediate relatives numbers 66—most
of them professionals. She remembers a Latin professor whose name she can't remember but whose shoes often didn't match. Can anybody help Mabel on this? . . . With a bow in the direction of George Hawes '28, I must add the name of Louise Williams Brown '34 to members of the Blurred Cyclone Club. Last July she attended the wedding of a grandson in Norway, then in September saw another grandson married in France. While in Norway, she took time off to visit Iceland. Louise walks two-plus miles three times a week and is active in women's circles in her Presbyterian church. She carries on extensive correspondence with her eight grandchildren, ages 22 to 35. During winters in Florida, she attends symphony concerts, goes to travel lectures and keeps in touch with the many friends she has made there in the past 20 years. Summers are spent with children, grandchildren and other relatives—some 40 of whom have settled in or near Louise in Portland, Maine. Last July, she was hostess to a handful of Class of 1934 women who gathered for lunch in Portland. Included were Adelaide Jordan Cleaves and husband Ken, Eleanor Wheelwright Ness and husband Norm and Harriet Pease Patrick. Regrets were sent by Annie Tuck Russell, Barbara White Morse, Josephine Cunning- ham Porter, Madelyn Higgins Stanley, Greta Murray Connors and Elizabeth Weeks . . . . Ann Duoba Lawrence '34 writes, "It is with great sadness that I report that my husband, James, passed away on December 26, 1995. He was my friend, lover and great communicator for 56 years. We had a cover story on melatonin, the new fountain of youth according to some and a damn scam according to others. Two letters to the editor in the November 27 issue supported the scam point of view. Sandwiched in between the two scam letters was this by Morris "Mike" Cohen '35: "I am 83 years old. I read your cover story on melatonin and took three bottles. My bald spot grew back in. My hair turned brown. The AARP said I no longer met their age requirement and kicked me out. . . . A beautiful young chick is chasing me all over the house. I discovered she is my wife. She took four bottles." On fitness, Mike says, "Fit. hell. I'm barely keeping alive." Regarding his work, Mike reports that he faked his report in Burlington Industries for 28 years and was promoted to vice president. At 65, they gave him a party and fired him, whereupon the company fell apart. . . . Thanks to her master's degree in psychiatric social work, Mary Small Copithorne '35 was able to work until she was 81—getting that degree was the best decision he ever made, she declares. She has four children, one of whom has recovered from cancer. Among seven grandchildren, there is no evidence as yet of the imminent arrival of any great-grandchildren, although Mrs. Copithorne has hopes . . . . Sidney Schiffman '35 is pretty much under house arrest since his most recent heart attack, but he is still alive, he says, aware of what is going on and looking forward to a return to Colby one of these fine reunions. He has a granddaughter who works in New York on children's programming for PBS and for the British Broadcasting Corporation. . . . Anne Martel Eastman '35 has two sons and four grandchildren. Both sons are teachers, as was she (foreign languages). In her retirement, she often visits Tucson, Ariz., and Florida. She has a warm recollection of Ninetta Runnals as a caring person. . . . Anita Thibault Bourque '36 obtained a hip replacement in 1988 and considers it a great asset. Since that time, however, the device has become dislocated three times, prompting her children to accuse her of attempting to monopolize the limelight. . . . Charles Caddo '36 has been married to his high school sweetheart for 61 years—thus ensuring that he is a happy and healthy man. One son is in sales; the other is a dentist in Ellsworth, Maine. Charles keeps.
A man dragged behind his 25-foot sailboat in 45-degree ocean water for half an hour last Easter before N. Douglas MacLeod '44 and his family spotted the sailboat's empty cockpit from MacLeod's daughter's home near Providence, R.I.

A gust blowing northeast from land out to sea hit the sailboat, lay it over and tossed the man over the side, the jib sheet wrapped around his wrist. MacLeod family members on shore ran to the water to throw him a rope, but the sail caught the wind and the boat blew farther from shore.

"Boy, we gotta do something for this guy," said MacLeod. With relatives he hurried a 12-foot skiff from the barn, and with two grandsons, J.D., 13, and Matthew, 15, he rowed into the turbulent water after the sailboat drifting out to sea.

If he weren't so familiar with boats, he probably wouldn't have attempted the rescue, MacLeod said later. He handled a rowboat almost every day during 11 boyhood summers in CuttyHunk, Mass., and he rowed four-man shells in prep school. He has sailed the Newport to Bermuda race seven or eight times, twice as his own skipper on a 45-foot yawl, and has sailed five times to the Caribbean, as far north as Nova Scotia and across the Mediterranean.

He wondered later whether he might never have made it or might have suffered a heart attack. "Of course I wasn't thinking about that," said MacLeod, 74, founder of Tubodyne, a commercial tubing equipment company in Riverside, R.I. "I've been active in physical work all my life. I'm in reasonably good shape."

As he rowed through the rough seas with no cold weather gear and no life preservers, MacLeod says, he and his grandsons were at risk of capsizing in the rough seas with nothing to hang on to. "But you don't think about those things in a rescue," he said. "I didn't want to find a dead man. I'd feel it was my responsibility." MacLeod outlined the rescue procedure whereby he and Matthew would haul the man into the sailboat and sail back to shore. "Whatever you do," he told J.D. "don't capsize the dinghy!"

Just as they caught the sailboat, the man in the water passed out. They got him by the armpits and belt, but in his winter clothes and heavy boots he was dead weight as they struggled to haul him over the side into the cockpit and then get him out of the wet clothes and wrapped in blankets. As they sailed back to land, the dinghy in tow, the Bristol fire department rescue boat met them and took the man to the hospital.

MacLeod says he never woke up until he was halfway to the hospital.

MacLeod received a citation from the town council and another from the Bristol Yacht Club, but the most exciting thing was having his grandsons share the rescue with him, he says. He also thinks his grandsons look at him with more respect now, "maybe even as a guiding light. There's a lot more thinking, 'Maybe gramps ain't no old man after all.'"
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46 Locky MacKinnon writes that he and his wife, Ardath, have taken their Airstream trailer everywhere, from Cape Breton Island to Mexico, collecting new friends. Locky’s niece, Sheila Matlock, is in Atlanta preparing for a career in medicine at Georgia Tech and is on the price-winning Tech women’s basketball team, the Lady Jackets. (Tex and I follow women’s basketball and have been to the women’s Final Four here in Atlanta. Women athletes are awesome, and I am so proud of them.) Locky is all pumped up to come to our 50th reunion in June. You know it is free, you just have to get your body there. Betty Anne Riker Howell and husband Roe will also be at reunion. They spend summers at their lakeside house in Greensboro, Vt., and go to the St. Pete area of Florida for the month of February to check on Colby friends such as Pat Wotherspoon Imhoff. Jeanne Sellar Yusaitis lives in Mechanicville, N.Y. She wrote, “I’m a retired banker. This will make my Colby friends smile since any type of math was my downfall in college.” She is active in St. Peter’s Catholic Church, is a member of the choir and of the Rotary Club and helps in a million projects. (I don’t find that churches let you retire.) . . . Thelma Giberson Moore has lived in Denver since 1948. She got her master’s there in library science and was with the Denver public school system for 27 “great years.” I wonder if Thelma and Carolyn Armitage Bouton down in Englewood, Colo., ever get together? . . . Jean O’Brien Perking says she has finally and definitively retired and is doing tutoring and Elderhostel courses. Her two daughters live in Maine now, and she sees a lot of them. . . . Marge Dodge Radomski says, “I’m coming to reunion from South Florida, you-all come, too, you hear.”

47 Dorothy Weber Trogdon is a retired interior designer married to an architect. Her three sons are all married, and she describes the three grandchildren as all beautiful and bright. Her home is on Orcas Island, off the coast of Washington state and accessible only by ferry. There she serves on the board of the national accrediting agency for interior design and on the board of the Orcas theater and community center. . . . Still interested in sports is Carl “Gumbo” Wright, who attends sporting events at the College and plays golf with Colby friends. He is a semi-retired trial attorney and spends lots of time with his grandchildren. Through scholarships, gym, and Little League baseball projects, he keeps up interest in the youth of Maine. . . . Dana and Harriet Nourse Robinson came all the way from Beijing at Thanksgiving to celebrate her mother’s 98th birthday. Twenty-five people attended, including Harriet’s sister, Fran Nourse Johnston ’49. Since then, Dana has been in Malaysia, Hong Kong and Singapore. . . . Dorothy Briggs Aronson continues to teach German and every summer hikes with the Appalachian Mt. Club. Last year’s was in the Adirondacks; this year’s will be an expedition to the Canadian Rockies to a tent camp between Banff and Lake Louise. She works at the Historical Society in Medford, Mass., and helps to put together programs for second and eighth graders as well as senior members. . . . Sylvia Gray Noves has retired after teaching for 20 years at Husson College. She and her husband have four daughters, three of whom are married, one to a man on the Colby staff. She had a very interesting trip to Halifax last year when she researched the building of the ocean piers in 1917. Her grandfather was foreman of a crew of granite cutters from Franklin, Maine, who were there when a Belgian ship blew up in the harbor, destroying most of the city. . . . Arline Kiessling Wills and her husband play tennis, cross-country ski and bike, resting up with lots of reading. Their third 250-mile biking trip in Europe is coming up this year. Last year’s group in Germany and Austria included Nancy Moyer Conover ’54. Arnie and her husband have a daughter and three daughters, one in Ghana as an educational advisor with U.S.I.S., one a writer and one a lawyer. . . . Again this year, Jane Rollins

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Unconventional Wisdom

When Beverly Benner Cassara '47 was asked why she chose to pursue postgraduate studies in adult education at an age when most people are midway through their careers, she said it was because she was concerned about women. "At forty years old, I was home with my babies," said Cassara. "Raising families is important, but I was bothered that beyond that, the women around me did so little that mattered with their time."

Once the kids were grown, Cassara returned to school to study adult education at Boston University, where she earned a doctorate in 1970. She became professor of adult education at Federal City College (now University of the District of Columbia) that same year. Cassara, who has written three books, American Women: The Changing Image (Beacon Press, 1962), Adult Education in a Multicultural Society (Routledge, 1990) and Adult Education through World Collaboration (Krieger, 1995), was also dean of graduate studies at the university from 1973 to 1990.

During the early '70s, alarmed by the school dropout and poverty rates among women in the nation's capital, Cassara started a program to assist and educate low-income African-American women from a housing project near the university. With student volunteers from her graduate courses in adult education, Cassara helped 14 women earn their general educational development diplomas. All of them later attended Federal City College. "It's not just a matter of whether people can read or write," Cassara said of adult education. "It's a matter of whether or not they have a vision for their own lives and for the lives of their kids. People have to be in charge of their own destinies. Once these mothers began to enjoy learning, a wonderful thing happened—they began to compete with their kids for grades, and the kids stopped dropping out of school."

Cassara is retired, but she remains active in adult education. She serves as an adjunct professor of adult education at the University of Southern Maine, and she represents North America as an executive committee member of the International Council for Adult Education. Her latest adult education project has been to organize a senior citizens' advocacy group in Cambridge, Mass., called Eldercorps. The group's initial goals are to hold a conference on intelligent aging and to develop a directory of Cambridge-area volunteer activities that are practical for seniors. Cassara, whose own mid-life academic career challenged convention, says that many older people face discrimination when they seek jobs or volunteer opportunities. "So many of us are not acceptable to people in the workplace because we're threatening—we have too much education and experience," she said.

Cassara, who served as class correspondent from 1990 to 1994, credits Colby with "opening me up to the world of the mind" and fondly remembers President J. Seelye Bixler. "As he handed me my diploma at graduation, he said to me, 'Beverly, I'm proud of you.' I have remembered those words every time I knew I wasn't doing my best."
Joan Crawley Pollock wrote that she moved from Dedham (our home town) to California 39 years ago. In 1995 Joan and her husband, Joe, traveled from Pasadena to Colby for the Alumni College and in August went to Japan. Joan writes that she had a great meeting in Malibu with Colby alumni and with English Professor Charlie Bassett. Both Joan and Joe are retired. Phil Shulman wrote from San Francisco to say that two years ago he was struck by an automobile and almost killed. Since then he is living like there is no tomorrow, experiencing one adventure after another, traveling to Turkey, Syria (twice), Cuba, Egypt, Vietnam, Oman and Yemen. He hopes to visit North Korea and Iran in 1996. Phil found an old photograph of the Tau Delt officers taken back on Mayflower Hill circa 1947. We still have that picture. Who are all those young people? ... Janet Gay Hawkins wrote last fall to say that they live on Shelter Island about 100 miles from New York City, and they love it! She had just accompanied her oldest granddaughter for an interview at Colby. We were sorry to learn from Frank Reynolds that his wife, Janet Bowmar Reynolds, passed away on December 7, 1995. (We have an unofficial policy that we report bad news only when someone related to the person contacts us on the Class of 1948 inquiry form; then we can make the report in this column.) ... Gil Taverner wrote that he has retired, for the third time, from St. George’s School in Newport, R.I. Thanks, Gil, for continuing to provide us with news, and we look forward to talking with you at the 50th. ... Fran Hyde Stephan wrote that Carol Stoll Baker spent the holidays with her in Florida and that they are in good health in the last of their 60s. Next year, Fran said, they turn 70, and they wanted to know how they would look to David then. (Terrific as always!) They play tennis and have a lot of laughs and are trying to plan an exciting trip together this year. They also keep in touch with Gloria Shine Seidenberg. Then, within just a few days, we received a wonderful letter from Carol. She wrote of her 1994 trip to a safari in Kenya, where they spent two weeks on the plains and could have enjoyed another week. (Unfortunately, we don’t have the space to do justice to her eloquent descriptions of the animals.) In July 1995 she went hiking in the Canadian Rockies near Banff. Twice a day a helicopter dropped her in a different location so that she could hike along the peaks, which she describes as quiet and meditative. ... Bertha Graves Nollman wrote from Glastonbury, Conn., that she has the best occupation: retired. As for changes in her life she says, “More gray hairs.” She enjoys hearing from classmates. ... We heard from Mary and Gerald Roy, who are now Florida residents but still own a condo in Waterville. They enjoy travel in their motor home and all the things and activities that retirees find time to do. They have four daughters and seven grandchildren. ... Elaine Browning Townsend is a partner in Rails & Crafts in Laconia, N.H. They specialize in electric trains but also sell art supplies, doll houses and hobby and craft supplies. She also owns a small farm and raised pygmy goats. She has two daughters, and her son, Dudley ‘72, is retired from the Air Force and teaching math in Laconia. 

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Sorry to say I haven’t received any news from classmates lately. Perhaps it’s due to the fact that my address was incorrect in the magazine. We live in Grantham, New Hampshire, not Massachusetts. After living in Massachusetts since graduation, we moved to New Hampshire when Charlie retired. In case you’ve never heard of the place, Grantham is in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee area. Sadly, we have received some notices that you can read on the obituary page. I had a nice note from Bob Stander’s wife, Susan, in which she said, “Colby College meant so much to Bob, and he really enjoyed the notes and newsletters from the Class of 1950. He was so proud to be a member of your class.” I hope to hear from you soon.

Correspondent:
Barbara Jefferson Walker

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June and reunion are just around the corner, so dig out your suitcases and plan now to drop up, down, over, across or in to Colby for the weekend. Jean (Lyons) ’53 and Arthur “Art” Shulkin, who were married three days after graduation, have sold their properties management and realty company in Tucson, Ariz., and bought a sports car convertible, which they plan to tow behind their new “Dolphin” RV motor home on their first major trip back to Maine—for their 45th reunion and anniversary.... Donald Maheu, Downingtown, Pa., has retired as manufacturing manager and technical director of Scott Paper Company, for whose international division he traveled the world. Having seen enough of overseas areas, Don and his wife now plan to visit their children, who are scattered from Georgia to Arizona, and to partake of Elderhostel studies, particularly of Indian culture in the New Mexico region. As a highlight since his Colby graduation, Don notes that he “broke 90 on the links. (Once!)”... Nadean Finberg Liebeskind, Tucson, Ariz., after 18 years living in Israel is now a child care director. She looks forward to retiring, relaxing, seeing old friends and traveling. Ted Parker, Naples, Fla., retired last year and is still playing tennis—with two (2) replacement hips. ... Oscar Rosen, Salem, Mass., continues his activities with the National Association of Atomic Veterans. He is the editor of their newsletter and graciously has sent me copies of it. ... Bob and Helen Palen Roth, West Hartford, Conn., write that they “had a big celebration last year—called it our bicentennial—we both turned 65 (130), it was our 40th wedding anniversary (170) and we made the last payment on our 30-year mortgage. Hence 200 years. We took a Dixieland cruise down the Connecticut River with family and friends (several Colby ones).” ... Ben Pearson, Byfield, Mass., has retired, sold the 180-year-old family business, The Byfield Snuff Co., sold his home of 41 years and is moving to Bray’s Island Plantation, S.C., where there will be “hunting, fishing, golf—all that good stuff.”... Loretta Thompson Staples ’53, wife of Bob Staples, wrote to tell me of Bob’s death on Thanksgiving day. Notice has also been received of the July death of Annalee Nelson Bohjalian. Just think of me as the Colby Mule trying to kick you into gear for the 45th reunion of this illustrious class. I can’t remember. Did the mule have a name?

Correspondent:
Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey

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I was pleasantly surprised that so many classmates took time to send me news during the holiday weeks. Dot (Forster ’54) and Roger Olson said that they were out of Kansas City and dividing their living time between Monson, Maine, and Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Since they are now near Waterville anyway, they enjoy attending Colby football games. ... Leslie Stewart, still in the investment field, is a broker in New York City. The Stewarts have two daughters, one living in New York City and one married and living in London. Their first grandchild was born last August. Leslie saw Lou Ferraguzi play the part of Luther Billings in a production of South Pacific. ... Max Singer is a public policy analyst and writer, and his wife, also in the publishing world, is an editor. Max wrote Real World Order: Zones of Peace; Zones of Turbulence with Aaron Wilansky, and the revised edition is about to be published by Chatham House, N.J. His three sons all are married and living in Israel. The Singers have three grandchildren and probably two more by now. ... Sybil Walker Turin is a finan-
new grandmother in July—her daughter Susan '80's twins. While I'm in the grandmother mode, I would like to mention that Elaine Zervas Stamas sent news of a new grandson added to her family and says of grandparenthood, "It's the best." In November I learned that Loretta "Tommi" Thompson Staples lost her husband, Bob '51, on Thanksgiving night. Tommi sent me her own note recently, saying that life was great for him and that Colby always was a special memory for them both. My thoughts go out to you, Tommi, as do the thoughts of all who know you both. Colby also informed me of the death of Harold Arthur Leathe in November.

Correspondents:
Bill and Penny Thresher Edson

54 Each year, Jean Crissy Parker includes a poem she has written in her Christmas card. Thanks, Jean. Vic Scallise and his wife, Mary, of Brookline, Mass., have three adult children and three grandchildren and have enjoyed a winter trip to Maui for each of the past 13 years. Vic has been serving The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts as an interim minister. He also is a consultant to the Watertown/Waring Funeral Homes and assists legal immigrants and refugees through the International Institute of Boston. In May he will serve as chairman of the annual convention of the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts. Vic founded The National Center for Death Education and has lectured extensively in the field of bereavement—something he never anticipated doing when he left Colby. Kapka Delta Rho, Dr. Seelye Bixler and the faculty are what he remembers most about Colby. Jim Rapaport writes from Boca Raton, Fla., where he lives with Wendy, his wife of six years. They spend their summers in Rockland, Maine. Jim, father of two sons, is enjoying an active retirement. His response to what keeps him out of the rocking chair—a "young wife." Jim remembers "the fun and beautiful spot" when he thinks of Colby. Joan Somerville Walsh, mother of two sons, is a retired second grade teacher living in Mars Hill, Maine. She stays active as a pianist for the Methodist Church and chairman of the craft fair as well as gardening and shoveling snow. As Joan adjusts to the change of widowhood, her advice is, "don't put things off. I'm so glad we drove our trailer to Alaska, took cruises and enjoyed every day." She most remembers the good friends at Colby.... It was good to hear from Diane Chamberlin Starcher, who lives with her husband, George, in Chambry, France. They eagerly awaited the arrival of their first grandchild in February '96. Diane, who is working for a non-profit association, European Bahai Business Forum, writes, "I'm chassing to keep up with activities. Doing research on women entrepreneurs and now on micro-credit lending to poor women in rural and urban areas of the world. Have written an article on the subject." Retirement doesn't mean gathering activities, she says. Diane received a master's degree in adult education in June 1994 and keeps young with working with youth and young adults—lots of reading and discussion. She never anticipated spending her adult life in Europe, mostly in France. "Had I known," she says, "I'd have taken my French classes more seriously." The small academic community, the personal contact with professors and the friends are what she remembers most about Colby.... Janice Stevenson Squier and her husband, Charles, are living in Boulder, Colo., where he is a professor of English at the University of Colorado. Jan is a piano teacher, composer and potter. They have a married daughter and a son. When Jan left Colby, she never anticipated that she would have the opportunity to live in foreign countries, East and West. She didn't know she would love teaching music so much or be able to compose. Jan most remembers Mark Benbow at Colby, the introduction to a tougher mental discipline and the self-respect that comes with it.... Good to hear from those who responded. More coming in the next column.

60 These are exciting years as we '55ers plan for retirement, enjoy grandchildren, search for travel opportunities. Sue (Biven '55) and Selden Staples posed a question for classmates as they leave their home of 32 years to move to North Carolina. How many de-

NEWSMAKERS

Richard Clough '55 was praised as "the consummate sales person who brought professionalism and integrity to the job" in the Griffin Report of Rockland, Mass. Clough is retired from Campbell Sales Co. in Franklin, Mass. Jane Millett Dornish '55 was named state of Maine Volunteer Board Member/Volunteer of the Year.... Tony Ruvo '59 was named corporate vice president of the Union Camp Corporation in New Jersey.

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Deaths: Gordon D. Daugharty '57 in St. Clair, Mich., at 60..... Oliver J. Sproul '52 in Augusta, Maine, at 77.
continue to consult part time while thinking about leaving St. Louis. Both Dave and Nancy have a love for the ocean so perhaps they will return to New England. Two of their sons are in Arizona and one is in Ottawa, and grandchildren play a special part in their lives. . . A call from Judy Orne Shorey let me know that she is beginning a new venture as a bed-and-breakfast or inn relief sitter. To give respite to owners, she will take over duties in that home. Her first assignment is in the Camden, Maine, area, and she is enthusiastic and optimistic about this new phase in her life. . . At the Boston trustee and Alumni Council January meetings our class was well represented. I was able to chat with Jane Whipple Coddington, Jean Van Curan Pugh and George Haskell. . . Just before finishing this piece I talked with Ann Burnham Deering, whose daughter was married last summer. Ann had a note from Barbara Restall Horne, who lives in California with her husband and enjoys travels in their motor home. Margaret Grant Ludwig wrote that she now has time to travel from Maine to warmer Florida with her legislative duties and optimistic about new classes. . . It is good to get your letters; keep me posted.

Correspondent: Eleanor Edmunds Grout

Next month we in the Class of 1956 will be celebrating our 40th year as Colby alumni. I hope to see many of you at reunion at the Samoset and/or Colby. It promises to be a great reunion. Many have written to say they plan to attend. David and Rosemary Crotchert of Madison will be there despite their busy jobs. David’s practice as an oral surgeon, The Sherborn Inn and sailing the Maine coast keep him out of any rocking chair, and Rosemary is an occupational therapist and manager of the elderly housing in Sherborn, Mass. She also finds time for eight grandchildren, gardening, knitting, quilting and church. And I thought I was busy! . . . Lois Latimer Pan is planning on reunion, too. Lois’s husband, Ed, is a retired engineer; Lois retired as public library director to a new creative career, which she describes as going from books to bugs: she has developed a great business making original bug designs. They really have to be seen to be appreciated. Lois has had an adventurous life, including travel and marriage to a man born in China. She is now part of a biracial, bicultural family, which includes four generations. The travel has included a ballroom dance trip to Hungary and an Elderhostel on top of a volcano in Hawaii. . . Fran (Wren ’58) and Bob Raymond will be at Samoset and hope to see many there. . . Lois Weaver Neil lost her husband, Bill, to cancer in January 1995. The slag extends its sympathy to the family. Lois is going to reunion with Warren and Barbara Faltings Kinisman and is hoping to see the old gang: Sue Vegtine Wilson, Charlotte Wood Scully, Charlene Roberts Riordan and Eleanor Cawley Hickey. Lois earned her doctorate in ’94, and after retiring in June she will move on to college teaching. . . Vashti Ophelia Boddie Roberts wrote to say that she would not miss our 40th. Vash misses California but is excited by her new career opportunity as director of the Indiana Academy at Ball State University. She heads one of the few remaining K-12 lab schools in the country for gifted students. Wilbert and Vashti spent their summer at a time-share in Aruba and in July will travel to the Dominican Republic. She says she has such wonderful memories of Colby and says she became centered there—pulling off her own identity at a time when it was cool just to blend in. Vash says she “learned to think, to problem solve, to prioritize and to love myself”—and she also made many friends. They will always remember the ‘56 Condon medalist. Vash wants to know if anyone has word of Muggsy Stetson ’55. . . Tom Bickham Clymer, whose husband died in 1994, has moved back to New England from Denver and is active as a family and small claims court mediator. Jan also works as a buyer for a Nashua bookstore and met E. Annie Proulx, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book The Shipping News, in her bookstore last year. Annie attended Colby as a member of our class before transferring elsewhere. (Wonderful book, by the way! ) . . . Tom Brackin writes that he and Marilyn are still running the in-

Selling the properties she owns. . . Richard and Domenica Tranquillo Rainer would like more information but would like to go to reunion. Domenica took her French major and became an investment professional. She and Richard are looking for good places for retirement and want classmates’ suggestions. . . . See you at the Samoset if the good Lord’s willing.

Correspondent: Brian F. Olsen

I know, you’re wondering if I’m still alive . . . sorry about the lapse in column news—but we’re back, and all you ’57 folks can look forward to quite a bit of news in the coming issues. All those neat questionnaires and letters you received over the last couple of years with my name on them really came straight from the Alumni Office. (Thanks to everyone there for all their hard work!) Your responses have been terrific, thoughtful, revealing, moving and just plain enjoyable to read. Thanks to Ellie Shorey Harris for checking up on me to see if I could still type! Ellie is still at Status Computer, managing the personnel department and racking up employee of the year awards in impressive fashion. . . . Mel Dunn writes from Bangor that he’s enjoying his new status as a grandfather (as are many of us) and is traveling to Europe quite a bit to visit his daughter Beth and family. . . . Sad to say, as we approach the “Golden Years,” we start hearing the news of classmates and spouses who have passed away since we last wrote. Janet Kimball Clymer, whose husband died in 1994, has moved back to New England from Denver and is active as a family and small claims court mediator. Jan also works as a buyer for a Nashua bookstore and met E. Annie Proulx, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book The Shipping News, in her bookstore last year. Annie attended Colby as a member of our class before transferring elsewhere. (Wonderful book, by the way! ) . . . Tom Brackin writes that he and Marilyn are still running the in-
It's taken fire all over the state," said Madelyn "Mike" Wechsler Pressman '53. The team-taught, interdisciplinary humanities program started at Oceanside High School in Oceanside, N.Y., where she has taught English since 1968, presents history, social studies and English combined on a time line. In the last decade, Pressman says, she has given "tons of workshops" and acted as a consultant to get similar teams going at schools all across New York. "It's an idea whose time has come," she said.

The time must have come at least by 1992, when the program was a joint winner of the New York State English Council Award for Best High School Program. In 1995 Pressman received the Teacher of Excellence Award from the New York State Council of English.

An English major at Colby, Pressman raised four daughters before completing an M.A. in secondary education at Adelphi in 1970. For her humanities program, she says she refined and expanded the time-line concept she'd used when she taught art history extension courses for Brandeis University in 1966-67. She believes she covers a period of art or a piece of literature best by taking account of concurrent styles or influences in other arts, politics, economics and even morals.

Students in the team-taught course divide into groups, each with a historical researcher, an analyzer-critic and a writer-integrator who together research one artist. They study the early music of Beethoven, neoclassical art and propaganda of the time while reading A Tale of Two Cities. This year, an offshoot of the curriculum is a partnership Pressman arranged between a local museum and a Guggenheim Museum exhibit while her charges research abstract art and the creative process.

After a museum lecturer spoke to her class, Pressman reports, "One student said, 'I thought it was nice of him to talk down to our level.' 'No, he didn't talk down to you,' I said. 'You've become so sophisticated.' It's not just a course that helps with Jeopardy! It's lifetime learning."

Off the success of the program, Pressman received an NEH fellowship in 1990 to study Mozart in Vienna. She was researching the G Minor Symphony, she said, "and I ended up writing a poem on it, which produced this idea of a connection between the essay and the sonata, which is very similar to the essay form—introduction, development, recapitulation. I developed the essay format based on the sonata when I was in Prague." Today, she says, Oceanside sophomores rank higher than seniors in many schools—especially in essay writing.

Pressman is quick to praise her own teachers. "The best decision I ever made was to go to Colby," she said. "I loved Shakespeare, I loved the poets, I loved the history. Every teacher I had was inspiring and made me curious." She especially credits Alfred Chapman and Mark Benbow of the English Department, who, she is sure, put her into the "subconscious mode" that resulted in her award-winning humanities program.

As for retiring, she might think about it, she said—if she won the lottery—but for now, no. "I'm having too good a time. I always think of my eighty-five-year-old roofer, who said, 'I can't retire. My friend retired, and he died right after.'" She laughs. "He was ninety-two."
"the air smells right (salty) and nobody has a funny accent." Sally has four adult children, two sons and two daughters. When she thinks back to Colby days, Professor Benbow's literature classes come to mind. . . . Caroline Hall Hui, Sunnyvale, Calif., and husband David have a 16-year-old daughter, Kim, who plans to pursue a ballet career. Carol is involved in Kim's activities through serving as the board secretary and grant writer for the San Jose Dance Theater. Except for not traveling as much as she would like, Carol is pretty well satisfied with her present lifestyle, which includes skiing, hiking and being an adult education instructor. John and Jane Daib Reisman both have retired and are free to travel (Costa Rica in January 1996) and to be available to visit their two children and three grandchildren. Jane, too, remembers Professor Benbow and "bananas with butterscotch sauce" and, of course, meeting John and being serenaded by the Colby Eight. . . . Jim Bishop is in Sedona, Ariz., working as author/teacher/professional conservationist. He is currently teaching English lit to people of all ages, "learning the true value of the imagination." Jim's daughter is in Hanover doing public health, and his son is in China. Like many of us at this stage of life, Jim says the "long-term memory kicks in--memories of Colby in the '50s are sharper than those of my 20 years in Washington, D.C., at Carter's White House and the Department of Energy." Simon & Schuster published a trade paper version of his book, Epitaph for a Desert Anarchist, in the fall of 95. . . . Virginia True Masterson has been a special education professional for the past 10 years, and her husband has his own home-based word-processing business in San Jose, Calif. Ginny remembers the English department, too, and that infamous flu epidemic in 1956. Like others who have returned to the campus, Ginny is impressed with the beauty of Colby and the new buildings as well as the widerange of classes offered. . . . Dick Campbell is living in York Village, Maine, and is semi-retired, doing consulting work and serving as a board director. He and wife Jeanne have four successful children, ranging in age from 16 to 32. When he remembers Colby, Dick recalls the smell of Onie's! He also feels Colby has become a great liberal arts college and has gained a well-earned international reputation! . . . Lois Munson Morrill resigned from Fleet Bank, has taken a year off and for a few months was working for L.L. Bean during their "busy" season. Daughter Laurie had a second son in October 1995, almost exactly two years after her first son. When she wrote, Lois had just returned, along with Charlotte and Norm Lee, from a visit with Lynne D'Amico McKee in Hampden, Maine. Lois also wants to make sure the class knows about the new location of the campus tree that was dedicated to Gayle Schaeff Fox. The tree and the plaque are now on the east side of the Student Union in front of the Page Commons Room by the side of the road. . . . Douglas Miller is the Distinguished Professor of American Intellectual History at Michigan State University. Doug and his wife, Susanne, have two children, a son who is a lawyer in New York and a daughter who works for a homeless shelter in Boston. Since we last heard from Doug, he had published his ninth book, On Our Own: Americans in the Sixties. Like many others, Doug remembers the smell of stale beer in Onie's. Doug plans to retire in June 1997 and most likely will return to New England and an old farm house in New Hampshire . . . sounds wonderful. One of Doug's Ph.D. students is Professor Richard Moss, who teaches American history at Colby. . . . There have been quite a few replies to my October 1995 questionnaire and letter, and I am still in the process of sending them out. Eventually you all should hear from me. (I hope this is reciprocal. How else can we fill up our allotted space?) Thanks to all who have already responded—you will see yourselves here in future columns. . . . By the way, Gail Crosby Davis, who is our class agent, is determined to see that over 50 percent of our class contributes to the Alumni Fund. Last year we had 47 percent response, and not only that, our class had the most in matching funds. Even before those matching funds, we had reached our goal!*

Correspondent: Ann Marie Segrave Lieber

59 Mobility and travel seem to be the watchwords for our class. TWA Captain Russ Longley says that he's still searching for a rich widow who skis. . . . Nancy Little Ready owns and manages Exec Aviation in Cincinnati. She and husband Bob keep busy showing the quarter horses they breed. Fran Sebeode is principal of a large, top-ranked high school in California but still manages to spend summer vacations on Cape Cod. Thanks for the wonderful family pics, Frank! . . . John and Pat Richmond Stull had a wonderful trip to Turkey; they loved the people and enjoyed exploring ancient ruins along the Aegean coast. . . . Elaine (Healey '62) and Paul Reichert are retired and living in Florida. They've toured Australia and New Zealand but especially like watching Kennedy Space Center launches from their own dock. . . . Joan (Crowell '60) and Skip Tolette traveled to England, Vail, Florida and the Thousand Islands. They had to admit, when their son turned 35, that they have a middle-aged offspring. . . . Congrats to Catherine and Jim Stockwell on their recent marriage. Jim saw the world while doing 20 in the Navy, and now, as a big-rig driver, seeing the States from the cab of an 18-wheeler. . . . Dr. Bob Younes was named to the board of governors of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. As a consultant, Bob helped evaluate Poland's health care quality improvement programs. His annual letter held wonderful tales of his children, Nick and Nora. I'm enjoying getting to know the Younes family. How about some family data from other classmates? If you haven't written to me in four or five years, please bring me up to date on your activities. . . . On a personal note . . . years ago, a commercial on television showed a line of 10 average-looking women. The camera zoomed in on one of them, and a man's voice said, "One out of ten women will get breast cancer." This doleful prediction always left me with an internal shudder and the unspoken prayer, "Please, God, let me not be the one." Well, I am the one. Routine mammography turned up three questionable spots; a surgical biopsy proved them to be malignant. During fear-filled days preceding my mastectomy I became increasingly aware of my extraordinary good luck, that the discovery was made before I had passed the point of no return. The bottom line is: I am alive. With regular checkups, careful attention to diet and lifestyle and a whole lot of good luck, I'll be around for many more years. Hear me, all you wonderful women: do not deprive the world of your existence; do not let your own special light be extinguished forever. Instead of lining up next to me as one of the other nine, please, please line up at the mammography office.

Conversations with an Unrepentant Liberal

Though the excitement of the weekend is long over, the Class of 1960 is still celebrating their 35th reunion with the reprint of one of President J. Seelye Bixler's published essays. Conversations with an Unrepentant Liberal is a charming debate (between Greek protagonists transported to a post-WWII academic setting) on the role of liberalism in the modern world. The tones of the "conversation," held during the McCarthy era, ring just as clearly in the present debate between liberals and conservatives.

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60 Here is the news that came to me as replies to the questionnaire sent out by Kay White. Kay reports that the replies have been informative and helpful, and she would still like to hear from anyone who would like to send one in. . . Several of our classmates, including Henry "Corky" Fitzpatrick, replied that they have visited Colby at times other than for a reunion, so they feel very connected to the College. . . Mary Otis Lynn Watt and Becky Hamaker Loose wondered if classmates would remember them—and we do. . . (Pat) Anna Johnson has lived in Seattle for a while, but she lived in Australia for 17 years. She now publishes multicultural books. Coincidentally, I met Anna several years ago while on a shuttle at Dulles Airport and recognized her immediately. . . Pete Henderson is very happy to have moved back to Auburn, Ala. He is serving as vice president of development at Faulkner University in Montgomery, but he is seriously thinking of retiring to do more sailing. He could join Courtney Davis in Orange Park, Fla., who missed our reunion in order to get his boat in the water! . . . Judy Dignam has had a job transfer to Charlotte, N.C., and is enjoying the vibrant community there. She will be returning to Michigan for her daughter’s wedding in the spring. . . I talked recently with Sally Case Savage, who has her master’s degree in social work, is a counselor in two elementary schools and is living in Dorset, Vt. (near Manchester). She says that, regrettably, rural life also has its share of violence and family problems. On a personal note, Sally says that her personal goal for 1996 is peace and tranquility. I think we would all agree to the same. . . Please stay in touch—this is your column. In addition to the published address and phone number, our fax number is 603-526-9632 and e-mail is tclockhart@aol.com.

61 Well, the reunion is fast approaching and, by the time you read this, you should be packing your bags to go to Colby. Stop! Go to the attic and find some old memorabilia or pictures to bring with you. We’ll have a place in our “gathering room” for you to display them. This suggestion comes from Bill Hood, who called from Florida to say he was looking forward to being there and wanted everyone to bring pictures, etc., with them. . . Bill Clough writes from Bethel, Maine, to tell us he has been headmaster at Gould Academy since 1983. He enjoyed a reunion of a “bunch of the football players from the ‘50s and ‘60s” with John Simpson and Bob Clifford last September. Saw Bob Reuman and Dr. “Dogge” Dore there, too. He and his wife, Ki, have three children, all married, and three grandchildren. He said he will try to make the reunion, depending on his schedule. . . Living in Oxford, Maine, is Iris Mahoney Burnell and her husband, Davis. Iris is a minister in The United Church of Christ, serving two churches in Mechanic Falls and Oxford. She and her husband, who is retired, are working on a “handyman’s special” for their retirement home. Between them, they have seven children and five grandchildren. She will be at the reunion, at least part of the time, and looks forward to seeing Sue Fourcade Erskine (as I do!). She also recently enjoyed seeing Jane Bowman and showing her through their new home. . . Wilson Doyle is in Washington, N.Y., where he serves as a substitute teacher and soccer coach. He has two grown sons. He has advice for us: watch your eating habits—especially the fat in your diet. . . he had cancer of the colon and is now back to normal and happy to be alive and kicking. Unfortunately, he won’t be able to make the reunion because of his soccer schedule, but he would love to have news of his Phi Delt friends. . . Debby Berry Denniston’s husband, Roy, retired in April 1995 from the New York State Education Dept., but she is still a columnist for the Chatham Courier. She reports, “while he’s not quite as bad as having a grand piano in the kitchen, there are times.” Their daughter Robin graduated from Cornell and is now married, so they have their dog and horse at home. Several of her fondest memories of Colby include waiting, in vain, for Benbow to pick up his cigarette from the chalk tray and try to write on the blackboard with it and watching MacKay in the Faculty Follieties. She would like more news from those not able to attend our reunion. . . From Lunenburg, Mass., we hear from

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Sandy Nelet Eielson that she met and is now engaged to her high school/college sweetheart, Dean Quinlan. We look forward to meeting him at the reunion. She has seen Janice Dukesheim Halliwell, who is teaching Spanish in Conn. (and I have one, who encourages Janice to make it to the reunion!). She has also seen Mary Jane Rutherford Carroll, who is selling real estate in Holden, Mass., and Carol Stearns Clement, who lives near Waterville, Maine. We have heard news of Bonnie MacGregor (as would the class correspondent). Coincidentally, Carol Stearns Clement wrote to say that she and her husband, David, recently moved to Norridgewock (12 miles from Waterville), where they are enjoying the farm life, with two horses and gardening. She looks forward to seeing everyone at the reunion and especially wants, after reading New Passages, to discuss our next 30 years. Her daughter was planning to get married in November and move to Alaska, so she is looking forward to visiting her. Bill Bainbridge is a doctor in family practice in Paoli, Pa. He enjoys sailing and when he wrote he was looking forward to visiting friend Fred Joslin ’62 in Virginia Beach and sailing on his boat. Now that his kids are grown and his practice can be covered by partners, he is enjoying more time for fun and will probably be at the reunion.

Correspondent: Barbara Haines Chase

63 I’m so glad to have lots of news for the column this time. Thanks to all of you who have responded to the December questionnaire. . . . George Swasey writes that he is already working on plans for our 35th reunion in June of ’98 and hopes that we all plan to attend. . . . Mac Smith, owner of an insurance agency in North Easton, Mass., reports that he and his wife, Jeannine, enjoy skiing (they have a place in Deer Park, N.Y.), golfing and travel. They plan to visit Spain and Portugal in ’96. . . . Barbara (Howard) ’65 and Dan Traister are college professors. Dan can be found in the library, the department of English, or, summers, in the Rare Book School, all at the University of Pennsylvania. He defines fun as publication of “scholarly essays, calculated to bore the pants off normal human beings.”. . . . Tom Thomas, president of a travel service in Doylestown, Pa., finds that “life is still fun,” though his business is very busy. He found time in June to have a wonderful paddle down the Kennebec with Warren Balgooyen . . . . Marsha Palmer Reynolds makes her home in Stamford, Conn., with husband John and Chrisie (from the New Rochelle animal shelter). When they are in residence at their house in Biddeford, Maine, their family grows to include two nieces, Marsha and John, both teachers, spend their summers traveling and this year will be sailing in the Mediterrane
Executive Decision

“In 1963 I was getting a job to pay the rent, not entering a career,” said Susan Comeau ’63 in her office at State Street Bank and Trust Company in Boston. But what a career it’s been since she began working as a research correspondent in State Street’s mutual funds division. Over the years mutual funds experienced “growth and opportunities,” she said, “and a rising tide lifts all boats.”

Today Comeau is executive vice president, Global Human Resources, a top-level position at State Street Bank Corporation, the world’s largest custodian of mutual fund assets with offices and services worldwide. When she started in 1963, the business involved only stocks and bonds and no foreign investments. “Now we have a variety of instruments that people invest in,” she said, “and you have to know how it makes money.”

Partway up the corporate ladder from researcher to executive vice president, Comeau was asked out of the blue to head up the marketing division. Not knowing “the language” and having to rely on other people, she says, she felt she didn’t have control. “In the end, it was best thing that ever happened to me,” she said. “I found I can do anything now. It was important also for my management ability. It forced me to delegate, to learn whom to trust, to ask the right questions. I learned how to learn from the top down instead of from the bottom up.”

Women executives contribute at the same rate as the men, Comeau says. It’s not that women previously were toiling unrecognized, she says—they simply didn’t see themselves in executive positions. “I think women have changed the perception of themselves. There’s a new recognition of their value in the business world,” she said.

Comeau attributes “a fair amount” of her career success to her time at Colby—to learning how to deal with people as much as with the academics of her economics major. Coming from Orono, Maine, she said, “My idea of diversity was meeting somebody from New Jersey. I felt as if I grew up at Colby.”

She’s helping Colby grow in turn. She established the Susan Comeau Scholarship Fund and the Susan Comeau Endowed Book Fund for the Social Sciences and contributed to the construction of Lunder House. Her work as chair of the Awards Committee of the Alumni Council from 1980 to 1982 and of the Alumni Fund from 1982 to 1985 was recognized with a Colby Brick in 1986. From 1987 to 1993 she served on the Board of Trustees. After the mandated year off, she returned for a third term in 1994 and currently is vice chair of the board.

“The more involved I was, the more I was impressed,” she said of the College’s strong presidential leadership and faculty. “It’s valuable to me that Colby has become respected. It used to be, ‘Where’s Colby?’ Now it’s a top-tier school. You want to give where you can make an impact.”
receive her Colby degree in a few weeks. Bucky is a commercial real estate appraiser in Stockbridge, Mass. Anna works as an instructor in horticulture at the Auburn University, Alabama. Dr. Gordon W. Bowie (93 Ph.D. in music) was chosen to compose the official music for the U.S. Olympic team — "The U.S. Olympic March." — and conducted it at the christening in Groton, Conn. Later he brought the Bangor Band to the July 4 commissioning in Kittery and conducted his new piece there.

Copies are available from the composer/publisher at the Bowie Music HQ in Veazie, Maine...

Denis Carter reports from Winona, Minn., where he fills his days as "therapist, consultant, teacher." He has the unusual hobby of collecting refurbishing bamboo bait casting rods. Denis awaits grandchild number five...

Karen Jaffe Brown is completing her 18th year on the faculty of the Zanesville branch of Ohio University, where she was named teacher of the year for '91-'92. She is also in her 19th season as manager of the Southeastern Ohio Symphony and has completed two terms on the music panel of the Ohio Arts Council. Karen and her husband, Russ, visited with retired Prof. Frank Cauz (and Micaela) in Salamanca, Spain, in July 94. They also report seeing retired Prof. Henry Holland, Sid Farr and Fran Holmes Varney while on a '93 trip through the metro Colby area. Gordon Corey has now added "wine tasting" to his list of hobbies. He continues in Pinehurst, N.C., with his horse training business — Gordon Corey's Institute of Equine Education. He also raced harness horses at Scarborough Downs, Bangor and various fairs this past summer.

Leah Aranovich celebrated her sixth year as owner and operator of The Body Firm, a personal training business in Saco, Maine. She and her son Gator are certified by the American Council on Exercise for all levels. Leah also continues as a competitive bodybuilder. She holds the NTC Grand Master's title as well as the Maine AAU Master's title. Her daughter Jennie is Colby '99. Sunny Coady now has a pied-à-terre in N.Y.C. She splits her time with N.Y.NEVER—three days N.Y.C. and two days Boston—in her role as human resource director for the Information Services Group. Sunny and Rick and Nancy Winslow Harwell sailed with the British Virgin Islands in February '95. Sunny spent a further 10 days sailing with seven other women and a hired crew in a 51-foot off the coast of Greece in September. Though I was in Crete and Rhodes at the time, I did not spot her. I repeated a Christmastime luncheon reunion with Susan Brown Musche and her husband, Frank '66 (my old roommate), and Jay Fell '66. Susan remains very active with golf in Providence. They were making plans for a winter visit to their condo in St. Martin. She will join Frank at his 30th in June...

**NEWSMAKERS**

Robert D. Haggott '60 is the new director of institutional development at Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, N.Y.

The Washington Post caught up with "Hong Kong toy tycoon" Dennis H.S. Ting '60 for an article about the trade in toys from China to the United States.

Dennis Kinne '62 did a Q&A with the Hartford Courant about his three decades as girls basketball coach at Suffield Academy. Plymouth, Mass., private eye Barry Wallace '63 was profiled in the Brockton Enterprise. "The role of the private investigator is changing from a lot of running around to a lot of sitting in front of a computer," Wallace told the paper. Ellen Tower Mulvany '63 is the new librarian at the Free Library in Argyle, N.Y.

Richard W. Davis '65 was appointed to the board of directors of the Gaudette Insurance Agency in Massachusetts.

William Loveday '66, president and CEO of Methodist Hospital of Indiana Inc., was elected president of the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif.

Reflecting on the anniversary of the Challenger accident for the Sunday Cape Cod Times, Michael Morris '68, one of the finalists in the quest to be the first teacher in space, said, "[The] continuation of discovery is the finest memorial we can leave—not only to the astronauts who died but to all scientists and explorers."

The classroom edition of The Wall Street Journal lifted an article from its parent publication in which Fidelity Investments stock-fund manager George Vanderheiden '68 is quoted. The article's title? "Revenge of the Nerds...." Barry M. Arkin '69 was appointed medical director of the Kalman Inpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation Program at New England Sinai Hospital and Rehabilitation Center.

George "Bud" Higgins '69, who heads the emergency department at Maine Medical Center in Portland, was subject of a feature article in the Maine Sunday Telegram. John McClain '69 was named associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and chief student affairs officer at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**MILEPOSTS**

Deaths: Stephen S. Garment '62 in Septmoncel, France, at 94; Phyllis Campobasso Flannery Senn '61 in Blackville, S.C., at 56.
Correspondents:
Robert Gracia and Judy Gerrie Heine

67 From Eliot, Maine, came a holiday card from Pam Wheeler Atwood, who says that she and her husband, Jim, have sent their daughter Becky off to George Washington University. Pam teaches seventh grade, coaches junior high cheerleading and is vice president of the local teachers association. Mike and Betty Coffey Gross also are empty nesters since their son Matt is at Hofstra. Betty finds teaching still rewarding, except for the usual bureaucratic overload. They enjoy their summer place in Unity, Maine, and last winter spent time in Venice, Fla. From the "Heart of Dixie" came a note from Richard and Leanne Davidson Kaslow. Richard has retired from the Public Health Service and is now at the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham, where he is doing infectious disease epidemiology. Their daughter, Jessica, is a senior at Haverford College, and their son, Daniel, is a sophomore at Colorado College. After selling their house in Chevy Chase, they bought a 1920s co-op on Connecticut Ave. in D.C., and Leanne is busy commuting between her two renovation projects. She also spends a lot of time in Walpole, Mass., where she is caring for her mother, who, after a fall, must make major lifestyle changes. She also is contemplating non-social work job options. She'd be delighted to hear of other Colby classmates in the South.

... Charlotte Killam, a teacher in Greenwich, N.Y., writes that last year she taught a grade 10 English class in addition to her five grade 8 classes. She enjoyed the class but found the paper load crushing. "This year is better but the academic caliber of the students declines each year," she writes. "We seem to see more and more needy children from every sort of background and are expected to 'fix' them all." To get away from it all, she and her friend Terry went to St. Martin for a week last April. It seems that every vacation spot where they've been (Hawai i, Antigua, St. Martin) has been hit with a major hurricane soon after they've visited!... Anna Russell Starr checked in from Oakton, Va. Her husband, Michael, is the general counsel for the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Ann is immersed in all the activities of their children, Jessica, 12-1/2, and Victoria, 8, particularly working in their school and acting as chauffeur. Owing to knee problems, Ann had too to give up distance running but has taken up rollerblading, and both she and her husband have become avid golfers. They also have a place in Vail and say it won't be long before the girls will outski them both. Sue Barden Johnson will finish her pediatric residency this spring, and she and her husband, Mark, are looking throughout the Southwest for positions starting this summer. Son Chris plans to graduate this spring with a major in biology and a minor in fine arts (sculpture); son Nolan is also in school. For two weeks, Sue and Mark cruised around New Guinea, the islands and up the Sipek River. Eric Rosen has taken early retirement from NYNEX and joined a law firm, where he works when he wants to. The extra time allows Eric to care for his two standard poodles and to take in a Red Sox game or two. Derek Schuster writes from Manhattan. With five children, ages 18, 17, 15, 12 and 3, he has discovered that the challenges of diapers and toilet training are a welcome diversion from those of riding herd on four adolescents. When not providing child care and guidance, Derek puts in some time at his job as vice president, McHugh, DiVincent, Alessi Construction. Tom Saliba is executive vice president and chief operating officer of NRG Barrier Inc., just 17 minutes from Tom's home near Portland, Maine. He has a daughter, her freshman year at Brown and three other children attending the Waynflete School in Portland. Tom's wife, Rita, has passed the Maine bar exam and intends to practice in the Pine Tree State. Last week, I was walking through the square in Hingham, Mass., and stopped in to say hello to Sandy Miller Keohane in her lovely home-decorating store. Sandy mentioned the word "reunion," and I told her about a planning meeting in Boston with Judy Gerrie Heine, Michel Picher, Phyllis Jalbert, Lee Potter, Patty Whittemore Jenkins and Lou Richardson McGinity. Be sure to clear your calendar so that you can join us to celebrate our 30th next year, June 6, 7 and 8.
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To give you some idea of the time delay in seeing this column in print, I am writing this column in early January on the heels of the Blizzard of ’96. So, don’t be discouraged if you don’t see your name in print right away. The response I’ve received to date is a clear demonstration that threats work! To ensure news-filled future columns, please keep the information flowing. ... Clark Smith wins the award for being the first classmate to respond via e-mail. Clark lives in Reno, Nev., where he is a geochemical consultant to the mining and environmental industries. He helps large mining companies chase gold deposits (sounds like what the rest of us do, but we’re not so free to admit it!). Clark and his wife, Jean, have a son, Shea, 11, who is about to test for his black belt in tae kwon do, and a daughter, Mariah, 9, who is working on her brown belt. Clark writes that Barry Hurwitz was married on the 4th of July. Send the details, Barry, so we can let everyone know how brave you are to get married for the first time at the ripe old age of 40-something.

... Sarah Owen Tabor, also an e-mail respondent (can you tell that I like e-mail?), writes that since our last reunion she and her partner, Jerry Cunningham, spent a month in England and Scotland and particularly enjoyed Stonehenge. Sarah lives in Corinth, Maine, where she is an art teacher. Over Christmas, Sarah visited with her son, Philip ’90, in Arizona. Her daughter, Jennifer, is living with her and taking courses at UMaine in preparation for a master’s program in physical therapy. ... You know we must be getting older when ... Jay Dworkin writes that he’s “semi-retired” from basketball. (In Jay’s own words, “a jump shotter needs to be able to jump.”) Jay says that he saw Ken Stead at an alumni basketball game in Waterville. Ken, drop a line and let us know what you’ve been doing for the past 25 years! Jay is vice president of Worksite Marketing at MetLife, where he’s worked for 22 years. Wow! Jay and his wife, Mona, a speech pathologist, live the suburban life with their three kids, Joey, 16, Eve, 13, and Jessie, 11. ... Kit Wells Poland writes that she ran into Harry Faust in Waterville. Harry owns and operates the Framemakers in downtown Waterville and is the guiding spirit behind the Waterville Art Fest. Kit’s Colby roommate, Leslie Seaman Zena, her husband, Gary, and daughter Lauren spent two weeks in Maine visiting. Leslie and her family live in the Big Apple. Kit and Leslie went back to the campus to explore, and they report that the Strider Theater is “awesome” and the dance studio is a big improvement over what was available when we were in school. Kit, whose older son started high school this year, is substitute teaching and helping her husband start a kiln dried hardwood lumber business in Madison, Maine. And yes, Kit, as you can see, your letter certainly did help to fill my space. Thanks! ... Well, I didn’t think I’d ever have to write this, but ... I’m out of space. Send me a note or respond by e-mail, but please respond. How can you pass up the opportunity to be embarrassed by me in print!

Phil Norfleet—phone home!

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Shelley Bieringer Rau

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I had more news than I could fit into the last column, so some of this is dated by now. ... Steve Hake is associate professor of English literature at Sun Yat-sen University in Taiwan. Steve and his wife, Faye, have seven children spanning infancy to college freshman and are thinking about returning to the States to homestead in Pennsylvania. ... Benjamin and Harriet Hults King are already in Pennsylvania—Pittsburgh, to be exact. They are both attorneys and have three children (9, 2, and 1) and one cat. Harriet maintains a “Maine connection” through her parents, who live on Peaks Island. ... Jeff Hancock and partner Virginia Felton are in Seattle, Wash. They enjoy hiking with Jeff’s sons, Matthew, 11, and David, 5, Jeff, who hopes to complete Washington’s 100 highest peaks in 1996, has been a CPA for 12 years, working in many capacities over the past several years. ... Louise and George Fleury III write from Cairo, N.Y., where George is with the New York State Department of Social Services. They have eight children, ranging in age from 9 to 23, and two grandchildren, ages 3 and 1 1/2. Are they the first grandparents in the Class of ’74? ... From Portland, Maine, Stephen Etzel writes that he and Bethany have three children, 15, 13, and 2. Steve was “restructured” after 10 years in commercial real estate banking and has started his own real estate consulting business. The Nautilus Group, Bethany teaches...
elementary school in Portland. In my own family, we geared up for another Odyssey of the Mind season. I've been coaching a team of seven fifth graders in a project involving Impressionist art and classical poetry. Lucas, 10, will be on the team. My daughter, Adrienne, 13, is adjusting to middle school this year. She is involved in a technology development competition sponsored by Toshiba and will be taking the SAT this year, as a seventh grader, as part of Johns Hopkins University's Talented Youth Program.

Life is never dull here—Lucas is involved in the Southern Maine Children's Chorus, which is based in Freeport, and Adrienne is in the Lewiston-Auburn Youth Orchestra. My husband, Rick, is bass man in an a cappella quartet, Top 40, and I sing with the Oratorio Chorale in Brunswick. Rick and I attended our annual week at the Berkshire Choral Festival in Sheffield, Mass., where we sang with a chorus of 210 voices, one of whom was former Colby Music Professor Jim Armstrong. Jim and I recognized each other immediately and enjoyed getting reacquainted after 21 years. Please respond to the next questionnaire you receive!

Correspondent: Noel Barry Stella

When you read this, we will be busy making travel plans for Reunion Weekend, June 7-9! Sharon Walsh McNally writes that after several years of full-time mothering of three children and volunteering, she has gone back to work as a realtor. Sharon loves the job—"If only there weren't so much demand." Her husband, Brian, has recently entered into a joint marketing effort with Scott Houser, who is a principal at an employee benefits firm. "Bucky" Marshall has climbed all 54 peaks in Colorado over 14,000 feet. In his spare time, Bucky is the president of a satellite transmission services business.

Peter Labombarde's kids are wicked cute! That from Rebecca Hushing McCole, who is teaching an advertising and promotion certificate program, which she developed, at New Hampshire Technical College in Stratham. She also is president of Seacoast Communications Network, a financial planner, and the chief cook and bottle washer for husband John and daughter Shaylagh. Rebecca wonders what John Mulcahy is up to and sees Jack Maull and his wife occasionally. Gary Jones and his wife, Barbara, reside in Illinois with their two children, Josh, 13, and Lauren, 16. Gary is looking forward to the reunion. "Life is better than ever." That according to Jim Morgan, the head of a private middle school and seventh grade teacher. His wife, Robin Anne Barron, is a physician, and they have two children, Mary, 13, and James, 2. Marian Lishman Lord is addicted to golf. She and her husband and 9-year-old son, Austin, travel south several times a year to play. They hope to move to Kiawah Island in a few years. Our president, Mark Janos, had time to write. He is busy planning the reunion and says, "Let's make the 20th the best. Got some great ideas..." Casco Bay cruise, live band Saturday night." Mary Ann Janos is busy at home with their three sons, Emmanuel, 9, Louis, 7, and Jimmy, 5. Jan Barber Ferguson wrote from Laconia, N.H., where she and her husband are both teachers. They spent two years teaching in Bolivia in a school made up of both missionary and Bolivian students and would love to return some day. For lovers of old houses the Fergusons are living in an 1820's Greek Revival cape solid wall plank house into which they moved several years ago to save it from demolition for a parking lot. Joanne DeFilipp Alexander her husband, Joe '75, have been teaching and running The Stillwater Montessori School for 13 years. Joanne has achieved several professional honors, including selection for the National Geographic Society Summer Geography Institute and selection as one of the 10 outstanding Project Learning Tree educators in the country. PLT is an environmental education program designed to help students in grades K-12 become aware of their presence in the environment, their impact upon it and their responsibility for it. Congratulations, Joanne. The eldest Alex child is Jessica, 15, followed by Joel, 9, and Julianna, 7. Roland and Adele D'Amico Martel moved to Connecticut a year and a half ago. Roland is general manager of ITW Anchor Stamping in Waterbury, and Adele is finishing her fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry. Their three boys range in age from 9 to 13. The Martels enjoy traveling, and the boys keep their social calendar full. My dear friend Lydia McAneney wrote that she is now working part time at a folk dance center in Minneapolis. She and John have two children, Andrew, 5, and Rebecca, 3. They have traveled to both coasts recently and held out some hope to make it to Maine in June. Dan Malolve also hopes to make it to Maine in June. He lives in Bainbridge, Wash., and has three sons: Zach, Nate and Jake. Dan is senior partner in a national law firm based in Philadelphia. Maury Maniff is the founding partner of Manhattan Marketing Ensemble in Manhattan, an advertising and communications business. He shared an impressive client list with us. Maury and his wife, Susan, have two children, Jessica, 9, and J.D., 7. After five years in Asia, Doug Werme and his wife, both consulting geologists in Bend, Ore., want to stay in Oregon for a while. Last year the Wermes worked for a Japanese company and traveled to Hanoi, Malaysia, Indonesia and Japan. Doug noted that work included morning office exercises and eating raw flapping fish for dinner. His travelogue included a great November trekking in Nepal. "A storm hit in the middle of the trip and mudslides wiped out the town in which we had spent the night two days earlier," he wrote. "We waited for a trail to be broken through the snow and were able to continue over a 17,000-foot pass. All this was done with Carol Johnson, who was Colby's landscape architect during the Strider years." I don't think any anecdotes of life as a first grade teacher can beat that, so I'll sign off.

Correspondent: Leslie A. Ramsey

Elizabeth "Liz" Lawrence, potter, and her husband, Vinnie Martucci, pianist/composer, now work in Woodstock. They and 2-year-old daughter Katie Martucci soon will be living in a new, larger home in West Hurley, N.Y., with a bigger room for Vinnie's recording studio. Scott Krasner, a director at Ogny Systems, Inc., a 200-person management consulting outfit (for financial services firms and manufacturing companies), and his wife, Donna, senior vice president of First Union Bank, parent Zachary, 5, and Tate, 3. They live in Charlotte, N.C., "where the kids just got their first taste of southern snow during the Blizzad of '96." Jay Hotchkiss, president and founder of John Jay & Co. (a human resources consulting company and executive search firm in Portland, Maine), and his wife, Sandy, a personal computer consultant, are parents to sons Sean, 12, and Alex, 11, in addition to their year-old golden retriever, Casey. "My wife and I both survived our 40th birthday very well—took family trip to Maui to celebrate," he writes.

Helène Morneau, landscape architect, and her husband, Bob Landman, an emergency physician, have united with a dog, a cat and horses and live in Santa Rosa, Calif., where, they say, "Life is good." Andrea Jensen works for Cabot Corporation of Boston as a manager of tax accounting and on strategic projects. She travels a lot on business, especially to Latin America, "an incredible, fascinating place."

Martin Lobbковics, vice president-general merchandise manager for the computer division of Office Depot, his wife, Diane, Elizabeh, 7, and Richard, 5, live in Del Ray Beach, Fla. He misses the skiing but not the shoveling and says, "The hurricanes down here are nothing, compared to a good old-fashioned Nor'Easter." Carol Samaras Makrides, community-oriented person and full-time mom to Christopher, 3, recently moved to Westwood.
The real estate business and a "19th-century work ethic" were learned at his parents' knee, says R. Christopher Noonan '78. He put himself through Colby and picked up valuable trade skills working construction jobs during the summers. A Colby degree in history and a master's in preservation studies from the University of Vermont filled out his résumé for a career that is focused and varied at the same time, just as it is both financially successful and personally fulfilling. Noonan's career is based on his 12-year-old firm, Preservation Services, Inc., a closely held family corporation that does historic preservation, architectural design work, building and general contracting, land use planning, interior and landscape design and heritage education.

When Custom Builder magazine profiled Noonan as its Custom Builder of the Month a few years ago, it highlighted his success at establishing a niche—historic preservation—in his local market instead of chasing quick profits. By staying focused and eschewing speculation in land or buildings, Noonan achieved stable and steady growth during a "boom-bust cycle that left many New England builders in bankruptcy court," the magazine said.

"Too many speculators are millionaires the first year and paupers the second," Noonan said.

This spring Noonan's firm was busy with four projects that represent a cross section of his construction work, he says. One was a design-and-build package for a $500,000, 5,500-square-foot, Federal-style reproduction farmhouse with a Greek Revival wing. Another was a 6,500-square-foot, passive-solar contemporary home set on six acres. The third was an "interpretive restoration" in an 1898 Flemish Revival single-family home, replacing its anachronistic 1960s kitchen. Another project was disassembling a mid-19th-century barn and reassembling it as a custom home on a bluff overlooking the Blackstone River.

The key to historic preservation work, he says, is balancing modern efficiency with old-fashioned construction techniques within the constraints of available capital and still "having it read right." Noonan's education, and his application of it, is a model for putting the liberal arts to use. He studied American history at Colby and honed his communications skills working on the Echo and the Oracle and serving on the Student Association. Experience as a laborer in the building trades was more than just a job to pay tuition bills; it was part of his career education.

And his dedication to learning holds a valuable lesson as well. He recalls that he made an effort to attend every class. On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving one year, he was one of two students who showed up for an 8 a.m. American intellectual history class taught by Fraser Cocks, the Special Collections librarian and a lecturer in history at the time. The intimacy of that three-person group led Cocks to ask both students what they planned to do after Colby. After Noonan discussed his disparate interests, Cocks suggested that he might look into a graduate program in historic preservation and went on to name the top 10 such programs in the country. "I had never even heard of the discipline until that time," Noonan recalls. A year after graduating from Colby he enrolled at UVM.

Noonan said his undergraduate experience at Colby was "excellent." Even now, when he deals regularly with couples who are making big decisions about building or remodeling, he harkens back to his days as a head resident and resident advisor. "A healthy part of my time is negotiating and mediating among lots of parties and, as a head resident, we got good training for that," he said.

Marion Mauran Mariner, at-home mom and part-time tennis instructor, and her husband, Michael, senior vice president of Fleet Bank, have two children, Teddy, 15, and Madeleine, 12, two dogs and one horse. They still live in Providence, R.I., and weekend in York Harbor, Maine. . . . Last May, literary agent Timothy Knowlton, his textile designer wife, Christine, Heather, 7, and Perry, 3-1/2, moved to a house they love (and loathe for its impossible driveway in ice and snow). . . . Kim Ayer McVeigh, bond manager (Fidelity & Sur­rey), and her husband, Roy, an attorney, live in Northville,
Hello, again... I hope everyone's 1995 was exciting and fulfilling, as it was for me. This past year featured all three of our kids finally in school, running a marathon and some triathlons, being declared non-essential by the Newt for several weeks and various sundry familial catastrophes. I need a rest... Brad Germain, who's a pediatrician in Attleboro, Mass., sent a nice note extolling the joys of bicycle touring in Vermont and New Hampshire in the fall. On one such outing, Sandy Lord '80 turned up as the tour leader for Vermont Country Cycling. Brad also swims with a master's team but complains his times are getting slower... What I want to know is, what does he do with his four kids when he's on the bike or in the pool?... Karen Keitheni Diop is back in Brownsville, Vt., from her extended stint in Haiti. Karen spent the past three years working to build democratic institutions but is ready to retire along with 10-year-old John and leave the international work to others for a while. ... Doug Giron has relocated to a small law firm in Cranston, R.I. As befits a former soccer star, Doug reports that he and Carol now spend all their weekends driving the older kids to soccer practice. Doug still plays soccer and softball as well as serving as a class agent. ... Marc Fisher also hails from Rhode Island, where he is the director of engineering for Liberty Broadcasting in Providence. Marc spends his vacation time hiking in New England and is hoping to move back to Maine permanently... Charlene Foster is a social worker in Vancouver, Wash. She is in private practice, which, she says, "gives me the freedom to travel and offer free counseling to missionaries." Charlene traveled recently to the former Soviet Union but admits she is most proud of herself "when I get my dishes done!"... This is a little late, but Sandy and Bob LeFeber celebrated the arrival of son Samuel in September 1994. Bob, you gotta use larger stationery if you expect to make it in my mail pile... Jeanne Greiter Fine is working as a health care consultant in Dallas and had three girls, with another on the way, when she last wrote. ... Larry Hill recently moved the make over to Amdahl Corp., where he is working as an account executive marketing mainframe renewal software. (I suspect that by the time of our 20th reunion there will be a whole bunch of us who wouldn't mind having our mainframes renewed.) By the time you read this, Larry and Cathy will have a new addition to the household. ... I got a nice letter from Liz Dugan, who used to work at the U.S. Labor Department with me years ago. Liz is moving to Russia to promote democracy under the auspices of the International Republican Institute and the National Endowment for Democracy. She expects to be in St. Petersburg through the summer of '96, so please drop by if you happen to be passing through. I can almost guarantee that the "long, cold winters of Waterville have prepared me reasonably well." ... Stuart Alex recently moved to Chatham, N.J., where he is a reinsurance manager for Hartford Boiler Insurance Co. Stuart and wife Savi have two children, Kathryn and Blake. ... Stephen Miller is in Tampa, Fla., where he serves as the area director for Amex Tax and Business Services. Stephen's wife, Terri, is the "CEO of Max Miller, Inc." (age 4). Stephen is involved in managing other Southeast region offices and acquiring other CPA firms as Amex expands its operations. Good luck, Stephen... Congratulations go out to Doug Light, who is now a tenured associate professor of biology at Ripon College in Wisconsin. Ripon, Doug says, is very much like Colby (even the weather, I'll bet). He has three daughters, ages 14 to 8. ... Steven Larry is settled in beautiful Camden, Maine, with wife Jody and three kids. In addition to running his optometrist practice, Steven is keeping busy untangling the rigging on the family boat. ... Kathleen Jackson is the VP for marketing/community affairs for Planned Parenthood of Suffolk County, N.Y. Husband Mitchell is an attorney, and between the two of them they have three boys. Kathleen writes that her family unit resembles My Three Sons because "there are many days we could use Uncle Charlie!" In addition to all else, Kathleen is an alumni interviewer for Colby. ... Jane Linge McDonough returned to work as an assistant DA in Suffolk County, Mass., after a six-year hiatus spent raising a family. Jane reports that she is now even more tired and less organized than before, but seeing as she already had three kids I find that hard to believe. Jane recently got together in Freeport, Maine, with Debbie Cronin, Joan Vicario Sweeney and Alix Land, as well as other former Colbyites. ... Hope to be hearing from you all soon!

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and wife Vicki should have had their second child—joining Blake, 2. Sue Viger Randall and husband Stephen live in Scarborough, Maine, where Sue is director of LTD Markets/Products for UNUM Life Insurance. Twins Timothy and Thomas, 3, keep them both busy, and Sue is slowly but surely cracking the twin "code."... Angela Mckalide is program director for the National Safe Kids Campaign (you may have seen her on the Today Show). She and husband Alexander Alkhani have two children, Anna, 4, and Andrew, 2, and traveled to Greece last year for their fifth anniversary. ... Jane Venman Lebedur, husband Dave and children Wes, 8-1/2, and Rachel, 6, live in Lansing, Mich., where Jane is a "hail-of-all-trades." Dave was recently elected president of the Greater Lansing Association of Realtors, and Jane indicated that much travel (perhaps Russia) is in their future as a result. ... Parents in need of large quantities of grape juice, jams and jellies should contact Randy Papadelis, VP of marketing for Welch's in Concord, Mass. Randy and wife Cathy go through a steady supply of such staples with Anne Elizabeth, 4, and Christian, 1. ... Ross Moldoff is planning director for the town of Salem, N.H., where wife Amy is a music teacher. Emily, 5, and Allison, 1-1/2, along with Phyllis the greyhound, keep them busy. Ross writes that he saw Dana Russian playing trumpet with the Boston Pops in June 1995! Dana, who writes that he saw Ross in the audience (well, not really! is a freelance trumpeter in the Boston area, where wife Christine Ahlstrom '81 practices optometry. They have two children, Katherine, 7, and Gregory, 4. Dana keeps up with Tereini and Eric Rosengren and their brood, Marina, 6, and Michael, 4, and with Barry Horwitz, wife Liz (Yanagihara '80) and their kids. ... June 1995 found Cheri Bailey Powers and family on the move from Andrews AFB to Colorado Springs, where Tom was reassigned by the USAF. The kids—Kayleigh, 8, and Meredith, 3—made the trip in fine fettle, and all moved into a new house in September. Kathy Bleakney Pawley, husband Keenan and son Sean visited in October. Cheri writes that Carol Mordecai Myers '80 is also in the Colorado Springs area. ... Amy Burdan Schissler finished her R.N. this past summer, and she and husband Phillip, Phillip II, 7, Hope, 6, one dog and six cats are all involved in renovating an old farm house in Le Claire, Iowa, where they moved in 1991 from N.J. ... Lisa Pacun, senior marketing manager for Nortel, moved to Singapore in October 1995 after three years outside of Paris with husband Wim Dijk. She writes that Patricia Garambone, Karen Gickas and Katie Coffsky Le­maire all stopped by to visit while in France (and Katie made a big pitch for the Alumni Fund). ... George Powers writes that he "got fatter, and bought bigger pants." Among his activities are wife Annette and sons Derek, 4, Sean, 3, and a September '95 boy whose name they hadn't picked out when George wrote. George, a risk-taker who is also director of engineering, Business Internet Services Division, Novell, Inc., recently upgraded to first class, where the seats are bigger. ... Sarah Russell MacColl is owner of Healthworks and Fit-Trips of Maine, which provides groups traveling to Maine with opportunities to see the sights and get fit at the same time. (George Powers is on the next tour!) She and husband Ed have two children, Katie, 4, and Tike, 6. ... Nick Mencher is director of institutional marketing for LBT Asset Management in Burlingame, Calif., quite a long way from "Mick and the Malignants." (but again, aren't we all.) He and wife Joan have two children, Cath­erine, 8, and Peter, 6-1/2. They thought dad's yearbook picture at Spring Carnival was "cool." ... Last but not least, Rebecca Alex is a professor of art at the College of San Mateo (Calif.), where she and husband Eric are happily raising Leia, who is approaching 2. More "cool" stuff next time.
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1990
Elizabeth Martin Hutchison
Maiden has been playing the dual roles of student and mother, finishing her master's in architecture at RPI while caring for Byron, 1-1/2, and two cats. Meanwhile, husband Clay continues to dive for sunken treasure—more particularly, the wreck of King Charles I's coronaiona ferryboat in the Firth of Forth, Scotland—a story we will have to feature sometime soon for everyone who didn't make the reunion. When at home, this globe-trotting family can be found in Old Chatham, N.Y. Liz also reports that Rod Marshall is still lawyering in Slovakia and has become something of a land baron (loosely translated) of historical properties in Prague and Bratislava. He reportedly is working on his Slovakian and enjoying the extraordinary life. . . . Jim Nelson and wife Heidi have recently moved into a new home in Pittsford, N.Y., where he is the assistant principal of the Honeoye Falls-Lima Middle School and Heidi is a high school guidance counselor. With children Greg, 4, and Rachel, 2-1/2, at home, I'm sure their professional skill come in handy. . . . According to the grapevinv, Warren Pratt can be found in Jackson Hole, Wyo., where he and newlywed Holly own a ranch. . . . Dan Salimone tells me he keeps running into people who graduated from Colby at various; it's no surprise considering how much he's been running—enough to place second overall in a triathlon last August, edging out his fiancée, Yinka Bogdan, who took first among the women. Dan is a newly minted surgical assistant at Newton-Wellesley Hospital and living in Waltham. . . . Carol Sly and Steve Marshall announce the recent arrival of John Paxton Marshall, who will occupy most of Carol's time for a while before she returns to work as a graphic designer in Boston. He's clearly an inspiration, based on their smart birth announcement. . . . Anne Veezie Sonner is busy holding down three jobs—as a part-time director of publications, at-home book editor and 24-hour mom to Paul, 1-1/2. She and attorney husband David Sonner live in Walnut, Calif. . . . Paul and Kathy McCulloch Wade recently moved to the Seattle area, where Kathy is vice president for institutional sales and trading at Merrill Lynch and Paul is a marine biologist for the federal government. The proud, exasperated parents of three small persons—Caroline, 4, Betsy, 3, and Alec, seven weeks as of this writing—and one telephone, they have just moved into a new house and are hoping not to have any other news for a little while. . . . Please send your news, greetings, comments and other data to me at 72072.1114@Compuserve.com or 8413 Park Crest Drive, Silver Spring, Md. 20910-5404.

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1991
John Harvey and his wife, Amy, have three daughters, Brittany 5-1/2, Sarah, 3, and Emily, four months. John is a major serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and is currently assigned as a battalion executive officer with the 3rd Marine Division on Okinawa, Japan. He says they are scheduled to be back in the U.S. in June of 1997 and in the meantime are having a great time exploring the many cultural opportunities on Okinawa and throughout the Far East. John was on the island of Iwo Jima exactly 50 years to the day that the Marines raised "Old Glory" on the summit of Mt. Suribachi. He reports that he visited with Joe Daley in Maine last summer prior to leaving for Okinawa . . . Bill Maley is a manager at a manufacturer of lighting and signs for Mass Transit vehicles. He and his wife, Janet, have three children—David, Sarah and Matthew. Bill writes that the family is busy doing volunteer work for the local theater, church and soup kitchen and that they are trying to blend the kids' sports schedule with the rest of their daily lives. Bill is in touch with Rich Secor '82, who is the MIS director at a Massachusetts company . . . Eugene Jason Pelletier is living with his wife, Carol, in Rowley, Mass. They were married in September 1994 in Boxford, Mass. Jason, a stonework construction foreman, and Carol, a sign painter and artist, collect and restore classic Mustangs and other early Ford collectible cars. They also have two horses. . . . Maureen (Hagerty '84) and Jay Polimeno own and operate the Alpine Club and Pub and Alpine Village in North Woodstock, N.H. They have two daughters, Katy and Aimee. Jay writes that they purchased the business last year and are learning to live without sleep. He has run into Peter Gent on golf courses throughout New England. His caddie is Shawn Kennedy '82. . . . Cathy Pelletier is living in
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83 A reminder to everyone to write and keep writing. Don't wait too long but help keep us abreast of your status, especially if you have one. As follows. A graduate from the University of Chicago, Lingafelter sent their news from their new address in Singapore. Along with children Thomas, 4, and Megan, 3, the Lingafelters moved last year from Philadelphia to Singapore, where Mark was transferred to act as property and marine underwriting manager with his company, Chubb Group of Insurance Companies. Mark works in the Asia Pacific (Korea, China, Thailand, Japan, Taiwan and Australia). Anne was teaching English for the time being. This may have changed. Mark said they have really begun to enjoy traveling experiences in the region. Also, in property casualty insurance (here in the States) is Elaine McClellan Niemann. Elaine and Scott '84, an accountant, live in Lawrenceville, N.J., with children Tom, 3, and Alexander, 11-12. They keep in close contact with Joyce (Hartwig '84) and Jamie O'Neil and their three kids. Life is generally hectic but fun, says Elaine. *Many thanks to Jacqui Poisson, who sent in their first questionnaire! She gave us a quick but action-packed 12-year update as follows. Jacqui has spent the last 12 years between Big Sky, Mont., and Alaska (in summers). She opened a retail clothing store in 1984 specializing in hand-knit items and has quadrupled her operations since. Jacqui had also been a park ranger for five years in Denali and then spent three years working for the National Outdoor Leadership School. Now she runs her store, J.P. Woolies, in Big Sky in the summers and teaches one or two National Outdoor Leadership School courses a year this year. Jacqui built her own log cabin two years ago and lives with her partner, Brantley Persons, and her two spoiled Alaskan huskies. She sounds great.*

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84 Sharon Kehoe was married in June '94 to Eric Ming. They are now living in a junky house in Lander, Wyo. Sharon has taken time off from teaching math and science to plan a climbing trip to South America. On a bird-watching trip in New Mexico she ran into Cathy Walsh. *Another Wyomingite is Suzanne Olson Matthews, who along with husband Tom owns and operates a retail/importing business called Global Exchange. She loves life in Wyoming—great friends, great skiing, hiking and biking. (If anyone needs a fishing guide in Wyoming, Tom is your man.) Her only complaint is the long hours of the retail world.*

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*Correspondent: Sally Lovegren Merchant*

*Correspondent: Maura Cassidy*
The Language of Success

Tom Nelson '85 has forged the kind of career that he only dreamed about as an undergraduate. As vice president of Scudder, Stevens and Clark, Inc., a global investment management company, Nelson cultivates new and emerging markets from his base in Santiago, Chile.

Although Nelson has lived abroad only since July 1995, he is a seasoned international traveler. His interest in and desire for international experience began at Colby, Nelson says. "The junior year abroad I spent in Madrid changed my life completely," he said. "Without that year I never would have gotten the jobs I've had."

Nelson says that his ability to speak Spanish clinched his first job at Citibank, where he worked with Latin American business clients in New York and Miami. "My Spanish got me that job and a lot of jobs since," he said.

During his six years with Citibank and two years with American Express Bank, also in Miami, Nelson traveled extensively throughout Central America. The experience strengthened his language facility and cultural literacy, which Nelson says are critical to success in an international business career. "If you want to do business abroad you will have more success if you speak the language of the people in the country where you're working," he said.

Again pointing to his Colby study-abroad experience as an important training ground, Nelson says living in a country is fundamental to understanding it. "If you haven't lived there you can't relate to how the people live," he said. "I must always remember that I'm a visitor in Chile, and I have to work by their rules and respect their customs."

Nelson was hired by Scudder in 1993 to develop the company's Latin American distribution network for all offshore funds. His job is to establish a network of intermediaries—usually large national banks—through which these funds are sold. Much of the growing market in South America originates with pension funds, Nelson says. "The Chilean Pension Fund has assets of about twenty-five billion dollars and has run out of places to invest inside the country. Scudder is one of the companies that would like to manage those assets as investors look to diversify their portfolios in other countries," he said.

He moved to Santiago full time last year and has enjoyed living there, Nelson says. "Chile is a wonderful country. It's a great combination of beautiful cities, mountains and coastline. After some tumultuous times in the seventies, it has proceeded on a course of reform and it is now one of the most prosperous and progressive countries in South America."

Nelson says his current assignment probably will keep him in Chile for another two or three years, but he would stay longer if given the opportunity. He plans to return to the U.S. eventually, however, he says, "You give up some things when you live abroad—it's hard to keep up with friends and family. I will come back some day."

Nelson had a chance to do a bit of mentoring last summer when Colby first-year student Allison Birdsong (Greenwich, Conn.) visited Santiago with her father, Lynn Birdsong, managing director of Scudder in New York. Allison was encouraged to explore many of the possibilities that Colby offers, Nelson says. "We talked about everything from COOT trips to where to live to what kind of courses to take," he said.

"It was interesting to talk to somebody who was doing the same things I did 10 years ago."
The year of 1995 brought joy to several first-time parents. Marge and Christopher Horner have a daughter, Lily Christine, born August 3. Christopher is performing professionally with orchestras and a jazz ensemble in the Philadelphia area while acting as director of instrumental music at Germantown Academy. Mary Beth Boland Haut gave birth to Catherine Emily on November 15 and had a wonderful time spending her maternity leave in Newport, R.I. She enjoys sailing on her boat when weather permits and often goes skiing in the winter. Deborah England Gray welcomed Madeleine Nicole Gray into the world on May 19. I believe she was one of the youngest members of the audience at Ginn & Co.'s Late Show at the reunion. Deborah also has a new job—general counsel of Sapient Corporation, a software consulting firm in Kendall Square, Cambridge. "Both have been wonderful changes in my life," she says. Sucy Seymour Gaedert just returned from a Middle Eastern adventure through Saudi Arabia, Oman and the United Arab Emirates. Sucy's parents, who have lived in Saudi Arabia for 25 years, were their tour guides. She writes, "Oman was magical. We explored old forts, castles and covered bazaars for a week there." After working for seven years as a counselor, then as a marketing associate at Planned Parenthood, Melinda Underwood Griggs left her job and moved to Vermont. She is now associate director of promotion and public information for St. Paul's Publishing. Melinda spends her spare time educating women on money management and socially responsible investing. She also likes baking bread and fantasizing about the strawbale house she hopes to build next year. She invites friends to drop by. "Tea is at three, as always," she writes, "and Pepperidge Farm cookies are still the tradition." Mick Ferrucci and his wife, Kay, planned to take their boys (hockey team (ranked 8th in New England) to Finland and Sweden over the winter vacation. Carol Eisenberg's daughter, Maxine, loves to read, swing and take baths. (Sounds like my son, Dylan.) He also loves to sing and fingerpaint. Carol's husband, David Simpson '86, is enjoying his second year teaching in the Portland public schools. I hope to get together with David, Carol and Maxine on Peaks Island, where they live and where my husband, Frederic, Dylan and I often spend time with my parents. Please keep those letters flowing in. I was hit with a deluge last summer but now the deluge has dried up to a trickle.

The reunion committee has been working long and hard to prepare for the big weekend—June 7-9, if you haven't already marked your calendars and notified the Alumni Office of your plans to attend. Before we gather for a couple of days of grand festivities, I do have some class news, thanks to all of you who have responded to my questionnaires. Betsy Burrell Fearnley is completing a master's degree in clinical psychology while working part time as a substance abuse counselor and playing mom to daughter Tess, 6. Katrina and Tom McCallum traveled for seven weeks Down Under last summer after graduating from Duke's Fuqua School of Business. They enjoyed bungee jumping, sailing and scuba diving on their Australian adventure. Stephen Potts received a great Christmas present in 1994—he's Ph.D. in geological sciences from the University of Michigan. He is now working as a senior staff geologist for CTI & Associates. Thomas Outrigger owns and runs a small environmental consulting firm in New York City, known as City Green. David Quillen, M.D., finished his residency last summer and now teaches family medicine at Duke. He is also proud of another accomplishment—his first triathlon. Jessica Flood Leitz is a busy full-time mom to Keegan, 5, and Nils, 3. She still does a bit of political campaigning and volunteer work to help keep insanity at bay. Laura Lane is completing her doctoral degree while enjoying a salaried job teaching writing at the University of North Florida. Leslie Greenslet Perry spends her days shifting from play groups to Gymbooree to Temple Tots with little Graham, age 20 months. She also continues to do some graphic design work and to train and show her dog in competition, but she runs short on time for speedskating. Mark Leonidou, M.D., moved to Pittsburgh, where he is a clinical fellow in reproductive endocrinology at Magee-Women's Hospital. He ran his fourth marathon this spring in Boston. Robin Clisby Pelcarz and her husband, Ted, celebrated their fifth anniversary last fall. Robin works at Meredith (N.H.) Village Savings Bank and enjoys the courses offered through her job. Since graduation, Fran Gradsen Karo received a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Wayne State University, got married, completed a post-doctoral fellowship in pediatric neuropsychology, bought a house and had her first child. She now works on the brain injury unit at Rehabilitation Hospital in Pennsylvania. A busy 10 years! Heather Reay regrets that she will be unable to attend the reunion—but with good excuse. She and Paul Rochford will be taking the knot in May and then honeymooning in Hawaii before returning home to Minnesota. Mary Lou "ML" Waterman Tolette is a busy mom at home in Cos Cob, Conn., with 15-month-old Robert. She has heard from Sheila Duffy Davis, who lives in Santa Fe, Rick Bernard, who lives in London and travels extensively on his job, and Amy Barnes Hurley, who, with her husband and 4-year-old son, Kevin, welcomed new baby Brenna last spring. Molly Couch and Sean Ward were married July 1, 1995. Colby alumni present were: Blair and Mary Needham Shelbourne, Hans Hagen, Patrice Galvin Hagen, Jeff Beaney and Anne Boatright Beaney '85. Molly was all smiles despite a broken nose 10 days prior to the big day—caused by a softball taking a bad hop while Molly was playing shortstop. Molly and Sean have been working toward their first degree black belts. We'll have to share the rest of the news in June—hope to see you there! Best wishes to everyone for continued happiness and success!

David Bullock is living in N.Y.C. with his wife, Christine, who is in advertising sales. David is working for Merrill Lynch as a vice president in their Emerging Markets Division. Stacy Mathews Bushley lives in Brookline, Mass., with husband Michael, a wine salesman. Stacy is an executive assistant at the Ritz-Carlton in Boston. Jason Cleary has been working for the Portsmouth, N.H., fire department for the past three years as a firefighter and EMT. During his off hours, Jason is involved in the Singles Christian Ministry with the Granite State Church of Christ and singing and playing bass guitar and sax for a rock and roll band in the Seacoast area. Jim Canfield is living in Scituate, Mass., with wife Karen and son John Patrick, 2. Jim is a real estate consultant. Jennifer Rubin Britton wrote from Dallas, Texas, where she and husband Charlie have settled. Jen moved to Texas in the summer of '94 to work at the St. Mark's School as assistant director of college counseling. Jen and Charlie, an English teacher, have a son, Trevor, 2. Herrick Wales is working in Boston in news media. He had little else to say except that he had stubbed his toe on the day that he wrote and "it hurt a lot." (There you go, Herrick. I included it!) Charles Herrera is living in the Silicon Valley in California with his wife, Tammy (Parker '89), and their two cats, Angie and Smudge. Charles is a system manager, and Tammy is a product marketing manager. You'll find Will Holmes teaching at the Cheshire Academy in Cheshire, Conn. Will has been there for...
two years and feels it has been a great opportunity for him both professionally and personally. He is teaching math, coaching soccer and lacrosse and living in the dorm. Other Colby grads working at the school are Lisa Tomasetti '88 and Jason Dorton '93. . . . Congratulations go to Chris Devine on his recent marriage to Sarah Condon. Chris and Sarah wed in August, and are expecting their first child. John is a vice president with Smith Barney. Chris is currently in his third year as an associate in the litigation department of Rogen, Nassan, Caplan, Lassman & Hirtle, a law firm in Hartford, Conn. Chris does medical malpractice defense and commercial trial work . . . . Peter Murphy wrote me a while back to speak of a recent golf outing with Greg Dumark and Doug Parker '86. Peter felt compelled to write to announce Greg's first hole-in-one. Congratulations, Duey! Peter finished up his master's at Purdue in '94 and moved with wife Jen to the Washington, D.C., area. Peter is working in Baltimore at USF&G, and although he and Jen are enjoying being back on the East Coast, they still long to return to Maine. . . . Marianne Campbell Hockenberry and husband Tim will have celebrated son Maxx's second birthday by the time you read this. Marianne and Tim are still living in San Francisco, where Marianne is an artist's representative and Tim is a musician. . . . Geoff Johnson, who works for Fidelity as a manager in trade support, and his wife, Ann, are living on a nice piece of land in Amesbury, Mass., which includes their own pond. They were expecting their first child when he wrote . . . . Allyson Goodwin Short is director of regional campaigns and a major gifts officer at Colby and will be traveling around the country setting up campaigns, so don't be surprised if you hear from her. Allyson and her husband, Mark Short, and 20-month-old son live a mile from campus and are enjoying life in Waterville. Allyson recently spoke with Tim Hennessy, who's living in San Francisco and working in real estate development for Union Bank. . . . Edith McGill Glasgow is living in Jersey City and is working as a line cook and pastry apprentice at La Caravelle in New York City. Her husband, Robert, is a photographer. Edie graduated first in her class at the French Culinary Institute in February of 1994 and received an award for the best final project. Congratulations, Edie—and to all others on their recent personal and professional accomplishments. That is all I have room for now. Stay tuned and start thinking about what you'd like to see/do for our 10th reunion! Scary to think that that's not too far away!

Correspondent: Sara Dickson

Thanks so much for all the news—career changes, new family unions, additions, moves! Chris Dixon is still working at Boston University as a grant writer for the School of Education. She just recently received her master's in marketing communications, also from BU. . . . Greg Lawless has been enjoying his long career stint at Philip Morris, where he is currently the manager of industrial relations in Louisville, Ky. He is a proud homeowner and has loved getting settled in after his move. . . . Todd Nicholson and his wife, Gloria, built a home in North Yarmouth, Maine, a year ago and are both employed in Freeport, Maine. Todd is work-
ing as a marketing analyst at L.L. Bean. They have a dog named Archie and a cat called Edith—affectionately known as the Bunkers! Their biggest news is the birth of their daughter, Emma, last December . . . Mary Federle Porter is another proud parent—baby Samuel arrived last October. Mary has enjoyed being an "at-home mom" with her two other daughters, Molly, 4, and Eliza, 2. . . . Scott and Kristen Foss Smith announced their recent bundle of joy, Gabriel, born last October. Big brother is Sam, 4. Scott is currently the associate controller at Colby, and Kristen works as a developmental therapist for children in the Waterville area . . . Hope Worden is near the end of her Ph.D. in program development and research on domestic violence. She has been working at Brigham and Women's Hospital and living in the Boston area with her husband, Chris Kochenbach. . . . Melissa Ruff is also in Beantown and is the director of student life, activities and health services at New England Conservatory of Music. She says she feels in awe all the time at the level of talent displayed in the students she works with . . . Pam Winch Wilson owns a mail-order business called Pastas with Pizzazz and features a pasta-of-the-month package. Husband David Wilson is manager of Truk-Away in Rhode Island, a waste removal and recycling company. They have no children but enjoy two dogs and a cat. After commuting to Cahners Publishing, where she was a marketing communications manager, Pam enjoys the pleasures of running her own business . . . Eric Weltchek has been working as an associate in real estate banking at Lehman Brothers in New York City since 1993, after finishing his M.B.A. from Wharton. He writes, "I occasionally consider dropping out of the rat race to become a 'roadie' for the Allman Brothers Band." Sounds like the dream of many! I often think of leaving the wonderful world of personnel consulting in Boston to do the night club gig scene! . . . Meg Galloway Pearce is a few months short of obtaining her M.B.A. She has been a branch manager at MCI Communications Corporation in Washington, D.C., for the "friends and family" program—and ran the Marine Corps Marathon for the second year in a row, taking 45 minutes off of her personal record . . . Keep on the lookout for an expanded class letter with lots of other new news! . . . Colbians attending the June 1995 wedding of Whitney Kelting and Steve Runge '87 were Matt Burke '89, Lori Berger '86, Bill Hamilton '90, Wendy Bellermann '89, Heath Payson, Brian Axel '89, Julie D'Amico '87, Curtis Carlson '89, Adam Oppenheim '90, Dave Rosen, Kerry Griffin, Hilary Seward, Lisa Kerney, Chris Brown, Carolyn Lockwood '89, Nancy Knapp, Hank Whittenberg and Chris Halvorson '89.
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The flow of news has slowed to a trickle, but here's what I've heard about our friends in the past few months. I got a great letter from David Coleman, who is the manager of special projects for The Advisory Board Committee, a research firm in Washington, D.C. He's been working on technology projects for them, including their website. Tom McClintock, Scott Schirmeier and Lisa Preneaveu Andrzejewski '93 also are working for The Advisory Board Committee. Dave sees Cindy Jones and Peter Read-Smith '92 on a fairly regular basis, as well as Jennifer Lim Nitchman '91 and her husband, David. Dave spent some time last summer hiking in the Shenendoah National Park with Scott Perley and also drove across the country with Nancy Spellman '89, who was relocating to D.C. from San Francisco for the summer. The two of them trekked through Tahoe, the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park and Archives National Park. From there it was on to Denver, Colo., where they visited with Rebecca Pease Henning '91 and her husband, Matt. Becky and Matt were married in Maine early last summer. Dave also passed along the sad news that his beloved bumper-sticker-festooned 1977 Chevy wagon failed to pass inspection last spring. We all send our condolences, I'm sure. I've heard from other sources that David has been spotted at the wheel of a BMW; none of them, however, mentioned the presence of an I Eat My Roadkill bumper sticker. Thanks for all the news, Dave. . . . Jan Berry wrote to me a few weeks ago to let me know that she has begun a new job as the public and professional relations coordinator at the Maine State Bar Association in Augusta, Maine. She's now living in Damariscotta and is planning a June wedding. Her husband-to-be, Craig Zenter, is a graduate of Maine Maritime Academy. Good luck in the new job, and congratulations, Jan! . . . I recently attended a production of Sam Shepard's play Buried Child at the American Repertory Theater in Cambridge. After taking my seat, I realized that I was sitting right near Beth Reutlinger '91, who told me she had seen Mark Cosdon '89 in the audience. Mark directed a production of Buried Child at Strider Theater in 1988, with Beth playing the role of Shelly. (I wasn't the most unbiased critic in the audience, but I much preferred Mark's interpretation of the play to the one I saw at the ART that night.) Mark is working on a Ph.D. in theater history at Tufts University and is working as a research assistant at Harvard University; his wife, Hanna, is working on a degree in social work. Beth is now married, living in Arlington, Mass., and working for an organization that makes arrangements for foreign-exchange students . . . That's all the news I have for now. Please please please please write to me— I need you guys to make this column a success!

Correspondent:
Portia Walker

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Yes, reunion is just around the corner, and here are more interesting facts about our classmates that you can quiz them on, come June 7, 8 and 9! . . . Gary Soquet and Michele Sargent are the proud parents of Julian Moore and Braden Lily. In their spare time he's a writer and she is an aspiring midwife . . . Annie DeMaria is a steward on an Amoco fuel tanker and is studying for a diesel engine endorsement. In her spare time she is doing relief work on ore carriers . . . Deb MacWalther and Fred Bright were married last July at Lorimer Chapel, with Julie Campbell Murray and Pam Pomerleau in attendance. They spent their honeymoon in St. John—before the hurricane hit! . . . Linda Rosignal Ramsden's wedding included maid of honor Brynne McCormick, Elizabeth Ackerman, Sally Hewitt and John Avery. Since Linda met her husband-to-be during her junior year in England, she is a strong supporter of the JYA program! She's a practicing attorney and he's a doctoral candidate at Brandeis. Brynne is living in Aspen, Colo., working for the Aspen Board of Realtors and dating Christian Michael Kristian (also living in Aspen). Elizabeth began the nursing program at Northeastern last fall . . . Sam Sharmik found his true calling in Florida—physician of traditional Chinese medicine, the holistic healing art that uses acupuncture and herbs. He's also pursuing his captain's license and his dive-master scuba certification for a future chartering business in the Keys and other warm waters . . . Dave Unruh began in the Colby Admissions Office, then earned his master's in education administration and is now the assistant director of admissions at Carnegie-Mellon. He and his wife, Marnie, the coordinator of student development at CMU, both participate in the Big Brother/Big Sister program and are "enjoying their second year of marriage!" . . . Barbara Shaw, after receiving her M.A. in American studies, is now a Ph.D. candidate. She has two publications and travels the country both on business and for pleasure. She's
also a volunteer tutor. . . . Kary Wilkins New is the director of the Elan School, a type of reform school for emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused juvenile delinquents ages 12-19. It's a "tough love" program that teaches certain life skills and values. On the home front, she has purchased a 1918 house, with lots of charm and character. . . . Tom Lewis and Kim SwonLewis, married in August 1995, are living in Dunwoody, Ga. Tom is a marketing specialist for Lanier Worldwide in Atlanta, and Kim, after finishing her M.Ed. at UVA, is a speech pathologist for children ages 0-5 years. . . . Glenn Thurlow is a pharmaceutical sales specialist for The Upjohn Co., and his wife, Patti, is a teacher. . . . Aaron Mosher and his new wife, Stacy, are enjoying life on the North Shore. . . . Steve Chernoff is in his first year of law school at BC. . . . Cam Field, who graduated from Dartmouth last June with his master's in engineering, has been student teaching at Providence Country Day School. . . . Tricia Shepard earned her degree from Marquette Law School and most recently became a licensed nursing home administrator in Glastonbury, Conn. . . . Besides completing a documentary video on a local character who was the first to ski The Grand Teton, Matt Testa is the editor/writer of the entertainment section of the Jackson Hole Daily in Wyoming. . . . Jennifer Scott is currently the manager of public relations for the Kohler Co. in Milwaukee. . . . Andy Williams is in his second year of medical school in Rochester, N.Y., and says he looks forward to practicing medicine in a rural area. . . . Margaret Mauran and Andy Zuccotti '92, and Stacey King and Justin Verge '90, celebrated their marriages this past summer. Twenty-seven classmates attended the two blissful events; 12 witnessed both. . . . Garrison Smith previously worked in the biotech field at Amicon, Inc. and Genzyme Corp, and now he is a first-year law student at BU, husband of Lisa, a special education consultant, and father of Charles Lewis Smith, born 7/18/95. Congratulations, Garrison!

NEWMAKERS

Cinda Hartman Jones '90 has produced the National Wood Recycling Directory. . . . Robert Scott '90 has recorded a second compact disc, "Or All Away." . . . Benjamin Ames '91 is a reporter at the Potsville, Pa., Republican. . . . Hillary Greene '91 is program manager for the newly established National Young Composers Competition in Williamstown, Mass. . . . David McClintock '93 is press representative for Late Night With David Letterman in New York City. . . . Tasha Worster '93 is the first recipient of the Dr. Robert Roy Medical Scholarship for Maine students. . . . Danielle Radford '95 is director of the Community Service Project in Rockland, Maine.

MILEPOSTS


Correspondent: Katie Martin

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Heather Glynn married Peter Ginolfi '91 in July '95. Jocelyn Childs, Jessica D'Ercole, Jon Bartlett '91, Brian Kelleher '91 and P.J. Peroni '91 were in the wedding party, and countless other Colbyites attended. Heather received her M.S.W. from BC in May '95 and is working as a social worker, and Pete is a teacher and football/lacrosse coach after receiving his master's in education in May '94. . . . Sura DuBow is back at Colby as the head men's and women's swim coach after working in Argentina. . . . Sarah Hamilton Barringer was married in August '95; Becky Graham, Jen Kosek Walker and Jen Greenleaf were bridesmaids. Sarah is currently teaching second grade at the Chapin School in Manhattan. . . . Laura Armstrong Stone was married in September '95 at the University of Colorado-Boulder chapel, with Jeannette Riddle as maid of honor. . . . Alice Johnson recently began a job in the alumni development office at George Washington University in D.C. after a six-and-a-half-month journey through Central and Southeast Asia. On her return, she stopped off in San Francisco and caught up with Christy O'Rourke and Kyle Lissack, who are both living there. Christy works in sports marketing and event planning—she runs tournaments and throws parties! . . . Lisa McMahon lives in Tacoma, Wash., and is in her second year at the Seattle University School of Law. . . . Chantal Begin Sullivan is in David, Fl., with her husband. Married in June '94, she is in her second year of a five-year doctoral degree program in psychology at Nova Southeastern University. . . . Megan Mayer, who spent two years with us and graduated from Franklin Pierce, wrote that she is teaching second grade in a small town in rural New York near Williamstown, Mass. She is engaged and planning a July 4th weekend wedding in Portland, Ore. . . . Emily Fisher Medvic is in West Lafayette, Ind., and working in the education department at Planned Parenthood in Lafayette. She is taking graduate classes at Purdue and will begin her master's in elementary education at Indiana University in the fall. She married Stephen Medvic in July 1994. . . . Zach Shapiro is still in rabbinical school pursuing his master of Hebrew letters degree. He will become a rabbi in a year and a half and is currently serving a Jewish community in Michigan while living in Connecticut. (F.S. Ethan Gettman: Sherrie Gettman Stahl is doing research on her extended family; e-mail me or write me and I'll get you her address.) . . . Kathy Lyford is working as an analytical chemist at an aquatic toxicology lab in Marblehead, Mass. She spent two months last summer backpacking through Europe and planned a hike this spring on the North Carolina Appalachian Trail with Donna Burbank. . . . Sandra Scarno lives in Arlington, Mass., and is the assistant to the director of investment operations in the office of the treasurer at MIT. . . . Jennifer McLeod is living in Orono, Maine, and working as a librarian and webmaster at UMaine. . . . Cathy Ryan teaches sixth grade in Haned, Conn., and is planning a July 1996 wedding to Mike Kilakowski. She'll move to Massachusetts after the wedding. . . . Polly Sheridan moved to Chicago from Boston for a master's in the social sciences with a concentration in urban sociology at the University of Chicago. Her program concludes this spring, and she'll either be job hunting or beginning a Ph.D. in sociology. . . . Mark Lombard is living in Twentynine Palms, Calif., having a great time as a lieutenant in the Marine Corps. . . . Colin MacArthur has been working as an instructor with Outward Bound in Florida, leading 27-day canoecourses with adjudicated and at-risk youth. He is spending 1996 as a course director for Outward Bound's Families in Need Service Program. While on vacation in New Hampshire, he saw Bob Gramling, who is still working hard at Dartmouth Medical School. . . . Clover Burns Seifer lives in Grafton, Vt., and is a legal assistant clerking for the bar under a se-
Clifford Eifer '94, who transferred to SUNY-Albany after two years at Colby. They have a son, Colin, 3.

Brian Mechan mar­
ned Erenna Bracy in January and is a residential counselor for men­
tially ill adults while finishing up his master's in education. Chris Mastrangelo graduated from BU Law School in May 1995 and is working as an associate in Boston in the corporate depart­ment of Brown, Rudnick, Freed and Gesmer. On September 9, 1995, several Colby genera­tions gathered to celebrate the wedding of Jessica Elsa D'Ercle and Michael John Stanton. Cobian present were: Ben Mark Mellyn, 9, 1995, several Colby genera­
tions and that and Norm Lee '58, Pam Woods Kane, Collett, Kristen Russo, Kate Chenard, Braydon McCormick, Michael John Stanton, Peter Ginolfi '92.

Elizabeth Bancroft, alpine race secretary for Team Breckenridge in Colorado, is responsible for all administrative work for the races held there. Stacey Warner left Breckenridge in November and is teaching English with World Teach in Namibia, Af­rica. Skye Stewart likes working at Orchard Books, a children's books division of Grolier, and wrote that Jen Davis, Rebecca Shaw, Lees Patriarca and Jocelyn Hiller also live on the Upper East Side of New York City. Jocelyn is a development coordinator for AFS International Programs/ USA, and Lees is going to Lon­don for two years with a law firm. Katrina Greenfield shares an apartment with Kather­ine Bordwell in Portland, Ore., and is interning in the mayor's office, department of inter­national relations. Shane Wright, a bookkeeper/account­ant in Pittsfield, Maine, spent a month traveling in Europe last spring and plans to study in history in graduate school this fall. Brian Seidman, a financial consulting associate at CLK Finan­ccial in Boston, wrote that Oman (Patrick Smith) married Jenni­fer Thorn, a fellow law student at New England College, last Septem­ber. They live in Springfield, Mass., with their dog, Jasper. James Reichert, expecting his M.B.A. from Notre Dame this May, completed a banking inter­nship in Panama last summer, spent the fall semester in Santi­ago, Chile, and traveled in Argen­tina, Uruguay and Paraguay. Larry Rulison is the editor of the Baldwin­sville Messenger, a weekly newspaper in upstate New York. He often visits Sigmund Schutz, who is completing his second year at Cornell Law School and has accepted a summer associate po­sition with a large law firm in Portland, Maine. Larry had a blast at the Hotchkiss fifth reunion with Ben Strong, who is studying geological oceanography at the Marine Sciences Research Center at the State University of New York-Stony Brook, considering going into environmental con­sulting and hoping to travel across the country after graduation in August. Ben wrote that Brian O'Sullivan works for IBM in Burlington, Vt. After work­ing at Suffolk Downs racetrack, office manager Jennifer Sullivan purchased a racehorse, a thor­oughbred stallion named Dane Seul, and turned it into a successful horse.

Elizabeth Tabor enjoys her job as an acqui­sitions assistant at the Roger Williams University School of Law and is taking graduate classes in library science at Simmons College. She is in fre­quent contact with Wallie Leung, who is living in New York City and working for Chase Manhattan, and she has heard from Dawn Kalloch, who is in graduate school in Boston. Matt Spitzer, a family specialist in New York treatment program, has run a vio­lence prevention program, vol­unteered in a local E.R. and is looking into graduate school for a doctorate. He wrote that Kristin Scheible is at the Harvard Divinity School. Congratulations to Jon Scannom and Kristen Schuler '93, and to Kerry Sheehy and Bobby Ward '93! Both couples are engaged and plan spring weddings next year.

Correspondent:
Alyssa Falwell

Congratulations are in order for Art Fair­brother for his mar­riage in December. Karen Andrews is an admissions assist­ant at The School for Field Stud­ies and is living in Danvers, Mass. She writes that Karen Rose is the assistant director of the Writers' Center at Colby, Linda Dyndiuk is a manager at Osco Drug, Tracy Pat­ton is in grad school at UMO and Vicki Ferrin is in grad school at SUNY-Stonybrook. Peter Murphy is working in the circulation department at a community newspaper in Needham, Mass. Jaye Gennaco went to L.A. last fall and was planning to go to Scotland and London in Febru­ary. She is working at a medical publishing company in Massachu­setts and writes that Kim Beck is doing cancer research in D.C. Wang Shang Lee is at the University of Michigan working toward a Ph.D. in economics. In Singapore last summer he visited Mizuho Tsutui, who is now work­ing for the Japanese embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He also writes that Amy Pompei is work­ing in Cambridge, Mass. Caleb Mason is a graduate student of philosophy at Columbia, playing in and managing a new blues and soul band called Blues Collective as well as doing a little bartending on the side. From Ghana, K.C. Lawler writes that she is having an amazing experience teaching English. She says one of the most interesting things about her experience is being a minority for the first time. Maureen Finn is work­ing for Head Start in the Bosto­n area. Mark Griffin and Doug Macauley traveled in Eu­rope in the summer before begin­ning jobs at Cambridge Associates, where they also work with Drew Snow. Mark has been performing with former members of the Colby Eight in the Boston area. T.J. Maines, Mike McElaney, Justin Van Til and John Caro­lan are working at The Boston Company. Jim Zadronzny is working for Fidelity. Greg Walsh is work­ing for a credit company in Waltham, Mass. Christian Citarella is a Ph.D. candidate in math at Johns Hopkins. Heather Beusse, Kate LaVigne and Wendy Oram-Smith were together in Houston over the sum­mer for training before being sent to teach underprivileged children in the US. Heather is teaching seventh grade math in Weldon, N.C., and is also volunteering at the local public radio station, where she has her own show. Kim MacDonald is living in Massachusetts while working at the New England Center for Autism. Noah Havercamp writes that he is living at home and developing credit and has decided to go to music school. After competing at the U.S. Na­tional Championship Track Meet, Brooke Lorenzen returned to the Seattle area, where she is working as a receptionist. After driv­ing out to Colorado with Kathy Christy after graduation, Alisa Masson and Kelly Spooner ran in a marathon in November. Alisa is a publicist for Adams Media Cor­poration in the Boston area; Kelly is doing research at Harvard and living with Jen Benwood, who is doing research at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Michelle Grinda, who is working at Express
on Newbury Street, and Michelle Wyemura, who is an administrative assistant for Unitarian Universalist Association. They see Rachel Sotir, who is selling real estate, Alyson Angino, who is temping, and Marissa Shaw, who is working at State Street Bank. . . Cara O'Flynn was going to Costa Rica in January for World Teach . . . Cheryl Johnson ran a basketball league for teenagers in South Providence, R.I., over the summer. She is currently a VISTA volunteer working with inner-city teens and doing Spanish translation . . . Chris Haigh is a softball coach at Rhode Island College and working at Borders bookstore. . . I reported a crop of '95ers in Colorado. Jed Dunkerley, who is living in Fort Collins with Brannon Lobdell, is working at a restaurant. Jed worked last summer at Glacier National Park, where he performed in a cabaret show at night. Brad Keller is working a contracting job in Denver. Jeff Turton is also in Denver, hoping to open a theater next summer. Tip Meckel is in Ouray. Scott Giampetruzzi, Ashoke Ghosh and Chris Shore are working in Boulder. And from Breckenridge word comes that Dave November, Bill Driscoll, Chad Tyson, Toby True, Erika Lichter, Chris Russell, Tiffany Williams and Randy Schmitz are all in the ski industry. . . Brendan Cavanaugh and Mike Murphy are playing in a band in Boston. . . Liz Graupner is a middle school science teacher in Houston. . . Scott Galson is working in Pennsylvania as an economist as well as coaching the JV hockey team at his old high school. He mentioned that Barbara Buse was working on another degree in geology. . .

Jesica Elsa D'Ercile '92 and Michael John Stanton '92 were married on September 9, 1995. (See class notes.)
G. Cecil Goddard '29

G. Cecil Goddard '29, long-time community leader and Colby's first alumni secretary, died January 14 in China, Maine, at age 89. He was born in Hermon, Maine, and graduated from Brooks High School. In 1929-30 he attended Harvard Law School. The following year he was appointed the first full-time alumni secretary by the College, where he remained until he purchased a general insurance agency in Waterville in 1948. He was president of the Independent Insurance Agents Association of Maine and was state national director of the Independent Insurance Agents of America Inc. He served in several Waterville city government positions and since 1942 was a member of the Waterville Rotary Club. He was president and chair of the board at Waterville Osteopathic Hospital, president of the Waterville Council of Hospitals and vice chair of the Maine Health Finance Management Commission.

Alice LaRocque Brown '21

Alice LaRocque Brown '21, a teacher, died August 8, 1995, in Northampton, Mass., at 96. A native of Lincoln, Vt., she taught English and history at schools in the Boston area from 1920 to 1929. She also was secretary to the head of admissions at Williston Academy in Easthampton, Mass., before becoming a teacher in the Westfield, Mass., public schools. Survivors include her son, Malcolm, and many nieces and nephews.

Helen Dresser McDonald '23

Helen Dresser McDonald '23, a teacher, died January 28 in Waterville, Maine, at 93. She was born in South Portland, Maine, and attended local schools. At the College she was active in sports and drama. She taught French, biology, commercial math and English at South Portland High School from 1924 to 1929 and later was a substitute teacher. From 1945 until her retirement in 1969 she was a full-time English teacher and theatrical coach at Deering High School in Portland. She was active with several organizations, including the DAR, Delta Delta Delta sorority, the Retired Teachers Association and the YMCA.

She received a Colby Brick for her service to the College as class agent, captain of the Ford Foundation Challenge Campaign, member of the Alumni Council and president of the Alumni Association of Southwestern Maine. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Ruth McDonald Roberts '55 and David Roberts '55, two grandchildren, Susan Roberts '86 and Linda Roberts '88, and a great-grandson.

Percy G. Beatty '24

Percy G. Beatty '24 died March 28, 1993, in Penney Farm, Fla., at age 92. He was born in St. John, N.B., and graduated from Waterville, Maine, High School. He received a bachelor of divinity degree from Andover-Newton Theological Seminary in 1927 and was a Baptist pastor in churches in Lowell, Marlboro, Beverly and Boston, Mass., and Paterson, N.J.

His wife, Barbara Whitney Beatty '27, died on December 29, 1995. He is survived by his three grandsons and six great-grandchildren.

Carl R. MacPherson '26

Carl R. MacPherson '26, a prominent school official, died September 12, 1995, in Abington, Mass. He was 91. He was born in Abington and graduated from Abington High School in 1921. After Colby, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and won letters in football and hockey, he studied at Harvard University, and in 1949 he earned a master's degree from Boston University. He taught mathematics in Bridgewater, Mass., and at Brockton, Mass., High School, where he was department head of mathematics and master and housemaster. He also was assistant principal at Concord High School for two years. During his 45 years in education he coached hockey, football and track and was a basketball and football official for colleges and high schools for more than 25 years before his retirement in 1971. He was president of the New England Football Officials Association and held memberships in a variety of organizations, including the Massachusetts Teachers Association and the Masons. He served the College as chair of the Alumni Council and president of the Boston Colby Club. The Colby "C" Club's Man of the Year in 1956, he also received a Colby Brick and a Colby Gavel award. Survivors include his daughter, Ann Sullivan, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a nephew.

William C. Carter '38

William C. Carter '38, a pioneer in the fields of reliable and fault-tolerant computing, died January 31 in Bath, Maine, at 79. Born in Waterville, Maine, to Mary Caswell Carter '04 and Professor of Mathematics Benjamin Carter, he graduated from Coburn Academy. At Colby he was active in numerous organizations, including football and the Glee Club, and majored in mathematics. After graduating as a member of Phi Beta Kappa, he was a Rhodes Scholar at Balliol College in Oxford, England. He served in the Navy during World War II as a meteorologist in the South Pacific. In 1947 he received a doctorate in math from Harvard University and was employed as an engineer at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. He helped design and develop computers and programming systems for Raytheon, Datamatic and Honeywell before joining IBM, where he led initiatives in advanced systems automation for 30 years before his retirement in 1986. He was the author of scores of articles and scientific papers and held more than 20 patents. During his career he received many honors and was made a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. In 1986, he and his brother, the late Clark H. Carter '40, established the Carter Professorship in Mathematics, and in 1987 he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the College.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia, two sons, a daughter, a granddaughter and his cousin, Kathryn Caswell MacDonald '36.
BARBARA WHITNEY BEATTY '27
Barbara Whitney Beatty '27, a Baptist churchwoman, died on December 29, 1995, in Penney Farms, Fla., at 90. She was born in Worcester, Mass. An English major at Colby, she graduated from Gordon College with the degree of bachelor of religious education in 1927, the same year she married Percy G. Beatty '24. She served as an assistant to her husband during his career as an American Baptist pastor. Following their retirement in 1977, the couple were active in artistic, literary and religious activities. Predeceased by her husband and daughter, she is survived by her son-in-law, Gary Cooper, three grandsons and six great-grandchildren.

EDWARD R. NEWHALL '28
Edward R. Newhall '28, a public relations director, died February 4 in Glen Ridge, N.J. He was 92. He was born in Lynn, Mass., and graduated from Kent Hill Seminary Prep School. At Colby he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He worked at Beneficial Management Corp. in Newark, Morris town and Peapack, N.J., retiring as director of public relations in 1981. Surviving are his three daughters, including Barbara Newhall Stevens '58, a niece and nephew, Eleanor Shorey Harris '57 and Roy Shorey '54, a great-nephew, Joel Harris '81, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

DONALD H. FRASER '29
Donald H. Fraser '29, a government administrator, died December 12, 1995, in Texas at 90. After Colby, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, he received an M.A. in education from Boston University and taught in the Philippines. In 1936 he became a social science researcher, writer and editor with the U.S. Children's Bureau and Social Security Administration. Later he worked with the Civil Service Commission in Washington and Honolulu and with the Atomic Energy Commission. After retiring in 1962, he moved to Texas, where he wrote a humor column for the Denton, Texas, newspaper and was frequently quoted in national publications such as Reader's Digest and Ladies Home Journal. The father of three children, he was a city councilman of Lake Dallas, Texas, and an elder in the Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his wife, Marguerite.

RUTH DAGGETT FULLER '29
Ruth Daggett Fuller '29, a teacher, died November 6, 1995, in Fairfield, Conn., at 87. Born in Waterville, Maine, she was a high school English teacher in Hartland, Maine. A long-time member of the DAR, she also was a member and choir member of the Old South Congregational Church in Hallowell, Maine, and a member of the Gardiner, Maine, Choral Society. Numerous Colby alumni in her family include her aunt, Alice Purinton 1899, the first alumnae secretary, both of her parents, and her late brothers Horace P. Daggett '33 and John W. Daggett '41. Survivors include two sons, James and Christopher, two brothers, Cecil M. Daggett '38 and Robert B. Daggett '51, seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews, including Susan Daggett Dean '67.

PHILIP R. HIGGINS '29
Philip R. Higgins '29, an accountant, died November 21, 1995, in Springfield, Mass., at age 87. Born and schooled in Presque Isle, Maine, he graduated from Portland High School and was an accounting major at the College. For many years he was an accounting supervisor for New England Telephone Co. and was a life member of the Telephone Pioneers of America. He served the Springfield Masonic Temple in several high-level capacities and was treasurer and Sunday school superintendent of the Bethel Lutheran Church and an officer of the Red Cross. He leaves his wife, Vivian, a son, a daughter, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

CHARLES N. PINKHAM '32
Charles N. Pinkham '32, a biology teacher, died January 23 in Univer, Maine, at 87. He was born in Winthrop, Maine, where he attended schools. During World War II he was employed by Western Electric Communication in Lindhurst, N.J. For 30 years he taught in public schools in Searsmont, Rockland, Newicastle, Sabattus and Penobscot and in 1962 earned a master's in education at the University of Maine. From 1967 until his retirement he taught biology at Unity College. He and his wife, Ann, also owned and operated the Picnic Whip Drive-In in West Rockport for 10 years. Survivors include his wife, a son, a granddaughter, two great-grandchildren and a niece.

ELIZABETH C. DYSON '34
Elizabeth C. Dyson '34, a teacher, died December 3, 1995, in North Adams, Mass., at 82. A North Adams native educated in local schools, she received a master's degree from North Adams State College in 1956. She taught mathematics and science at her alma mater, Drury High School in North Adams, and at Mt. Greylock Regional High School, Pine Cobble School, Buxton School and Williams College. Survivors include a niece, Mara Sue Vezzie Bass, and a nephew, William Dyson Jr.

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RIDEOUT '34
Portia Pendleton Rideout '34, a teacher, died January 23 in Clackamas, Ore., at age 83. She was born in North Abington, Mass., and raised in Maine. At Colby she was a member of Phi Mu sorority and in later years served as class agent. She taught in several schools in the Boston area before moving to Augusta, Maine, where she volunteered in schools. In 1995 she moved to Oregon. She is survived by a daughter, Marilyn Lammerman, two sons, Ralph C. Rideout '59 and Lawrence B. Rideout, her sister, Beth Pendleton Clark '35, 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

NORMAN ROGERSON '36
Norman Rogeron '36, a teacher and state legislator, died January 12 in Portland, Maine, at 85. He was born in Island Falls, Maine, and educated at Ricker Classical Institute. After Colby, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, he was employed by various federal agencies in Washington, D.C., Atlanta, New York and Boston. He left the U.S. Civil Service Commission to enter military service as an agent in the Criminal Investigation Division of the U.S. Army in India and Burma. After the war he taught at Ricker Junior College and subsequently engaged in business and agriculture. He was active in community affairs and was elected to two terms in the Maine House of Representatives and to two terms in the Maine Senate. After retirement he taught foreign language at Houlton, Maine, High School. He is survived by his wife, Anna Stobie Rogeron '38, a daughter and two grandchildren.

THOMAS E. ADWIN '37
Thomas E. Adwin '37, a real estate broker, died December 15, 1995, in Kingman, Ariz., at 82. At Colby he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. A World War II veteran, he worked in sales and marketing for Hollock and Howard Lumber Co. and Davidson Plywood of Los Angeles. He was active in Colorado real estate and was a real estate broker since moving to Kingman in the early 1980s. He is survived by a daughter, Cathy Coffey, a stepson and two grandsons.

HELEN JEVONS LUTHER '37
Helen Jevons Luther '37, a homemaker, died December 26, 1995, in Atlanta, Ga., at age 80. She was born in New York City. At Colby she was a Chi Omega sorority member and class officer. After College she attended New York School of Secretaries and was employed as a secretary. Her husband, Royal Luther '35, predeceased her. She is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth Engler.

JULIA WHEELER MORTON '40
Julia Wheeler Morton '40, a foster care worker, died December 30, 1995, in West
Orange, N. J. She was 80. Born in Montreal, Que., to Professor Nathaniel Wheeler '09 and Annie Harthorn Wheeler '08, she graduated from the College with a degree in religion and worked in children's foster home care for Baptist Missionary Church in New York and Massachusetts. From 1973 to 1980 she was employed by the College food service department. Her extended family included numerous Colby alumni. Surviving are her daughter, Julie Mailliet, her sisters Grace Wheeler Marsh '35 and Martha Wheeler Zeltsman '44, a brother, Nathaniel H. Wheeler '42, and two grandchildren.

GEORGE G. CAROTHERS '42
George G. Carothers '42, a decorator, died November 1, 1995, in Zephyrhills, Fla., at 78. Born in Savannah, Ga., he graduated from Walpole, Mass., High School and from Bridgton Academy. After service in the Navy during World War II he pursued a career as a painter and decorator. He is survived by his wife, Julia, a daughter, two stepsons, two stepdaughters, 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

ALTON G. "TEE" LALIBERTE '42
Alton G. "Tee" Laliberte '42, an executive, died January 18 in Waterville, Maine, at 76. He was born in Waterville and attended local schools. After Colby, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and won letters in hockey and baseball, he was a naval aviator in the African and European theaters during World War II. After the war he managed Liberty Cleaners before joining the C.F. Hathaway Co.; he retired in 1990 after 41 years as executive vice president of Warnaco Inc. He served on, three brothers, including Robert Laliberte '51, and Bernard Laliberte '52, six grandchildren, three sons, a sister, five grandchildren, a niece and a nephew.

JEANICE GRANT KEESE '43
Jeanice Grant Keese '43, a chemist, died October 30, 1995, in York, Maine, at 74. She was born in Merrill, Maine, and graduated from high school in Caribou and from Limestone College in South Carolina. She worked as a chemist for the Standard Oil Company and then for E.I. du Pont. From 1945 to 1949 she was an industrial engineer for Western Electric in New Jersey. Later she was manager of the accounting department for a real estate company in New Jersey. She moved to York in 1984, where she was active in many clubs and societies. She is survived by her husband, David, a son, a daughter, three granddaughters and several cousins.

LENDALL W. HAYES '48
Lendall W. Hayes '48 died January 8 in California at 72. Born in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, he attended Foxcroft and Fryeburg academies. His life-long interest in band and classical music began at Colby, where he majored in psychology-sociology. He received an M.A. in counseling and vocational guidance from San Diego State University in 1966 and for 30 years was an employment counselor in the department of human resources development for the state of California. He is survived by a daughter, Adrienne Beck, and a son, John Hayes.

NANCY GAGER HOWARD '48
Nancy Gager Howard '48, a homemaker, died January 6 in Norwalk, Conn., at 69. A lifelong resident of Norwalk, she graduated from Berkeley Secretarial School in New York and was a secretary at the National Bank of Norwalk from 1947 to 1950. She was member and volunteer for the Women's Board at Norwalk Hospital and was an avid sports-woman. She is survived by her husband, George, three sons, a sister, five grandchildren, a niece and a nephew.

JANET BOWMAR REYNOLDS '48
Janet Bowmar Reynolds '48, a psychotherapist, died December 7, 1995, in Worcester, Mass., at age 68. She was born in Needham, Mass., and raised in Abingdon, Mass., where she attended schools. She received her master's degree in social work from Boston University in 1950 and was chief social worker and director of treatment services at the North Central Massachusetts Mental Health Center in Fitchburg, Mass. She leaves her husband of 44 years, Frank B. Reynolds, three sons, a brother and six grandchildren.

BARBARA FOLEY FELT '49
Barbara Foley Felt '49, a secretary, died November 6, 1995, in Woburn, Mass., at 67. Born in Winchester, Mass., where she made her home for many years, she attended Winchester High School. After Colby she attended Hickox Secretarial School and was employed as a secretary with General Electric of Wilmington for 10 years. Surviving are two sisters and three nieces.

GEORGIANA HOOKER FIRTH '49
Georgiana Hooker Firth '49, a homemaker, died October 24, 1995, in Trappe, Md., at 67. She was born in Oakland, Calif., and graduated from Scarsdale, N.Y., High School. After Colby she completed studies at the Katherine Gibbs School in Boston, Mass. Since her marriage in 1950, she was a resident of Trappe, where she was a supporter of several local civic organizations. She is survived by her husband, Roger, two sons, two daughters, a brother, her stepmother and two grandchildren.

ROBERT F. STAPLES '51
Robert F. Staples '51, an insurance executive, died November 24, 1995, in Manchester, N.H., at 69. He was born in Brockton, Mass., and was a graduate of Whitman (Mass.) High School and Coburn Classical Institute. He served in the Navy during World War II before attending the College, where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and a class and student council officer. He was vice president of Home Insurance Company, serving the company in several locations in New England. Following his retirement he owned and operated Dana Associates Personnel Agency in Nashua, N.H. Survivors include his wife, Loretta Thompson Staples '53, a daughter, Jan Ellen Staples Wunderlich '77, a son, three grandchildren, a brother, a sister-in-law, Anna Thompson Bragg '69, and many nieces and nephews.

OLIVER J. SPROUL '52
Oliver J. Sproul '52, a statistician, died January 15 in Augusta, Maine, at 77. He was born in Augusta and attended Cony High School and Coburn Classical Institute. An Army veteran of World War II, he was a statistician for the state for many years. He is survived by his son, James O. Sproul, two daughters, Doris Dixon and Marie Sproul, two brothers, several sisters, five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

STEPHEN S. GARMENT '62
Stephen S. Garment '62, a USA Today employee, died in August 1995 in France at age 54. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and attended St. Paul's School in Garden City, N.Y. At Colby he studied philosophy and linguistics and was a member of the International Relations Club. After Colby he was a translator in various Army offices in Europe. He served with the International Trade Administration and then as an anti-dumping investigator for the Department of the Treasury of the U.S. Customs Service from 1978 to 1980 and in the Far East Division with the Department of Commerce until 1982. He was a member of the Hunger Project since 1977. In 1983 he joined USA Today, where he was a coordinator in the graphics and photography department and headed the newspaper's staff at the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, France. He died near Septmoncel in the Jura Mountains in eastern France in a hiking accident. Survivors include his wife, Geneviève.
A Storehouse of Memories
By Earl Smith

Not so long ago, a pretty fair football player flunked out of Colby and, after a year away, returned for a session with me to prepare for the requisite readmission interview with the Committee on Academic Standing. I tutored him on questions he might be asked and gently added that a sport coat and tie might improve his chances. The student appeared the following morning, resplendent in a new blue blazer.

"You fools great, but let me help you cut this thing off," I said, pointing to a bright yellow LEVINE'S SALE tag hanging below the vent. "Better not," the student said, tucking the tag into the back of his trousers. "The jacket's on loan. So's the tie."

America can build all the shopping malls it wants, but none will produce a store that will make loans to students temporarily in need of dressing up. These kinds of places—if there ever were other places like this—are gone. Gone for sure with the spring closing of Levine's on Main Street in Waterville.

Founded by Russian-born William Levine, the store had its beginnings as a horse-and-wagon enterprise, peddling dry goods throughout the Kennebec Valley. The first store was opened in 1891 on the main floor of the Levine home (where the sons still live) on Ticonic Street. Within a half-decade it had moved to Main Street, near City Hall, and then to its final location at the south end of Main Street. Through those years ownership passed from the father to the sons, Ludy Levine '21 and Pacy Levine '27, and, finally, to the nephew, Howard Miller '40, where the remarkable string has run out.

It was something of a miracle that the store lasted so long—105 years. For the last decade or so it was struggling against the tide of national chain and discount clothing giants. Still, the closing of Levine's was a terrible loss for Waterville. On Mayflower Hill we consolationed ourselves by telling and retelling Levine's stories. Teachers who brought up young sons nicely dressed with clothes that were freely charged—without interest—year after year. Pacy absolutely refusing to sell a particular coat on sale because it was "not good enough" to be worn at the College. And the occasional student of slim means, quietly outfitted at no charge.

The magnet that drew customers to Levine's was not so much the prices (which were fine, thank you) as it was the personalities of the proprietors, precious Colby jewels who, for so many students and alumni, were nearly as much a part of the Colby experience as the faculty who taught them. Indeed, for many alums of all ages, no return to Colby was complete without a reunion at the store where a tour of the Colby Corner museum was obligatory.

There was no such thing as a quick stop at Levine's, never a mere shopping trip. Sometimes, if you wanted to, you could even wait while the tailor made alterations (no charge). You wouldn't be bored. The ever-inquisitive Ludy (now 97), inches from your face; Pacy (91), interpreting, repeating answers. And Howard, a wan smile and a measuring tape around his shoulders, patiently waiting to make a sale. Is not the campus the most beautiful place on earth? (Having seen the miracle of Mayflower Hill from its beginning, they think so.) Will whatever team beat Bowdoin? (Oh please, Lord.) What's the look of the freshman class? (Are there big ones for football? Tall ones for basketball? Fast ones for track?)

Today, the rhythm of life and enterprise on Main Street is changed forever—

The Levine brothers, Ludy '21 and Pacy '27, and their nephew Howard Miller '40 finally called it quits and Colby has lost something as well. No doubt we should be grateful that we've known the store and the men who ran it—and we are—but we are sad, too, that future Colby students will not share the experience.
Sol LeWitt

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