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Hail to the Chief (of Staff)

Bigelow Link a Sea Change

For Charlie Bassett, a Fond Farewell
Farewell, Charlie Bassett
Charles W. Bassett, the Lee Family Professor of American Studies and English, emeritus, died Oct. 19 in Waterville. News that he was ill brought a deluge of letters from alumni who wanted to make sure that their beloved “Bassett” knew he had changed their lives.

The Girls Are Alright
Since its inception a decade ago, Hardy Girls Healthy Women has helped hundreds of girls to overcome damaging stereotypes and realize their own potential. With Colby alumni and faculty charting its course, the Waterville-based organization has made it to the national stage.

Obama’s Right Hand
As White House chief of staff, Pete Rouse ’68 is President Obama’s go-to aide. Unlike his predecessor, Rahm Emanuel, Rouse works quietly behind the scenes, eschewing the spotlight in the complex world of Washington and global politics.

ON THE COVER Girl Scout Madison Boynton, 9, from China, Maine, takes part in an Adventure Girls program held at Colby by Teaching Associate in Chemistry Lisa Miller. The program is one of many run by Hardy Girls Healthy Women, a Waterville-based organization whose rise to national prominence is chronicled in “The Girls Are Alright,” P. 14.
New blog posts appeared almost daily this semester. These excerpts give a sense of what was on students’ minds.

“There have been many times during these first weeks of college that I have felt completely overwhelmed by the newness of everything, the lack of deeper connections with people and places, the new schedules and opportunities and pace of residential college life. ... But I’m getting there; I’m slowly mastering the ‘Colby lingo,’ I’ve learned to never wear a lanyard with a key around my neck, I know never to call Bob’s ‘Robert’s,’ and I am realizing that there are benefits to starting fresh.” Annalisa Tester ’14

“First of all, I have a working fireplace in my room. Coming from New York City, that’s unreal. But in Maine, its just another thing that makes the cold winters less of something to survive and more of something to enjoy. Now, when I feel like having a little fire going during the Sunday football games ..., I just need to call the school’s maintenance department and ask them to deliver wood to my door. For free. It’s free because Colby has a co-ed woodsmen’s team that chops wood competitively....” Michael Yohai ’11

“For the past year or so, I’ve been involved with the Environmental Health Strategy Center (www.preventharm.org), an organization in Portland that tries to protect Maine’s people from environmental hazards. One thing I’ve been doing is writing short articles for their blog about topics that are relevant to young people, and recently they asked me to research a toxic chemical called nonylphenol. Nonylphenol? I couldn’t even pronounce it! But I was excited to learn about it. So for those of you who don’t know nonylphenol from nonahedron—but don’t want it in your body—here’s a quick primer. ...” Blair Braverman ’11

“If you asked me what Diwali was a week ago, I would have only been able to stare back at you blankly. From what I learned from our Diwali celebration last night, Diwali is a five-day Hindu holiday celebrated by many countries in [South Asia]. ... Our Diwali was really a small sampler of how different cultures celebrate Diwali. It was an informative and entertaining experience, with lots of singing and dancing. There was also a lot of good Indian [food] provided, always a plus. But the most impressive thing was the fire dance.” Amanda Walujono ’14

Photos of events and much more are on the Student Lens—a weekly gallery of photos. In this shot by Sadie Robertson ’11, Tucker Gorman ’11 is shown at work in advanced sculpture class.
Occasionally Colby brings news of the passing of someone who had such an impact that our standard obituary notice is insufficient. This magazine reports two such deaths: former President Robert E.L. Strider II and Emeritus Professor of English and American Studies Charles W. Bassett. In different ways, Strider and Bassett shaped the Colby experience.

I knew both men when I was a student, but not well. I took a couple of Bassett courses and enjoyed them and him immensely. I knew President Strider as an imposing figure, a paternal president who, it seemed in my time, didn’t know what to make of his suddenly upstart children. I would say he was distant but, just as much, it was my group of Grateful Dead- and Beat poet-loving friends that distanced itself from him.

Years later I saw both Bassett and Strider from a different perspective. Before I came to Colby as editor, I was hired to profile Bassett on the occasion of his retirement. I sat in Lovejoy 100 and watched him work the room like a Vegas headliner, darting from stage to aisle, calling out students in that faux gruff voice. And then I spent time with him backstage and saw that being Bassett wasn’t an act. In public and private, Charlie genuinely loved Colby students and, as the extraordinary farewell letters collected here (P. 10) show, Colby students loved him, too.

The Bassett phenomenon entailed a public display of affection that I doubt President Strider (P. 5) could have considered. Formal and erudite, the scholar president with the operatic baritone was widely admired by students early on. Then the country was stretched by the civil rights movement and shaken by the Vietnam War. Strider, an Adlai Stevenson liberal who personally supported the former and opposed the latter, found himself seen as a symbol of authority, someone for this momentous movement to challenge

In recent years I had occasion to chat with Bob Strider. He was gracious and charming, articulate and learned. I recall asking him about his administration, which, in addition to enduring the upheaval of the late 1960s, introduced innovations like Jan Plan and interdisciplinary study. He said he was deeply honored to have been president of Colby.

Bassett uniquely embodied the faculty-student relationship for which Colby is famous. Strider shaped this place and the experience it offers in other profound ways and probably didn’t get due recognition in the shadow of the protests. Both men left indelible marks on Colby, and that should not be forgotten.

Gerry Boyle ’78, P’06
Managing Editor

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**Letters**

Colby welcomes your letters. Send them to Gerry Boyle, editor; Colby magazine; Office of Communications; 4350 Mayflower Hill; Waterville, ME 04901, or by e-mail to mag@colby.edu. Length should be limited to 300 words. Colby reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

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**Fireflies Illuminate Humanity of the Sciences**

I just gotta write to comment on, for me, the lift and lilt of Blair Braverman’s essay “A Map of Here” (Last Page, fall 2010 Colby). Braverman’s poetic prose treats a favorite denizen of my nights, the firefly, with a finely balanced mixture of narrative and image, fact and impression. I was reminded by Braverman’s essay, as I was by the article on the Colby Achievement Program in the Sciences, that penetrating analysis hinges on personal identification with the subject. The two, objectivity and subjectivity, forge ahead together, making even the sciences a deeply human pursuit.

*Jim Foritano ’65*  
Cambridge, Mass.

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**Wind-power Story Was Silent on Noise**

I waited until I returned from Vinalhaven this summer to respond to the winter 2010 feature story on wind power. It was fascinating to me that the article did not address the issue of noise, which I knew to be a problem before I went to my little island cabin. I am maybe one-half mile from the turbines as the crow flies. The summer was so languid that I was not disturbed during the day because there basically wasn't any wind. However, at night the turbines were so noisy that I had to keep my bedroom windows closed, even during the heat of last summer. There are 16 year-around families just south of the turbines, some to the north, and a smattering of us summer folks less than a mile from the turbines. Certainly property values are affected but, more to the point, so is the quality of life itself.

The noise problem in Vinalhaven and elsewhere has been extensively written about in the Maine newspapers and, most recently, in the New York Times. Nearly a year after the turbines became operational, there is still no solution to the noise problem. This is also true of a dozen other turbine sites across the United States. For any community considering wind turbines, it is truly a buyer-beware situation. You can't believe what the construction companies tell you, as the people on Vinalhaven have learned too late.

*Lucy Blaney Groening ’56*  
Hartford, Conn., and Vinalhaven, Maine

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**Precedent for the Colby-Bigelow Partnership**

I read with interest the article by David Eaton regarding Colby’s new partnership with the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences. In the fall of 1974 I was a second-semester senior (I had transferred to Colby) with a major in environmental studies. For a senior project I contacted Bigelow, as my interests at the time were in marine science. I did an in-depth study of the feasibility of the Pittson Oil Company’s proposal to put an oil terminal in Eastport with the focus on the geography, weather, and tides of the western approaches and Cobscook Bay, a formidable place to navigate a small boat in good weather, never mind a supertanker in the fog. I was assisted and mentored by several oceanographers and other scientists at Bigelow. After finishing at Colby in January, 1975, I went to work at Bigelow as a research assistant working on such projects as red tide and investigating the Tamano oil spill in Casco Bay.

I was also fortunate enough to meet my future wife there. My career in marine science faded, but we’re still married after 33 years. I hope that the Colby/Bigelow partnership lasts at least as long.

*Charlie Le Royer ’75*  
Searsmont, Maine
Robert E. L. Strider II, 1917-2010

Robert E. L. Strider II, who as Colby’s president from 1960 to 1979 moved the College into national prominence, died Nov. 28, in Boston.

Strider, 93, a Harvard-educated scholar, came to Colby in 1957 as dean of faculty. As president he pushed for innovative curricular changes he said were needed to supplement Colby’s strengths and address its deficiencies.

Most changes were aimed at providing students with more flexibility in their studies—including the January Program of Independent Study, implemented in 1962, and interdisciplinary majors including East Asian studies, human development, and environmental studies. “There was no need to adhere to the orthodox patterns in some areas,” Strider wrote in 1979, “particularly those that lent themselves to combination with others.”

He was the force behind securing in 1962 a $1.8-million Ford Foundation grant that vaulted Colby into the top echelon of liberal arts colleges in the country. “Bob’s most important contribution was an incredibly powerful focus on increasing and enhancing the academic stature of Colby,” said President William D. Adams at Strider’s memorial service in Boston.

Strider also insisted on academic rigor, pushing faculty toward scholarship and insisting that the College retain requirements including proficiency in a foreign language. Trustee James Crawford ’64 recalled listening as a freshman to Strider’s address to the class. “He said, ‘I want you to look to your right and look to your left and just know that at the end of four years only two of you will probably be graduating,’” Crawford said. “The message was pretty clear—that academics was really important.”

Strider was a popular if imposing figure on campus in the early years of his presidency. But as the country swept into the turbulent late 1960s and early 1970s, Colby, like other colleges and universities, was the scene of angry protests against the Vietnam War and for more equitable treatment of African Americans. The relationship with college presidents soured as students took over college buildings (including Lorimer Chapel at Colby) and went on strike. “There was a sea change in the attitudes,” said College Historian Earl Smith, who was dean of students during Strider’s tenure.

Strider was not one to engage in heated debate with students or to negotiate with them. In his baccalaureate address in 1971 he said he hoped Colby students who had protested and marched would someday “see that, for all the suffering, it was during these years that real progress was made ….” To illustrate his point he quoted Shakespeare and Virgil.

“The tonality of the times and Bob’s personality were not well matched,” Adams said.

“Bob’s most important contribution was an incredibly powerful focus on increasing and enhancing the academic stature of Colby.”

President William D. Adams

After the tumult of the years of protest, Strider was more reserved in his public role on campus, Smith said. But in recent years he attended trustees’ meetings and visited Adams at the president’s house.

Adams said Strider spoke of his memories of Mayflower Hill, and he once asked if he could sit alone in the backyard of the home where he and his wife raised four children and where Helen Bell Strider oversaw the planting of trees and flower beds that remain today. “It was in his company that I learned … about how to deeply appreciate the time that I have before me,” Adams said.

After Colby, the Striders relocated to Brookline, Mass., where Helen Strider died in 1995. Robert Strider then moved to a retirement home where he ran popular discussion groups on current events and literature, Smith said.

Up to the end Strider insisted on academic rigor. “The last time we had lunch with him he was getting ready to give a seminar on Hamlet,” Smith said. “He was so frustrated because some of them hadn’t read the book.” —Gerry Boyle ’78
Career Advice from the Top

For students anxious about entering the job market without having received professional training in college, the message delivered by a high-level diplomat might assuage some concern.

The morning after delivering the 2010 George J. Mitchell Lecture to a standing-room-only audience at Colby Oct. 21, Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg sat down for breakfast with about 20 students to talk about careers.

Steinberg’s message to the group, made up primarily of government majors? Colby students are getting the best form of job training right now, right here. “I feel very strongly that the undergraduate years are not professional education years,” he said. “They’re years to develop habits of mind and tools of thought that you can use no matter what you end up doing.”

Young people feel a lot of pressure to start doing professional work, he said. “You’ll have plenty of time for that. You’ll never have the chance again to read Plato and Aristotle, to study the history of Africa.

“I think when you look back you’ll find that those were things that were most useful to you, and then you can develop the more technical skills as you discover and find that they’re relevant to your careers.”

Students, so appreciative of the opportunity for an informal breakfast with Steinberg that they made it to Dana dining hall by 8 a.m. on a Friday, asked questions ranging from what his job entailed to how they might proceed with their educational and career goals.

There’s no set path into public policy work, Steinberg said. “The wonderful thing about the world in which we live and the way in which it’s changed is that there are lots of ways … to public service and working on international issues.” He encouraged students to get out and try something, which he said would help them determine the type of work they enjoy, from working in the field to being on the “idea side.”

For Steinberg, years of domestic policy work preceded his somewhat accidental entry into foreign policy. “In one of these sort of small twists of fate,” he told students, “I happened to be in the office on Sunday morning, November fourth, nineteen seventy-nine, which is something you won’t all remember but was the day that the Americans were taken hostage in Iran. It’s about seven-thirty in the morning and, like a good young public servant, I was in the office. … My boss was not.”

The attorney general of the United States called and, before he knew it, Steinberg was at the White House working on negotiating the release of the hostages. “I thought it was pretty good stuff, and it opened a whole new window to me,” he said.

Perhaps that served as more reassurance that getting up early for the breakfast was, indeed, a wise choice. —Ruth Jacobs

Biomass: A Big Step Toward Carbon Neutrality

Construction is underway for a biomass heating plant that will use wood chips and forest waste to replace 90 percent of the 1.1 million gallons of heating oil used by Colby each year. Site work began in December for the $11.25-million project that will install twin 400-horsepower biomass-fueled boilers to produce steam used for heat, hot water, cooking, and electrical cogeneration.

The plant will burn low-grade forest waste and debris including bark and treetops. Plans are for biomass to come from sustainable forest operations within a 50-mile radius. The conversion will replace up to a million gallons of oil per year, and estimates of oil and biomass prices suggest the project should pay for itself in six to 10 years, according to Director of Physical Plant Patricia Murphy.

Since biomass is considered carbon lean if not neutral, carbon emissions from Colby’s steam plant will decrease about 90 percent, Murphy said. The project will put the College well down the path toward carbon neutrality, which it intends to achieve by 2015.

The steam plant, which will keep the oil-fired boilers on line for peak heating periods and backup, will continue to employ a cogeneration turbine that supplies 10 percent of Colby’s electricity needs.

Murphy and project manager Assistant Director of Physical Plant Paul “Gus” Libby, both engineers, did extensive research into the experience of early biomass adopters.

They worked with a firm that designed a system using a gasification combustion process. The result will be emissions that meet or exceed established regulations and ash that should be suitable for composting or agricultural use. —Stephen Collins ’74
Jews in Maine Colleges Between World Wars

With one notable exception, the history of quotas on the admission of Jewish students to Ivy League and what are now the NESCAC colleges during the first half of the 20th century is not a proud chapter for institutions now dedicated to diversity, meritocracy, and inclusivity.

The exception? Colby, according to Desiree Shayer ’12 and Pulver Family Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies David Freidenreich.

Their student-faculty collaboration titled “A Tale of Two Colleges: Jews and Baptist Institutions in Maine During the Interwar Years” was presented at the national Association for Jewish Studies conference and in an on-campus preview, both in December.

Their research found that Colby’s lack of restrictions on the number or percentage of Jews admitted was unique among similar colleges they looked at, that Colby had a significantly higher percentage of Jewish students, and that the Jewish community in Waterville saw dramatic advantages in socioeconomic status as a result of the College’s admissions policy.

Which is not to say anti-Semitism didn’t exist. Though the president, trustees, and faculty supported chartering a Jewish fraternity beginning in 1919, student government was not persuaded to approve Tau Delta Phi for 14 years, and other frats didn’t admit Jews for years afterward. —S.C.

Nyhus Attends Putin’s Tiger Summit

Associate Professor of Environmental Studies Philip Nyhus has been working for years to help China save its tigers. An authority on tiger conservation, Nyhus was invited to join heads of state and leading conservationists at a summit convened by Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin in November. The goal: to get the leaders of the 13 tiger-range countries to sign a declaration that they will work to double the number of wild tigers by 2022. The summit was covered by major media outlets worldwide. “This was the first time in history leaders of major countries came together and declared that they were not going to let a species go extinct,” said Nyhus. “As far as I know it is unprecedented.”

Since 2005 Nyhus and his student researchers have worked to determine areas of China where tigers could potentially be reintroduced into the wild. Never was there a guarantee that the government would move forward once a plan was devised—but Nyhus and his colleagues were optimistic. “I think the Chinese have already decided they want their tigers back,” Nyhus said in 2008. “I think it will happen.”

It appears he was right. At the summit, “China did declare that they were going to not only conserve wild tiger populations on the border of Russia and Indochina, but they were going to return or restore wild populations of South China tigers.”

It’s a victory that Nyhus is careful not to claim credit for. But he and his student researchers know that they contributed data that helped to advise the Chinese government as it pondered action on a conservation issue that caught the attention of the world.

To read the 2008 Colby magazine story and see associated multimedia, go to www.colby.edu/mag, keyword tigers. —R.J.

Advice for Internationals

Voytek Wieckowski and Sambit Pattanayak, both 2000 graduates, have a lot in common—with each other and with Colby’s current crop of international students who want to work in the United States but need an H1B visa to do so.

Both Wieckowski, from Poland, and Pattanayak, from India, needed the non-immigrant work visa that allows employers to hire foreign workers in specialized occupations after their student visas and occupational practical training extensions expire. Both succeeded and have experience recruiting and hiring on their now impressive résumés.

With students using the Colby Alumni Network, “We were fielding numerous calls from Colby asking us about the job search,” Wieckowski said. So, after going over the same ground repeatedly in one-on-one conversations with eager students, the pair decided to present their advice more formally—for a broad audience online and by visiting Colby for two days this fall to work with interested students.

A lot of their advice is available on their website www.F1toH1.com. In addition, a couple of dozen students—American and international—listened to their presentation Nov. 11, and many of them signed up for counseling and conversations with Pattanayak and Wieckowski in the Career Center the following day.

They encouraged students interested in business to work in the United States at least for a time. “Here you learn the basics of business better than anywhere in the world,” Pattanayak said. “And that U.S. experience is valued anywhere in the world,” Wieckowski chimed in.

They told students the transition from the supportive, collaborative atmosphere on Mayflower Hill to the tough and competitive “real world” can be uncomfortable. But they assured students that the education they’re receiving is world class, and the skills they’ll take away make them competitive with applicants from anywhere else.

“The Career Center is doing a great job,” Pattanayak said afterward. “Man. I wish I’d had that ten years ago.” —S.C.
Guyland Confronts Contemporary Masculinity

Reactions ranged from laughter to awkward silence when sociologist Michael Kimmell spoke to a crowded Page Commons audience about marriage, masturbation—and the culture in which young men are socialized and how it affects their values, pursuits, and relationships.

Kimmell, a leading researcher on masculinity, discussed his most recent book, *Guyland: The Perilous World Where Boys Become Men.* “Guyland” refers to the period between adolescence and adulthood—ages 16 to 26.

It’s a relatively new phenomenon, he says, emerging since the 1950s, when people were expected to be married with children (i.e., adults) around age 20. Despite the societal changes in the past half century, including advances in women’s equality, “one thing that remains relatively constant for men of college age now,” he said, “is that most men in this age group subscribe to the same ideology of masculinity—what they think it means to be a man—that I did, that my dad did.”

The problem with that, Kimmell said, is that young men now lack similar mentoring as they navigate manhood, especially in college. “In every single other culture in the world, it is the grownup men who … validate the boys’ masculinity,” he said. “What happens on college campuses is that you have eighteen-year-olds proving [their masculinity] to nineteen-year-olds, and that simply cannot work.”

This affects women in profound ways, Kimmell argues. “The big irony for me in writing *Guyland* was, despite the dramatic increase in women’s equality … Guyland remains a relatively gender-unequal world,” he said.

So what are we to do? “I think the question is how do we navigate our way through Guyland more consciously and more ethically,” he said. “Naming it, understanding it, understanding what’s being asked of us in its name, is the first step.”

Explaining it to a room full of people in Guyland works too. —R.J.

Looking Back at the Lorimer Takeover

Forty years after 18 African-American students occupied Lorimer Chapel with a list of demands, about 75 current students turned out to hear a visiting historian say, “They left a legacy that can never be erased from Colby College.”

In the Pugh Center Nov. 17, Ibram H. Rogers, assistant professor of African-American history at SUNY-Oneonta, gave a lecture titled Activism at Colby: Colby College and the Black Campus Movement, 1965-1972.

Rogers talked about the weeklong chapel takeover during March 1970 in the context of a national black campus movement that swept American colleges and universities as activists occupied buildings to demand changes.

He described Charles Terrell ’70, a leader of the chapel group (and today a Colby trustee), warming “with his fiery rhetoric” a demonstration by supportive students on a snowy day. He quoted a letter from occupying students to the administration saying, “The matter of illegal trespass in the chapel is pitifully irrelevant when compared to the matter of man’s illegal trespass against human dignity.”

As the days wore on, it became clear that, as at other protests around the country, so at Colby: “Administrators and black students were not speaking the same language,” Rogers said. A week into the protest, a sheriff’s deputy delivered a restraining order and students left the chapel vowing the fight was not over.

While the occupying students did not get satisfaction, Rogers said, “We all are a legacy of the black campus movement and those seventeen brave, determined, and fearless black students who put their college experience on the line.”

Responding to a student’s question, he said: “Activism is usually initiated by a student. A student deciding, like a Charles Terrell, deciding ‘I’m not going to let the status quo persist,’ and then beginning to encourage his peers, his friends, that they shouldn’t allow this to happen. And then one becomes three and three becomes five.”

“They made a mark,” he concluded, “and I’m hoping that you make whatever mark you’re supposed to make.” —S.C.

New Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid

Teresa E. Cowdrey, vice president and dean of admissions and financial aid at St. Lawrence University, has been named vice president and dean of admissions and financial aid at Colby Cowdrey will provide leadership in enrollment planning, student recruitment, admissions, and financial aid. She will oversee a staff of 23 and will serve on the College’s senior staff when she joins Colby’s administration following the 2010-11 academic year.

Having begun her career in admissions just after graduating from Wesleyan, Cowdrey brings almost three decades of experience. Under her leadership, St. Lawrence has seen improvement in inquiry and application numbers, admissions rate, yield, early decision, class rank, diversity, and standardized test scores. “I know Colby will benefit enormously from her experience and vision,” said President William D. Adams.
Medical Sponge Clean-up

It may not be an everyday occurrence, but when a surgical sponge gets left in a patient’s body, it can cause pain, infection, additional surgery—and great expense. The problem costs the U.S. healthcare system about $1.4 billion a year in lawsuits and surgeries to remove the sponges, said Devon Anderson ’09.

Anderson, Jonathan Guerrette ’09, and Nathan Niparko, a classmate from the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth, developed a solution that won second prize in the Collegiate Inventors Competition in November.

In recent years hospitals have used inventory devices to keep track of sponges. But that doesn’t prevent the need for additional surgery. So the Colby-Dartmouth trio, in a one-year capstone course at Thayer, created a sponge that breaks down in the human body, causing no harm to the patient. “We decided that we needed to alter the sponge as opposed to altering our counting methods,” said Anderson, who is now working full time on the project as he plans to begin medical school.

Anderson is careful not to give away any secrets. But he can say that the sponge is composed of cellulose, typical for sponges, and alginate, a similar natural polymer. But these particular polymers aren’t inherently biodegradable. “We chemically modified the polymers, but that’s only after we put them through a fabrication process that creates nanofibers,” he said. “It’s a pretty new field that a lot of people around the country right now are working aggressively on for different biomedical applications, mostly for drug delivery.”

“The applications are pretty wide,” for their sponge, he said, including “integrating drugs into the sponge itself so that as it’s degrading the drugs are released.” For now, the 23-year-old is focused on the original goal. Obtaining a patent will take 15 to 24 months. Then the team expects to decide to manufacture the sponges or sell the rights.

Either way, besides potentially solving a dangerous and expensive medical problem, there may be substantial money for the inventors.

“Really big money, I think,” Anderson said. —R.J.

Medical Sponge Clean-up

A close look at the fibers of the bioresorbable sponge.

More Alfond Support for Athletics

In November President William D. Adams announced a $2-million gift from the Harold Alfond Foundation to endow the director of athletics position at the Colby and provide additional support for a variety of varsity athletic programs.

“Harold Alfond’s generous support over the years, particularly his support of Colby’s student-athletes, has made it possible for our students to train and compete in some of the finest facilities available at any liberal arts college in the country,” said Adams. “This most recent gift will provide even greater opportunities for Colby’s student-athletes to compete at the highest levels of the NESCAC.”

In addition to this gift, the Harold Alfond Foundation and former trustee Bill Alfond ’72 have made significant recent gifts to the College in support of its athletics programs, including Bill Alfond Field, Colby’s first synthetic turf facility, built in 2004, and the Harold Alfond Stadium, built in 2008.

Colby’s current athletic director, Marcella Zalot, will become the first Harold Alfond Director of Athletics. The endowment of the athletic director position frees up already budgeted funds within the Athletics Department to augment other programs.
was Professor Jennifer Boylan who put out the call. Charlie Bassett was sick, his cancer had spread. He needed some encouraging words. And within minutes, the e-mails began pouring in from across the decades. Soon there were hundreds. Teachers, bankers, college professors, marketing managers. They sent photos of their kids, updates on their families and careers and travels, book recommendations, favorite poems. There were offers of beers, advice on how to fight cancer from those who had, admonitions to leave the hospital in Pennsylvania. As one put it, “Five words. Get. Your. Ass. Up. Here.”

Bassett did return home to Waterville, where he died Oct. 19. He was officially Charles W. Bassett, the Lee Family Professor of American Studies and English, emeritus. But they called him “Bassett,” “Charlie,” “CB,” “Professor Bassett,” and mimicking his affectionate nickname for them, “You old toad.” They reminisced. A lecture. A phrase. Bassett sending a postcard, a get-well note, an encouraging word, a needed kick in the pants, traveling across the country to a former student’s wedding. The image, frozen in time, of Bassett in full stride in Lovejoy 100.

They thanked him for his teaching, his lessons on literature and life, his decades-long friendship, his love. In short, they sent their love right back at him.

Boylan, a close Bassett friend and colleague, sat in his hospital room and read the letters aloud, with their references to his renowned homilies on Updike, Fitzgerald, Hemingway. One letter, from Keryn Kwedor ’00, particularly struck him. “Lying there in his bed,” Boylan wrote in an e-mail, “it made him want to talk about Hemingway. He was particularly struck by the line, ‘No man is alone upon the sea.’ If Charlie was upon the sea at the end, all those letters made it clear he was not alone.”

Boylan shared many of the letters with Bassett. We excerpt a few here.

———Gerry Boyle ’78
I was … Charlie’s assistant my senior year. He and I were very close, more so because that was the year Carol was diagnosed with cancer (I used to go to his house periodically to make dinner and play cribbage with him). And, we’ve stayed in touch over the years. In fact, my five-year-old is “Charlie” because of dear Bassett.

Suzanne Regnier ‘92

I recall you staying with [us] in Chicago when my daughter was just born. You were in town for a Colby fundraiser … and I was honored to have you stay with us. My daughter Megan is now 12 and I have a son Matthew who is 9. They are both avid readers ... and it is with pure joy that I see them read books that I remember with such love. It is a wonderful feeling to re-read a book like The Fern and discuss it with my daughter… Thank you.

Jen Millsop Millard ‘90

I ended up standing behind a desk in a classroom and even more lost about what I was supposed to do once there. I wrote you a letter asking you how you managed to love the job that you were doing so much, a job that I was finding God-awful! You were prompt and most reassuring in your reply. I still have it folded up in one of my journals. You asked me if I remembered learning how to drive a car, and you said you hoped it had been an automatic (it was!), and you told me that teaching was the same thing. Well, I love to drive (and really only if it IS automatic) and you’re right, I love teaching and it has become so much easier! Your words and reassurance have guided me through some times that felt rather dark and uncertain!

Sue Maddock Hinebauch ‘88

I was … Charlie’s assistant my senior year. He and I were very close, more so because that was the year Carol was diagnosed with cancer (I used to go to his house periodically to make dinner and play cribbage with him). And, we’ve stayed in touch over the years. In fact, my five-year-old is “Charlie” because of dear Bassett.

Suzanne Regnier ‘92

Also ... my mother and I ran into you at The Last Unicorn my senior spring. You were your typical self—charming, charismatic, and a bit cynical. Needless to say, my mother (who I not so objectively believe to have a great sense of humor), got a boot out of you. She was pleased to meet one of my professors, happier still that it was a guy with such a personality, and downright thrilled when you told her how beautiful she was. Well, you must know that you are something of a ladies’ man, but I have to say that it meant much to her to be complimented. My father had passed away that year and to be flattered by a handsome professor was a nice change of pace. Thank you, Professor Bassett.

Maggie O’Brien White ‘00

My older son recently brought home a fabulous reading list for college-bound students—he’s a bit daunted by the list. I, on the other hand, having read many of them at Colby, am thrilled. I can hear your voice urging us to understand, to make connections, to think critically. So...know that I am thinking of you, as are legions of others. Know that your voice is still strong in our minds, and that your love of literature and the perspectives you taught us all are being passed along to another generation.

Kimberly Hokanson ‘81

The sunset the last few nights could have been plucked from the coast of Maine. (We have plenty of painters too.) So much of what’s good in my life comes from or was shaped in Maine, not least by your lessons and care.

Scott Stein ‘83

I know my memory of students past is fading and you might not remember each one of us, but please know this is just one story of how you made a difference at Colby. You are one of the most loved, honored, adored, and respected people I know. I feel truly grateful to have known you and to have learned from you. You will be in my heart always!

All my love, Liz Helft Darby ‘91

Charlie Bassett was meant to be an English teacher at Colby. Period.

Amy Ostermueller Wyatt ‘96
I have now just begun my 32nd year of teaching at a small private college outside of Boston. I begin my intro lit classes with the fable that you introduced me to in Contemporary American Literature, the story at the start of Appointment in Samarra. I tell stories of you in my classrooms; I do your walk and your talk. I stroll the aisles, I get in their faces, I provoke and challenge, and I share the passion. You are with me, all the time.

Debbie Mael-Mandino '73

Admissions books may talk about the special professor-student relationships at Colby, but they really can’t do justice to what you have brought to my life over the past 20+ years. I just re-read the Anne Bradstreet poem that you read at my wedding. It is still my favorite poem of all time.

Becky Birrell Smith '92

Thanks for the note about Charlie, although I'm sad to hear how ill he is. Your reference to Zoo Lit reminded me of one of the highlights of my Colby career—hitting Charlie in the face with a pie (banana cream, as I recall) in front of about 200 people in Lovejoy auditorium in the spring of 1975. It’s probably the only time Charlie and I have ever had our pictures in the Boston Globe. Little did I know when I hit him that he would put a curse on me to become an English professor for the rest of my days. And so here I am—the only Shakespeare guy in Alaska—sitting in my real English professor office, pretending not to enjoy it.

Terence Reilly ’75

I was looking through my wedding pictures the other day on the computer and came across one of you dancing with me with the Pacific Ocean in the background. I will be forever grateful that you were able to make the trip to Pebble Beach for our wedding. I think my dad was a little upset that I danced with you before I danced with him—I made sure he thought it was just an oversight on my part (but it wasn’t). I honestly don’t know how I would have made it through my senior year at Colby without you.

Alicia Haines Hammond ’00

I received Jenny Boylan’s e-mail today, which has reminded me that I’ve been intending to write to you for quite some time now.

It first happened last April. I was lecturing to a group of undergraduates about environmental justice, and asked them how many remembered the day the levees broke in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Only a few of them raised their hands. I was stunned, but then I did the math, and realized that this group of sophomores and juniors were only in middle school during the time of this, our most recent, national tragedy. They probably were not tuning in to the news all that well at the tender age of 14. But before I could rationally process the thought, out popped the words: “You youthful toads.”

So, last April 16, did you know that one of your former students was channeling you? I’m sure I’m not the first one to join that club of Charlie Bassett alums.

Laura Senier ’90

I wouldn’t have written anything memorable, nor did my hand ever shoot up to share an insight, but I never missed a class, and through the last 24 years that I’ve taught high school English, I’ve tried to live by your example. Though I wouldn’t flatter myself to say I’ve succeeded, I know I’ve been on the right track for having tried to follow that star.

Ted Goodrich ’85

I am glad that you have Boylan to keep you company now, and I am sure that, even if they are too far away to stop by for a face-to-face visit, there are thousands of people like me who are with you in their thoughts. Just like the book says, “The clouds were building up now for the trade wind and he looked ahead and saw a flight of wild ducks etching themselves against the sky over the water, then blurring, then etching again and he knew no man was ever alone on the sea.”
I was a biology major but your class was one of my favorite courses at Colby and I continue to love the short story. When needing books to read following graduation, I often turned to Raymond Carver, Philip Roth, and other authors you introduced me to. Sometimes, I choose a book to escape, only to find it addresses the condition I’m trying to escape from. This was the case when I read Roth’s “The Dying Animal” – in 2002 when I was going through chemotherapy and radiation. I don’t remember the full story now, but recall it as painful and beautiful to read.

*Thank you, Professor Bassett, for the gift of the short story*, which has helped me through difficult times in my life.

Name withheld by request

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I’m still living the quiet life up in Northern Michigan with my wife, Carol, and 4-year-old daughter Laney. I was thinking about you this summer as I wrote some marketing copy for a client of mine. *Would Robert Frost be horrified or amused that I used “Mending Wall” to help sell woodchippers for a Vermont-based company?* If Frost could have gotten a DR Chipper out of the deal, I’m sure he would have gone for it—how else could he keep those trespassing pines and apple trees in line?

Rich Bachus ’87

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I graduated from Colby in 1984 with a double major in English and American Studies. You were my advisor and eventually became much more than that. *My father died when I was 15 and, you may not have known this, but you were also a father figure to me, someone who listened and offered valuable advice,* but didn’t sugar-coat anything and didn’t put up with whining.

Kathy Coleman ’84

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I am still teaching at Oxford Hills High School (chair of the English department, no less) and can tell you that I think of you and your teaching several times a year. *You brought to the classroom a passion that, while I try to emulate, I cannot quite achieve.* Every year, I tell the story of your class when you would say, “Damn it kids, if there’s one thing you have to remember, it’s this,” after which you would nail the essentials of Hemingway, Fitzgerald, Bellow or one of the other greats you introduced me to. Of course, I came to find out that there wasn’t just one thing I had to “get,” there were hundreds.

Brewster Burns ’84

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The editors of the *Colby Echo*, Michael Brophy ’12 and Courtney Yeager ’12, put out the call for tributes to Charlie Bassett for the newspaper’s Oct. 27 edition. The response was immediate and overwhelming.

To see the *Echo* Bassett coverage go online to www.thecolbyecho.com/news/961/.

For more *Echo* letters to go www.colby.edu/mag: keyword Bassett

For a profile of Professor Bassett from *Colby* magazine, on the occasion of his retirement in 1999, go to http://www.colby.edu/colby.mag/BassettRetires
THE GIRLS
With Colbians leading the way, girl-empowering Hardy Girls Healthy Women sparks a national movement

On the corner of 68th and Lexington in New York City, a young woman hops onto a wall near the entrance to Hunter College. A light sweater covers her ruffled top, and she reads from a piece of bright pink paper.

“I want you to know that I am taking back ownership of my body,” she shouts, her voice rising above the city din. “I refuse to let the media affect my body image or self esteem.” A few people stop to listen, bundled against the autumn wind, and one woman smiles as Tasha De Sherbinin ’11 continues. “I’m taking sexy back and I want everybody to know it. It’s important that women everywhere know they are in control of their sexuality.”

De Sherbinin was protesting on the street corner as a participant in the SPARK Summit, Oct. 22 at Hunter College. SPARK stands for Sexualization Protest: Action, Resistance, Knowledge, and 300 women and girls were trying to ignite a movement against the oversexualization of girls in the media.

But in New York City, street theater is common. How can one young woman get the people within earshot to really hear her message? How can the women and girls at SPARK change the culture of today’s media? How does one even begin?

By enlisting the help of girls, that’s how.
De Sherbinin, a women’s, gender, and sexuality studies (WGSS) major from Manchester, Mass., was one of five Colby students at SPARK representing not only Colby but also Hardy Girls Healthy Women, a Waterville-based nonprofit organization that has become a national player in programs and research that empower girls.

Hardy Girls Healthy Women (commonly called Hardy Girls) celebrated its 10-year anniversary in 2010 and that same year received the Maine Governor’s Award for Nonprofit Excellence in the small organization division. Hardy Girls shows women, girls, and their communities the power of working together to create change, whether it’s implementing sexual harassment policies in their school or challenging products or ads from a large corporation.

Colby is one of the keys to Hardy Girls’ success. From cofounders Karen Heck ’74 and Professor of Education Lyn Mikel Brown to staff members Megan Williams ’04, Jackie Dupont ’04, and Allison Cole ’07 to faculty, staff, and students who have served on the board, Hardy Girls is rife with Colbians. More than 100 Colby students volunteer each year while others engage as interns.

Hardy Girls and Colby partner in civic engagement projects as well. Brown offers a practicum through the Education Program that requires students to work with girls. The Colby Volunteer Center, an arm of the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement, has adopted Hardy Girls as one of its ongoing programs. And in both September and January, incoming first-year students volunteer at Hardy Girls as part of the C2IT (Colby Community Involvement Trips) portion of student orientation.

“Colby’s had a huge impact in our ability to build our capacity as an organization,” said Williams, Hardy Girls’ executive director. In turn Hardy Girls offers Colby students the opportunity to engage with a successful organization to gain real-life experience. With Colby’s support, Hardy Girls has developed and refined programs that are affecting lives across the country and around the world.

The SPARK Summit leadership team included people from six organizations that hailed from Washington, D.C., Oakland, California, New York City, Boston—and Waterville. Hardy Girls was one of two original sources of the idea to bring together researchers, educators, and program directors who are alarmed at the detrimental effects that sexualized media have on girls’ development. Brown and her research colleagues around the country, some of whom sit on Hardy Girls’ national board, knew that to gain momentum, affect policy, or get money for research, they needed to band together.

Hardy Girls also knew that SPARK needed girls as part of the equation. “If Hardy Girls was not an active partner in SPARK,” said Williams, “we would not have girls in full partnership with adults working against this issue.”

Hardy Girls offers strength-based programs and opportunities for both girls and adults that promote hardiness, “a health psychology notion around resilience,” explained Brown. Hardy Girls’ premise is that it is our culture, not the girls in it, that needs fixing. “What makes us unique is we go in and we work with communities and with the adults,” said Brown, “but with girls front and center.”

Training adults and communities to create “hardiness zones” specific to the individual community gives girls a safe place in which to grow, be creative, and ask questions about their world. By learning skills such as media literacy and critical thinking, communities and girls can decipher and challenge the culture surrounding them while developing an appetite for social change.

“The concept that I love the most about Hardy Girls is that it’s about changing the environment, not changing the girls,” said Nancy Gruver, founder of New Moon Media, a Minnesota-based magazine and online community for girls. Gruver refers to Hardy Girls’ work on New Moon’s companion website, daughters.com.

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Professor Lyn Mikel Brown (education), Hardy Girls cofounder
Left: Megan Williams ’04 (left), executive director of Hardy Girls Healthy Women, shares the stage with Jaclyn Friedman, executive director of Women, Action & the Media, during the opening session of the SPARK Summit. Below: Emma Creeden ’12, center, helps Rose Warren, left, and Lexie Bourne during an Adventure Girls program titled Chemical Commotion, held at Colby by Teaching Associate in Chemistry Lisa Miller.

and on Facebook. Gruver said she admires Hardy Girls’ ability to put theory into practice.

Since 2008, 1,500 adults around the country have participated in a Hardy Girls training or workshop that introduced the theories and practices shown effective in creating hardiness zones for girls. Hardy Girls now offers training online through webinars.

Project Girl, an arts-based program in Madison, Wis., relied heavily on Hardy Girls philosophy and on Brown’s research to get its organization up and running. Brown collaborated with cofounder Jane Bartell on the Project Girl curriculum and has supported the group during its eight-year existence. “She’s been absolutely key in everything we’ve done,” Bartell said of Brown. “She’s my mentor.”

In central Maine, Hardy Girls makes a real difference for local girls, participants and evaluations confirm. In 2009-10 alone, Hardy Girls reached 240 local middle and elementary students through its Adventure Girls program and Girls Coalition Groups. Colby students facilitate 17 weekly Girls Coalition Groups in schools using Hardy Girls’ curriculum to lead discussions and activities.

Berol Dewdney ’13, a WGSS major from Chester, Vt., who facilitates a group in China (Maine) Middle School, studies feminist theory and social change in her Colby classes. As a facilitator, she puts theory into action. “Not just thinking and writing about it—but thinking, writing, and doing,” she said.

Colby students have been doing a lot for Hardy Girls over the years. Hardy Girls’ curriculum, an 80-page guide, grew out of activities designed in 2003 by students in Brown’s practicum class who developed workshops for junior high girls in Winslow and Waterville. The girls loved the workshops and asked for more, Brown said.

The next school year Brown worked with six Colby students, Hardy Girls Healthy Women, shares the stage with Jaclyn Friedman, executive director of Women, Action & the Media, during the opening session of the SPARK Summit. Below: Emma Creeden ’12, center, helps Rose Warren, left, and Lexie Bourne during an Adventure Girls program titled Chemical Commotion, held at Colby by Teaching Associate in Chemistry Lisa Miller.

Hardy Girls Healthy Women Programs

Adventure Girls is a hands-on program in which second through sixth graders meet women in non-stereotypical gender roles—a woman chemist, carpenter, entomologist, rugby player—for activities such as geocaching, chemistry, carpentry, and karate. The program seeks to reinforce young girls’ beliefs that their career options are limitless.

Girls Coalition Groups meet weekly in central Maine schools. Facilitated by Colby students, girls in fourth through eighth grades build girl allies to address issues relevant to them. Reducing girlfighting, learning media literacy, and proactively shifting the culture are among the intended benefits of these groups.

The Girls Advisory Board comprises ninth- through 12th-graders who advise Hardy Girls’ executive board. Members develop leadership skills, represent the organization to the media or in workshops, and keep the board tuned in to the rapidly changing lives of girls.

The annual Girls Unlimited Conference, now in its 12th year, offers a day of workshops and activities aimed at developing critical thinking and leadership skills. Conceived and led by the Girls Advisory Board, workshops zero in on topics such as healthy dating, entrepreneurship, and body image.

From Adversaries to Allies: A Curriculum for Change offers adults discussion points and activities to implement in their own communities. Units range from Researching Girl Culture to Moving Beyond Cliques and to Sexual Harassment.

Hardy Girls’ Training Institute has shifted its focus from traditional training to online webinars and resources. Organizations around the globe can take advantage of Hardy Girls’ unique training approach to create safe, healthy, and empowering environments for girls in their communities.

In 2011 two of Hardy Girls’ board members, chair Anne Belden and University of Maine Associate Research Professor Mary Madden, will travel to Asia to conduct a training for the Women’s Foundation, Hong Kong. The training, funded by the Fund for Women in Asia, is the result of a connection made at a pre-SPARK reception in New York hosted by Moses Silverman ’69.

Hardy Days is a low-cost summer program with traditional activities such as art, theater, and science.

Ugly Ducklings Documentary and Community Action Kit offers schools, communities, families, and faith groups ways to create safe spaces for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and questioning youth.
Right: photos on Hardy Girls’ “Wall of Real Women & Girls” show the diversity of women and girls who came through the office doors during the first five years of the organization’s existence. Below: the Colbians who lead Hardy Girls, left to right: Lyn Mikel Brown, professor of education and cofounder; Jackie Dupont ’04, director of programs; Megan Williams ’04, executive director; Allison Cole ’07, director of development; and Karen Heck ’74, cofounder.

THE RESEARCH

Hardy Girls’ programming and resources are fueled by current research in girls’ development and education, particularly that of cofounder Lyn Mikel Brown, Colby professor of education. Brown has authored or coauthored four books including Girlfighting: Betrayal and Rejection Among Girls (New York University Press, 2003) and Packaging Girlhood: Rescuing Our Daughters from Marketers’ Schemes, (St. Martin’s Press, 2006).

The American Psychology Association Task Force on the Sexualization of Girls recently found “evidence of negative consequences for girls when they are sexualized or exposed to sexualized images.” Today’s youth spend nearly eight hours a day engaged with some sort of media, according to Brown, and children and teens are bombarded with sexualized images and products. Movies and videos portray young women—and even young girls—in compromising or provocative roles. Advertisements use scantily clad models to sell everything from jeans to soft drinks to cars. Marketers promote such products as padded bras for toddlers and a pole-dancing Barbie.

These products and images narrowly define who girls should be, emphasizing looks, clothing—and attractiveness to boys, critics say. This exposure to “sensationalized media and narrow gender roles,” according to Brown and Hardy Girls Executive Director Megan Williams ’04, “contributes to three of young women’s most common mental health complaints: depression, low self-esteem, and eating disorders.”

Hardy Girls Healthy Women was always there for Knights, but in fact it’s a relatively young organization that grew out of a challenge in 1998. A trustee of a local educational foundation offered financial backing if Heck could put on a conference for girls. Heck, who at the time worked for Kennebec Valley Community Action Program (KVCAP), solicited help from area agencies and KVCAP colleagues, including health educator Lynn Cole. The result was the first Girls Unlimited (GU) conference, in 1999, based on Brown’s research on girls’ development (see box).

After a second successful GU conference in the spring of 2000, Heck and Cole knew they were onto something. If they could raise money for a one-day event, they thought, they could raise money to start an organization with year-round programming. With Heck’s and Cole’s backgrounds in nonprofit development and Brown’s in including Williams and Dupont, in an independent study to explore the possibility of running weekly sessions. In conjunction with Mary Madden, a professor at the University of Maine, the students developed more activities and discussions related to issues that girls said were important to them. After another year of running groups, the organization produced From Adversaries to Allies: A Curriculum for Change.

Hardy Girls has sold 1,200 copies of the curriculum, now in its third edition, to users in 38 states. One current student facilitator is using the curriculum while studying in Senegal; former facilitators take it with them after graduating and use it around the country and in far-flung places including Sudan, Nicaragua, and Mozambique.

Most student volunteers leave Waterville after graduation, but some have stayed, notably three of five current Hardy Girls staff: Director of Programs Jackie Dupont ’04, Director of Development Allison Cole ’07, and Executive Director Williams, whose leadership has been recognized twice in the last two years. In 2009 Williams was named a “Nexter,” an emerging leader, by Mainebiz magazine, and in 2010 Williams won the first Open Door Award, for women under 30 who demonstrate exceptional leadership, from the Frances Perkins Center, a research facility honoring Perkins, the first woman to serve in a presidential cabinet.

“I have had the opportunity through Hardy Girls to develop my own hardiness, to develop my own sense of self, my own leadership, my own activism, my own voice,” said Williams.

Waterville native Kerrilee Knights is one of the many young women to benefit from Hardy Girls. First introduced to Hardy Girls at 12, Knights, who said her home life “got a little crazy,” participated in programs, volunteered, and joined the board at 16. She learned new definitions of success from the positive role models she met, and in 2010 Knights, 24, earned a degree from Green Mountain College in Vermont. “Hardy Girls was always there as a positive source in my life,” she said.
research—and what the trio calls “the conversation on Karen’s deck”—Hardy Girls Healthy Women officially began.

For five years the cofounders volunteered and built the organization from the ground up. From their office across from Waterville City Hall they created a resource center, established a board of directors, developed programs and trainings, raised money, and refined curricula. In 2005 the cofounders hired Williams as Hardy Girls’ first executive director.

One of Williams’s biggest achievements was establishing the Girls Advisory Board (GAB), a group of ninth- to 12th-graders that advises the executive board on issues important to girls their age. The GAB helps the board keep the program fresh and relevant.

The advisory board played an important role in Hardy Girls’ newest venture, Powered By Girl, intended to create an online space for real girls. Then-seniors Beth Ponsot ’10 and Sarajane Blair ’10 brought vision and technical savvy to the concept while GAB members offered ideas for content and interactivity. A year later PoweredByGirl.com was launched as a teen girl-driven social media site.

Last fall PoweredByGirl.com was populated with material generated by five Colby students engaged in an independent study project with Brown. They took turns blogging, posting images or videos, and training advisory board members and other high-schoolers on how to write and post material. Now anyone who joins can post material, including sexualized ads that can be re-captioned or “graffitied.” PBG offers an alternative to negative social media while educating teenagers about the impact of media in their lives. With PBG’s creative tools teens can interact with one another and talk back to the media to demand more realistic images of girls, Brown said.

Riley and the other attendees were equally charged up by the national figures who spoke at the summit. MTV’s “sexpert” Amber Madison emceed SPARK’s opening session, which included a talk by Jean Kilbourne, documentary filmmaker, author, and advertising expert. The keynote was delivered by actress and activist Geena Davis, founder of the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media (www.seejane.org), which strives to “improve gender portrayals in children’s media.”

“We judge our value in society by seeing ourselves reflected in the culture. If you see yourself, then you feel important,” Davis told the rapt audience. “So what message are we sending little girls—and boys—about girls if the female characters are one-dimensional, sidelined, hyper-sexualized, or simply not there at all?” she asked.

“We have an opportunity to be agents of change,” Davis said. “Because it’s by changing the cultural message that women and girls are less important that we will be able to empower women to reach their full potential.”

For Hardy Girls, SPARK strengthened partnerships around the country that will expose Hardy Girls to issues facing a broader population of girls than the primarily white, lower-middle-income girls they serve in central Maine. The summit also built momentum and established connections between high schoolers, Gen-Xers, and baby boomers in an intergenerational give and take that will amplify girls’ voices through shared ideas and activities.

“Movements have to be things that aren’t just inclusive of independent activities to move an issue forward,” Williams said. “In its very nature it has to be a lot of different players who are doing their own thing and sharing those things amongst each other.”

When Gloria Steinem joined a post-SPARK reception on East 65th Street (at President Franklin Roosevelt’s former home), women young and old eagerly awaited their turn to speak with the feminist icon. Steinem listened intently to each person and later, addressing the group, said, “This feels like the beginning of a movement.”

For longtime activists like Steinem, Heck, and Brown, involving young girls in the fight is crucial to future success.

“We need everybody on board. We don’t need girls just being able to look pretty, we need their brains,” said Heck. “That’s where I center my hope.”

“... it’s by changing the cultural message that women and girls are less important that we will be able to empower women to reach their full potential.” Geena Davis, actress and activist
By David McKay Wilson ’76

Members of the political press might be surprised to know that one of the White House officials least likely to grant an interview was once a reporter himself—for the *Colby Echo*.

Through more than 40 years since he was an *Echo* sportswriter, White House Chief of Staff Pete Rouse ’68 has remained largely aloof from the news media. It’s a practice that has served him well as he has risen through Washington’s ranks and scaled the pinnacle of power in the Obama White House. >

President Barack Obama is seated with White House Chief of Staff Pete Rouse ’68 as he makes a statement to reporters after meeting with his staff and cabinet members in the Cabinet Room at the White House in Washington.
In introducing his new chief of staff, Obama pointed to Rouse’s abilities to find solutions to difficult problems. “There’s a saying around the White House: ‘Let’s let Pete fix it,’” the president said.

Rouse, who was named interim White House chief of staff Oct. 1, has continued to avoid the limelight as he works on the inside to promote President Barack Obama’s agenda.

That makes Rouse, 64, the polar opposite of his predecessor, Rahm Emanuel, the high-profile former congressman who exited the West Wing to run for mayor of Chicago. Unlike the fiery and voluble Emanuel, Rouse has risen to the top in Washington by working the inside game—as Senator Tom Daschle’s chief of staff for 19 years and then as chief of staff for Obama when Obama was elected to the Senate in 2004.

“Pete Rouse is one of the great mystery men of Washington,” said Peter Hart ’64, the public opinion analyst who conducted polling this year for NBC and the Wall Street Journal. “He does his job exceptionally well, and he does it without fanfare. In Washington, there are workhorses and there are show horses. Pete Rouse is the ultimate workhorse.”

From behind the scenes, Rouse helped mastermind Obama’s unexpected rise from a freshman senator to the nation’s first African-American president. “I look for real smart people, people who place a premium on getting the job done, as opposed to getting credit,” Obama told the Washington Post in 2008. “My chief of staff in the Senate, Pete Rouse, Tom Daschle’s old chief of staff, is as well-connected, and as well-known and as popular and as smart and as savvy a person as there is on Capitol Hill. But is completely ego-free.”

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For all of the president’s public confidence, Rouse’s appointment sparked speculation from political bloggers. “Those who have been with Obama the longest are very excited,” wrote Marc Ambinder, former politics editor of The Atlantic magazine. “Rouse is brilliant, has a policy compass that resembles Obama’s in the Senate, and seems genuinely concerned for how staffers adjust to the crucible of the institution.”

One thing is certain: Rouse will have plenty to fix in coming months. Rouse, who served as an advisor to Obama’s 2008 presidential campaign and then became part of his White House inner circle in 2009, was elevated to chief of staff just a month before the November midterm elections. The election results were sobering for Obama, now forced to retrench and to work with the Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives.

Sandy Maisel, the William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Government and director of Colby’s Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement, says Rouse is the right man in these trying times for Obama. While heading up the Senate offices of Daschle and Obama, he was known as “the 101st senator” for his ability to move legislation.

“Pete is Mr. Inside and not a public persona, which is what Obama needs right now,” Maisel said. “He can work with Congress and has the reputation for working well with the Republicans. That becomes more important, as Obama needs to tone down his partisanship to work with the Republican House and a more closely divided Senate.”

Rouse’s desire to ply his trade away from the spotlight harkens back to the Brownlow Commission’s 1938 report on federal government reorganization, which recommended White House staffers have “a passion for anonymity.”

It hasn’t always been that way, says G. Calvin Mackenzie, the Goldfarb Family Distinguished Professor of American Government, noting several high-profile congressmen who have served in that role: Leon Panetta with Clinton, Howard Baker with Reagan, Donald Rumsfeld with Ford.

Said Mackenzie, “Rouse is doing what he has done his entire career—working behind the scenes.”

Rouse, who declined to be interviewed for this article, is single and lives with his Maine Coon cats in Washington. He grew up in New Haven, Conn., the son of Yale University academics. His father, Irving, was
President Barack Obama walks off stage with outgoing White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel, left, and new Chief of Staff Pete Rouse, right, in the East Room of the White House on Oct. 1, 2010. AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais

an archeology professor, and his mother, the daughter of Japanese immigrants, taught at the Institute of Oriental Languages. Rouse’s maternal grandparents were confined to an internment camp in Arizona by the U.S. government during World War II.

At Colby Rouse’s role as an Echo sports-writer was a natural for a serious baseball player—Colby’s third baseman who was also known for his prowess playing stickball in the quad behind Miller Library, according to Robert Rudnick ’69, Rouse’s roommate and longtime friend. Rouse was among two independents (non-fraternity men) named by the Echo in 1967 among the top 10 players in the interfraternity league, where he was known for his “blazing fastball and explosive bat.” Rudnick said he last saw Rouse in January 2010, when Rouse spoke at Colby’s Sloop Hero Society event at the Union Club of Boston.

“He ran the gamut, and he didn’t tout himself,” said Rudnick, a partner at the international law firm Shearman & Sterling and emeritus member of Colby’s Board of Trustees. “He told us about how he was learning the ropes [in the White House], the struggles they faced, and how they approached them. He was quite engaging. Generally folks in politics are much more guarded.”

That event was closed to the press.

After majoring in history at Colby, Rouse’s analytic skills were further developed in graduate programs at the London School of Economics and Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government.

He met Daschle while both were congressional aides to Sen. James Abourezk in 1973. But then Rouse found a home in Alaska, where his maternal grandparents settled after emigrating from Japan, as Lt. Gov. Terry Miller’s chief of staff. Miller, whom Rouse met while studying at Harvard, was his only Republican boss.

“He [Miller] was a very intelligent guy and a progressive Republican,” Rouse told the Anchorage Daily News in a rare interview in 2009. “And Alaska at the time, there were different philosophies up there. I shared his basic world view, I didn’t agree with everything, but on balance I felt he had the right vision for Alaska and the right philosophical approach.”

Rouse returned to Washington in 1985 to head up Daschle’s staff, starting a 19-year run with the Democratic senator, including the seven years that Daschle served as Senate majority leader. When Daschle lost in 2004, Rouse was ready to retire from government work. But reports say Obama pleaded with Rouse to head his Senate office, tapping the experience of the trusted Senate hand.

Now Rouse will head Obama’s governing team as the president addresses the sluggish economy, wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and a resurgent Republican party. Stuart Rothenberg ’70, a political commentator and editor of The Rothenberg Political Report, a nonpartisan newsletter on U.S. politics, says Rouse is faced with quite a challenge.

“In Washington, there are workhorses and there are show horses. Pete Rouse is the ultimate workhorse.”

— Peter Hart ’64
The Higher Education Cost “Bubble” May Not Burst, But It May Be Time For a New Model

Students on Mayflower Hill sometimes refer to their experience here as “living in the Colby bubble,” by which they mean, usually, a place where the demands of “the real world” are absent. I hear the term frequently enough that I Googled it the other day, wondering if students at other colleges and universities use the same term to describe their environments. “College bubble,” I typed, and in 0.12 seconds, Google returned 15.5 million results.

Nobody was talking about colleges standing apart from the real world. At the top of the list was a June 2010 New York Times “Freakonomics” blog post that began, “For years, colleges have treated their students as consumers, building ever more elaborate facilities and hiring ever more dazzling star scholars to lure applicants.” Although I didn’t check each of the 15 million links that followed, I’m reasonably sure that most of them were defining “bubble” that way—as an expression of the tension between increasing demands for programs and facilities and a perceived diminution in families’ ability to bear the costs.

Depending on whom you listen to, this bubble is either a monster that is about to burst or a mere figment of the American imagination, blown out of proportion by the world’s frightening economic circumstances and sure to deflate gently when people regain a sense of security. My experience (15 years as a college president and 40 in higher education) tells me that both viewpoints are hyperbolic.

The traditional model of private higher education in the United States has been around for more than five decades, and it is an offshoot of the nation’s general economic strength over those decades. To oversimplify, even including the recent recession, since the early 1960s the country has experienced an expanding economy. We’ve had ups and downs, we’ve had recessions and pullbacks, but on balance we have seen impressive growth in economic output and other measures of strength. At the same time, we have seen steady growth in wealth for Americans—not across the board, of course, and more episodically where wages are concerned, but real, measurable growth. In higher education, we have seen an impressive increase in federal support for research; even Colby, which doesn’t compete as heavily as research universities for these government funds, currently administers about $1.5 million in federal grants, primarily for our science programs.

We have, in some ways, reduced the focus on our educational mission in order to concentrate more attention on competing with other, similar institutions. The meaning of all this American prosperity for a place like Colby is several-fold. First, the marketplace has allowed for regular tuition increases above the level of inflation, which we have used to dramatically enhance the experience for students. We recruit and retain top scholars to teach. We ensure that the student-faculty ratio hovers close to 10:1 so students receive intensive attention in classrooms and laboratories. We provide financial aid as one component of our commitment to exposing all students to the various forms of diversity (including socioeconomic diversity) they will encounter in their post-Colby careers. We build and maintain excellent facilities for academic work. And we make sure that residence halls and co-curricular facilities support a vibrant community.

Second, over the past few decades we at Colby have benefited from a powerful philanthropic movement, and this has given us ever-greater expectations for what we can ask of alumni, parents, and friends in the way of financial support.

Third, we have seen spectacular endowment growth. Between 1998 and 2008, Colby’s endowment grew 150 percent, which meant more and more funds for our operating budget and the programs of the College.
With the steady growth in income came a steadily expanding expense base. In the past 20 years, Colby has added 10 academic programs, 30 faculty positions, and about 70 staff to support the academic program. We have seen a 32-percent increase in the size of our physical plant—400,000 square feet, at about $8 per square foot of embedded permanent cost—and a blossoming technology infrastructure that would have been incomprehensible to planners in 1960. Faculty compensation has grown in real terms, thanks to a dramatic increase in competition among the best colleges and universities for top scholars and teachers. Last but not least, in my 10 years as president, the number of students who receive financial aid in a single year has increased by 125 (from 642 to 767), the average grant has gone from $18,000 to $36,000, and the portion of the operating budget dedicated to aid has increased from 13 percent to 20 percent.

That’s our model in 2011, honed over 50 years by market forces and carrying, I would argue, some very positive outcomes. The United States’ system of higher education is the best in the world, and private institutions like Colby represent a notable and unique niche seen nowhere else. There is unparalleled intensity and richness to the experiences our students have, and those experiences affect their lives—profoundly and forever.

But the model has its flaws, and there are things about its evolution that have not been healthy for our institutions or the people they serve. With tuition as high as it is, it is natural for students and their families to consider themselves consumers of a product that we are “selling.” And because we exist in the marketplace our model has created, where the number-one school and the number-fifty school (in whatever rankings list you peruse) are microscopically different in objective terms, we have become preoccupied with comparative and competitive outcomes, with emphasizing rankings and ratings, and with market differentiation. We have, in some ways, reduced the focus on our educational mission in order to concentrate more attention on competing with other, similar institutions. That in turn has created a good deal of anxiety among prospective students about getting into the “best” school rather than attending the best school for them. It is appalling to think that a student would forego attending a college with an academic program perfectly suited to her needs in order to attend a school that scores 10 places higher in some guidebook, but I suppose it happens.

If our model is under pressure—and those 15 million “bubble” hits say it is—what would a new model look like? Where are we going with private higher education?

I think some conditions for a new model are in place. We are in the midst of a tepid economic recovery, with underemployment and unemployment here to stay for a while. As these conditions persist, there will be downward pressure on fee increases and on our expectations for philanthropy, and there will be flat or decreasing endowment spending. So, all sources of revenue could become dramatically constrained over time. That will have profound effects on compensation and will slow the evolution of our infrastructures and our programs. At the same time, we can predict ever-higher needs for financial aid among students.

In that financial reality, our institutions will evolve, and new programs will come into existence—but by substitution rather than addition. For a culture that has been good at adding programs and not good at making choices among them, this will call for marked adjustments in the way we do business.

I’m reminded of something a professor I studied with in graduate school said: “The future isn’t someplace we are going to; it’s something we are making.” If we are free to make a future in higher education, I think certain kinds of values would assert themselves. We may become places of less complexity and less richness, and that would be a loss for our students. But the new model, despite its basis in contraction, will give leaders of higher education institutions a chance to return some of our focus to our mission and to de-emphasize the consumerist dynamic under which we have been operating.

The new model, despite its basis in contraction, will give leaders of higher education institutions a chance to return some of our focus to our mission and to de-emphasize the consumerist dynamic under which we have been operating. We might find ourselves giving even more attention to our students and their particular needs when we aren’t as concerned with what’s going on at every other college of our kind.

The traditional model of higher education is very powerful, and it did wonderful things for our institutions. It will be easy for us to fall back into our old ways when the economy recovers. The market effects and patterns we’ve seen are very conservative, and they keep us locked into certain patterns. But given the prerogative to change—or given no choice—we could make the most of the opportunity. We could move away from external metrics and preoccupations. We could return to a central preoccupation with the educational experience and its outcomes for the students we care about most.

We could prepare for the bursting bubble by thinking about what, fundamentally, must survive: superior education for undergraduates in a residential, liberal arts environment.

That concept won’t launch 15 million links. But it will continue to launch powerfully influential lives.

The full Report of the President for 2009-10, with financial highlights and leadership lists, is online at www.colby.edu/president
Q&A

ELIZABETH LEONARD, A HISTORIAN OF THE CIVIL WAR, DISCUSSES HER NEW BOOK, RESEARCH, LEGOS, AND THE INSPIRATION THAT SENT HER ON THE TRAIL OF BUFFALO SOLDIERS

DAVID EATON INTERVIEW  JEFF POULAND PHOTO

Men of Color to Arms! Black Soldiers, Indian Wars, and the Quest for Equality is Professor Elizabeth Leonard’s fourth book on the Civil War.

So much has been written about the Civil War. How do you find new things to look at?

I think there are two ways to do it. How do you find new things to look at? So much has been written about the Civil War. You have to use a different set of eyes. You have to not be looking over and over again at the same stuff. In my early work on the Civil War I was just looking exclusively at women. So I was just looking for something that wasn’t part of the standard. The other thing is you look for questions that have not been asked. I think you have to look for the missing pieces, ask what questions haven’t been asked yet, and try to make connections that haven’t been made.

As you were looking with this different set of eyes, how did you settle on this topic?

My son asked me this question and it really was fascinating to me. This is years ago now. Probably as a seven-year-old, he said, “Is it true the Union Army freed the slaves and then went out and killed the Indians?” I said, “Yes, that’s true. Why do you ask? Was that something that came up at school?” And he goes, “No, I was looking in my Lego catalog and I was noticing there were pictures of blue soldiers and gray soldiers, and then there are these blue soldiers and little Indians.” So then we were talking about that and he said, “Why would they do that?” And I thought, that is a really interesting question. I hadn’t really given much thought to what does the Union Army do after the war? Where does it go? Did it all just go home? I started thinking about what happens with those emancipated people, and I found that they too were filtering into the Army. And so the whole story got tangled up together.

What’s your process for writing something like this?

I do a lot of research, and I love to do the research. It’s really such a joy to me to be in the archives, so I do a lot of that. I have a question I’m asking and trying to answer. I can identify where some of the most important archival materials are. Then I just go and plunge myself into those and I just keep track of everything that seems salient and I follow these leads as I understand them. I don’t preplan a lot and I never use any note-card programs. I take notes. Then I print everything up, and then I have to go through everything a million times to find what I am looking for. And I’ll sometimes write chunks of things. I’ve come to believe that for me to predetermine which way I’m going to go too much restricts my ability to see connections that I otherwise can see. So it seems very chaotic but it works very well for me because when I start to write I’m constantly going back over everything and back over everything and back over everything.

And when you start, is there an outline or do you just start writing?

This was probably the book that was the hardest in that sense. I’m writing this biography now. What outline? It’s his life. So that’s easy. In my two books I wrote on women, they were very easily categorized. In the first book there was a woman nurse, there was a woman in ladies aid, and there was a woman doctor, and I could sort of use them as a way to organize material on people who did similar kinds of things. This book was a little bit harder to bring together because there were so many threads. So I would say that I did not have an outline but I had a really terrible first draft. Thank God I have a very good and rigorous editor.

But you turned it into a very interesting book. It comes together ... it’s a lot of redoing and redoing and redoing and it’s sort of like a big pile. I think it’s hard because I was dealing with such snippets of information on a lot of these people. I had to develop larger points using little bits of information that I could get hold of. It would have been great to have several people who were like the West Point guys about whom I could actually learn quite a bit. The Indian Wars guys, they’re really hard. It’s literally a paragraph here or a few bits of information there.
Where and how do you find them?
For those guys out in the West, they didn’t have journals, they didn’t write a lot of letters. At most there were sometimes letters to the editors of newspapers. I was able—thank goodness for databases like historical newspapers—I could find bits and pieces there by searching very meticulously. There are some wonderful people out there who haven’t written synthetic monographs about this but who have compiled some works where they say, “Here’s some poetry of Buffalo Soldiers or a story about this.” There are little bits and pieces of things and you lean on them. That stuff is a little more challenging.

You’ve got this core group [Buffalo Soldiers] that is not capable of documenting itself ...
Right. And they’re not writing letters. Generally you mostly have other people talking about them. Probably one of the best places I went was Fort Davis, Texas—I spent a week down there—which is a wonderful historic site where most of the Buffalo Soldier regiments spent at least some of their time. It’s an absolutely beautiful place. It has a wonderful National Park Service historian who helped me tremendously, and just to be there actually was very, very important for me. To walk on that ground and see where they had been and see what they had seen and feel the isolation they must have felt. You know, I had a modern car that could get me to El Paso in three hours if I had to go, but I thought about what it would be like to be black and have a horse as the fastest way you could get out of there if you wanted to get away.

And where would you get away to?
Nowhere. Mexico I suppose. That was probably closest and you really couldn’t. White commanders often commented on how rare it was for black soldiers to desert. And, to their credit, they were nice. They said they’re so faithful and so on. But some of the reasons black soldiers didn’t desert had to do with the fact that it would be obvious you didn’t belong there. You know, what was a black person doing in this area if he wasn’t in the Army? He’s a deserter.

What makes a good history book?
I think it should be a topic that would be of interest to people and I think it should be written clearly and the goal should be to communicate with more than just three friends who are specialists in your field. I think it needs to be very carefully researched and I guess I am the historian who believes that historians have a social responsibility. I think every book I have written was not written just to tell the story but because I feel that understanding and discussing history has meaning for us in our present and our future. I think there are probably a lot of historians who think you really should just be telling about the past. I do it because I feel like it matters. We need to know.
Sea Change

COLBY-BIGELOW PARTNERSHIP TURNS THE WORLD’S OCEANS INTO A VAST CLASSROOM

RUTH JACOBS STORY JOAQUIM GOÉS PHOTOS

Environmental science major Courtney Beaulieu ’11 (left) and University of Maryland Research Associate Professor Victoria Coles guide the Conductivity, Temperature, and Depth (CTD) probes used to collect water samples.

Five weeks cruising the Atlantic off the coast of Brazil with barbecue dinners on the deck. Or floating through the eastern Pacific and catching squid for the cooks to make into calamari that night.

A tropical vacation? Not for Ali Brandeis ’10 and Courtney Beaulieu ’11. They spent part of their summer as interns on research expeditions through the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, where the demands were high and time to relax was limited. “It’s a very, very tiring experience since we work like twenty hours a day with not much sleep,” said researcher Helga do Rosario Gomes. “Sometimes we don’t have day or night, depending on when the ship stops, so we work for the night.”

For Beaulieu and Brandeis the Bigelow cruises offered an uncommon opportunity for an undergraduate to conduct hands-on oceanographic research to help them determine their future plans in the scientific world. “It just really opened my eyes to actually how many opportunities there are in environmental science,” said Beaulieu.

Both expeditions—Beaulieu’s in the Amazon River plume, an area of low-salinity water off the coast of Brazil, and Brandeis’s in the Costa Rica Dome, an area where cold water rises from the ocean’s depths to the warmer tropical surface—including interdisciplinary teams funded by the National Science Foundation. “Courtney got to meet so many new people from like six or seven schools, and you know that was a big eye-opener for her—what they were doing, what they wanted to do with their lives, how they were managing their Ph.D. programs,” said Gomes. This is all part of the plan.

In July Colby announced the establishment of a strategic partnership with Bigelow Labs that would facilitate teaching and research.
“The ocean is a really big place, and we really have so little knowledge about it.”

Ali Brandeis ‘10

collaboration. While the work that Beaulieu and Brandeis participated in took place pre-partnership, it exemplifies the kinds of opportunities Colby students will have more access to in the future, according to Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Donihue ’79. These include increasing academic collaboration during Jan Plan both in courses and through independent research, introducing a semester study-in-residence at Bigelow, increasing collaboration between Colby faculty and Bigelow’s senior research scientists, and more.

And the future is now. In January Angela Warner ’11 is the next to take part in a Bigelow cruise, sailing from Punta Arenas, Chile, to Cape Town, South Africa. “A lot of students are interested in this, and it gives us a way to deepen a very strong niche that we already have with respect to the environment,” said President William D. Adams in announcing the partnership.

Beaulieu is an environmental science major with an independent focus in public health, and Brandeis was a chemistry major. Both say the experience at sea exposed them to a scientific arena they were unfamiliar with but that related to their coursework at Colby. “It’s really nice to learn about everything in the courses here,” said Beaulieu, “but it’s completely different to go and experience and try to put everything that you’ve learned to use.”

But how does collecting water samples in the Amazon relate to public health? Beaulieu collected seawater, filtered out particles, and incubated it to study changes in the composition of organic matter flowing from the Amazon River. “Courtney’s research is very important in the sense it will tell us how much material—CDOM [Color Dissolved Organic Matter]—is released by the Amazon and how much of it enters the carbon cycle and is lost to the sea,” said researcher Joaquim Goés, who, with Gomes, left Bigelow this summer for positions at Columbia University.

As Brandeis pursues a Ph.D. in chemistry at Tufts University, Beaulieu is considering a graduate program in oceanography, among other things, following graduation in May. “It might also end up being something that is not tied into my plans for the future—but either way it really was a good experience,” she said.

It was successful for researchers Gomes and Goés, as well. “They are highly motivated, very focused, they enjoy working. They’re there for a purpose, they work hard, and they’re grateful for the opportunity,” said Goés, who, with Gomes, left Bigelow this summer for positions at Columbia University. “They immediately grasped what the whole project was about, and they would come up with their own questions—and you need to have an analytical mind to do that. I think the kind of education that they’re provided [at Colby] is very good.”

The Bigelow researchers weren’t the only ones impressed by the Colby students. On board both ships were researchers and graduate students from around the world, some of whom raved about Beaulieu.

“We had these four Brazilians on the cruise and they said, ‘I cannot believe she’s twenty.’ She is so, so, so responsible,” recalled Gomes. “One of the ladies who was a chemist said, ‘When I get the money, I’m taking Courtney with me.’”

Blogging from the Atlantic

Two Colby scientists, Whitney King, Miselis Professor of Chemistry, and Annie Warner ’11 will join a group of scientists on the Great Belt Cruise, a research voyage that will traverse more than 7,000 miles of the southern Atlantic Ocean in January. The cruise aboard the research vessel Melville is led by William “Barney” Balch of Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences. Departing from Punta Arenas, Chile, and ending in Cape Town, South Africa, the Colby scientists will be blogging throughout the voyage. Their reports will be posted at web.colby.edu/colbyatsea/
Celebrating Zimbabwe in Maine

OAK INSTITUTE EVENTS INCLUDE STUDENT PANEL, ZIMBABWEAN FEAST, AFRICAN ROCK STAR

STEPHEN COLLINS ’74 STORY  SADIE ROBERTSON ’11 PHOTOS

Tendai Mutunhire ’13 leaned in and shouted to be heard over the pulsing African rhythms and wailing Afro-pop guitar in Pulver Pavilion. “Can you believe it?” he asked. “We have the two most famous women in Zimbabwe right here in this room!”

The occasion was Zimbabwe in Maine, a celebration on Oct. 16 of Colby’s Zimbabwean community, with this year’s Oak Human Rights Fellow Jestina Mukoko as the focus.

Events began with a panel discussion featuring students from Zimbabwe describing their country and life there. The program attracted a standing-room-only audience, more than 100 students and guests, to one of the Diamond Building’s largest classrooms.

A buffet dinner of Zimbabwean food followed, with dishes including sadza (maize, much like American grits) cooked by African students and coordinated by Escar Kusema ’09, who returned to campus from New Hampshire for the event. Finally the celebration moved to Cotter Union for a concert by Chiwoniso Maraire, who’s been described as “an Afro-Soul Diva” and as “one of Zimbabwe’s most highly regarded musicians.”

“It’s like Oprah,” Mutunhire said later. “You just say ‘Chiwoniso’ and everybody knows.”

Mukoko, national director of the Zimbabwe Peace Project, is a star in her own right. Formerly a national television news anchor, she is universally known in Zimbabwe—a household name and face. When she was abducted by state security agents and held incommunicado for three weeks in 2008, the celebrity status that may have saved her life took on a new dimension. Held for three months altogether, she emerged an international symbol of courage in Zimbabwe’s human rights struggle.

For most of the past decade, Zimbabwe has been the fifth or sixth best-represented foreign country in Colby’s student body.

Colby’s connections to the troubled nation in southern Africa run deep. Since 2000 Colby has enrolled 18 students from Zimbabwe, and for most of the past decade the country has been either the fifth or sixth best-represented foreign country in Colby’s student body. Many of those students come as Oak Scholars, a scholarship open to students from Zimbabwe or Denmark or whose families have been victims of torture or persecution. Others arrive as Davis United World College scholars.

Since 2000, one Zimbabwean student has been class marshal (2005) and another class speaker (2006). One earned a Ph.D. in engineering systems at MIT; another is an M.D./Ph.D. hematologist from Dartmouth; a fifth was the first student ever to ace Professor Dasan Thamattoo’s organic chemistry final exam and is now a researcher in a medical lab at Harvard.

At the panel discussion four current students from Zimbabwe talked about the difficulties earlier in this decade of living in a deteriorating civil society with hyperinflation, and they passed around trillion-dollar

Students and guests sample traditional Zimbabwean foods prepared for the Zimbabwe in Maine celebration, an Oak Human Rights Institute event.
banknotes to illustrate how dizzying the failing economy became. “We don’t want to sanitize anything about our country,” said Rumbidzai Gondo ’14, noting that poverty is widespread—though, as in most countries, there are both well-to-do and dispossessed citizens.

But when the country reached its nadir, in 2007-08, many suffered. Gift Ntuli ’14 said that schoolteachers were caught up in the cross-border commodities trading that became the only source of cooking oil, flour, and bread. It was a matter of survival. “For one year there was no learning. It really crippled our academic system.”

Mutunhire said an elder told him, “Kid, the education you’re getting today is worthless,” even though families had to pay fees to keep their children in the public schools.

And it wasn’t just the poor who went hungry. Takudzwa Dizha, Mukoko’s son, who studied at Colby first semester, said, “In 2007 and 2008 we had only two meals a day,” at his school.

Moderator Isadora Alteon ’13 of Brooklyn, N.Y., asked the panelists about medical care during the crisis in Zimbabwe. Ntuli said many professional physicians left the country, which seriously degraded the healthcare available. Mutunhire said he was impressed by stories about how young doctors and medical students shouldered enormous loads after established doctors fled.

For Dizha, the medical crisis turned personal. His 5-year-old cousin was being treated for leukemia by the last cancer specialist in the city. When that oncologist packed his bags and left, “That’s when [my cousin] started deteriorating, and that’s what led to his death,” Dizha said. “It’s horrific.”

Despite the tragedies of the declining state, Gondo found a silver lining, suggesting the troubles have made Zimbabweans stronger, more resilient, and less prone to complain. After leaving the country to study at the African Leadership Academy, she was amused: “In South Africa, people complain about the food,” she said.
Hands Off That Thermostat

JAMES FLEMING EXPLORES THE LONG AND CHECKERED HISTORY OF ATTEMPTS TO “FIX THE SKY”

STEPHEN COLLINS ’74 REVIEW

Few threats to planet Earth are scarier than those describing apocalyptic climate change. But in his new book, Fixing the Sky: The Checkered History of Weather and Climate Control, Professor of Science, Technology, and Society James Fleming makes a case that some of the proposed cures—and the scientists who advocate them—will do much to “Keep Fear Alive.”

Fleming says he set out to write a tragicomic history for a general audience—a cautionary tale recounting past and present schemes to modify the weather and control the climate. His chapter titles—“Rain Makers,” “Rain Fakers,” “Foggy Thinking,” “Pathological Science,” “Weather Warriors”—among them—suggest his biases.

Fleming believes proposals to “fix the sky” and combat global warming cannot be exclusively the realm of technicians. History, culture, and public policy cannot be ignored, he says, and the discussion needs intergenerational, interdisciplinary, and international perspectives. On NPR’s All Things Considered, Fleming asked: Who gets to control the thermostat?

His goal studying and writing about geoengineering has been to get a place at the table with the geoengineers, and to a large degree he’s been successful. Over fall break in October Fleming spoke at the Woodrow Wilson Center, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Government Accountability Office, and the National Academy of Sciences. “I am in meetings about every month, or twice a month, with some of the cast in the book.” And not all of them are happy with the way they were characterized.

Fixing the Sky combines full documentation (more than 500 footnotes) with a storyteller’s voice. Fleming’s mordant wit leavens a thorough history of weather and climate engineers—past and present doctors Strangelove and their Rube Goldberg concoctions.

When would-be climate engineers met at NASA’s Ames Research Center in California in 2006 to discuss managing solar radiation, Fleming was there. He savors the irony that the meeting included an apology—organizers couldn’t control the temperature of the conference room.

Bill Gates advocated fighting hurricanes by draining warm surface water through a long tube deep into the ocean; Fleming cites a comment expressing the hope that the technique “might work better than the Windows operating system!”

Kurt Vonnegut’s fiction—Ice Nine in Cat’s Cradle and the militarization of science in the “Report on the Barnhouse Effect”—and then draws a straight line to brother Bernard Vonnegut, who worked at General Electric and discovered that silver iodide dropped into a super-cooled cloud triggers a chain reaction of ice crystal formation and precipitation.

Fleming describes ancient archers shooting arrows to stop hail, and he cites practices persisting from the late 1600s into the 20th century where men believed shooting guns and explosives at and around storms would either suppress the storms or intensify them.

Under Presidents Johnson and Nixon more than 2,600 cloud-seeding sorties were launched over Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand in an attempt to bog down the enemy on the Ho Chi Minh Trail during the Vietnam War. “Even if the cloud seeding had produced a tactical victory or two (it did not),” writes Fleming, “the extreme secrecy surrounding the operation and the subsequent denials and stonewalling of Congress by the military resulted in a major strategic defeat for military weather modification.”

Schemes cloaked in scientific-sounding hocus pocus are still with us and are increasingly sophisticated. In 2003 commissioners of Webb County, Texas, were ready to spend $1.2 million for “ion-generating rain towers” until a TV meteorologist pointed out there was no evidence the system had ever worked and debunked the “science” that suggested it would. Also, “during the 2008 Summer Olympics, China spent more money on rainmaking and rain suppression than any other nation—but with no verifiable results,” Fleming writes.

Noah Bonnheim ’11, one of six Colby research assistants cited in the book’s acknowledgements, tracks new weather and climate controls as they unfold. “Every day I get some Rube Goldberg thing in my inbox,” Fleming said.

Mandy Reynolds ’12, another research assistant credited in the book, offered a review that Fleming submitted to Columbia University Press in case it wanted a one-word dust-jacket blurb for Fixing the Sky.

“Spooky,” she said.
**The Sweet Smell of Success**

Every 30 seconds, someone buys a bottle of Coco Chanel's trademark perfume Chanel No. 5.

For more than 90 years, Chanel's signature fragrance has been seen as the most seductive fragrance for women, an industrial juggernaut that has dominated and outlasted countless would-be competitors. But why is a nearly century-old scent such an icon of luxury? Who is Coco Chanel and how did she pull this off?

Colby English professor and cultural historian (see also The Widow Cliquot) Tilar Mazzeo deftly tells the story of the perfume and its creator in her new book, The Secret of Chanel No 5. Mazzeo traces Chanel's humble beginnings in a convent orphanage, her brief stint as an actress, and her time as mistress to a wealthy dilettante on the French Riviera. From this inauspicious beginning, the steel-willed and immensely ambitious Chanel emerged as a fashion celebrity and maven—and the businesswoman who created a perfume empire.

Known to industry insiders as the monster, for its rampaging success, Chanel had a keen nose, but no experience in the perfume trade. She set out to find that expertise. The perfume's actual creator, Ernest Beaux, had produced a revolutionary yet commercially unsuccessful fragrance called Le Bouquet de Catherine, named after Catherine the Great. Brought together by Chanel's Russian-exile lover, the entrepreneur and the chemist crafted a new scent. Chanel selected the fifth variant, No. 5, and the rest is perfume history.

The Chanel No. 5 tale took twists and turns during and after World War II, with Chanel feuding with business partners and even employing Nazi anti-Semitic laws to try to regain control of her company. At one point the creator of Chanel No. 5 even tried to destroy it. But Chanel No. 5 proved indestructible, a genie let out of a perfume bottle.

Chanel No. 5 became—and remains—the iconic luxury product that the creator of Chanel No. 5 even tried to destroy it. It has survived 90 years of turbulent world history as well as threats to its existence, image, original composition, and legacy. As Mazzeo writes, "Our participation ... has made Chanel No. 5 a perfume with a life of its own."

—Diana McQueen

**A Thriller of a Picture**

The Ghent Altarpiece is no ordinary work of art.

Created in the 1430s, it barely escaped destruction by a Calvinist mob a century later. Napoleon appropriated it and hauled it back for display at the Louvre (where it was a big hit). It was returned to Belgium after Waterloo, but a portion of it was stolen a year later, bought by the King of Prussia, and displayed in Berlin (but returned according to a stipulation in the Treaty of Versailles). It was nearly burned in a church fire in Ghent in 1822, secreted in a confessional as soldiers searched for it during World War I, then stolen by the Nazis during World War II and hidden in a salt mine in Austria, where resistance fighters came to its rescue in the nick of time.

Said author Noah Charney '02, "Anything bad that can happen to a work of art has happened to this one."

The Ghent Altarpiece was an irresistible subject for Charney, a Rome-based art historian, expert on art theft, and founder of the Association for Research into Crimes against Art, a think tank and academic institution. But Charney says that it was Colby Jetté Professor of Art David Simon, in an offhand remark during a lecture, who first informed his then-student that The Ghent Altarpiece was the most frequently stolen art work in history. Add to that distinction its status as one of the most sought-after objects and you have the ingredients for a fascinating tale, one that blends art history, political intrigue, and thriller-worthy suspense.

"When I really delved into it, it was much more intriguing and multi-layered than I had thought," Charney said.

The focal point of the story is an assembly of panels painted mostly by Jan van Eyck but likely begun by his brother Hubert. The paintings, among many others, include the Virgin Mary, John the Baptist, Adam and Eve (whose privates were painted over in the 19th century), and the Adoration of the Mystic Lamb, a subject taken from the New Testament. The wall-size masterpiece "really takes on a life of its own," Charney said. "I like the fact that you can follow the biography of an object through these points of history. Someone mentioned that it was like Forrest Gump."

Charney compellingly describes the work's beauty and importance, its symbolism and extraordinary detail. "Details range from the mundane to the elegant," he writes. "Viewers can make out tufts of grass, the wrinkles in an old worn-eaten apple, and warts on double chins. But they can also see the reflection of light caught in a perfectly painted ruby, the folds of a gilded garment, and individual silvery hairs amid the chestnut curls of a beard."

"The painting," writes Charney, "both enchants the eye and provokes the mind."

The result of that enchantment and provocation is the tumultuous history that has seen the painting buffeted by wars—and has even affected their course. If a painting, like a cat, can be said to have nine lives, The Ghent Altarpiece has few left.

In fact, the intrigue and destruction recounted in the book lead you to wonder that any artwork can survive for 600 years and to lament the fate of those works that have not. "Artworks resemble lambs in an open field by night," Charney writes. "The nations are the shepherds."

After reading his book, that's a scary thought.

—Gerry Boyle '78

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**Stealing the Mystic Lamb: The True Story of the World's Most Coveted Masterpiece**

Noah Charney '02

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Close to Home

FOR NICK TUCKER, STUDY OF AIDS AND CHILDREN IS MORE THAN ACADEMIC

TRAVIS LAZARCZYK STORY  BRIAN SPEER PHOTO

Last fall Nick Tucker ’11J had an interview for the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, a $25,000 grant for one year of independent study abroad. If he is awarded the fellowship, Tucker will study the psychological and social effects of AIDS on children in Brazil, Mozambique, and South Africa.

AIDS and children—it’s a subject close to Tucker’s heart. In recent years the disease has taken both of his parents: his mother, Cynthia DeSimone, and father, Khassiem Abdullah. But Tucker, an economics major and cornerback on the Colby football team, was not left alone.

When Tucker was born—two months premature, addicted to methadone and cocaine—Tucker’s mother had realized she had to fight her addictions and couldn’t care for her newborn son. The baby was first placed in state custody, but then Tucker’s mother was able to have church friends Paul and Lisa Laurion of North Berwick, Maine, take him into their family.

“I’ve been lucky, because I’ve lived with my guardians for a while. I’ve always had a good support system at home,” Tucker said. “I had things a lot of kids don’t have in my situation, and that’s the nurturing.

“It really all comes down to love. I’ve had that second family … to be there and lend me that helping hand. I know the other direction things could’ve gone, and it’s not as bright.”

He was an energetic part of the family, a mischievous little boy. “He would teach my younger son [Dan] how to climb out of his crib at age one and a half,” Paul Laurion said. “Then he’d get a kick out of my reaction, so he’d do it again and again.”

Tucker stayed with the Laurions until he was two and a half years old, when he and his younger sister, Kianna, moved back in with his mother in Burlington, Mass. “When the state saw that my mother had kicked her addiction, moved into a place suitable for children, and was set up with all the government assistance programs, they granted her full custody of me,” Tucker wrote last year.

Tucker’s father, who was in prison when Tucker was born, was in and out of his life throughout Tucker’s childhood. When Tucker was 4, his mother was diagnosed with AIDS. As her health worsened, she relapsed into drug use and her children moved in and out of her care. Just before Tucker was to enter sixth grade, he and Kianna went back to live with the Laurions permanently.

Paul Laurion immediately noticed Tucker was different, more settled.
"I try and keep in touch with the kids as much as I can. ... I try to impart wisdom for helping them succeed. It’s very important.”

Nick Tucker ’11J

His mom did a good job with him while he was with her,” Laurion said.

And Tucker, who had been through a lot and who had been given so much, returned the favor. “He’s given so much back, particularly to the Waterville community,” said Colby head football coach Ed Mestieri.

Tucker has mentored Waterville-area students since his first year on campus, first as part the football team’s partnership with Benton Elementary School and more recently with the Colby Cares About Kids program. When the father of a boy in Mestieri’s daughter’s class at Lawrence Junior High School died suddenly, Tucker offered to mentor him. Back home in North Berwick, Tucker has worked with kids with autism. “I worked with three different kids for three different summers, ranging from severe behavioral and learning disabilities to fairly functional autistic kids. I worked with one who played football at Noble [High School]. We’d hang out, we’d talk football. We’d even go to the gym. I showed him a few lifts,” Tucker said. “I try and keep in touch with the kids as much as I can, ... I try to impart wisdom for helping them succeed. It’s very important.”

As one of the older members of the Colby football team last fall, Tucker served as a mentor to his younger teammates, too. “This year his senior leadership is outstanding,” defensive coordinator Tom Daxter said. “His maturity, the example he sets with his hard work, his great attitude has just been a plus to our unit for sure.”

Tucker’s football career was nearly derailed by a knee injury in 2008. Early in the season, he suffered a season-ending cartilage tear at the base of his left femur. “It was just a routine play. I was engaged with the guy. I didn’t get hit or anything. One of the odder things that’s happened to me,” Tucker said.

Tucker came back to play in seven games in 2009 and made 26 tackles. Playing corner for the Mules’ defense, Tucker often covered the opponent’s best receiver on his own. “He has the intangible of a defensive back. He doesn’t get rattled. He’s calm. He’s very athletic, and he’s tough,” Dexter said. Tucker’s final football season ended Nov. 13, when the Mules lost to rival Bowdoin, 26-21. Tucker had 24 tackles and three pass-break-ups in 2010.

He plans to return to campus in May to take part in graduation ceremonies. “They say you’ll regret it if you don’t do it,” Tucker said. By that time he’ll know whether he’s been awarded the Watson, sending him off around the world.

Back home in North Berwick, the Laurions continue to root for him.

“That love from everybody contributed to who he is today,” Paul Laurion said. “For sure.”

SPORTS SHORTS

**For marathoner Vassallo, a big win**

Former cross-country runner Dan Vassallo ’07 won the Philadelphia Marathon Nov. 21, leaving a field of 11,000 runners behind in the biggest victory of his career.

Vassallo’s time of 2:21:28 was two minutes faster than the second-place finisher, allowing him to run the last mile alone.

“When they were playing the music ‘Chariots of Fire’ at the twenty-six mile mark and calling my name out, I got a little emotional,” Vassallo told the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The win came just four months after he underwent surgery to repair a sports hernia. “I was able to run eight days after the surgery,” Vassallo said, “but I felt in many ways I was back to square one.”

Rest after surgery and a careful training regimen put him back in top form quickly, he said.

The win came 10 months after a poor showing in the Houston Marathon, which he blamed on his injury and poor race strategy. On hand for the Philly victory were Katrina Gravel ’10, Vassallo’s girlfriend and an All-America runner at Colby, and his former teammates Chris Appel ’08 and Tim Worthington ’08.

News of the win triggered a deluge of congratulatory e-mails from former teammates and coaches. “I know he’s earned this success,” said Colby cross-country and track-and-field head coach Jared Beers ’01, “and it’s great to see it paying off.”

Sixty-six members of fall teams were on the NESCAC All-Academic Team, the fourth-most in the conference. An athlete must have a cumulative GPA of 3.35 or higher to be eligible. ... In WOMEN’S SOCCER, defender Su-Lin Del Guercio ’11 and goalie Jayde Bennett ’13 were named All-NESCAC—the third time for Del Guercio and the first for Bennett, who sat out 2009 with an injury. MEN’S SOCCER earned a NESCAC quarterfinal berth but fell to fourth-seeded Amherst. ... Midfielder Meryl Poulin ’11 was named All-NESCAC and represented FIELD HOCKEY in the 2010 National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division III Senior Game. ... All-America runner Emma Linhard ’11 finished 91st in a field of 279 in the NCAA Division III Women’s Cross Country championships. Amy Tortorello ’13 was 149th. ... FOOTBALL was 4-4 for the second straight season. Five players received All-NESCAC honors: offensive lineman Nick Steele ’11 was first team while second-team honors went to wide receiver Patrick Burns ’11, linemanbacker Tom Duffy ’12, defensive lineman Ryan Veillette ’13, and defensive back Derrick Beasley ’13.
ALUMNI AT LARGE

Walter ’91 and Richardson ’67 Nominated for Alumni Trustees

Lou Richardson ’67 and Amy Walter ’91 have each been nominated to serve a three-year term on Colby’s Board of Trustees as alumni trustees.

An overseer since 2003, Richardson served on the visiting committees for the Psychology and Theater and Dance departments and chaired the College Relations Visiting Committee in 2009. She is former chair of the executive committee of the Alumni Council, a member of the President’s Advisory Committee, and a Career Center volunteer. Richardson is controller at Xerox Corporation in Waltham, Mass., where she has worked since 1979. She lives in Wellesley, Mass.

Walter joined ABC News as its political director in August 2010 after serving as editor-in-chief of National Journal’s “The Hotline.” Based in Washington, Walter oversees all political coverage on ABC and ABCNews.com and provides on-air analysis. She has been a regular contributor to the NewsHour with Jim Lehrer on PBS and has appeared on CNN, C-SPAN, CBS’s Face the Nation, NBC’s Meet the Press, and HBO’s Real Time with Bill Maher. Walter is a member of the Goldfarb Center’s Washington liaison board, an admissions volunteer, and was a class agent and Career Center volunteer. She lives in Arlington, Va.

According to alumni association bylaws, other nominations may be made by petition to the executive secretary of the Alumni Council with signatures of one percent of the members of the association. If there are no nominations before May 1, Walter and Richardson will be declared elected by the chair of the Alumni Council.

I’ve had two rather spectacular trips this year. In May my cousin and I had a two-week cruise “doing” the Mediterranean. We started with several days in Rome, and on a Sunday we found our group, along with about 10,000 other tourists, visiting the Vatican. Somehow I got separated from my group! No one came looking for me and eventually it registered that I had to get myself back to the hotel. I found a Vatican guard who spoke English and he assured me it happened all the time. However his next question left me speechless, “What hotel are you staying at?” I didn’t have the foggiest notion! Eventually with the help of several guards and their friends, they located the company that had supplied the bluetooth and hearing devices that we had been listening to and got the named of the hotel. I got a cab and arrived back at the hotel. I paid in dollars and also Euros and it amounted to almost $60! Didn’t care. I was so relieved to be reunited with the group. Lesson learned ... when traveling always know what hotel you are staying in! The other trip I have just returned from. We cruised the Danube from Bucharest to Budapest. It was most interesting as we visited Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Croatia, and Hungary. All these countries are once again free and struggling to get back on their feet and eventually be able to become member of the European Union, if they wish.

August and September including “These Old Auerdiles” and “Whittens Maine Travelogue.” On Sept. 25 he spoke at a meeting at Gambo Falls, the site of the old gunpowder mills in Gorham, Maine. Whitten wrote the book The Gunpowder Mills of Maine.

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Dorothy Worthley Cleaver wrote and thanked us for the work we are doing. Here is the text of her interesting letter.

“My life has changed after the death of my husband, Charles, last July. He was 89 and we had a wonderful life together, spending lots of it in the wilderness canoeing in Maine and the wild rivers of the Northwest Territory and fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, and even writing some poetry. We spent as little time as possible with a roof over our heads. Our five children created a moving memorial service for Chuck in our yard on the Kennebec River in Skowhegan with 130 friends and beautiful weather. I continue to canoe our river with our great little Springer in the bow and I enjoy living in our home by the river despite a dropped foot from bad back surgery. I do what I can to help those less fortunate especially at the ballot box! We have amazing grandchildren and most are in college now. One girl graduated from Swarthmore, another is at Amherst, and one is a junior at UVM. Our only grandson graduated from the University of Massachusetts. Four more to go to college! Maybe one will choose Colby!”

Howell Clement wanted to know how we spent the summer without a boat. David had told him that we are approaching our 60th wedding anniversary, which beats Howell and Norma by two years. They met in Owensboro, Ky., a town that Dorothy and I visited when I was travelling in that area on business. Dave Choate took a cruise to Panama and Costa Rica for a month and returned in mid November. He’ll fill us in for the next edition of Colby. Janet Gay Hawkins wrote, “I just returned from a marvelous and informative trip to the lake country of Italy—Lake Como and Lake Maggiore. Beautiful country, good food, and lots of history. Then some of us continued on to Cyprus, which is interesting and full of ancient history. Forgot to mention the food, which was outstanding. Other than that trip and maybe another one to France in the spring, all is quiet.”

As for us, we returned to Florida in mid June and remained there until late July. In Massachusetts we play golf with our daughters and their families and my brother. In August we drove to Maine and visited a friend near Castine. Then we drove to New Brunswick and went to St.
John and then to St. Andrews on Passamaquoddy Bay. From there we went to the Samoset Resort in Rockport and then on to Dedham. We went to Cape Cod twice and took the ferry to Martha’s Vineyard for a day. It was painful to see all those sailboats moored in Vineyard Haven, as we had spent countless nights there on our mooring. In more rational moments, we both agree that we sold the boat at the right time in life. On July 4 we were playing in a holiday tournament and Dorothy got a hole in one, which was the highlight of her golf season! In January Dorothy and I will celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary with a big party where we live at Admiral’s Cove in Jupiter, Fla. In answer to one of my well of news from our classmates has been “migrated” to our mooring. In more rational moments, I was there and as always had a wonderful time.

Please write or e-mail about what and how you are doing, what you did before graduation, my mind wandered back to a sophomore year and lived off campus for two years. "She is with me in my heart and our children are a great comfort to me," Stanley said. • Charlie Tobin stays busy in Sun City Center, Fla., and gets out a fair amount. He’s not sure if he can attend our 60th reunion in June. • Even after 59 years as an alumnus, Al Stone was never able to entice any of his five children to attend Colby. However, his grandson Peter Stone ’10 graduated last May and will be followed by his sister, Elizabeth ’14. Al offered this reflection after attending Peter’s graduation: “As I stood on the quadrangle on a brilliant June day, witnessing my second Colby graduation, my mind wandered back to a similar day in 1951. We were part of the dream of Mayflower Hill, now fulfilled with the help of so many of our classmates. There is much to be proud of and those of us who remain in this world are now approaching our last chance to inscribe the dream for the future. Remembering the help we all had during our student years, as we approach our 60th anniversary, we must give our last full measure to Colby to help this new generation of students.”

1950

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Last September Alice (Allie) Jennings Castelli was among a group of classmates honored for their many years of service to SARAH, a nonprofit Connecticut shoreline organization dedicated to serving the needs of people with handicaps. Since he was 16, Allie’s son Peter has benefited enormously by his association with this organization. Her son Bill and daughter Martha both have chicken coops in their backyards, with permission from their town zoning committee, and are providing friends and family with fresh eggs. If any of you stay up late to watch Saturday Night Live you might see son Dan’s handiwork. He is a model maker and provides special effects for the program. • A group of us had our annual get together at Pat Root Wheeler’s home in Jaffrey, N.H., last summer. Ellen Kenerson Gelotte, Connie Focoxtor Perrigo, Ginny Davis Pearce, Connie Leonard Haynes,Stubby Crandall Graves, Allie, and I were there and as always had a wonderful time.

Please write or e-mail about what and how you are doing, what you did before retirement, if you are retired, and what you are doing now. It is all interesting to our classmates. Thanks.

1951

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Stanley Sorrentino’s wife, Hope, passed away Sept. 10 after 62 happy years together. They were married in Stanley’s sophomore year and lived off campus for two years. “She is with me in my heart and our children are a great comfort to me,” Stanley said. • Charlie Tobin stays busy in Sun City Center, Fla., and gets out a fair amount. He’s not sure if he can attend our 60th reunion in June. • Even after 59 years as an alumnus, Al Stone was never able to entice any of his five children to attend Colby. However, his grandson Peter Stone ’10 graduated last May and will be followed by his sister, Elizabeth ’14. Al offered this reflection after attending Peter’s graduation: “As I stood on the quadrangle on a brilliant June day, witnessing my second Colby graduation, my mind wandered back to a similar day in 1951. We were part of the dream of Mayflower Hill, now fulfilled with the help of so many of our classmates. There is much to be proud of and those of us who remain in this world are now approaching our last chance to inscribe the dream for the future. Remembering the help we all had during our student years, as we approach our 60th anniversary, we must give our last full measure to Colby to help this new generation of students.”

1952

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Thanks to all who wrote in! • Betsy Fisher Kearney Caldwell’s husband, Roy, got stranded in Paris for a week when the volcano in Iceland blew. She was still hobbling after foot surgery so couldn’t. Betsy had a great visit from Jim and Elin Warendorf Hulm ’51 in the spring. They played seven rubbers of bridge in one short afternoon. • Nita Hale Barbour, who’s approaching 80 and has some health issues, and her husband, Chandler, have stopped long-distance travel. Nita still has three titles in print. All are texts for early education she did with colleagues; the third one, which she did with Chandler, is in its fifth edition. • Cynthia and Art White sold their house in Florida and now reside in Bath, Maine. “It was the right choice for us as we love Maine and Bath,” writes Art. “I have not seen Bob Kline in a while, but as soon as hockey starts at Bowdoin, we’ll join forces.” Art’s grandson has applied to Colby and Art’s fingers are crossed. • After living in Scituate, Mass., for many years (down the street from Nelson Beveridge ’53), Barbara Bone Leavitt moved to Linden Ponds, a retirement community in Hingham, Mass. • Rod Howes and his wife have been RVing for 50 years, but the time has come to sell their almost-new motor home. “My wife is now in a facility for dementia and I have advanced COPD. Had a bad bout with pneumonia in July,” Rod reports. He lives in Texas, where the weather in October was beautiful. • In late September I (Sandy Pearson Anderson) went on trip up the coast of Maine. One of the highlights was the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens near Boothbay. It’s a wonderful spot unique in its scope and layout. Last July it opened the Bibby and Harold Alfond Children’s Garden, which is delightful for children and adults. I strongly urge anyone in the area to go. • Our condolences to George Laffey, whose wife, Betty (Winkler ’53), passed away Oct. 3 after a long battle with Alzheimer’s. Our thoughts are with you, old friend. • Walt

40s NEWSMAKERS

Surgical pathologist Stephen Sternberg ’41 received a 2011 distinguished pathologist award from the United States & Canadian Academy of Pathology. Sternberg spent his entire career at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and authored two widely used reference books on anatomical pathology. He was also the first editor of The American Journal of Surgical Pathology.

30s/40s MILESTONES

ALUMNI AT LARGE

Hayes e-mailed after a quiet spell. His former wife, Ruth, died following a lengthy illness. After her death, Walt invited a woman named Gail, who was his first boss when he retired from the Army, to Mesa, Ariz., to check out the area. He hadn’t seen her in 16 years. She liked what she saw and accepted Walt’s offer for her old job as his boss. They were married Aug. 28.

“We are very happy,” reports Walt. • Paul and Mimi Russell Aldrich took a 12-day trip down the Danube, from Vienna to the Black Sea, visiting Austria, Slovakia, Serbia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania. “Our lecturers and tour guides gave us an education like we’ve never before experienced. It seems their countries have withstood one form of chaos after another. In Bucharest we sat next to our guide for the day. She has worked in government and private tourism positions all her life. We suggested she must be much busier now that the borders are open. She replied, ‘Oh, no. We had many more tourists before, but they were all from communist countries, especially East Germany. And that was wonderful.’ And then, almost as a change of subject, she said, ‘But now I’m free!’” • Bob Kline wrote with memories of Robert A. Jones, who died Aug. 12. Known as Jonsey, he was a freshman member of our class but didn’t continue past that year. Bob met up with Robert 10 years later when they both worked at Pratt & Whitney in North Haven. Their girlfriends were best friends and when each couple married in 1959, Bob and Robert were each other’s best man. They both lived in Connecticut and worked for United, retiring on the same day in May 1991. • Best wishes for a good winter and especially for good health.

1953

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Nelly Beveridge received a call from George Pierie, who was at the University Of Colorado stadium watching the University of Georgia team get beat. George has a daughter on Georgia’s swim team and a son-in-law who is the swim coach there. George met his wife while travelling companion, since they both love art history. They’ve been to Scotland, England, Ireland and spent eight days in Paris looking at art. “The total of grinds stands at nine grandchildren and four and one-third great-grandchildren!” • Jo Bailey Campbell had a great vacation in Duck, Outer Banks, N.C., in September, with her brother Sam. They visited Sam’s son, David, and family. They had a string of perfect days and the house was close to the beach with a pool for swimming. Jo says that “those memories will warm her heart this winter.” • Judy Orne Shoney gave a talk at the Cushing, Maine, Historical Society in September about her grandmother, Helen Knowlton Orne, who, through perseverance and hard work, became the first woman lawyer in the State of Maine. In order to be admitted to the bar and have a practice, she had to change two parts of the Maine State Law, which she accomplished. Judy has done extensive research about this story and provided many letters and photographs to corroborate the facts. She’s in the process of writing a book on her grandmother’s journey. • Keeping up with Colby’s current events and news is so easy online. Search for “Out of the Blue” (a great one) or check out insideColby (by students, for students), or any other news listings on Colby’s website to keep

no matter where she was, even when she was abroad. Marty was loved.

1954

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I don’t know about the rest of you but, for me the days pass WAY too quickly. • Carol Dyer Wauters is still biking and hiking in the shadows of the Grand Tetons during spring, summer, and fall with an occasional river trip for excitement and a change of pace. Conservation activities and volunteer work at her grandmother’s elementary school occupy several hours each week. Carol is still hopeful of changing the political scene so is pushing hard for a Democratic slate in a very heavily Republican area. • Lois McCarty Carlson put her garden to bed between late fall and rounds of golf. In February she will be skiing with a group of seniors (most of whom are her juniors) at Vail and Beaver Creek, Colo. Lois intends to continue with these activities until she “drops.” • Ann and I have become the Hotchkiss School volleyball team’s official photographers to corroborate the facts. We have followed them all over New England in their quest for yet another N.E. prep school championship.

1955

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Bud and Carol Dauphinee Keene have worked hard to renovate their pre-revolutionary Colonial home, built in 1750, complete with wainscoting cut from the original wallboard and three fireplaces. Located in the historical village of Westport, N.H., “This Old House” borders the Ashuelot River at the foot of Franklin Mountain. The couple harvested several acres of blueberries this summer. Jo Bailey Campbell visited Carol and Bud last spring and saw the work in progress. She was quite impressed! Now Carol and Bud can relax by any one of their cozy fires this winter! • Jane Bull Shaver was sorry to miss the class reunion but she had just finished another semester at SCSU. She has been studying on campus for 31 years and says she is still in love with learning! Remarkably, she is on her sixth degree program, currently doing a B.A. in history and literature, mainly European. She tells us, “As the CLL is presently under control, I’m hoping to do a semester in Scotland.” In the summer she’s involved in various fiber arts, mostly quilting, knitting, and stained glass. Her grandson, Colin, started at Springfield (VMA) College, majoring in sports management. His sister is Jane’s travelling companion, since they both love art history. They’ve been to Scotland, England, and Ireland and spent eight days in Paris looking at art. “The total of grinds stands at nine grandchildren and four and one-third great-grandchildren!” • Jo Bailey Campbell had a great vacation in Duck, Outer Banks, N.C., in September, with her brother Sam. They visited Sam’s son, David, and family. They had a string of perfect days and the house was close to the beach with a pool for swimming. Jo says that “those memories will warm her heart this winter.” • Judy Orne Shoney gave a talk at the Cushing, Maine, Historical Society in September about her grandmother, Helen Knowlton Orne, who, through perseverance and hard work, became the first woman lawyer in the State of Maine. In order to be admitted to the bar and have a practice, she had to change two parts of the Maine State Law, which she accomplished. Judy has done extensive research about this story and provided many letters and photographs to corroborate the facts. She’s in the process of writing a book on her grandmother’s journey. • Keeping up with Colby’s current events and news is so easy online. Search for “Out of the Blue” (a great one) or check out insideColby (by students, for students), or any other news listings on Colby’s website to keep

informed about the current Colby scene. Cheers to all! Don't forget to keep in touch.

1956
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Greetings classmates, once again, from the Outer Cape, where we awoke this morning to our first hard frost and newspaper headlines declaring that Massachusetts is, alas, navy blue. By now you have received mailings from both the College and reunion chair David Sortor with dates and details of “Our Last Hurrah”—our reunion June 2-5, 2011. Our hope is that many of you are inspired to attend. Class news other than reunion plans is rather scant. I did hear from Robert Weiss that he and his wife, Susan, recently moved to Charlotte, N.C. Bob retired two years ago and is enjoying “considerable time with our two youngest grandsons, 6 and 9.”

Janet Nordgren Meryweather reports that she had visits from Brian and Jean Farmer White this fall. They were visiting a grandchild at College of the Atlantic and en route to Nova Scotia. Janet also mentioned that her oldest granddaughter, Jennie D’Amico, graduated from Harvard in June and was married on 10-10-10, her husband’s birthday! Well 50ers, we have been anticipating our 55th college reunion in the past several columns and now the time is fast upon us. When you read this brief article you will, or will not, have made your reservations. In either event, John and I send our best wishes to each and every one of you. By the way, John shot a 78 yesterday!

1957
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A gorgeous summer here in Maine has faded into the colors of fall. Summer memories for us include a wonderful dinner at Dick and Perk Perkins Canton’s home in Bridgton, Maine, on Long Lake. What a spot, and in the cooking department, Perk could easily give Julia Child a run for her money! Also enjoying the evening were Sheldon and Audrey Hittinger Katz and Larry ’56 and Jean Van Curan Pugh ’55.

Ken Haruta has attended tennis camps in many states once every summer for the past 25 years, but never did he encounter such hot days as last July at Swarthmore College. When the temperature reached 105 degrees, the camp director fortunately moved the session indoors! Nancy Hansen Marchbank informs us that Jim is the proud owner of a new knee. This intentionally followed a “magical” trip to Tuscany in July with their son Robert and his family. A cruise out of nearby Baltimore is on the docket for them in February. Thoughts of last year’s 30 inches of snow still haunt them and made the winter sail to warmer climes an easy decision! It was great to hear, at long last, from Dick Phillips, who lives with his “S.E.” (spousal equivalent) in Chestnut Hill near Boston College. Dick has been in the investment business since 1960 with Oppenheimer in Boston. He also plays the Dixieland banjo with the Stone Street Strummers in Foxboro and enjoys skiing and traveling to such interesting places as Hong Kong, Russia, and Vietnam. Dick hadn’t been back to see the College since 1957 and could not believe at our 50th reunion how beautiful the campus has become.

Ann’s son Karl, who is a Marine, hopped into their ’89 Volkswagen camper and had a great motor home trip to the north shore of the St. Lawrence River to see the whales, among other things. They then took a ferry across the river to travel the Gaspe Peninsula. On the return trip they stopped in Houlton, Maine, to have breakfast with Woody Barnes ’56 and Fred Moonhouse ’56. With an eye toward winter, Conk was firing up the outside wood furnace and getting the skis waxed for another season on the mountains.

Bobbi Santora Hindert took her oldest granddaughter to Santa Fe, N.M., for a week last summer to experience the Santa Fe School of Cooking and the many natural wonders of the Southwest. Marilyn and Tom Brackin chose the most beautiful of Maine summers to spend three weeks at Christmas Cove near Boothbay. The Brackin’s family joined them, making their stay extra nice. On a sad note, Tom wrote that they joined the Clayoquot in a memorial for Bump Bean ’51, a pillar of the early Eight groups and a popular active alumnus. Tom still works at his agency, sings with the local symphonic chorus, and helps out at the historical society.

After 20 years abroad, Don Dinwoodie’s oldest son and family returned to Colorado Springs and will shine in the joy of horseback riding around the Dinwoodie’s ranch. Their third son, William, is now in New Zealand studying to be a marine biologist. With retirement looming on the horizon, Don Tracy will have more time on his hands to learn to play the spinet piano, “which has sat in the living room for decades.” His wife, Linda, has high hopes that Don will learn how to cook (that’s every woman’s fantasy). Whether a “Mozart” or an “Emmeril” develops is really secondary to the enjoyment of their four children and families living nearby. In late summer Guy and I caught up to Bob and Sue Fairchild Bean and Ellie Shorey Harris and her friend Harry. We had many chuckles and it was great to see them all in such fine form. All of our Colby friends mean a great deal, especially as the years are ticking away much too quickly. Please keep in touch!

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Despite Archie Twitchell’s decision to stop dancing 40 years ago when the twist came in, he and his partner recently started taking dance lessons. “So far we’ve managed the basics of the waltz, rhumba, cha cha, two step, and jive. Last year we started square dance lessons. At one point we were dancing and twirling our parasols, in a week but that proved to be too much so we are back to three.” Cathy Stinn-eford Waithner is amazed so many of us have made the golden anniversary. “Bob and I and Gail and Bob Hesse made our ‘jubilee’ two years ago, Kay and Warren Judd and Gard and Mary Webber Rand last year, and Buzz and Mary Harrington Chase in September.” At the annual Zete reunion in Maine, Cathy and Bob saw some friends for the first time in 50 years: Matty Gache ’60 and his wife, Donna, and Lee Mathieu ’57 and his wife, Louise. Ann Wieland Spaeth says, “We had the hottest summer I can remember in Philadelphia, but got away for relief” by visiting Squam Lake, N.H., Eagle, Colo., and Squaw Island, Maine, for three gorgeous weeks in August. Ann’s son Karl found work in NY after being unemployed for a year—“What a relief!” Son Christopher, his wife, and her parents run the Cornerstone B&B in Philadelphia, a large Victorian that Maxfield Parrish’s grandmother lived in for many years. Lois and Peter Doran looked forward to Colby’s basketball season. Their son, Dana, continues as assistant men’s coach to Dick Whitmore as well as director of energy programs at Kennesec Valley Community College, where he leads a northeast solar certification training program. As an architect in Colby’s Physical Plant Department, Dana’s wife, Kelly, works on building projects. Pam and Dave Adams spent two weeks trailering in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton Island. “Absolutely gorgeous scenery and some great bicycling.” It’s on to Florida in March. In October Dave sang, with other members of the Colby Eight, at an event celebrating the life of Clifford “Bump” Bean ’51, who was one of the founding members of the Eight in 1947. Bump was at a 60th anniversary celebration in 2007 and was awarded a plaque. Polly Seely

Rosen regrets not keeping in touch with classmates; my description of Peter’s jazz service “jarred her into action.” Music has always been her greatest passion; she played piano in a 16-piece swing band for 10 years and also worked with inner-city kids—a most rewarding effort.” Now she transcribes and composes and hopes for publication. Husband Bill is battling Parkinson’s, but he and Polly feel incredibly lucky with their three wonderful sons, one of whom went to Colby, and four terrific grandchildren. “They all love music and sports—a perfect combo!” Helen Payson Seager reports the sale of their Nantucket house, a place where she “found solace, creativity, and refuge.” Her goals now are to keep up the music and get to some serious writing. Recently six-month-old visit from son and Phoenix; their son has a tenured appointment at Arizona State. Recently Dave and Jan Pratt Brown visited Hawaii for a reunion of New Zealand and U.S. siblings, held near Waikiki Beach. Swimming, kayaking, seeing dolphins and sea turtles, and spending time on the big island gave them great memories. They also celebrated their 50th last summer in the Adirondacks with lots of family and friends. “Those were the highlights of the year.” Thanks to all who sent condolences and memories of Peter. He said, “I’ve had a wonderful life and I don’t regret anything!” Does it get better than that?

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Libbe Latham Hale is a semi-retired psychologist living in Thousand Oaks, Calif. She travels and enjoys life. Her son-in-law (married to her daughter the doctor) was the astronaut in charge of the group that created Google Sky. Wilbur Hayes never expected to see Down Under. Nevertheless, this past July he went on a group tour from Wilkes University visiting Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji. He looked for a duck-billed platypus but only saw an Australian naval submarine named Platypus. He enjoyed seeing the six-million-year-old rock in the Australian Outback as well as the customary wombats, koalas, and wallabies at the Wildlife World in Sydney. Domestic travel in the United States may be next for Wilbur.

Elaine (Healey) ’62 and Paul Reichert planned to host members of the Friendship Force from Ottawa, Canada, in Florida for a week in November, after which they headed to Massachusetts for Thanksgiving. By the time you read this news, they will be enjoying the warm Florida sun, without snow to
shovel, and eating fresh-picked oranges and grapefruit. Their oldest granddaughter enlisted in the Army while a senior in high school, and upon graduation went to basic training. She spent a year in Iraq, was back in the states for a year, and now is in Afghanistan. She should be back in the states in January or February. "I recently had two wonderful Road Scholar trips to South Dakota and Natchez, Miss. I always enjoy hearing from you.

1960

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Lucky Christof made a final decision that retirement is for sissies and became involved with yet another business. He became a partner in a Hong Kong-based trading company that provides agricultural fertilizers to India and some other areas with lesser needs for food. His previous experience as an investment banker served him well and provided needed capital to get this off the ground. He’s still wrestling with some health issues (who isn’t) but, all in all, living in Southern California has its benefits. His son has improved his surfing style, and they play tennis and have a great guitar act playing “House of the Rising Sun.” Molly Lynn Watt spent three weeks in China, where she was honored by the People’s Education Press for work she did with them in 1961.

Eunice Bucholz Spooner received reunion CDs from three people and is waiting for more so that she can make a class reunion CD. If she was healthy she planned to go on the maiden voyage of the class reunion CD. If she was healthy she received reunion CDs from three people and is waiting for more so that she can make a class reunion CD. If she was healthy she planned to go on the maiden voyage of the class reunion CD. If she was healthy she received reunion CDs from three people and is waiting for more so that she can make a class reunion CD. If she was healthy she planned to go on the maiden voyage of the class reunion CD. If she was healthy she received reunion CDs from three people and is waiting for more so that she can make a class reunion CD. If she was healthy she planned to go on the maiden voyage of the class reunion CD. If she was healthy she received reunion CDs from three people and is waiting for more so that she can make a class reunion CD. If she was healthy she planned to go on the maiden voyage of the class reunion CD.
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The National Association of Social Workers named Gale Holtz Golden '61 Vermont Social Worker of the Year for 2010. A clinical social worker and psychotherapist with expertise in clinical sexology, Golden lectures extensively, has served as a forensic consultant, and consults on issues around reproductive health, mental health, and social planning. Golden is also a clinical associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Vermont.

Following the death of his beloved dog, Norman Macartney '61 wrote a manuscript about their bond and then hit the road to spread the word. Macartney’s “Trans-America Drive to Support Community Animal Shelters” took him to shelters in 12 states, where he left a manuscript for each shelter to sell and use the proceeds itself, the Morehead City (N.C.) News-Times reported. Retired lawyer Tom Cox '66 was working pro bono helping a Maine homeowner in a foreclosure case when his discovery of “robo-signing” practices by banks led to a national investigation of foreclosure practices. As head of the Maine Attorneys Saving Homes project, Cox is credited for the foru over the mishandling of foreclosure cases and, as Mainebiz magazine reported, “was able to crystallize the nature and scope of the problem like no one else before him.”

MILESTONES


his Scottish heritage. Brenda plans to attend our 50th in 2012! A nice long note from Peter Duggan relates that he saw Rich Simkins in Naples, Fla., in May and at his home in Newburyport, Mass. Peter reports that Rich “looks and acts very young, which I greatly enjoy.” Peter also sees Bruce Marshall regularly and describes him as a seasoned traveler and fisherman. Peter’s daughter, of whom he is very proud, recently won a silver and four bronze medals at the national dragon boat races in Chattanooga. Ed Kyle traveled to Yosemite Park to do some backpacking with Bill Chase. He says “the Colby Outing Club is a great teacher!” He also relates a trip in September 2009 to canoe the Allegash with Bill and others and to climb North Brother, close to Mt. Katahdin. “Great adventure,” says Ed. Joanne Herbold Clarey invites all of us to visit her on Facebook. Ceylon Barclay writes: “After a 27-year hiatus, I rejoined the Colby Eight in early June to croon old tunes with 14 guys I hadn’t seen since ’83 and in some cases since ’62.” He and his wife, Irina, traveled to the Czech Republic last summer. Brenda Lewison writes from Ohio, where she laments that her “silence and solitude are under assault” by a crew of painters. Her husband, Bill Blunden, still works as an architect and loves it. In September they visited the cabin in Vermont they rent every year and spent time with Cynthia Barber Dunn, Sandy Keef Hunter, and their husbands, celebrating another roommate reunion. Brenda wishes us all a happy 70th! Gerry Tays and his wife, Nancy, celebrated his 70th with a combined riverboat cruise through France and five days in Switzerland. He heaps praise on the cruise, saying they would go again “in a heartbeat.” He put his house in Olympia, Wash., on the market and bought a condo in Edmonds, Wash., which he describes as “like living in an arboretum.” It’s a wonderful walking town with views of the Olympic Mountains, Puget Sound, ferries, cruise ships, etc. Gerry has talked to Joyce Dignam Flynn, another Washingtonian, as he makes his calls in the class gift effort. Sharon Gear Drake reports that “all goes very well with life in Bath, Maine.” Her real estate company had a terrific year. “Waterfront is still selling!” Sharon is vice president of Maine’s First Ship, an organization dedicated to wooden shipbuilding, and recently she helped launch a “shallop,” or small boat, built by Morse High School summer school students as the tender to the ship Virginia.

Doug and Gail Macomber Cheeseman will lead their first safari to Ethiopia this January, and their 40th (!) to Tanzania and Kenya in February and March as owners of Cheeseman’s Ecology Safaris in Saratoga, Calif. She invites all of us to join them if we love wildlife! Michael (McCabe) and I returned to Decatur, Ga., where we hide out from Maine winters. While in Harpswell we managed a brief get-together with Harry and Judy Hoagland Bristol when they visited Brunswick to hear Harry’s nephew, Will, perform piano at the Bowdoin Music Festival. We also saw Bob Ip car and his wife, Jane, for lunch in Bath and a brief visit to his childhood home in Georgetown, Maine, where we met his mother, Dahlov Ipcar, much venerated Maine artist and lovely lady. And finally, the ninth annual get-together of “old” Tri Delts happened in Maine this summer. Present were Patch Jack Mosher, Debby Price, Olive Pingree Ingraham, Jeannie Banks Vaccø, Gail Smith Gerrish, Linn Spencer Hayes, and yours truly. The unusual wonderful time was had by all. I’m looking forward to the Colby-Tufts football game.

1963

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Doug (Muldoon) Mulcahy visited Peter Leofanti ’62 and Pam (Plumb ’65) and Charlie Carey. He looked forward to the Colby-Tufts football game. George R. Swasey was taking an architecture class at Colby he admired Alvar Aalto’s work and dreamed of visiting Finland. In August he spent a week in Helsinki eating herring and reindeer with Finnish beer and drinking in Aalto’s work. He liked Finland so much he may accept a position there and invites us to visit. After a month as a volunteer sawyer in Idaho, Gordon Moog and wife Bev worked on a forest restoration project. Then it was on to an archeological dig at the site of a Boeing-B-17 bomber. Ski patrol first responder and chairlift evacuation training is next. As he says, “This retirement is really tough!”

Jane Melanson Dahmen had a wonderful show, Through the Trees, at the Gleason Gallery in Portland, Maine. I had the pleasure of seeing it and was bowled over by the sheer beauty of the large landscapes. She sent photos of the opening that included several Colby classmates: Cate Camp Lund ’64, Anne Ticknor McNeece ’62, Louise Melanson Seiknap ’65, and Bonnie Brown Potter.

Jean Eielson Bridgeham is recovering from back surgery, where eight vertebrae were fused! Recovery is long, but she and husband Jim ’62 are hikers and skiers and hope to be back in form. They moved from Utah to Mesa, Ariz. Jean’s quite a Facebook aficionada, thanks to her grandchildren!

Judy Thompson Chandler spent last year recovering from a mastectomy and enduring the effects of chemotherapy. She retired as a consultant and adjunct instructor at Husson University in Bangor. She’s looking forward to exploring new adventures. Among other things Judy volunteers at the cancer center. She visited Colby roommate Diane Emerson Sparling in Ft. Collins, Colo. They traveled together throughout New Mexico and even saw the King Tut exhibit in Denver! John and Marsha Palmer Reynolds hosted Susan Ferries Moore, Cile Tougas Nix, and Peggy Fuchs Singer for a lovely fall weekend at their home in Biddeford, Maine. Yours truly joined them for lunch and lots of laughs and reminiscing.

Rosemary Blankenship Hubbard writes “My grand- father, Frank Wood ’04, graduated from Colby over 105 years ago, and for many years was class agent. My grandmother, Carrie Allen ’05, also graduated from Colby. The two were married by President Roberts. They first settled in her hometown of Mercer, Maine, then moved to Charlotte, N.C. in 1922. I think my great-grandfather, Charles Harper Allen, was also a Colby grad. Every single year my grandparents went back to Colby for their reunion. They’d go to my grandparents’ home after church every Sunday, and nine times out of ten the talk would turn to Colby. I grew up hearing about Maine and the College. Those Sunday visits were as close as I got to New England before I actually went to Colby.” Rosemary and Al met at Colby and will soon celebrate their 49th anniversary with a trip to the Holy Land.

Sally Morse Preston thinks that Peggy Fuchs Singer’s book, Legacy of a False Promise, is moving and beautifully written. Peggy was my freshman year roommate and I had no idea of the troubles that her family had endured. I love you, Peg. I was also moved by the essay by Carl Glickman ’66 in the summer 2010 issue of Colby. It reminded me of how much Dr. Todrank has influenced my life, and I’m sure that he and his classes have done the same for many of you.”

1964

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Jim Harris: After 38 years in the book business as a bookstore owner and sales rep, I let my colleagues know that in June I’ll retire. Madie and I just returned from my final regional booksellers trade show, at the end of which I was presented with a very large chocolate cake shared by many friends in the business. I have one more show in February in Seattle. Then one last “farewell” tour to visit my customers that will take place in segments between now and June. Madie and I plan a trip next October to Israel and France for about a
month. • Joyce Arnold Kotra: I retired from my job as a school principal in ’99 and worked for a few more years at the Chicago Children’s Museum on Navy Pier and then became an “insitter” (taking care of B&Bs for absent innkeepers) and traveling geography teacher before settling down in a new home with retired coach and teacher Pete Kotra. We keep up a busy schedule of travel, golf, gardening, and volunteer work as well as staying in touch with our five kids, 13 grandkids, and one great-grandchild. As a Rotarian, I’m in the middle of developing and supporting a new program called Literacy For Life providing free monthly programs on language, math, economic, environmental, and technology literacy. Who said retirement would be “lazy days?” • Ike Balbus: After 41 years of university teaching, the last 34 at the University of Illinois at Chicago, I officially retired August 15. I say “officially” because I will continue to teach there part time, at least for the next few years. • Charlie Angell: I’m still teaching and advising in my 42nd year at what is now Bridgewater State University. I don’t—most days—feel like retiring, and so far no one’s told me I’ve worn out my welcome. Leslie and I travel frequently to Damariscotta to visit our son and beautiful granddaughter. I spend considerable time on my deck watching the world go by, often with a glass of wine. It’s said that wine gladdens the heart, in which case my heart is in a state of perpetual rapture. • Phil Choate: We returned to our home in NC for the winter after spending the summer at our camp in Maine. We had loads of company including children and grandchildren from NC and Germany. Our son recently retired from the USAF (you know you are getting old when your children retire). Our good news is that, after two years in Turkey and eight in Germany, our son and his family are relocating to Colorado Springs. We expect we’ll be making frequent trips out west. Maybe I unloaded my skis a little too soon? In short, we are happy, healthy, and enjoying life. Now if I could only correct my golf slice, life would be perfect. • Marcia Phillips Sheldon: I’ve been coping with shoulder surgery recovery, but have gone back to tutoring middle school students, which keeps me really busy. • Don Short: Had a great time last year at wife Lynn’s (Smith ’65) 45th reunion. Harry Kowal ’65 and Texan Lew Krinsky ’65 expressed a strong desire to join the ever-present Jim “Lemon” Morang at our 50th. All three are leaders involved in reunion and class giving activities. A highlight of the class dinner was not only performances by the After Eight but also the “Eight” of old, whose 15 returning members included Ben Beaver, Gardner Gray, and Cy Ludwig ’83, a guiding force of the Eight. It was great fun to have them stay and reminisce.” • Jean Martin Fowler and I remind you that our 50th is June 5-8, 2014!

1965 Dick Bankart classnews1965@alum.colby.edu Long lost, but not forgotten. Sheila Web ster Mooney is alive, happy, and busy in Rhode Island. She left Colby after three years and later earned a B.A. and an M.A. at the University of Rhode Island. She worked for Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in public relations and marketing and later in the same field for two law firms. Health problems prompted her to refocus in a new home-based career marketing watercolor note cards on the Internet. She continues to paint and enjoys photography. She wrote a book, A Vexation of the Spirit, about the effects of chronic illness on mind and spirit. She and David have three children and seven grandchildren. • Jane Patterson Paxton checked in from Hallowell, Maine. She has retired from teaching and now works part time for the local hospital in their wellness program writing three newsletters. Last summer she and Bryan Harrison Curd and Pam Harris Holden ’66–widow of Randy—gathered at Pam’s East Blue Hill cottage for lobster. Jane also had a visit from Bill and Shiree Clark Neil. They pored over our class Faces and Places, and “we had great fun reminiscing.” … This is a popular activity. • John Tewhey and Gloria, Jay Gronlund and May-Lis “shared a weekend of nostalgia and fun” at Rick Davis’s summer home on Cape Cod last August. Jay continues to travel the world as a consultant in international marketing and brand development. He’s been teaching a course on brand development at NYU since 1999. He recently had a family gathering in Norway, where he went hiking in the mountains with his cousins. Jay also had dinner with Peter Cross, who is still at Columbia University doing research as an epidemiologist. • David Hatch is “fully retired” in Venice, Fla. • Update! Last August Virgil Hervey’s one-act play, Parking Spaces, won “crowd favorite category,” which carried a $100 prize. It was one of 16 plays selected from 90-plus submissions in a 10-minute Jim festival in Yellow Springs, Ohio. • Your correspondent just returned from three weeks driving around five of the nine Azore islands and Madeira. These volcanic origin islands, a time zone west of Portugal, are outstandingly beautiful and peaceful. • HAIL, COLBY, HAIL!

1966 Meg Fallon Wheeler classnews1966@alum.colby.edu Ginny Groletti Connolly loves time with her four children, their spouses, and her eight grandchildren. She had another “cousins’ trip to Europe” this year’s trip was two weeks in France—Paris, a river cruise into Provence, and the French Riviera—plus lots of shared memories of the cousins’ growing up together. Ginny has no plans to retire yet. She’s involved with planning her high school 50th reunion. • Another European traveler, Pam Harris Holden, had 25 days in Germany this fall, so she can’t wait to be finally “fully retired” to pursue her list destination: Eastern Europe in the fall of 2012. • Alaska was the destination of choice for Anne Ruggles Gere and family last summer, the highlight of which was several days inside Denali National Park. • Iowan Rick Zimmermann reported on his newest family member, a wire-haired pointing Griffon, “the ultimate hunting pet.” Rick’s only “bucket talk” was an upcoming scooping of his knees, between hunting and spring skiing season. The children and grandchildren are fine, and, despite working too hard and bemoaning the lack of a men’s soccer team nearby, he reports that life is good. • That is echoed by Terry Eagle, who writes, “Our lives have been seriously changed by a 14-month-old grandson in NYC and a nine-month-old granddaughter in CA. Wonderful how life gets better and better.” • Life has been quite a journey for Barbie Wise Lynch, who reports that her divorce is now final after a 10-year separation, she’s doing fine after a rather virulent form of breast cancer several years ago, and she’s still enjoying her work as a real estate broker. Her grandson Charlie is a huge plus in her life, as will be his little brother, who was due in late December. Charlie and family live just five minutes away from Barbie in Concord, Mass. • Ed Mowry’s Peruvian adventure on an Amazon river boat and exploration of the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu was a highlight of 2010 for him. He’s working for several veterinarian practices throughout California, with an emphasis on emergency medicine, enjoying his Kindle and iPad while on the road. Goal for early 2011? Forty days of skiing at Mammoth Mountain. • Congratulations to Barry Wilford on the release of his historical novel, The Flight of the Sorceress, an e-book. Read more about it at Barry’s website, www.agauchepress.com. • Here’s Mary Sue Hilton Weekes’s list of classmates she wants to see at our 45th reunion (June 2-5): Paula McNamara, Lou Friedler, Paul Colcher, Bill Koster, Jerry and Deedee Wilson Van Atta, Bass Kligerman, Lee Ostreicher, Larry Angelo, Bill Doll, Alicia Young Turner, and Greg Chabot—“and many others … Where’s John Tara anyway? I know these are mostly men, but I generally see my Colby women friends!” DO NOT disappoint Mary Sue! • Terry Saunders Lane’s news continues from past reports: “Still working, still babysitting for two grandchildren, still traveling, still trying to figure out what to do when I grow up.” • Bill Koster and his wife, Ginger, are retired and living in Boston. They’re owners of a tugboat, which they cruise between Soston and Long Island. Bill returned to his alma mater this summer as guest of Colby Assistant Professor of Chemistry Kevin Rice ’96 to attend the third annual Colby Undergraduate Summer Research Retreat in The Forks, Maine. He was awed by the sophistication of the Colby students. This fall Bill returned to Colby for orientation as a new Colby overseer. A bonus was reconnecting after 46 years with new trustee John McClain ’69, an Alpha Delta fraternity brother. • It would mean a lot to the Len Nelson of Tequesta, Fla., to hear from classmates as he fights continuing illness and the accompanying feelings of isolation. E-mail him at nelsonlen@rocket mail.com or phone him at 561-746-3568. Show your true Colby colors, classmates. We’re thinking of you, Lennie.

1967 Bob Gracia Judy Gerrie Heine classnews1967@alum.colby.edu While I was mowing my lawn for the last time this season, Fred Hopengarten was engaged in a most worthy enterprise: he became a member of the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court. Fred had a photo of him and Justice Samuel Alito at www.anten nazoning.com. Impressive, and he still found time to return to Boston and attend Colby’s October campaign celebration. • Sandy Miller is still madly making and selling her creations in her store when she is not visiting her grandchildren and her parents, 92 and 94. • Eric Meindl spent most of his summer on road trips all over the country, covering about 7,000 miles. Included in his travels was a trip to his home in Mississippi and visits to the spectacular scenery of Colorado. He also found time to visit old friend Ed Scherer. • Nick Hadgis also had on his traveling
shoes as he was in Amsterdam, where he continues to expand the study-abroad program for Widener University. Ed is dean of the school of hospitality management and hopes to see more Colby graduates coming into the field of global tourism. • Jean Howard Bleye enjoyed a reunion with Diane Weatherby and Elaine Dignam Meyrial at her camp on Clearwater Lake near Farmington, Maine. Diane is retired from the Department of Defense and lives near Washington, D.C. Elaine lives in Providence, R.I., and teaches English to foreign students on a volunteer basis. When not by the shores of Clearwater Lake, Jean and her husband, John, live in Athens, Ga. • Lee Potter has retired! That is big news, at least to Linda (Mitchell ’66). For the past 15 years, Lee has been working at MassMutual in Springfield, Mass., and commuting home for weekends in Vermont. When Lee bid farewell to MassMutual, the company surprised him by bringing his sons, Ben and Drum, to the party. Now that he is settled in Vermont, Lee will work on perfecting his skiing and becoming an expert handyman. I can hear This Old House calling his name. Some things don’t change, even when you’re old enough to receive Medicare—and that is good. • Tim Crowell and his wife, Pat, will be climbing all 46 major Adirondack peaks by the end of the year. • Dave Chait has decided to forgo retirement and continues to work as an ENT physician at Boy’s Town National Hospital in Omaha. He also took his third surgical mission to the Dominican Republic and offered his services to more than 100 children in Santiago. Dave is considering slowing down next year and moving to Mexico City. He would love to hear from Gerry Marcus, so if you read this Gerry, send an e-mail to the alumni office and they will get you in touch with Dave. • Caroline Kresky continues her work as a litigation partner for a national law firm based in South Carolina and intends to do so for the foreseeable future. Caroline comes to New England, as her firm has expanded the Boston office. Last summer she attended Colby Alumni College. • Judy Gerrie Heine and Kathy Denehy Lewis met for lunch at a midway point between Kathy in Mont Vernon, N.H., and Judy in Medfield, Mass. They are both ADPi sorority sisters and were roommates when they moved to Hartford for their first jobs after Colby. They hadn’t met for quite a while because Kathy, like many others, was busy taking care of her mother. Since her mom passed away this summer, Kathy has had more time to catch up with friends, including a nice day in Marlboro, N.H., with Judy Greer deForest and Charlotte Killam, who drove over from Greenwich, N.Y. • We want to thank all of you who wrote and kept us posted. Best to you all.

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Jann Semonian Czarnetzki writes: “My husband, Gerry, and I just returned from Nova Scotia, where we visited Ron and Brenda Cornfield Roberts. They own a wonderful antique shop in Indian Harbor. While I was there she got in contact with John Bubar, who teaches at UMaine Presque Isle. He continues his yearly sojourn to Givourney, France, to work in Monet’s garden. Brenda also contacted Bill Soller, a health science professor of pharmacy at University of California, San Francisco. After Colby he got his Ph.D. at Cornell and worked to spearhead efforts to get aspirin therapy accepted by the government. On the way home we stayed with Jane Morrison Bubar at her picturesque mountainside home in Dixfield, Maine, and visited her son and daughter-in-law, Joshua ’93 and Beth Cronin Bubar ’93, and their three kids in Turner. When we returned we visited Clarke and Cathie Smith Keenan on Martha’s Vineyard. Cathie is a master gardener and their backyard is spectacular (so is their Westwood, Mass. backyard hillside). At the Keenan’s we caught up with Katrina Noyes ’03 and Justin Ossoliński ’03. Katrina is on her way to Jordan to work with the Queen Noor Foundation, and Justin, who works for the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, is going to the Red Sea to dive on some coral reefs to get core samples. Otto Wielen ’09 contacted me from his summer getaway in Santa Fe, where we have joined him the past two years. He is a big opera buff who loves Santa Fe’s outdoor venue.” • Ken Young reports: “I’m working with Roger Woolsey, Colby Career Center director, developing the Colby Entrepreneurial Alliance and its partner, the Kennebec Valley Entrepreneurial Network. These programs focus on ramping up entrepreneurial training, skills building, and experiential learning in the Kennebec Valley in ways that connect Colby students and others with entrepreneurs. Saw Steve Ford and Mary several times this summer. Their daughter, Millie, lives down the street from us. Sarah Young returned from 30-plus months as a Peace Corps volunteer in Zambia. She and her mother, Anne, vacationed in the Western Cape Province of South Africa prior to reentry. Sarah starts graduate school in September. • John Morgan: ‘Had such a great summer here in Colorado that I didn’t want it to end. I notified the principal at the middle school where I have worked for 10 years that I was going to retire and devote my life to photography and fly-fishing full time. Contributions are gladly accepted in the form of cash and dinner invitations. Paula Van Meter, Bob Hughes, and Phil Merrill are alive and doing well, too, by the way.” • Phil Merrill moved to Brookline, Mass., to be close to wife Barbara’s work, the Mentor Network. His son, Nicholas ’14, is a freshman at Colby. That makes him a fourth-generation Cobian. His maternal great-grandmother, maternal grandmother, and dad all preceded him. • Jane Finkeldy Stephenson retired after 38 years as a medical social worker at Dartmouth-Hitchcock. She writes: “Gregg Crawford and Donna Massey ’69 were here for our annual Big Chill fall weekend. Dana Helkes was supposed to fly in from Charleston, S.C., but had to cancel. We also spent a summer weekend with Jean (Peterson ’69) and Chris Balsley and Chris and Bob Goldstein ’67. We all loved the article by Carl Glickman in the last Colby magazine and remember their sunrise wedding on the pond.” The Stephensons planned to see John ’66 and Linda Brooks Perkins while in Maine last fall. • In mid October Mary Jo Baur and Steve Campbell spent a lovely afternoon in LA with Phil and Hethie Shores Parmesano. After a wonderful lunch, they toured the city and then went back to San Diego to finish a two-week stay with Mary Jo’s daughter, Christine. • Rick Moriarty works at UMass Medical School doing a mix of pediatric primary care, infectious disease, and travel medicine. He’s traveled to Liberia twice in the last two years to help the Liberia Global Affiliate hospital in Monrovia restart their pediatric training program, which was devastated by their long civil war. Going from a top-tier hospital like UMass to a hospital where there are few resources is a real shock. Rich reports that the Liberian medical students and nurses are determined to learn and motivated to improve the quality of the care they can deliver.

1970
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I recently caught up with Alfred (Buz) Brown, who now lives in Boulder, Colo., with his wife, Martha. Buz is the CEO and chairman of XNN Engineering, where they are scaling up technology to remove carbon dioxide from power plant emissions and other industrial processes. Appropriately, ION recently received an award for the Boulder Big Idea Company of the Year. As Buz relates, “solving big problems like greenhouse gas reduction takes big solutions and big efforts.” Both of Buz and Martha’s sons, Nate, 28, and Ned, 21, live in Boulder but only show up for occasional family gatherings. Buz is doing his own start-up based on wound healing technology he developed in the chemical engineering department at the University of Colorado (CU) and Ned is a junior at CU. Martha is continuing her bronze sculpture activities. While still working hard, Buz and family find time to take advantage of the Colorado environment: cycling, hiking, fly fishing, and skiing. He even plans to enter a few skate ski races of Fame. Norman was inducted in July at an exciting event in Portland with 50 members of his family, including his wife, Priscilla (Hathorn ’42), and his brother, Arthur White ’52. • Bill Lyons is back at the University of Nebraska and looked forward to spending two weeks in Maine at the end of December. From January to May he will teach at Boston College Law School. • Kristen Kreamer says that with a 17- and 20-year-old who are still working their way through school, she expects she may never be able to retire! As of this fall she was in the process of selling her house in the suburbs and planning to move back into Philadelphia. Kristen works as a nurse practitioner in thoracic oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia and says, “Thank God for useful and rewarding work! It keeps me going.” • As for my wife, Pam, and me, we’ve now fully retired to Maine and are busy with home renovations and keep- ing up with children and grandchildren. Although I hope to continue doing some consulting work from time to time, it’s nice to slow down and have time to do many of the things we have talked about doing for years. This past June we spent two weeks in Alaska and British Columbia, enjoying the northwest and visiting our daughter, Melissa ’99, and her family. • Have a wonderful winter! I hope to hear from many of you for the spring edition!

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Cheryl Stitham White has retired after 40 years as an educator in southern Maine and is pleased to announce that she has a new grandchild. Cheryl spent time last winter putting together a nomination packet for her father-in-law, Norman White ’50, for the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Norman was inducted in July at an exciting event in Portland with 50 members of his family, including his wife, Priscilla (Hathorn ’42), and his brother, Arthur White ’52. • Bill Lyons is back at the University of Nebraska and looked forward to spending two weeks in Maine at the end of December. From January to May he will teach at Boston College Law School. • Kristen Kreamer says that with a 17- and 20-year-old who are still working their way through school, she expects she may never be able to retire! As of this fall she was in the process of selling her house in the suburbs and planning to move back into Philadelphia. Kristen works as a nurse practitioner in thoracic oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia and says, “Thank God for useful and rewarding work! It keeps me going.” • As for my wife, Pam, and me, we’ve now fully retired to Maine and are busy with home renovations and keep- ing up with children and grandchildren. Although I hope to continue doing some consulting work from time to time, it’s nice to slow down and have time to do many of the things we have talked about doing for years. This past June we spent two weeks in Alaska and British Columbia, enjoying the northwest and visiting our daughter, Melissa ’99, and her family. • Have a wonderful winter! I hope to hear from many of you for the spring edition!
this winter. • Next quarter I hope to hear from more classmates. Tell me about your holidays, winter vacations, and any other news that you would like to share with the Class of 1970.

1971
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WHAT? Our 40th class reunion? This June? June 2-5? How can this be? Who’s been counting these years as they’ve rolled by? (There must be some mistake.) You must consider coming to reunion—you never know how many more we might have left to attend! At least consider making a donation to our class gift, about which you will hear more from Frank Apantaku. • Mike “Ralph” Round wrote greetings from Kenchikan, Alaska, where he’s the assistant general manager for Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (www.ssraa.org). He’s also on the board of Oceans Alaska (www.oceansalaska.org), which recently hosted its first ever Alaska Shellfish Festival to try to jumpstart a shellfish industry for coastal Alaskan communities. Mike recently returned to NH for a reunion with his siblings (including Nancy Round Haley ’72), all of whom are eligible for AARP membership now. (Aren’t we all?) Mike contacted Dave Nelson and Janet Beals in Vail, Colo., to see about getting his itinerant son a “ski bum” job for the winter. • Getting together with the usual crowd in August, Leslie Anderson writes that Debbie Messer Zlatin, Pat Trow Parent, Mary Jukes Howard, Karen Hoener Neel, and Jan Blatchford Gordon welcomed Sue Farwell Philson into the fold this time. Leslie also did a painting commission for Pam Harris Holden ’66 and encountered a bunch of Pam’s Colby friends, all Class of ’66. Six degrees of Colby separation? • Mary Owen was with us at Colby for only a year and a half but would welcome contact from roommates and friends. She lives in Seattle and is an internist who does volunteer medicine in Uganda with victims of the Congolese civil war. Mary also works with underserved coastal tribes in Washington State. You can reach her at docowen1@yahoo.com. • Ken Didsbury was promoted to assistant head of school for academics at the Benjamin School in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. He and his wife bought a house in Scarborough, Maine, where they spend part of each summer. Ken is working with Bill Anthony to get some classmates to Florida for a weekend of saltwater fishing. • A Katrina memoir, Leaving New Orleans: An Unsettling Tale, written by Sally Cole Mooney, is now available on Amazon.com.

As you may remember, Sally was one of the thousands adversely affected by Hurricane Katrina, and she’s found catharsis in writing this memoir to good reviews. She includes a short Colby memory in her book, and Sue Farwell Philson makes a cameo appearance. She and numerous others are making plans for our 40th reunion. (So, you see?) You don’t want to miss anything by not coming, right?) • Jerome Layman has moved from Pembroke, Mass., to Sandwich, Mass., and now enjoys life on the Cape. • As he endures the ongoing anxiety of his son’s college application process, Bill Hladky is perceiving mortality as an evolution of perceptions, a process or work in progress rather than a state of being. Good luck, Bill, and Jacob, his son. • Jon Stone, who is expecting a new granddaughter in January, says he played in a senior softball championship in Florida but came in second. Senior? • Life continues to be busy for me as my local a cappella group’s concert season begins. Although we rehearse year round, we have a very busy fall and holiday season with gigs all over Massachusetts. I continue to be involved with the Yale Alumni Chorus Foundation board as well. So music keeps me happy along with the administrative duties that accompany it. Come to reunion!

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Kathy O’Dell spent Memorial Day weekend in Juneau, Alaska, with Aja Razumyy (formerly Julie Pfrangle) and two other friends to mark the shared event of turning 60 in 2010. They celebrated by hiking, whale watching (successfully), and drinking Alaskan beer. • Joy Beman Hanes is amazed that we’re 60 now. She’s back in school taking appraisal studies in her retirement and makes a line of beautiful glass beads from her home. Lisa shows her bead creations at craft fairs in New England. • My request for information about our “Colby Dogs” Mojo and Olga resulted in an interesting exchange of information. Karen Bennett ’74 wrote with a correction. She says that Olga was John Halpin’s dog, Mojo was Jack Fine’s dog, and Stuart Wolfe’s dog was named Jake. I received a message from Susan Gunning Zachos ’74, who verified Karen’s information and added yet another dog to the mix: her Greta, who was great friends with Mojo. Both Mojo and Olga were half St. Bernard and half Lab, and Jake was “mostly lab.” My next question to Sue is who was the father of the puppies (Olga’s?) that lived in the basement of Lambda Chi? Was it Jake or Mojo? I leave you all with that to ponder. Looking forward to more news in the spring.

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Not much news to report this time—everyone must have had a busy fall. • It was a treat to hear from Dean Eaton with his “first contribution ever!” After 18 years in business, Dean has relocated his kitchen store to downtown Keene, N.H. Dean recently completed a renovation of an old Kresge’s department store back to the 1920s tin ceiling and hardwood floors and is now the largest independently owned kitchen store in New England. He invites everyone to take a tour of Your Kitchen Store at www.yourkitchenstore.com or in person. On a personal note, his wife, Carol, is doing well as she awaits her third kidney transplant. We wish you well, Dean. • Lisa Kehler Bubara spoke to Dean recently, (Lisa and husband/chef Jim ’72 have a most impressive kitchen in their new home!) Lisa looked forward to a trip to Venice, Italy, in November with friend Nina Tilander, former Colby director of annual giving, Lisa was especially excited about visiting the island of Murano, where Venetian art glass has been produced for hundreds of years. She has become a very talented crafts person in her retirement and makes a line of beautiful glass beads from her home. Lisa shows her bead creations at craft fairs in New England. • My request for information about our “Colby Dogs” Mojo and Olga resulted in an interesting exchange of information. Karen Bennett ’74 wrote with a correction. She says that Olga was John Halpin’s dog, Mojo was Jack Fine’s dog, and Stuart Wolfe’s dog was named Jake. I received a message from Susan Gunning Zachos ’74, who verified Karen’s information and added yet another dog to the mix: her Greta, who was great friends with Mojo. Both Mojo and Olga were half St. Bernard and half Lab, and Jake was “mostly lab.” My next question to Sue is who was the father of the puppies (Olga’s?) that lived in the basement of Lambda Chi? Was it Jake or Mojo? I leave you all with that to ponder. Looking forward to more news in the spring.

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Vicki was delighted to hear from fellow geology major Tom Bolmer, who still works at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution on Cape Cod in the geology and geophysics department. He does science support on the Coast Guard icebreaker Healy. For the last five years he has spent two to four months in the Bering Sea in the spring and the Arctic in the summer. The Bering Sea with ice on it has an amazing bird and animal population that is great to watch, not to mention the fun of just being in the ice in 30 below temperatures. The Arctic is less imposing, but even in his limited time there he has noticed that there is less and less ice. He notes that it is very sad to see this wonderful world slowly disintegrating. Tom ran into Ann Richards last fall on their local bike path while she was out rollerblading after work. • Dave and Laurie Thompson Lee live in East Winthrop, Maine, with their menagerie of three dogs, one cat, and three horses—only one of which is actually Laurie’s. She loves to ride and is a foster parent for the Curly Horse Rescue (www.curalyrescue.com). She enjoys spending summers at their cottage on Cobbosseecontee Lake, just a few miles down the road. Laurie has had a rough year, with hip replacement surgery as well as a broken right fibula and all the hassle that comes with that. She was diagnosed with MS in 1988, but is holding steady and attributes her ability to remain active to her work with horses. As many of us remember, Laurie is an extremely energetic and enthusiastic person and still greets each day with a smile and her usual zest for life. • Tom Lizotte has been elected incoming chair of the board of directors for the Maine Humanities Council. He begins a two-year term in 2011, thereby, in his words, “proving that even English majors can make a positive contribution to society.” The Maine Humanities Council is a statewide nonprofit, enriches the lives of people in Maine through literature, history, philosophy, and culture. Lizotte has been a member of the council’s board since 2005. He has also served as a representative on Maine’s Cultural Affairs Council. Tom resides in the Dover-Foxcroft area and is director of marketing development at Mayo Hospital. • Bob Burgess shared an incredible story of his brush with death, a la Natasha Richardson, but with a much better outcome. He wrote: “Watch those head bangs as something bad may be brewing. After canoeing the St. John with my son, Ian, Steve Collins, and Chet Hickox last May, as we were loading up the truck to head home, I inadvertently banged the side of my head into the bow of one of the cinched-down canoes. It hurt, but I thought no more of it. Five months later I was having emergency brain surgery for a subdural hematoma. A
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Art teacher Molly Carroll Mains ’70 was named Maine Art Educator of the Year for her dedication and service to art education, according to the Maine Art Education Association. Mains has taught at Lake Region Middle School for 35 years, where she “challenges students to think about their work and use their minds in original and inventive ways.” A visual artist, Mains also conducts community workshops, coordinates shows, and exhibits her own work around the state. * Canada’s Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation selected John Bowey ’71 its new board chair. Prior to his May 2010 retirement as chairman of Deloitte & Touche in Canada, Bowey was a member of Deloitte’s global board as well as its global governance committee and audit committee. * The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching named Fairfield (Conn.) University Professor of English Betsy A. Bowen ’76 the 2010 Connecticut Professor of the Year. Bowen, called “an excellent classroom instructor,” has been teaching at Fairfield since 1988 and is one of the vanguards in the service learning movement there. An advocate for increasing literacy opportunities, Bowen is also associate director of the Connecticut Writing Project. * Ice hockey all-star Lee Johnson ’79 was inducted into the Massachusetts Hockey Hall of Fame. Johnson is deemed “one of the pioneers of women’s hockey on the North Shore” and played for the then newly formed Massport Jets in high school. At Colby she was a four-year starter, a tri-captain, and the first woman to have her hockey number retired.

MILESTONES


combination of the trauma and a regime of baby aspirin must have allowed a small bleed to continue to the point at which it became near fatal. Astute observation by my wife (a nurse) forced me in for a CT scan that found the ticking bomb. So be careful out there (ahem, ‘at our age’), as a bad bang on the head could lead to problems! Other than that, and having a month recovery, sabbatical, I’m still happily employed as an SVP heading special assets at Bangor Savings Bank in Portland, and as George Burns used to say, ‘just glad to be here!’"

1975

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Serving as columnist for this quarter brings back memories of when I, Susie Gearhart Wuest, was your class correspondent in the early 1990s and the days of the electric typewriter. Word processing should make writing this column a breeze! In October Charlie LeRoyer and Dan Sexton participated in a 50-mile bike ride for the Dempsey Challenge on a beautiful autumn day through the hills around Lewiston, Maine. The Patrick Dempsey Foundation raises money in support of the Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope and Healing. Charlie hopes that places like the Dempsey Center can make a difference for all of us who have lost friends and family to cancer. On the upside, Charlie is ready to relive his youth when he retires in 2011. He recently purchased a red, mostly restored, 1968 MGB, similar to one he had when he was 21 and in the Navy. * Dan Alexander had a blast doing the East Coast college tour with his daughter, Caroline. He was astounded at how different things are from our college days. He tries to refrain from saying kids today are more pampered, and Dan feels that we definitely enjoyed lots more freedom. Last summer his family took a wonderful trip to Italy. * Carol Majdalany Williams enjoyed getting together with former roommate Lynnie Bruce on Orr’s Island, where they shared laughs, good food, and, of course, each other’s company. Other than that, Carol is doing much the same as she always does ... "lots of daily routines that nobody wants to read about because they’re probably doing the same things!" If anyone is ever in Litchfield County, Conn., actually in Litchfield itself, be sure to look her up.

Within one week last summer, Sue Conant Cook and her family returned from a trip to Africa. Jim ’78 and Sue celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, daughter Emily ’11 celebrated her 21st birthday, and son David turned 18! The family visited Jim’s sister in Rustenburg, South Africa, and Claudia and Kate Makumbe P’02 in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Sue said there were so many opportunities for a local experience in addition to animal safaris and viewing Victoria Falls. * Mike ’76 and Mary Bastron Harper built a vacation home four years ago on Lake Okoboji in Iowa. Last summer Mary spent a morning with Deb Watthen Finn ’74 when Deb was in the area attending a wedding. In October Mary and Mike traveled to Austin for their oldest daughter’s wedding. * Last August Lt. Gov. (USMC Ret.) Pete Coz joined the board of directors of the Cold War Air Museum near Dallas. The museum is a nonprofit dedicated to the restoration and maintenance of Cold War-era aircraft with a special emphasis on aircraft flown by the former Soviet Union. Pete works on and flies rotary-winged aircraft and is one of the few in the U.S. to hold a civilian rating in the Mi-24 Hind helicopter. * As for me, I always enjoy visiting quilt shops in my travels, and last April my daughter met me in Paducah, Ky., where we attended a large quilt show. Paducah is a neat, little town! Hopefully, next time around Laurie and I both will hear from many more of you—we’ll make you sound interesting, even if you don’t think you are!

1976

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Hi everyone! As you work your way through the remainder of winter, remember our 35th reunion is just around the corner. Meanwhile, let’s start with news left over from last quarter. * Hank Osborne works for a large New England-based nonprofit doing PR and marketing communications. His two sons are rapidly approaching six feet and likely to pass Hank (at 6’3”) soon. Both play lacrosse. Hank notes that, with California, Florida, and New Hampshire as evidence, he has proven that he can kill a perfectly healthy lawn in under a year. He’s been playing guitar onstage more and more with whatever assortment of bass, guitar, sax, or violin that shows up at the local Concord, N.H., clubs. * Mark and Diane Lockwood Wendorf have been back in Maine for two years. Diane is adjusting to small-school life in lake country—Sanford—and Mark is serving a church in North Yarmouth. Last August Diane had planned to officiate at the wedding of Jenn Mizen ’08, one of Di’s former youth group members. Mark and Di’s son, Josh, was living at home and working as a bike mechanic. Meanwhile, Di was hoping to spend some time with her roommate Toby Bobbitt. * Across the country Irl “Bucky” Marshall and his wife, Tracy, moved to Cave Creek, Ariz., where they are Realty Executives real estate agents. Bucky is still president of Satellite Broadcasting, Inc., a satellite transmission services brokerage he founded in 1984. He writes, “Too many cold winters in Maine and living at 10,000 feet in Colorado has necessitated a move to warmer climates.” * Lydia McAnerney is at a new juncture since both children have graduated from high school. Her eldest is a sophomore at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, and her youngest is taking a gap year before attending Clark University in Massachusetts next fall. Lydia continues to work in enrollment and development at Great River School, a Montessori/IB junior and senior high school in Minnesota. She feels so lucky to work with great people at a unique charter school. * Harry Nelson filled me in on a great ad hoc reunion in southern Maine last September—the remnant of a gathering for a charitable golf tournament that honored Dan Mallowe’s father. About 16 alumni gathered to enjoy a hike at the Morse Mountain Preserve to Sewall Beach, followed by a fun dinner at the home of Mike Boyson and Nancy Grant. A closely contested three-team golf scramble soon followed at Belgrade Lakes Golf Club, with the winning team comprising Gary Thornberg, Rick Clunie, Mike, and ... well, of course, Harry himself! Harry sent a photo of some of the group, which I will try to post on our Facebook group. That’s right—our class now has an official Facebook group. If you’re a Facebook member, join Colby College Class of 1976, where you can exchange class news, post and see others’ photos, and learn about our upcoming reunion. It’s our turn for reunion: our 35th, coming up June 2-5. Make your plans now to be in Waterville for a fun and nostalgia-packed weekend. If you can help with planning and publicity, please contact Paul Boghosian atpaulboghossian@gmail.com. Also start sending in your donation gifts to the Colby Fund. And continue to send me news. Best wishes to you all!

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Alan Taylor reports that his latest book, The Civil War of 1812: American Citizens, British Subjects, Irish Rebels, and Indian Allies, was published in October. * Howard
ALUMNI AT LARGE

Ellis is in his 26th year of special education teaching, which involves working with middle school students who have an emotional disabilities. Since 1993 he’s worked for the Lewiston school department. Howard loves his job, despite the challenges. He has two children and has lived in Maine for more than 17 years. • Beth Shinj just finished a Ph.D. program in early medieval history at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. She’s teaching part time while seeking a full-time position in history or religious studies. • Jeff Sanderson, Gary Newton ’72, Anetu Simeso, and Pam Landry Teichman got together recently in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (see photo in the Alumni at Large section of the fall issue of Colby). • It took an old friend from Dana Hall being class correspondent to induce Richard Clampitt to send in his first-ever class news contribution. Rich and his wife, Rachel Hurst (Pomona ’79 but attended a semester at Colby in the fall of ’76), took their annual Maine vacation at Christmas Cove over the July 4th weekend. It’s a big trip, too, since Rich lives in San Diego (going on 30 years now). After graduating with a law degree from University of California, Hastings, Rich joined a small San Diego law firm. He’s now a partner and co-chair of the business transactions group at Gordon & Rees. Rich and Rachel enjoy adventure travel and skiing, among other pursuits. Two years ago they climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro and went on safari. Rich wishes all his Colby friends well and invites anyone who’s visiting the San Diego area to look him up.

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Doug and Marjorie Gonzalez Blackwell’s daughter Laura was married in August in Chatham at the Wequassett Inn. Marjorie writes “It was a four-day event where friends and family gathered for a cookout, a rehearsal dinner, wedding overlooking Pleasant Bay, and a brunch on Chatham harbor. Doug was the legal officiant at the ceremony, which was fun, and in true Colby tradition got the place rocking by playing a song with the band. Laura is in Michigan getting her Ph.D. in pediatric psychology and married Jonathan Pas, a health care analyst with Hewitt Associates.” Their other daughter, Courtney, graduated with honors from Northwestern with a degree in theater and English and started her master’s at Harvard in arts and education. Marjorie is a realtor and was the top sales agent in her office in July. Doug recently left Eclipsys, where he was EVP and GM of their remote application hosting business, and is looking for the next gig. They’ve lived in West Hartford, Conn., for the past eight years but spend as much time as possible at their house in Chatham. • Martin Connolly “is hunkering down for another winter in Billings, Mont.,” where he works as a night auditor and front desk agent at the Best Western Clock Tower Inn. He is also pursuing two other areas of interest: working for an attorney in a criminal defense practice and teaching English as a foreign language. He is fluent in Spanish and learning French and German. • Lise Greenfield Shanahan sent her youngest off to Berkeley. She and husband Bill enjoy the empty nest in San Diego. She writes that now that she is off “volunteer” mode, there is more time for tennis and she has taken up golf. Lise looks forward to our next reunion. • Stephen Jacobs writes, “I recently had a competition with my old roommate, Nick Levintow, in a 5K race. He ran his in Maryland and I ran mine in Maine. He smoked me, turning in a time of 23:31 to my 24:39.” Stephen traveled with his daughter, Emily, to the Grand Canyon, Bryce, and Zion, took a Pink Jeep tour in Sedona, and ended up with a night on the strip in Las Vegas. • Dian Weisman Miller writes from Kansas that she “continues my efforts to fund breast cancer research through my network of golf tournaments.” She was back in Maine last summer and enjoyed just about all the lobster a human could eat! • Jean Sullivan Varrile summarizes the last 32 years with, “Got married to a great guy who I met at graduate school. We have a 10-year-old, Anna, who keeps us young, has boundless energy, and aspires to be Mia Hamm. I’ve had my own consulting business (financial services research) for 10 years and surprisingly it still pays the mortgage. I have been in touch with Izzie Rex and Sam Koch ’79, and just two years ago ran into Ted Shanahan ’76, who is married to Rae Caravaty. Such a small world!”

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I’m starting off the column with wedding news! Laurie Borden married her partner, Richard O’Donohue, Aug. 28 at home with all five of their children participating. Laurie continues to work at the local hospital and Richard is a chef manager at Middlebury College. Laurie says she will keep her maiden name. • Carl Lovejoy’s eldest son, Ben, was married July 17. He and his wife, Avery, live in Pittsburgh. • David Ashcraft and his wife, Teri, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary last year with a long weekend in Michigan’s wine region.
country. (A far cry from their honeymoon in Napa and Sonoma—but still fun!) Son Eric is a senior in high school, so they’ve spent the last year visiting colleges and narrowing down the choices. Colby didn’t make the cut, primarily due to the distance from Chicago. Their daughter, Katie, is a sophomore who wants to be a music major and is already looking at various schools. David recommends a book called Colleges That Change Lives (www.ctcl.org) to fellow parents who have not yet gone through the college selection process. His other recommendation is to become a Facebook friend of Bishop Savas Zembillas for a daily dose of scripture, current events, and quirky music videos! • Sarah MacColl works for Distant Journeys, a hiking company headquartered in Camden, Maine. She and her husband, the Tour du Mont Blanc in September and went to Turkey in October. Her plans for the holidays were to stay home! Sarah is an ACE advanced health and fitness specialist and IDEA elite personal trainer. • In June Geoff Emanuel and five other Colby alumni/students participated in the Newport Bermuda Yacht Race. Colby colleagues included Fred Madeira ’80, owner/skipper of the yacht Resolve, a J-44 out of Cumberland, Maine, Tim Hussey’ 78, Charlie Hurd ’78, John Madeira ’14 (Fred’s son), and Philip Hussey’ 14 (Tim’s son). • Hope to hear from more of your next column. Happy New Year!

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Erin Iretorn Elliott and I had lunch in October at a beautiful outdoor seafood restaurant in Sausalito, Calif. It was great to catch up after 30 years! • Michael Fanger’s daughter, Rachel, started her first year at Muhlenberg College. His son, Jonathan, is a sophomore at St. Joe’s Prep in Philadelphia, and Michael’s company, Eastern Funding LLC, is celebrating the fifth anniversary of their merger with Brookline Bank. • The Class of ’80 Tau Delta Phi brothers organized a mini reunion last September at Glenn Rieger’s Chesapeake Bay summer home. Herb Perry, Artie Sullivan, Chris Cornell, Jim D’Isidoro, Paul Faulkner, Tim Bernard, Mike Costello, Brian McPherson ’82, and Glenn enjoyed a weekend of golfing, fishing, water skiing, and bonfires on the beach. • Kitty Weyl Dove reports that life is good in DC. She and her family spent some fun time this summer in Blue Hill, Maine, sailing and eating lobster with Lindy Williams ’73. • Sean and Lisa McDonough O’Neill look forward to visiting their son, Richard, who’s in his freshman year at Boulder. Lisa saw Kitty, Sarah Stilts Bright, and Curt Cerulli ’78 in Marblehead last fall at the service for Suze Connolly Leveree’s mother. • Alice Domar has joined with two partners to take complementary care centers national. She hopes that by the time this magazine comes out the first “Integrative Care for Fertility: A Domar Center” of many will have opened. Alice has been traveling the country speaking on stress and fertility and was scheduled to speak in Taiwan in November. • Esme McTighe’s daughter, Petra, is a freshman at Harvard and her son, Niall, is a junior there. Last summer Niaii qualified for the 2012 Olympic swimming trials. • Bill Linnell is the program manager for Jobs for Maine’s Graduates at the A.R. Gould School at the Aong Creed Vocational Development Center in South Portland. Bill helps kids in the juvenile corrections system get jobs and reintegrate into the community. This fall he coached the school’s first (in 30 years) high school boys and girls soccer teams. Bill reconnected with Ronnie-Jo (Posner ‘78) and John Carpenter this fall at the service for Bill Moody, father of Jay Moody. • Ted Reed and Sue polledis ’78 enjoy life in the UK more than they expected. They live in the Surrey Hills, halfway between London and the Channel. Ted reports that “village life is warm and inclusive, but perhaps that’s because ours has three pubs, a garage, and a church—and that’s it!” Ted and Sue’s youngest daughter is in eighth grade at an international school and their oldest is a freshman at Colby. They expect to be back in their Maine home sometime in 2012. • In October Karen Caine Babbitt, Linda Davis, Brenda Bowen, Robin MacLeod Goodridge, Jean Minkel, Conilia Armbrust Brofka, Allie Pierson Ernst Jacobsen, Betsy Morrell, Sarah Stilts Bright, Carol Sly, and Sue Eb Pigott gathered at the Black Point Inn in Maine to celebrate the life of our late classmate Hilary Morton Shontz. • Elliott Pratt sent along a great picture of a recent Colby tailgate party that included Elliott and son Chris ’14, Joanne Shannon O’Donnell and daughter Colleen ’13, Patty Valavanis Smith, Esme McTighe, andGate Talbot Ashton. Photos of the Tau Delt gathering, the gathering for Hilary, and the tailgate party are on our class page at colby.edu/alumni.

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Mike Cronan hosted a memorial get together at his Newburyport home after Joel “Sluggo” Potvin’s sad passing last March. A cocktail party was followed by a dinner boat cruise out of Plum Island. Joel’s brothers from Lambda Chi Alpha came out in force: Dennis Ring, Joe Daley, Steve Pfaff and wife Darlene Howland, Hradadiars, Dave Biggar, John Densmore, Steve Dodge, and Al Bruzzese. Other classes were represented by Tim Porter ’78, Jim Gagne ’78, Gerry Skinder ’78, Bob Dorval ’79, Ralph Peterson ’79, RJ Welch ’82, John Lemoine ’83, and Charlie Giovacco ’83. The Joel Potvin Memorial Fund has been set up at the Newburyport Bank, 63 State St., Newburyport, MA, 01950, for those who would like to make a donation. • Karen Pfeiffer Jones’s son Andrew is a freshman at SUNY Purchase, while younger son Alex is a high school junior. Mary’s youngest is in high school, and five other Colby alumni/students attended the Newport Bermuda Yacht Race. Colby colleagues included Fred Madeira ’80, owner/skipper of the yacht Resolve, a J-44 out of Cumberland, Maine, Tim Hussey’ 78, Charlie Hurd ’78, John Madeira ’14 (Fred’s son), and Philip Hussey’ 14 (Tim’s son). • Hope to hear from more of your next column. Happy New Year!

1982
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Many of you heard of the passing of Charlie Bennett Oct. 19. He was definitely my favorite professor at Colby and one of my favorite teachers of all time. I feel lucky to have been an American studies major and to have taken just about every class he taught! He taught us so much and so well, kicked us in the seat of the pants when we needed it, and boosted our egos when we needed it. May you rest in peace, Charlie. Our thoughts go to his son, David, and daughter-in-law Patty, and to his daughter, Elizabeth, and her husband, George, and their children. Donations in Charlie’s memory may be made to the Charles W. Bassett Fund for American Studies, c/o Office of Donor Relations, Colby College, 4346 Mayflower Hill, Waterville, ME 04901. • After graduating from Carrabassett Valley Academy last spring, my son Craig is skiing and racing in Colorado and California prior to starting this fall at Colby, where he’ll compete on the ski team. Younger son Jamie is in his sophomore year at CVA, where he is also an alpine ski racer. I’m still doing public relations statewide in Maine and doing a lot of speaking engagements, including one at Colby on entrepreneurialism. • After 40 years playing golf, Susan Wechsler Atkins finally got her first hole in one! Congratulations Sue! That’s a big accomplishment. • Juliane Culy Wright’s older son, Conor, is enjoying his freshman year at Marymount Manhattan College in NYC, where he’s working on a B.F.A. in acting. He loves the city and doesn’t appear to miss Greenville, R.I., too much. Her younger son, Aidan, is a freshman in high school. He plays freshman football and fall AAU baseball, so they keep busy with tournaments in RI, CT, and MA. She is still at New England Tech, where she’s worked for the past 21 years. • Mark Hopkins lives in the Clevelan area and works for Komori America covering the eastern half of the U.S. as vice president of sales. Next year he’ll have three kids in college and just one at home (out of five). His oldest, while in graduate school full time, is raising her son with her husband.

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ALUMNI AT LARGE

Mark brought his family to Colby for the first time last July on their way to Moosehead Lake. It certainly brought back memories as he walked around what used to be KDR, but he could hardly find his way around downtown Waterville. He wonders what became of Willie Perez ‘85 and Tracy Smith Black ‘84. He would love to hear from them. He feels very blessed for the life he has, built on the foundation begun at Colby. It’s soon going to be time to think about our—gasp—30th reunion! Can it be possible? In the meantime, please send in the news you want to share with everyone for our next column.

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Sean Duffy and his wife expected their first child in early December. Sean welcomes any parenting tips. Aside from that, Sean plans to attend many 50th birthday parties with classmates over the next few months. Rick Hauser celebrated his 50th at his amazing hillside spread in Vermont, where Rick retired last year. On the business front, the Duffy Agency opened its Boston office last summer and has won two new accounts—the Boston Globe and the United Nations—and will work on integrated campaigns involving traditional and social media for both. Life is going well in Atlanta for Sue Desrochers Patterson. She and husband Kevin toyed around last summer for the first time. Weather, food, scenery, attractions, and the group they were with were all great. Sue continues as controller and chief accounting officer at Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc. in Atlanta, which is becoming more like home every day, but, of course, “nothing beats New England,” Sue says. Paul Lezborg continues to travel quite a bit for work. He wrote from Hamburg, Germany, which, Paul says, “is a great city but the weather is continuing to travel quite a bit for work. He wrote from Hamburg, Germany, which, Paul says, “is a great city but the weather is more like home every day, but, of course, “nothing beats New England,” Sue says. Paul Lezborg continues to travel quite a bit for work. He wrote from Hamburg, Germany, which, Paul says, “is a great city but the weather is even more changeable than what we see in New England. I’ve been soaked in surprise downpours more often than I can count.” Paul got together with Dan Marra and Barb Leonard twice recently—one at a great restaurant in Lewiston (who knew?) and again in October for Dan’s 50th birthday bowling party. I’m quite pleased to hear from Kelly Dodge, who has been working at Maine Central Institute for more than a year. He and Carole had just returned from a trip to Istanbul, where they saw the major sites such as the Hagia Sophia, and Spice Market while enjoying a great array of Turkish food, coffee, and tea. Didn’t get a carpet, however. Kelly wanted to visit there primarily due to an art and architecture course he took at Colby. He remembers discussing the Hagia Sophia and wanted to see it. Nora Putnam Dunn had foot surgery this summer and was out of commission for several weeks. She was overwhelmed with everything she needed to take care of at work and for her parents before the surgery. She’s on the mend now. Jay ‘83 and Maureen (Mo) Hagerty Polimeno ’84 were featured in an article about Colby couples in the Oct. 20 issue of The Echo. Jay and Maureen’s daughter, Aimee ‘14, is a freshman and gave the reporter their contact info. Read the story at http://thecolbyecho.com/news/926. Nora, Mo, and I hope there’s a Colbyette reunion in 2011 and plan to get together then. Nancy Pratt Hurley is still adjusting to the fact that she has a child in early December. Sean welcomes any parenting tips. Aside from that, Sean plans to attend many 50th birthday parties with classmates over the next few months.

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I hope everyone is enjoying winter. Lots of good news this issue. Congratulations to one of my favorite couples, Ben and Tracy Weiner Cotopalis, on their Oct. 10 nuptials in Canton, Ohio! Former roommates Kitty Wilbur and Genevieve Hammond ’86 traveled from Boston for the event and, judging from the pictures, everyone had a fabulous time. Sadly I was not able to attend—as not so sadly—I was enjoying Barcelona and San Sebastian, Spain, with Lauren Mogensen and a group of friends including Mary Basler ’79. No major international incidents to report, despite our best efforts. From her perch at the heights of Bank of America, Lauren works to save the U.S. economy; Mary is a partner in a chiropractic practice in Providence, R.I. Congratulations also to Tom Gratzer and his wife, Jacqui, who proudly announce the arrival of Tobias Thomas Gratzer, June 6. In Boston, Toby, 16 lbs. as reported by his proud papa, is inquisitive about everything and a truly wonderful child as he is sleeping through the night and therefore allowing his old man to do the same! Brian and Lisa Wormwood Preny took daughter Tarrah Tibbetts on their annual August visit to Ted Jenkins’s New Hampshire lake house and enjoyed an afternoon of water skiing and wakeboarding with Ted’s family, including sons Ben and Bryce and wife Holly (Lord), sister of Jill Lord Bowden. Ted had just returned from a scouting visit to Colby with Ben. See photo of Ted and Brian on our class page at www.colby.edu/alumni.

Cynthia Mulliken Lazzara spent time in September with Hall Adams III at the festivities for their 30th high school reunion in Winnetka, Ill. This winter will be Nathan “Waldo” Emerson’s 23rd teaching skiing in Jackson Hole, Wyo., where he also is a real estate agent with Sotheby’s Interiors. Nathan is still adjusting to the fact that he has a child in early December. Sean welcomes any parenting tips. Aside from that, Sean plans to attend many 50th birthday parties with classmates over the next few months.

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Cory Humphreys Serrano, her husband, and two daughters, 15 and 17, have lived in Needham, Mass., for the past 18 years. “It seems like New England might in fact have better beaches and mountains than Ohio, as消毒 as that sounds!” Cory was a banker for more than 12 years and has sold software to financial institutions off and on for the past 10. Cory and her younger daughter had a great time at the 25th reunion and loved seeing everyone. “It reminded me why I went to Colby in the first place; it’s an easy place to make the best friends you’ll probably ever make.” Roy Hirshland also commented that it was great to see everyone at reunion. He notes that he is constantly reminded of Colby ties, whether meeting recent graduates coming to his office for an informational interview or in his hometown of Concord, Mass. While visiting his daughter at Deerfield Academy’s parent weekend, he ran into Deerfield dean of students Toby Emerson ’88, his daughter’s advisor; Gen Triganne ’08, her soccer and ice hockey coach; and fellow Deerfield parents Tom ’87 and Kathleen Pinard Reed ’86. Roy writes that he and Tom looked equally confused in their kids’ algebra class! Due to his twin sons’ high school graduation, Mark Phillips wasn’t able to make it to the reunion. His son Nick is at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, where he will pursue a career in intelligence/homeland security and play varsity football. His twin brother accepted an academic scholarship at Bentley University, where he will pursue a degree in corporate finance and accounting. Mark and his wife, Tia, enjoy their empty nest! Perhaps Mark’s son Nick will run into Kevin Bruen, who finished his law degree as a law professor at the South Carolina Coast Guard Academy. Over the summer Kevin served as the legal advisor to Admiral Thad Allen, the national incident commander overseeing the response to the Gulf oil spill. Kevin then transferred back to California to become the senior legal advisor to the Coast Guard admiral in charge of all Coast Guard forces in California. Kevin writes “Carolyn (Boynton ’84) and I had a great time driving back without the kids.Stopping in spas in Santa Fe and Sedona—mixing in some hiking and mountain biking with some massages, yoga, and meditation.” He spent his free time surfing and watching his sons, Connor, 16, and Chris, 8, play sports. Kevin got together with Tom Valinote last summer in LA for some surf and sun. John Robinson still teaches at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester. He planned to see Dan Allegretti in December to celebrate what would have been Frank Zappa’s 70th birthday by going to a concert by Frank’s son, Dweezil. John is sorry to have missed the 25th reunion. Rick and Kathryn Clarke Anderson are new Colby parents; their daughter, Emily ‘14, is a freshman. Rick enjoyed following her and the Colby women’s soccer team around New England last fall. Ben Lowry continues to run his own law practice handling social security disability cases in the Old Port section of Portland, Maine. He has also gotten back into the swing of baseball, playing on four different teams and travelling to Florida for several tournaments, where he teamed up with his old White Mule teammate John Collins. They have had a blast playing ball and hanging out together again after 25 years. In May Stephen Reed opened a new law firm in downtown Boston called Beck, Reden, Riden LLP. They specialize in management-side labor and employment law, non-compete litigation, and general
business litigation. He is very excited about this new venture, and so far it’s going very well. • Best wishes for the new year and hope to hear from fellow classmates soon!

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Mark your calendars now! Our 25th reunion is June 2-5! Although reunion is still a few months away, the celebrations have already begun. By all reports the pre-reunion parties held in Boston, New York, and Portland were great fun. Some of you expressed wishes that pre-reunion gatherings be held beyond the East Coast. To that I say—just pick a date and a place! We can help you get out the word and get organized. But most of all make your plans now for June in Waterville. It is going to be a laugh riot! • If you aren’t going to make it to reunion, your reason best be as bulletproof as the one I just heard from Barb Falcone Smith. Instead of traveling up to Waterville from Louisville, Ky., where they’ve lived for over 10 years, Barb and Lars Smith and daughters Lindsey, 9, and Alison, 7, will be in China, because Lars has a Fulbright award and will be teaching in Wuhan until July! Despite their excitement, Barb and Lars are really sorry to miss reunion and send a huge hug and hello to all. • Keep in mind that a Fulbright is one thing, but distance is no excuse to miss reunion. Note that Ricardo Siekking is planning to join us from his home in Guatemala, where he lives with his wife and three sons, the oldest of whom is now a freshman at SMU in Dallas. We will all want to give him an extra welcome, as he let me know that in September 2010 he survived a “perfect storm of four diseases,” which left him in a coma for seven days in Guatemala. Fortunately, his wife and mother decided to air medic him to Cleveland (Ohio) Hospital, where they saved his life. Now back in Guatemala, Ricardo says he feels very lucky and grateful for his general excellent health and the faith of so many friends. • Having graduated from Full Sail University, Leslie Greenslet Perry works doing technology integration with middle school classes at a private school in Greenwich and absolutely loves it. • Karen and Ned Stinson, living in Wilmington, Del., have their parenting bases covered—they sent their eldest child, Mary, off to Pace University this fall while awaiting the arrival of child number four, a boy due in November. • And, last but not least, a word from another far-flung classmate. Lauret Rosbach, who joined us at Colby from France during our senior year, has sent word that he and his wife just celebrated their 10th anniversary—and that they are planning their trip to join us for our reunion in June. As I said, distance is no excuse!

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Only four people have news this issue, which is four more than zero, so “I’ll take it. Remember, if you won the Pulitzer or a local pie-eating contest, got married for the fifth time, or went to a crazy wedding, it’s all good. I’m easy like that. And on we go. • John Glass is in Sweden right now. Not sure what that means, but it sure sounds cool. He’s hoping to have a get-together for some Colby folks in Maine next summer. • Almea Good’s garlic harvest went well. She is now selling in NYC and Maine (which may explain that smell on 95N, just after Portland). • Karen Lawes Webb writes, “For the first time in about 20 years, I have some news! After living 12 of the last 17 years in Seattle, I’ve finally made the move back to New England—specifically Oakland, Maine. I’m just a hop, skip, and a jump from Colby at Oakland Family Medicine. My husband, Tim, is also a family doctor, and my three kids, Jonah, 13, Lily, 12 and Sophie, 10, are loving Maine. Of course we have yet to experience winter. In the past month, I’ve reconnected with Zaki Nashed, also a doctor here, and his wife Kim (Burnham ‘86). Any old friends who wish to take a trip down memory lane and visit Colby, come on up. We have lots of room.” (Wow, Karen, a doctor? Congratulations. I have this slight excitement, but somehow inclusive. He was incapable of finding insult, as if standing toe-to-toe in any battle, intellectual or otherwise, was already well won. He never even had to remove his saber from its scabbard. When Charlie analyzed a story by Poe or Hawthorne, you got the feeling the authors would have enjoyed being in the audience, perhaps even learned a few things themselves—because he embodied their passion and transfused their energy into his audience. You entered his classroom a skeptic and exited a believer. His was the class you kicked yourself for missing. The man was, in filmic terms, “The Natural.” I haven’t seen Charlie in many years, although we spoke on the phone a few times. Yet I will miss him as if that physical time had never passed. A soul like that stays with you. Thank God. • And thank you for reading. Stay well.

80s NEWSMAKERS
Attorney and community activist Helen Dooley Anthony ’82 was highlighted as a “Person You Should Know” in the Columbia (Mo.) Business Times. The Connecticut transplant is licensed to practice law in Missouri and serves as secretary of the planning and zoning commission for the city of Columbia. A recent project offered recommendations on future land uses and development strategies for a swath of land in central Missouri.

Helen Dooley Anthony ’82

MILESTONES

Births: A son, Henry Marcus, to Matt Lewis ’82 and Loreena White Summer in Maine, a trend I hope continues. I’ve been enjoying the lovely fall, watching the 14-year-old family princess play high school field hockey. (“What a coincidence. I’m the family princess in my house.”) • Finally, if you’ll indulge me, we had a big loss in the Colby family, which reminds us all that greatness is fleeting. Charlie Bassett was the consummate teacher: compelling, nurturing, and wildly brilliant, while somehow remaining modest. Though not everyone reading this will have taken a course with him, or perhaps even most of you, he genuinely earned the adulation he is now receiving—because he devoted himself to his craft, and he lived for the success of his charges. This is rare in most professions, especially during these hedonistic times of accumulation and self-promotion. Perhaps it even under- scores how lucky we were to live in the bubble that is college itself. People like Charlie, while fully versed in the world at large, immerse us in an idyllic realm of introspection, steeped in the best works of our times. They cloister us because they already know what awaits, and they try to instill as many ideals as possible before releasing us into the wild. Charlie was the professor you impersonated, behind his back or to his face. It really made no difference—because his eccentricities were a core part of his charm, never off-putting but somehow inclusive. He was incapable of finding insult, as if standing toe-to-toe in any battle, intellectual or otherwise, was already well won. He never even had to remove his saber from its scabbard. When Charlie analyzed a story by Poe or Hemingway, you got the feeling the authors would have enjoyed being in the audience, perhaps even learned a few things themselves—because he embodied their passion and transfused their energy into his audience. You entered his classroom a skeptic and exited a believer. His was the class you kicked yourself for missing. The man was, in filmic terms, “The Natural.” I haven’t seen Charlie in many years, although we spoke on the phone a few times. Yet I will miss him as if that physical time had never passed. A soul like that stays with you. Thank God. • And thank you for reading. Stay well.

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It must have been an uneventful autumn for the Class of ’89, because I only got updates from FOUR of you. Be warned: if you don’t send in more news, I’ll be forced to regale you with tales of my life. No one wants that. • Laura Thornton Pellegino and her family moved back to New Canaan, Conn., after two years in London. Although she’s setting in, she misses life in London. While there Laura caught up with Tom Cahill and his family. Now that she’s back she sees Catherine Andrew Rogers a lot and is in touch with Ed ’88 and Jen Emmet Barr and Tina Clifford Comparato. Laura just finished her first triathlon and is training for another in the spring. • Gretchen Kreahling McKay has been chosen by her employer, McDaniel College, to chair the steering committee for the college’s reaccreditation visit in spring 2013. She was also selected to participate in a week-long art history seminar this summer at the Binghamton Museum of Art on late medieval and early Renaissance workshop practices in Italy. • Speaking of Europe, Lawrence Collins is still “playing music like crazy” in Bordeaux. He was on tour in Holland and Belgium in November, and he is working on his 10th album, to be released in the spring. Follow him on Facebook or Myspace under Lawrence Collins Band. Lawrence visited the U.S. recently and saw his Colby bandmate Mike Henry ’91, who is a screenwriter in L.A. Lawrence also keeps in touch with Gerry Hadden, Dan Sullivan (who, Lawrence says, is “still trying to sell me a Ford after 20 years”), and Kristin Herbst ’91. • Count Maria Douglass as another classmate living abroad. After 15 years in Russia, Maria and her family are off to Saudi Arabia, where Maria will head up technology transfer and innovation efforts at the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology in Thuwal. As Maria says,
they are all “looking forward to living on the beach at the Red Sea—‘it’ll be a nice change from Russian winters.’” Is your house big enough for visitors, Maria? * Please write and let me know how you’re doing. Otherwise, you’ll be reading “All About Anita” in the next column!

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**1990**

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Jeff Cox checked in from RIT in Rochester, N.Y., where he’s entering his 12th year as director of international student services. He also just finished up his master’s in “service leadership and innovation.” As if that wasn’t enough, he and his wife, Nikki, are raising two middle school girls. He also reports that Rebekah Scott, who wrote a test book, *15 Miles*, has been published (available on Amazon) if you are looking for a read that is hard to put down. * Sam Tucker, anxious to regift the “most lame classmate for not attending reunion” award, thinks Ken Barber may be more deserving. The two, who live five houses apart, met up at a Halloween party where Sam promptly whipped out his yardstick. He promises to report back on whether Ken actually lives closer to campus. When not measuring the streets of Portland, Maine, where he lives with his wife, Lindsey, and kids Finley, 6, and Reese, 4, Sam spends most of his time on public land and water protection on the Colorado Plateau—the beautiful arid region surrounding the four corners states of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona. He looked forward to winter, which means only one thing: pond hockey. * Congratulations to Steve Nahley on his new in-house legal position at Barclays Capital heading up their commercial fraud legal team supporting the commercial real estate group. * Erin Coyle Giesser reports that Lisa Livens Freeman and Nicole Theriault Randall and their families all got together recently. It was a great evening although not very relaxing with their combined six boys, 2 to 9, running all over the place. * Congratulations to Tina Wright on completing the Nation’s Triathlon and raising more than $7K for blood cancer research with Team in Training. * Mike Eisenstadt was disappointed to report that his deposit on the RV was never refunded due to an excess of bodily fluids and trash found in the vehicle upon its return. Rumor has it the vehicle may have to be retired permanently from the fleet. * Matt Frymier became president of Sterling Stamos Capital Management, a private equity and hedge fund firm. His new office is on Sand Hill road in Menlo Park, Calif., so he’s hoping to sneak in a bike ride with Eileen Kinney Lindgren, who lives down this way. His four kids (5, 4, and 21-month-old twins) are doing great and look forward to a great ski season at Northstar at Tahoe! * Upon leaving Mayflower Hill after reunion last June, Steve Coan realized that he had never accomplished several of the long term goals he set for himself upon graduating back in 1990. Deciding there was no better time than the present, he quit his job and began training for his dream climb up Mt. Kilimanjaro. He expected (hoped) to begin his ascent on Christmas Day and ring in the 2011 New Year at the summit. Good luck Steve!

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**1991**

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Greetings, classmates! It’s apparently a quiet season as far as class news goes. People must be really busy—but we did hear from as few classmates so here’s the news! * Erika Mailman and husband Alan Howard welcomed a daughter, Reid Reilly. * Christine Murphy Abbatiello works these days at Deloitte LP in the chief talent officer as the manager of strategy. She’s lucky to work from home in Hanover, N.H., where her husband, Tom ’89, is working in executive education at Tuck/Dartmouth. She’s also mom to two wonderful kids, Clare, 11, and Ben, 10, as well as a variety of animals including dogs, fish, and a pony! * A note also arrived from overseas: Kristin Lorraine Herbstre wrote, “I’m really good. It’s still nice and warm in southern France but now there’s a little snow topping the Pyrenees—it’s just beautiful. I wanted to send out a call to the Colby community for participants for some new work I’m creating, for which I’ll be traveling back to the U.S. several times in 2011. This is open to participants in all demographics willing to be photographed (portraits) and interviewed and to experience consciousness expansion with the artist. For details see www.theuniverseisart.com. I’ve had the great pleasure of seeing many folks I hadn’t seen in a really long time: Gerry Hadden ’89 here in southern France, Don ’89 and Liz Hefft Darby in Palo Alto, Lizzie Frade Mazzola ’92 and Leaf Ives Gurr in Boston, and Samantha Strawbridge Eddy in northern Spain. I’ve reconnected with other Colby grads on Facebook. We plan to stay in southern France for a while, but we’ll also be passing through Boston and San Francisco with increasing regularity and look forward to catching up with more locals when we do.” * I hope 2010 was good to everyone. 2011 brings our 20th class reunion (can you believe it?), so I hope all of us will mark our calendars for June 2-5. I look forward to seeing many of you back on the Hill. In the meantime, you don’t have to wait for a reminder to be in touch—feel free to drop me a note anytime!

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**1992**

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Happy New Year everyone. As usual, thanks to those who wrote in. * Kristin (Wildman ’98) and Jun Shirahama welcomed their first child, a son, Connor Dan, July 12. * Amy Vreeland married James Dow Oct. 3, 2009, at the Falmouth Yacht Club in Falmouth, Mass. The couple honeymooned in French Polynesia and moved to Newton, Mass., last summer. Amy manages global corporate communications for Boston-based USAA in Colorado Springs, where they live with daughter Blythe, 3. * Katy Donovan O’Neill was recently honored by the Boston Business Journal as a member of their 2010 class of “40 under 40” rising stars in the Boston business scene. Katy is an executive vice president with the Boston Chamber of Commerce and is responsible for the Chamber’s revenue through its membership and programs. Congratulations Katy! * Ari Drucker recently left Deutsche Bank and now works at Jones Lang LaSalle doing corporate finance (debt advisory/equity placement). Ari hosted Colby’s Welcome to the City event in Tokyo and had a good turnout of Colby grads. * Scott Abrams was in Germany to run the Berlin Marathon and celebrate Oktoberfest in Munich, which Scott says is “my new vision of heaven!” He planned to complete two more marathons before the end of the year, one in Lowell, Mass., and one in Philadelphia. Scott and his wife, Fabiana, met Kelvin Lui ’92 for dim sum in Chinatown in NYC and paid tribute to John Lennon’s 70th birthday in Strawberry Fields in Central Park. * Mike Saad met Janine Deforge Olson. Kristin Schuler Scammon, Sarah Oelkers Bullwinkle, and Erin McTernan Aaron in New England last fall. Janine and her husband, Sven, hosted a get-together that included baked stuffed lobster. Mike currently lives in San Francisco with his partner, Jason, and often sees Suzie Girard. * Jason Soules and his bride, Carolyn Cullings, completed the Ironman Lake Placid in July (Jason’s first, Carolyn’s fourth) and followed it up by getting married in October in Vermont. Dan O’Grady, Jack Higgins, and Dana McClintock were in the wedding. Dan lives in Plymouth, Mass., Jack is still in Boston, and Dana is in NJ but works in NY. * Crawford Strunk and wife Shelly welcomed Emma Claire June 6. Her older brothers, Asa, 3 and Everett, 2, are very happy. Crawford is still at Toledo Children’s Hospital in “peds heme/onc” and runs the pediatric sickle cell disease program. * Thanks for keeping us up to date with your news! Keep those e-mails coming!
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Sean McBride and his wife, Britte, had a daughter, Casey Anne, Dec. 12, 2009.
“I’m still working at Arnold Worldwide in Boston, a few doors down from Bryan Raffetto, who selfishly doesn’t have a die table in his office.” — Rick Catino’s company, LeadBridge, has been growing and just hired its 13th employee. LeadBridge provides sales intelligence services to the software industry. Rick recently visited Los Angeles to see Mark Jackson, who is an associate athletic director at the University of Southern California. — Emma Spenner Norman wrote a water security primer with her colleagues at University of British Columbia, detailing water-related issues in Canada. She is writing a book about water issues along the Canada-U.S. border. Emma and her husband, Chad, stay busy with their two boys: Luke, 18 months, and Parker, 4. — Chris Davenport’s wife, Heather, gave birth to twins, Harrison and Annie, in April. — Jason Reifler and his wife had their first child, Gretchen, on May 11. — Julie Rentz and her husband live in Seattle and welcomed a third grade teacher in Newton, Mass., and probably within a whiff of Redbones across from Anna’s favorite coffee shop, Chief and wife Ryan, 3, moved into their new home in Andover, Mass. They enjoy seeing Manu and his brood.

1996
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This issue of class notes is dedicated to all former residents of the Foss Jungle. Holla back. — So, Ed Bourque writes that he was finally awarded his Ph.D in geography from King’s College London in August. He now works on global water issues at a small USAID subcontractor just outside of DC. — Cathy (Neuger ‘97) and Gregg LeBlanc bought a new house in Sudbury, two miles from their old house, also in Sudbury. Gregg says that the family needed more space, but sheepishly admits that he was living too far from the new Chick-Fil-A on the other side of the Burlington Turnpike. It also seems that Gregg’s son likes pie as much as I do. Go figure. In a loosely related story, Shaquille O’Neil bought a house in Sudbury at about the same time. Gregg, if you need some street cred with the Load Team, OR, at least tell him about the uniforms. — Kitter and Erica Casano Saper welcomed their second daughter, Anna, in September. — Annie, the ‘96 birthing wagon (heeya!) stayed in motion as Annie (Clougherty ‘94) and Kevin Emerson welcomed a son, Elliott, May 4. — Renee Hoffman Skeffington had her second child, Claire, Aug. 25. Claire joins brother James, 2, Renee’s husband, Jim Sr., is director, business and strategy development, at CVS/Caremark, and Renee works as a senior vice president and head of consultant relations at Acadian Asset Management. The couple resides on Beacon Hill. — Tina Garand Branson still lives in WA with British husband Paul, daughter Emma, 10, and son Luke. 5, Tina is a practicing physician assistant in a local women’s health clinic, and she reports a recent visit from Heather Hunt Swales, a newly minted cardiologist. — And, of course, more babies: Anna Goldsmith and husband Jeff Stern welcomed a son, Leo Coolidge. Anna shares that Leo is quite fond of trucks, Cheerios, and Clair Pagano, who apparently lives nearby. Here’s a deal for you baby Leo: If your mom takes a picture of you in a Colby shirt, eating a bowl of Cheerios in a truck driven by Clair, I will send you a check for 50 bucks. No joke. Anyhow, Anna still runs a copywriting agency, The Hired Pens, in Somerville, Mass. The firm moved to Davis Square across from Anna’s favorite coffee shop, and probably within a whiff of Redbones BBQ, which is preposterously good by the way. — And on a personal note, my wife and I are expecting our second daughter in November, and we recently hosted Dr. Ryan “The Chief” Sullivan and his brood. Chief and wife Lana have two awesome kids who enjoy playing Wii. Chief shares that he visited Daniel Rheuma and wife Susan MacAulay in Chicago this summer. Dan and Susan welcomed a second son, Hunter, in August 2009. — I need to round this stuff out, so send more notes. Please.

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Quiet quarter for the Class of 1997. Looks like I won’t have to worry about word count this time. — Chad Card spent his summer in Palestine and Israel studying Arabic. On his way home to Salt Lake City, where he is finishing his Ph.D. in Middle East studies, he stopped on the East Coast to spend an evening with Maura and Andrew Morse and their daughter, Isabel. — Zoe Kaplan Presley was happy to share that she is working as a mental health therapist at the Native American Rehabilitation Association in Portland, Ore. Last summer she and Margot Higgins had a great time hiking through the Tahoe Sierras.

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Dawn Seckler married Greg Baltus at the Hunter Museum in Chattanooga, Tenn., in May. Dawn teaches Russian at Williams College in June.

90S NEWSMAKERS
Catherine Donovan O’Neill ‘93 and Kerry Olson ‘99 were selected by the Boston Business Journal as 40-under-40 Rising Stars. O’Neill is an executive vice president of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce who also volunteers for the March of Dimes. Olson, a vice president at CB Richard Ellis, is a certified rescue diver and volunteers as a Spanish translator for a food pantry in Charlestown. — Patent attorney Woodrow Pollack ’97 has been appointed pro bono representative for the Hillsborough County (Fla.) Bar Association’s intellectual property section. Pollack, who works for GrayRobinson, P.A., in Tampa, is a “well-rounded attorney who is respected in his area of specialty.” In 2010 he was named a rising star by Florida Superlawyers. — The Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce named Maegam Carey Storey ’99 its new membership account executive. Storey, in addition to her new duties, will continue as sourcebook project coordinator, the position for which she was hired by the chamber in 2009.
is happy as could be. Juliana and her husband work at Indian Mountain School in Lakeville, Conn. • Allison Birdsong successfully ran in the New York City Marathon Nov. 8, where tons of Colby friends cheered her on! • Mary Schwalm is a staff photojournalist at the Eagle-Tribune in North Andover, Mass. • Daniel and Kelly Williams Ramot welcomed their third child, Eden Lily, in June. She joined brothers Noam and Raphael. They still love life on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. • Judy Ring Long became the breaking news editor at the Bangor Daily News in June. She’s required to make news decisions

1999

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Ryan Aldrich married Elizabeth Lokey (Middlebury ’00), July 4 in Beaver Creek, Colo. Alex and Becky Thornton Leach, Matt Smith ’00, Steve Smith ’00, Pete Hanby ’01, Alex Parrillo, and Aaron Whitmore attended. The couple honeymooned in Turkey then moved to Boise to start jobs at Boise State and the College of Idaho. • Jamie (Hinson ’02) and James Scribner welcomed Walden Nicole June 20. • John and Mary Antrim Maddox welcomed Jack to the world June 22. • Juliana Pecchia and husband David welcomed little sister Harper Metcalf March 12. Big sister Paisley

Craig Jude’s students in Woodbourne, N.Y., have had some interesting reasons for missing physiology class.

Occasionally a student, running late, will get caught at a checkpoint manned by guards. “Three of my students said they might have to miss an exam in a couple of weeks,” Jude said, “because their parole hearings are the next day.”

But Jude ’99, who teaches a college course at Woodbourne Correctional Facility, a medium-security men’s prison about 25 miles west of Poughkeepsie, said absences are few and far between. He has found his students to be respectful of him and each other. “If you were just to talk to any of them, I don’t think you would think they would belong in prison,” he said.

All of the students in the Bard [College] Prison Initiative, are incarcerated in New York. Established in 1995, the program enrolls about 200 who can earn associates and bachelor degrees from Bard.

Students admitted are the best and brightest from a population where, at Woodbourne for example, 80 percent have a violent felony conviction, according to published reports. But, no matter what their offense (their professor doesn’t ask), the students are motivated, competitive (some very much aware of their high GPAs), and determined to learn, Jude said.

“There are definitely some very bright students,” he said. “On a couple of exams I’ve had people who have not missed a single question—on a 30- to 75-question exam. Their ability to recall and retain the information is pretty impressive.”

He said the range of grades is comparable to those at Colby, where he taught two years ago, though the course is taught differently for a couple of reasons. One, the students at Woodbourne are likely to have less preparation. Two, faculty in the prison are not allowed to bring in anything other than papers and books. No computers. Not even a cell phone. For Jude, who also taught at Dartmouth, where he earned his Ph.D. in biology, it was a big change. “Even something like a CD or a DVD has to be specially cleared,” Jude said. “It’s definitely taking a step back in the way you have to teach.”

There are other differences. Guards monitor the class through a wall that is all windows. The professor enters the prison through metal detectors and security doors. There is no time in the lab for physiology because of the logistical problems it would create. Also, according to Jude, while students at Colby and Dartmouth often would wait until after class to admit they were stumped, not so in his prison class.

“They don’t have the same fear of looking foolish in front of the professor. They’ll ask anything that they’re unclear about,” Jude said. While all college students have a lot to juggle, Jude’s take a four-course load, work a full-time job in prison, and have highly regimented lives. “That’s one of the comments that the students make a lot,” Jude said, “that one of the big misconceptions about prison is that they have nothing but time on their hands. He said his students say they want a college degree so they can get a good job and stay away from crime after they’re released. According to Bard, programs like this one reduce reincarceration rates from 60 percent to less than 15 percent.

Jude, whose wife, Brooke Frappier Jude ’00, teaches biology at Bard proper, said he’s learned some things as well in his prison teaching stint.

“It gets you seeing that it’s not just the people who have always been on that track toward an elite college that can do the work,” he said. “Anyone who is sufficiently motivated, even if they’ve made mistakes in their lives, can do the work and process the same information. It’s just a question of getting the opportunity to do so.”

—Gerry Boyle ’78
on deadline at night with additional focus on presenting news in a timely fashion on their award-winning website. Judy interned at the BDN her senior year at Colby. She lives in nearby Orrington, her hometown, with her husband of 10 years and various furry pets. Andrew Wnek and his wife, Christina, welcomed their first baby, Amelia Grace, Sept. 9. Last fall, Molly Frazier left the ad world in the Big Apple for student life in Beantown. She lives in Cambridge and is pursuing an M.L.I.S. in anticipation of becoming an archivist.

Ben and Delphine Burke Liston welcomed their daughter, Maeve Eleanor, in May in Guatemala, where Delphine had been working for a nonprofit public health organization for the past two years. They’ve moved back to the U.S. and live in Boca Raton, Fla., where Brie is a mission service coordinator at St. Andrews School where Delphine takes care of Maeve. Jenny (O’Donnell ’00) and James Spilde had a great visit with Danielle and Jon Hiltz at Sugarloaf over Columbus Day weekend.

Cate Tyman O’Dwyer and her husband welcomed Patrick Tresect-Juillet 22. He joins big brother Ellis, 2. Emmett Beliveau and his wife, Catherine, welcomed their second daughter, Agnes Josephine, in late September.

Kerry Olson is a vice president with CB Richard Ellis. On Oct. 7 she was recognized by the Boston Business Journal in their 2010 “40 Under 40” class. Two days later Karen married Robert Hawkins in Marion, Mass. In attendance were Katie Frank, Maegan Carey Storey, and John ’97 and Erika Moore Coombs ’97.

Matt Williams and his wife welcomed Elizabeth Lynn Oct. 8. Everyone is doing well and sister Caroline is very excited to be a big sister. Last summer Jonathan and Amanda Hutcheson Stickering were excited to move back to New England after being away for nine years. They live in Western Massachusetts, where Jonathan develops and markets new products at Yankee Candle and Andrea is a physician assistant at local nursing homes. Last spring they had their second son, Taylor, Luke, who joins proud big brother, Dylan, 4.

Crystal Brakke married Nate Sieber Aug. 9 in Napa Valley in a small family wedding. In October they hosted a reception on a farm in Minnesota. In attendance were Sarah Hewins, Dave and Michelle Foster Costa, Rachel Reider, Bob ’97 and Alison Rainey Doak, Daniel and Kelly Williams Ramot, and Matt and Katie Kinsella Baade ’00.

Ali Mian, a neurosurgery resident at the U of Chicago, raced his mountain bike for Cannondale Racing and was on a four-man team racing a J22 autumn regatta on Lake Michigan. He looks forward to some beer die in San Francisco with select members of the Grossman six-man as discussed with Eamon Briggs and Jason Stauth. Ali hung out with Maxine Guay at Virginia Beach last summer and keeps in touch with Will Polkinghorn, who is a radiation oncologist in NY. Keep sending your news!

2000

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Thanks to everyone who wrote in. It’s fun to hear from all of you, especially now that we’re all over the place and doing so many different things. Nick and Jessie Davis Keppeler and daughter Sloane, 1., traveled to Buenos Aires in November and celebrated Thanksgiving over carne asada.

Peter Hans recently ran into Michael in Charlotte, NC, where he was doing a program in order to have already planned a summer trip to Norway together. They now plan to be in Cleveland with Ross Frankenfield. Michael was able to secure a summer job as Indians bat boy. Peter will be selling cracker jacks, and Ross will be providing color commentary for the Indians home network, SportsTime Ohio.

Michael Farrell made a fire movie he’s pleased about. See it at poispinner.com/ andsoitgoes.html. Jon Allen wonders if you need a permit to “whip out” your glue gun in Texas? He has been sailing across the Pacific Ocean with his fiancée, Jenny, and will spend six months in New Zealand before continuing the journey westward to Australia (Whitsunday Island and Great Barrier Reef) and Southeast Asia (PNG, Indonesia, and Thailand) before continuing the journey westward to Argentina.

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Wedding bells… Emily Darman Allen married USMC Captain Aaron Anderton Tyler May 15 at the U.S. Naval Academy chapel in Annapolis, Md. Attending were Abigail Newkirk, Leah Robertson, Zack Brown, and Vivienne Ho. Also in attendance were dedicated crew fans and Hume Center benefactors, Dorothy and Alan Hume.

2003

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Welcome to the world Abigail Sarah, daughter of Edan and Annie Miller Orgad. Abigail was born Nov. 11. David and Lindsay Scott McGeehan also welcomed a baby girl named Anabel Noa Aug. 14. She’s already seen her first moose and should be in skis on no time. And to balance out all the baby girls, Troy Robert was born to Trent and Jenny Kiszkiess Cunningham Nov. 10. Angela Mukkas was transferred back to Boston with J&J to work as an HR manager at one of their medical device companies, DePuy. Angela lives in Boston after two years in Arizona doing an M.B.A. in international management at Thunderbird School of Global Management and then living in NJ working for J&J in their HR leadership development program. Tim Wiswell and Natalia Makosiy got married in August in Newport, R.I. Friends and family from around the world, including Scott Bixby and Van Haldas, made it a great celebration. Before going back to Moscow, Natalia and Tim spent a couple weeks driving through the beautiful state of California for their honeymoon.


Vanessa Sibley Mudd moved to Spokane, Wash., where her husband, Joe, got a job at Gonzaga University. Vanessa is writing a second teachers’ manual for Scripture.

Melanie Morin and Jason Meadows were able to catch up while both were deployed to Afghanistan. Unfortunately, they were unable to have a Colby reunion and get coffee at Green Beans in Bagarm, they were able to trade e-mails until Melanie left.

Devin Belliveau will be representing Kittery, Maine, after finding challenges from a Republican and an independent to win election to House District 151.

Mieko McKay works for a nonprofit in New York City called EngenderHealth to improve maternal and reproductive health in developing countries in Africa and Asia. She frequently travels throughout Africa for work and recently returned from Rwanda and Mali.
party included Cara Dionisi Bradford ’04, Kate Trainor, Anna Schierberl Scherr Merrow, Marcia Ingram Tatum ’02, and Whitney Pearce Fitts ’02. Other alumni in attendance included Becca Avrutin ’04, Anna Beardsslee ’02, James Bradford ’04, Brock and Stacy Thurston Barton, Alex and Britney Lazar Burgess ’04, Adam Cohen, Lauren Gremselaar, Mike Higgins ’02, Jasmine Ashe Hodgson, Abby Kussell ’02, Ian MacPherson, Christine O’Donnell, Dan Parise, Brad Petersen, Jacob Seilheimer, Zach Shull, and Becca Bruce Vail ’02. The couple resides in Charlestown, Mass. • Andrea Taylor married Patrick Geoffrin (Georgetown ’02) Oct. 9 on Peaks Island, Maine. Laura Brown Kittredge and Alex Gershuny ’04 were in the wedding, and guests included Matt Tabas, Deborah Dottolo, Kate Hubbard Herd, Alex Suchman ’02, and Anne Tricomi ’02. • In other news, John Briganti joined the foreign service with USAID last summer. He works as an agricultural development officer and is posted to Uganda for a two-year tour. • Michelle Riffelmacher moved from Boston to Hoboken, N.J., taking a new job as the marketing manager at ClearLend Securities, a division of Wells Fargo. She’s responsible for developing the marketing strategy for the securities lending business. • Sean Flood found his way back to Maine—moving to Portland from Boston to take a new role with Morgan Stanley as a vice president with the firm’s private bank, helping to build this new aspect that was launched last year. • Pete Loverso works from home in Myrtle Beach, S.C., for CataLyst Health Solutions as a senior business analyst. He encourages everyone to check Facebook regularly to see if he’s “checking in” at an airport near you. • Alexis Grant moved to Washington, D.C., and would love to connect with other Colbians in the area! • Josh and Lesley Loss Weitz moved back to Rochester, N.Y., where Lesley started practice as a dermatologist and Josh will complete a combined fellowship in allergy, immunology, and rheumatology at the University of Rochester. They regularly talk to Dan Chlacos, who lives large as a professional photographer in Rio de Janeiro and is doing well. • Last February Michael Cox graduated from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University with a Ph.D. in public policy. He’s now working as a postdoc with his advisor, Lin Ostrom, who won the Nobel in economics in 2009.

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Cassie Cote Grantham and her husband are expecting their first child in mid-March. Cassie started a new position with MaineHealth and is now the program manager for child health. • Tim Smith is helping run a nonprofit foundation in San Francisco and attending business school. He still hangs out with Caroline Swindells whenever she takes a break from her busy job. • Andrew McKenna-Foster is on Nantucket Island for the next two years as the director of natural science education and programming for the Maria Mitchell Association. • Morgan Pratt joined the Boulder Triathlon Club and started doing triathlons last summer. She spent most of September working on the front lines of the “four-mile fire” in Boulder—the most destructive wild fire land fire in the state’s history. She was looking forward to the wedding. • John Brighenti, Kim Johnston, and Desiree Davis ran the Chicago Marathon in October. They both met up with Shannon Hopkins in August while she and her husband were visiting the states on a quick trip away from their residence in Vietnam. In December Kristan, Kristen Helmcke, Alexis Casselle Bancroft, and Carolyn Plant met up for a weekend in Las Vegas, where they ran a marathon up and down the Vegas strip. • Cate Young married Tim Sheehy Oct. 16 in York, Maine. Her matron of honor was her sister, Emily Young Williams ’00. In attendance were Laura Anker, Jared and Maura Myers Bisegni, Kate Chuprevich, Jennifer Barrett Crocker, Ashley Harris, Evan and Kimberly Betz Kearns, Amanda Belden Kramer, Amanda Sullivan Levine, Ryan and Grace Becker Lochhead, Kaitlin McCafferty, Celeste Milliard, Carolyn Plant, and Mandy Zobel. They celebrated Heights dance party style. Cate and Tim met at the Harpoon Brewery almost six years ago and live in Boston. • Justin Juskewitch is working on his M.D./ Ph.D. at Mayo Clinic’s College of Medicine in Rochester, Minn. He got engaged to Katie Marie Jensen and they plan a June wedding. • I was fortunate to attend the beautiful wedding of Matthew Ritter and Marilyn Katz in August in Colebrook, N.H. It was a great time with all the Colbians in attendance. The groomsmen included Josh German and Eric McAllister. Other alumni included Derek Taff, Josh Zweig, Matthew Harrington, Jenny Carpenter McAllister, Allison Dwyer, Stephanie Lane, Sabina Warren, Phil and Laura Barrow Geiger, Adam Freedman ’03, Nate Verlin ’06, Libba Cox ’07, Sam Burke ’06, Liz Morbeck ’07, Tucker Kelton ’07, and Dave BurtonPerry ’06. It was a great year for Matt as he won the November election and will serve as the state representative in the 1st District in Connecticut.

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My request for news certainly garnered many updates. • Patrick Harner successfully qualified for the U.S. Olympic Development Team for skeleton; he’s still working as a personal trainer in Ohio. • Lisa Andracke finished a documentary with NBC and is now getting her master’s from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. She hopes to stay in Barcelona after finishing her degree. • Emily Goodyear married Kevin Forgett in Boston in August. Eliza Huleat was a bridesmaid. • Emma Lynch spent the summer in Homer, Alaska, working with the National Park Service responding to the oil spill. Emma will spend the winter in Colorado as a ski patrol at Arapahoe Basin alongside Heather Hansman and Katie Lynch. • Ilana Saxe is in her second year at the American School in Switzerland and ran her first marathon—in Germany. • Mike Booras wrote in with a nice update on many of his friends. Chris Duncombe will get married next summer and Brendan Crighton will be a groomsmen. Brendan works at the Statehouse in Boston, was recently named Ward 5 city councilor in Lynn, and got engaged in July! Larry Dogrosa is finishing medical school at UVM. Ed Mezer lives in Boston and owns his own moving company. Steve Kasperksi lives in Seattle with his wife and dog and loves keeping up with the Seahawks and Mariners. • Lynn Hasday completed a graphic design degree at Parsons. • The New School for Design in NYC. • Andy Orr is in his second year at Cornell Law and will spend the summer at Kirkland & Ellis in NYC. • Casey McCarthy is engaged to Margaret Siciliano ’04 and will be married next summer in Vermont. He works as a marketing manager at Bonnier Corporation on Saveur, Ski, Skiing, Snow, and Garden Design magazines. • John Pollakowski proposed to Emily Tull’06 in September on their rooftop in NYC; they plan a summer 2012 wedding. • Ashley (Porter) ’04 and Patrick Walsh live in Chicago, but recently spent time in Boston with Jared Gordon and his wife, Crystal. Jared accepted a job with a Portland-based company and moved there around the holidays. • Liz Riley was named the director of sales and marketing for the Portland Sea Dogs. 2011 marks her fifth season with the team and sixth in minor league baseball. • Hannah Emery and Alexander McEachern were married at the end of December. Melissa Hernandez Mwai was in the wedding party, while Hande Barutcuoglu, Matthew Ruby, Jonathan Lees, and Nicholas Mwai ’06 attended. • Ted Farwell and Katie O’Neill were married in May on Cape Cod with many Colby alums in attendance. They also attended the nuptials of Sam Gray and Sarah Dunham in Oregon. • Natalia King was married in September to Frederik Rasmussen ’03 in Cambridge. Emily Luth ’04, Samantha Saeger ’04, Lee Rankin ’03, Megan Shannon-Winterson ’03 and Dimitri Michaud ’03, and Karyn King ’12 were in the wedding party. • Michele Cote and Bill Galilto tied the knot at Colby in August. The wedding party included Melissa Hinkle and Bill Foley. Michelle graduated from the Carroll School of Management at Boston College and works as a consultant at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. Bill graduated from New England School of Law in May and is awaiting the results of his bar exam. • Christian Allen traveled to Costa Rica in August with Jay McMurrey ’06 and will spend this time at his summer house with Katie Lynch and Heather Hansman in Colorado. • Mike Sirois graduated from the physician assistant program at Northeastern and works at a pediatrician’s office north of Boston. • Jess Berger has worked for a medical communications agency for the past few years and just began a master’s in communications, with a specialty in health communication, at the University of Ottawa. Jess lives in Montreal with her boyfriend and their Boston Terrier, Chief. • Brad Kasnet spent the summer in Harlingen, Texas, but is back in Boston completing his master’s. I have the distinct pleasure of being Brad’s roommate and just recently adopted a yellow Labrador puppy named Guinness. • Our last column incorrectly reported that Lily Maltz and Matt LaPaglia ’04 were married last summer. The couple will marry in Boston this June.

2006
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Taylor Kilian ’08 and Rebecca Amendola were married in New Haven, Conn., July 3. They had more than 40 Colby graduates in attendance, including maid of honor (and Colby roommate!) Colleen McGee and bridesmaid Dana Eisenberg and Kate Berman. Taylor and Rebecca live in South Norwalk, Conn. Taylor is a third-year doctoral candidate in geology and geophysics at Yale, and Rebecca graduated in May from Yale Divinity School with a degree in religious literature. She teaches middle school Latin at Greenwich Academy. • Emily Tull got engaged to John Pollakowski ’05. They live in NYC and plan a summer 2012 wedding. • Jake Bayley and Lindsay Barada got engaged this
Animal Planet | Hande Barutcuoglu ’05

Hande Barutcuoglu ’05 is Turkish, she is a veterinarian, and she lives in St. John’s, Newfoundland (Canada). St. John’s (pop. 180,000) is the easternmost, and oldest, city in North America, and it’s a good place to bring up with anybody who says Waterville is remote. It’s a 20-hour drive from Colby, with a six-hour ferry to break up the monotony. And it’s even farther from Istanbul.

The way Barutcuoglu tells it, it’s not such a crazy story. Her high school guidance counselor in Turkey suggested Colby (“I got in and said, ‘Yeah sure, why not? … Let’s go to Maine.’”), and she completed a B.A. in biology (“For some reason Colby gives out a bachelor of arts for a biology degree, which blows my mind to this day”), with veterinary school being the plan all along.

In fact, Barutcuoglu doesn’t recall when she decided to become a veterinarian, only that she could never see herself doing anything else. U.S. vet schools are nigh impossible to get into as an international student, she said, and so she ended up in Guelph, Ontario. This is still a big deal. While U.S. vet schools have around two seats for international students per class, Canadian schools offer just eight or 10 international spots. “Most of those are taken by Americans,” said Barutcuoglu, “but still.”

After earning her veterinary degree, working in the States was out of the question (visa issues, general state of the job market) so Barutcuoglu stayed in Canada. There were openings in northern Ontario and St. John’s—both places were pretty remote, but at least the Atlantic was familiar. “I found there’s a good circus arts community here and I’m into that kind of stuff,” she said, “so I figured, there’s something to do, weather is crappy Atlantic weather, I can deal with that, let’s go.”

Barutcuoglu is a member of the Acro-Adix School of Acrobatics (acro-adix.com), where she practices flying trapeze, static trapeze, and aerial silks (“Everybody needs something to do,” she said with a shrug), continuing training she started in Toronto as a break from vet school.

At the veterinary clinic, Barutcuoglu’s patients include “cats, dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs, rats—the whole nine yards,” and she loves seeing a previously debilitated animal leave the clinic “purring or wagging.” And the hours? “They’re about what a new doctor treating humans would expect—long. “Like, for example, [Friday] I worked eight hours, [then] was on call all night, so didn’t go to bed ‘til four o’clock. This morning I woke up, worked for another seven hours, and Monday I’m on call again. That’s relatively standard. … There aren’t enough vets here.”

And so Barutcuoglu is on the move again. After sticking out the year, she was headed across the country to another wet, remote place at the other end of the Trans-Canada Highway: Sechelt, British Columbia.

There are friends from vet school there, and Colby friends in Vancouver. It will be a nice change, but that’s probably not the end of the story.

“Newfoundland isn’t a place anyone plans on coming to,” said Barutcuoglu. “But they come, … and then they try to leave.” She stopped for a moment and then admitted, “And I’ve heard that once they’re gone they start trying to come back.” —Martin Connelly ’08

summer! Jake surprised Lindsay while she was on vacation with her family. They plan an August wedding. • Ed Kotite and Tim Geisenheimer were in San Fran and visited Samantha Chun and Brendan Sullivan. They had a BBQ of sorts and went to a concert. • Steven Weinberg lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., finishing his first book with his girlfriend, To Timbuktu, about their time living in Asia and West Africa. He’ll tour this spring and is excited to visit Colby folks around the country. • Noah Balazs lives in Dakar, Senegal, and loves teaching first grade again. • Meghan Race married Jeff Petrellio in Steamboat Springs, Colo., Sept. 18. Caroline O’Connor LaFave and Lauren Olmsted were bridesmaids. Meghan and Jeff honeymooned in Hawaii. • John Wheelock was lucky enough to have two beautiful weddings last summer: Monty Hankin and Laura Harker and “Diamond” Dan Cummings ’05 and Carrie Greer ’05. The Hankin-Harker wedding nearly overlapped with Shark Week, and Jon Bodansky was almost unable to attend due to the near conflict. As he told Monty, “Only a fool would schedule a wedding during Shark Week.” • Max Ngistro moved to Honduras to work at the Mayatan Bilingual School. • Greyson Brooks moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., in June with his fiancé, Mike Barry, and is studying hard for the GRE. • Dinah Bengur lives in Bologna, Italy, and is getting a master’s in international economics from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. • Rob Jacobs is in his second year at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Rob lives in Wauwatosa and is engaged to Terry Olson. • Joey Berg returned from an eight-month deployment to Marjah, Afghanistan. He moved to Norfolk, Va., and lives with Alec Boyd. Joey is a captain in the Marines and Alec is a Lt JG in the Navy. • Bram Geller finished a pediatric cardiology elective at the UCSF medical center as part of his last year of med school. While in San Francisco he met up with Charlie Hale and Emilie Coulson and spent time with Katie Himmelmann ’07, Tim Newhouse ’05, Adam Atkinson-Lewis, Meridith Major-Blascovich, and Mariah Whitney ’07. Bram is considering adult cardiology with a focus on invasive adult congenital heart disease. • Nate Stone, Stephen Planas, Drew Moreland ’07, and Bennett Barnwell got together for a weekend in Washington D.C., last August. It was great to see other grads including Calt Miller and Tom Gildersleeve ’07. • Dan Breen works for the National Park Service at Assateague Island National Seashore in Maryland, where he is involved with natural resource management. • Kristin Schmidt moved to Boston and works in the legal recruiting department at Ropes & Gray. • Elizabeth Ghiardi was named head women’s lacrosse coach at Skidmore College in August and lives in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. • Jess Hubert graduated from law school in 2009 and works as an associate attorney at Gurstel Chargo in Minneapolis. She was headed to San Francisco to run her fifth marathon. • Becky Manedville graduated from Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts last May and works at Pleasant Valley Animal Hospital in Methuen. She bought a house in Westford, Mass., where Heather Ryder also lives. • Maddy Horwitz Boccuzzi spent the summer in East Africa visiting friends and volunteering. She spent a week in Uganda (including rafting the Nile) and then headed to Tanzania, where she taught AIDS education in a rural village outside of Arusha. • Josh Montague passed his graduate comprehensive exam and earned his M.S. in physics from the University of Colorado. He’s halfway through the Ph.D. program. He had an awesome time playing outdoor soccer with Jess Seymour last summer. • John McKee and Lindsay Boyle were
married in August in Massachusetts. It was a fantastic day with Colby alumni from 1975, 1976, 2000, 2004, and, of course, 2006 in attendance. They honeymooned in Maui and enjoy life on the West Coast.

Bethany Peck gave up her ski patrol job in Snowmass, Colo., and moved back to Portland. She started at Maine Law in September.

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Austin Phillips married Brian Kupke ’09 in August at a rowing club in Westport, Conn. Several Colby grads attended including Elyse Atkind and Lane Phillips ’10 as bridesmaids and Andy McEvoy ’09 and Spencer Crim ’08. Matt Haefele and Brian live in Knoxville, Tenn., with their little mutt, Lexi. Austin is a second-year law student at the University of Tennessee and Brian works for Apple.

Caitlin Sateia and Kristopher King were engaged Aug. 22 on Wiggins Pass Beach, Bonita Springs, Fla., in the pouring rain. They spent most of their free time last year traveling, including hiking and camping trips to the national parks of Utah, Arizona, Washington, and Alaska. They now live in Waterston, Mass., and are in the midst of planning their fall 2012 wedding.

Liz Boehm is in her second year of grad school getting an M.A. in English literature at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Hugh Murphy is growing away at his first year of dental school at USC.

Mindy Favreau married William Woerter June 12—they honeymooned in Aruba. They’re now fixing up their first house in Durham, Maine. Mindy continues to work as an e-news editor for the business publication Mainebiz, which recently took home a gold award in the Alliance of Area Business Publications’ annual design excellence awards in the category of bestexplanatoryjournalism.

Deemed fun by colleagues, no doubt due to their Colby degrees, Elisa Chinliara and Pete Chapin ’03 are responsible for “Fun Friday” blog posts on their company’s website. To get in on the fun, or chide them, check out Communispace’s blog at www.blog.communityspace.com. Beth Hirschhorn continues to work at Novartis as a clinical trial leader in Cambridge, Mass. She lives with a friend from Bates in Cambridge and is very excited that Meg Church recently moved to Cambridge for the year to attend Harvard! They frequently have brunch dates—but they don’t compare to Sunday brunch in Dana.

Mariah Buckley left her job with Make-A-Wish Foundation to pursue a career in pediatric oncology nursing. She currently lives in Indiana with her boyfriend and hopes to finish her pre-req courses and enroll in a B.S.N. program next fall.

Finn Teach MM is working as a research assistant at the University of Southern Maine’s applied medical science department in Augusta.

Blakemore Foster moved to Washington, D.C., and works for Booz Allen as a senior consultant doing capital planning investment control and portfolio management. He enjoys candlelit dinners with Matt Warshaw ’08, who also lives in D.C. Alex Shafer is working on his M.B.A. at Northeastern with a concentration in marketing. He is also secretary of the graduate marketing club.

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Victoria Work received her M.S. from the Colorado School of Mines and is currently in the Ph.D. program studying algal bioenergy engineering. Her work was published in the ASM journal Eukaryotic Cell and she recently coauthored a textbook chapter on algae-based biofuels. After graduating from Colby, Victoria bicycled cross-country with MaryClaire McGovern and Evan Eshelman, and this summer she biked the second leg of the U.S. perimeter, the Pacific coast. She currently lives in Denver.

Hanna Gerlovín lives in Allston, Mass., with Matt Haelea. In September Hanna started a graduate program in biostatistics at Boston University and works full time for BU’s Data Coordinating Center as a statistical data analyst.

Julia Stuebing moved to Haifa, Israel, to complete a creative arts Fulbright Fellowship. She’ll work on her project, Common Ground: Landscape Painting in Israel, for nine months. Visitors welcome!* Christa Miller-Shelley began a research assistantship through the AECW Advanced Structures and Composites Center at the University of Maine in Orono while working on a master’s in structural engineering.


Heather Todd graduated from Claremont Graduate University with a master’s in history and archival studies. She’s currently employed as the lead bookseller at Spellbinder Books in Bishop, Calif., and loves it. She met up with Cassandra Newell, Stella Kim, Amy Weinforuter, Chantal Balesdent, Haley Blum, and Julia Gilstein in Maine at the Poland Springs Resort during Greg Engel ’07 and Alicia Thibeault’s wedding. They had a wonderful time! Julie Wilson has been promoted to the producers team at Random House and collaborated on their fall audio book productions. Julie, Nicholas Cade, Ben Herbst, Diana Sternberg ’09, and Romeo Raag ’06 are very successful fund raiser benefiting Engaging Achievement Fundraiser benefiting Engaging Achievement Fundraiser benefiting Engaging Achievement Fundraiser benefiting Engaging Achievement Fundraiser benefiting Engaging Achievement Fundraiser benefiting Engaging Achievement (www.engagingachievement.org) last October. Proceeds helped provide underserved students in New York public schools opportunities to form personal relationships with major colleges and universities.

Jamie Foster works as an AmeriCorps Vista member for the Pocahontas Opera House in Marlinton, W.V.

Amanda Roehn continues to love life in North Carolina and at Duke. She’s excited for her first Duke basketball season and is also hoping to make it up to Colby this spring for softball games.

Avi David and Cassie Zendzeje are traveling around India and up to Kathmandu, Nepal, where they’ll teach and trek in the Himalayas for much of this year.

Brad Woodworth is continuing his sail around the world and greatly enjoys the experience. He left Canada in May and stopped off in the Caribbean, Panama, and Galapagos before a three-week sail to Pitcairn Island. He wrote from Vanuatu. He planned to sail to Bali and then cross the Indian Ocean, hoping to arrive in Reunion sometime in early January.

Sam Jones reported that Matt Hirsch completed an eight-week SCUBA course, receiving certification to lead expeditions in Aruba. Matt’s taken to the Aruba lifestyle—rarely wearing a shirt, letting his hair grow to ridiculous lengths, and foraging for the sea for his meals. Whenever Sam talks to him, he always says, “The sea is such a plentiful bounty.”

Laura Pomponi finished her master’s in deaf education and lives with Emily Plum and Liz Petit. She’s working as a transitional kindergarten teacher at SEEM Collaborative in North Reading, Mass.

Emily Wilson and Martin Connelly were married by Jack Davidson in Arlington, Va., Aug. 14. Many friends and family were on hand to celebrate including Joel Alex, Christine Avena, David Brand, and Ela Kieffer.
Maxx Brown '06, Rocío Orantes Carey '07, Liz Clark, Cynthia Davies '04, Meaghan Jerrett, Angela Martinelli, MaryClaire McGovern, Jake Obstfeld '09, Brian Putnam, Tom Treat, Ned Warner '09, and Kerry Whittaker, all of whom, it must be said, were pretty excited too. Thanks for all of the interesting updates!

**2009**

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Maria Ryden and Jason Stigliano visited Elyse Apanatuk and Ben Hauptman at their Brunswick apartment. They relived their favorite college adventures such as playing multiplayer video games and eating doughnuts late at night at Tim Hortons. *This summer Brookes Moody lived and worked on a 60-foot sailboat and competed in, among other things, the Newport-Bermuda Race. She now lives in New York City, where she’s pursuing a master’s in fine arts in creative writing with a concentration in poetry at the New School.*

Sam Hoff lives with Logan King and Sam Witherspoon in a nice apartment in Boston’s North End. The three of them walk to work in the financial district each day. In November Sam met up with Travis Townsend, Henry Sears, Steve Holt, and Harry Goldstein in Chicago for a long weekend to welcome Griffin Richards back to the U.S. after his year volunteering in Rwanda. *Since Henry Powell last wrote he started working at a local gelato company, Maple’s Organics, in South Portland, Maine. Quickly he became the production manager for the whole company and has been making all the gelati from scratch (starting by separating 300 egg yolks from the whites) every week. Maple’s Organics won best dessert at the Common Ground Fair, where Henry ran into many Colby friends including Emily Jenkins, Reva Eiferman, Lauren Pongan, and Emma Balazs.*

Kat Brzozowski is still an editor at Thomas Dunne Books, a division of St. Martin’s Press, and lives with Wes Miller ’08. *Ned Warner lives with Tom Treat ’08 in Boulder, Colo. They spend their time brewing beer, making beef jerky, skiing, hiking, and fishing.*

Lokesh Tod continues to work at Analytical Group and has met up with quite a few Colby ’09 kids. He attended the Welcome to the City event in Boston.*

Zac Bloom ran away from Los Angeles to New York City in August to begin work as an account executive at RJW Collectiv, an advertising agency. He’s currently debating the wisdom of returning to a place where water freezes without the aid of a major appliance.* David Way works as a member of the AmeriCorps Victim Assistance Program of New Hampshire. He works with victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault in a crisis center housed in the YWCA of New Hampshire (located in Manchester).*

Meg Lancaster completed a master’s program last spring and now teaches fifth grade in Georgetown, Mass.* Austin Nicholas flew to Shanghai and Tokyo in June with Gustaf Lenaeus and met up with Menya Hinga and Chao Zheng, who both live in Japan.*

Brooke Barron lives in DC, where she works as a legislative analyst for the Office of Congressional Relations at the Department of Agriculture. It’s a great mix of policy and politics. She lives with Liza Hester and sees a lot of Suzanne Merkelson, Liz O’Neill, Andrea Marcott, Dylan Perry, John Wagner, Molly Corbett, and Shrimla Cooray. Really fun DC crew–everyone’s doing well.*

Willa Rose Vogel lives in Ithaca, N.Y., where she works as a training curriculum developer at Taitem Engineering. She really enjoys Ithaca and finds lots of time to travel on the weekends. *It’s great to hear from you guys–keep sharing!*

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**OBITUARIES**

Nancy Nivison Hamilton ’33, Nov. 13, 2010, in Deer Isle, Maine, at 98. She was an accomplished pianist and organist and was a founding member of the Pioneer Valley (Mass.) Symphony. She worked as a home decorator with Hamilton Interiors, a family-owned business. Survivors include her children, Douglas, Margaret Smith, and Barbara Martin, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Annabelle White Messer Jamsion ’36, Oct. 12, 2010, in Rockport, Maine, at 94. She taught high school in Maine for 23 years while also raising her children. Active with the historical society, her church, and Delta Kappa Gamma sorority, she loved to garden, read, and fish. She was widowed twice but is survived by her daughters, Nancy Howard, Lorna Pyzynski, Diane Jerome, and Lorraine Tames, seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Marion Libby Warren ’36, Nov. 3, 2010, in Brunswick, Maine, at 97. She earned a teaching degree from Presque Isle Normal School and was a homemaker most of her life. She was a den mother for Cub Scouts, a member of the Baptist Church, and delivered Meals on Wheels. Survivors include her children, Paul, Vernon, Cathy Blackstone, and Mary Sharp, seven grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Pearl Hoyt Coffin ’37, Nov. 28, 2010, in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, at 95. She was a homemaker and mother who belonged to the Baptist church. Survivors include her daughters, Elaine, Donna, and Norma, 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Katherine Coffin Mills ’39, Oct. 4, 2010, in Farmington, Maine, at 93. She taught high school English for 35 years, retiring in 1991 as head of the English department at Mount Blue High School. She earned a master’s in English in 1972 and was mentor and public speaking coach to many. She traveled widely, volunteered with numerous organizations, and was active with civic organizations. She was predeceased by her former husband, S. Peter Mills ’34. Survivors include her children, Peter, David, Janet ’69, Paul, and Dora Anne, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two siblings.

Edwin F. Savage ’39, Nov. 29, 2010, in Benton, Maine, at 92. He graduated from Kansas City University Dental School and then served in the Navy. He established a dental practice in Fairfield, Maine, and served on the Fairfield town council and in other municipal offices. He was married twice and had five children.

Ruth Blake Thompson ’40, Nov. 5, 2010, in Montpelier, Vt., at 91. A mother and homemaker, she volunteered and taught Sunday school and sewing classes. Survivors include her sister, Mary Louise Endicott, three children, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Elmer L. Baxter ’41, Nov. 21, 2010, in Bar Harbor, Maine, at 91. He served as an Air Force meteorologist in World War II and the Korean War, stationed in Greenland and Newfoundland. He worked in insurance, was active with this church, and was a scoutmaster. He spoke Russian and Esperanto, which he taught to seniors, and he loved railroads and volunteered as a conductor for the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad. He was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth (Sweetser ’41). Survivors include his sons, Ledyard ’67, David ’70, and Benjamin, four grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

M. Eleanor King Clark ’41, Nov. 28, 2010, in Kennebunkport, Maine, at 91. She ran a hotel in Kennebunkport with her husband for nearly 25 years while also raising her children, leading a Girl Scout troop, and substitute teaching. She later worked as a teaching assistant.
in Portland, where she volunteered for Meals on Wheels and Laudholm Trust. She studied birds and wildflowers, painted watercolors, and knitted. Survivors include her children, Cissy, Robin, and Peter, and six grandchildren, including Jamie Enos ’08.

Mildred Van Valkenburg Demarti n ’41, Sept. 22, 2010, in Vero Beach, Fla., at 89. A homemaker and mother, she belonged to AAWU and played duplicate bridge. Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Felix, three children, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Virginia Moore Fremon ’41, Nov. 29, 2010, in Hackettstown, N.J., at 92. She earned her B.S. at Columbia Presbyterian School of Nursing and then worked as an R.N. at the hospital there. She was active with her church and sang in the choir. She was also an equestrian. Survivors include her husband, Richard, four children, seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a sister.

Priscilla Hathorn White ’42, Dec. 15, 2010, in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, at 89. She was a Maine high school teacher for 49 years, retiring from Foxcroft Academy in 1991. She was active with local and state teachers associations and other community organizations, including Daughters of the American Revolution. Survivors include her sons, Robert and Jere, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Leonard G. Cohen ’43, Nov. 30, 2010, in Longboat Key, Fla., at 88. He served in World War II, earned his dental degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1946, and then served in the dental corps during the Korean War. He practiced dentistry after the war for 40 years in New Bedford, Mass., where he was also active with his synagogue. Survivors include his wife of nearly 66 years, Florence, two daughters, and a grandson.

Ruth Howes Mistark ’43, Oct. 10, 2010, in Scarborough, Maine, at 89. She earned a master’s in occupational therapy from Tufts in 1946, and then was a welder and shipfitter with Fore River Shipyard during World War II. She later worked in OT in Worcester, Mass. She retired and moved to Cliff Island, Maine, and was a caterer for 20 years. She also enjoyed reading, needle crafts, and cooking. She was predeceased by father, Seth Howes Class of 1914. Survivors included her sister, Katherine Howes Brooks ’44 and her son, James.

Katherine Howes Brooks ’44, Dec. 5, 2010, in Portland, Maine, at 88. She traveled and lived around the world while her husband was in the foreign service. She taught English at foreign colleges, managed a commissary, and wrote poetry. She was predeceased by her father, Seth Howes Class of 1914, her husband, Wendlall Brooks ’42, and her sister, Ruth Howes Mistark ’43. Survivors include her daughters, Wendie Geiger and Katherine Brooks, two grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Harold L. Vigue ’44, Oct. 17, 2010, in Waterville, Maine, at 88. He left Colby to serve with the Army Air Corps during World War II and received the Soldier’s Medal for non-combat valor. He returned to Colby and then worked in sales for Maine broadcasting companies, eventually becoming president of Capital Communications Corp. In 1988 he was named Maine Broadcaster of the Year. He served on many professional, civic, and sports boards in central Maine. Survivors include his children, James ’72, John ’76, Jeffrey, and Julie ’83, and four grandchildren.

Margery Dodge Radomski ’46, Nov. 11, 2010, in South Miami, Fla., at 85. After raising her four children she worked as a secretary, bookkeeper, and respiratory therapist. Survivors include her niece Ann Dodge ’77.

Janet M. DeWitt ’48, Sept. 23, 2010, in Syracuse, N.Y., at 84. She was a biochemist at the Syracuse University College for Medicine for more than 30 years. She bowled and was an active volunteer. Survivors include several cousins and her beloved cat, Muffin.

David C. Roberts ’48, Nov. 8, 2010, in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., at 87. He left Colby to serve with the Air Force during World War II. After an honorable discharge, he graduated from Colby and then began a 40-year career with the John Hancock Life Insurance Company. He served on the Cumberland County Civic Center board and was appointed to the Maine Agent’s Ethics Committee for Life and Health Insurance. He sang in the church choir and belonged to the Lions Club. Survivors include his wife, Ruth, two daughters, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a sister.

Beverly Hayward Teague ’49, Oct. 18, 2010, in Fairfield, Maine, at 82. A dedicated mother and housewife, she belonged to the Methodist church, the women’s club, and the Maine Children’s Home for Little Wanderers. In 1976 Maine Governor Longley appointed her to the Governor’s Committee on Children and Youth. Survivors include her children, Jennifer Morrisseau and Jack Teague; and four grandchildren.

Henry F. Poirier ’50, Sept. 21, 2010, in Waterville, Maine, at 85. Following high school he served in the Navy during World War II. After Colby he earned a D.D.S. from the University of Montreal. He practiced dentistry in Waterville for more than 40 years and belonged to the Maine Dental Association. He was a member of the Lions Club, enjoyed tennis and golf, and was an energetic skier who raced in the first Sugarloaf Schuss. Survivors include his twin sister, Henrietta St. Onge, three children, and two grandchildren.

Geoffrey S. Lyford ’51, Oct. 10, 2010, in Edmonton, Alberta, at 84. He worked as a systems designer in upstate New York until he emigrated during the Vietnam War. He worked in systems with the University of Calgary, studied urban design, and then worked with Canada’s federal government designing municipalities within parks, such as Banff and Jasper. Survivors include his wife, Florence (Roshanna) McDonell ’51, three sons, four grandchildren, and three siblings.

Robert M. Roth ’51, Oct. 18, 2010, in West Hartford, Conn., at 80. He served as a first lieutenant in the Korean War. He worked as a stockbroker, and in 1967 he started Mark Securities. He umpired Little League, coached midget football, and started a girls’ softball league. He served on the board of education, supported local charities, and loved to golf. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Helen (Palen ’51), three children, and seven grandchildren.

Joan Acheson Bridge ’52, Nov. 14, 2010, in Augusta, Maine, at 79. She earned a master’s from the University of Maine. She taught elementary school in New Hampshire and then French and Spanish at Cony High School in Maine. She was known as a humorous storyteller and she loved dogs. Survivors include her children, Allyn Bridge and Allison Pederson, two grandsons, and four brothers.

Henry L. Malloy ’52, Oct. 22, 2010, in Waccabuc, N.Y., at 79. He earned his bachelor’s from Villanova and
then served in the Navy. He worked in advertising and insurance, retiring as vice president of Republic Hogg Robinson, now Wells Fargo. Survivors include his wife, Vivien, five children, eight grandchildren, and a brother.

Bruce, Peter, and Scott, seven grandchildren. Survivors include his children, Beth, Robert Weiss '56. She was a mother and a housewife who also ran a girls’ summer camp in Massachusetts with her husband. Survivors include her husband of 57 years, George ’53, two children, and four grandchildren.

Frank D. Kirby ’63, Nov. 23, 2010, in Rocky Hill, Conn., at 69. He earned his law degree from New York University and then practiced as a bankruptcy attorney for 43 years in Boston and Worcester, Mass. He was a lifelong rugby player, an avid skier, and a golfer. Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline, two children, a grandson, two siblings, and his mother.

John D. Dahlfred ’66, Oct. 1, 2010, in Boston, Mass., at 66. He joined the Army and served in Vietnam. He worked in the technology industry before starting his own business as a sales rep. He was also an antiques dealer who enjoyed antiques preservation and travel. Survivors include his wife, Sandra, two sons, Karl ’98 and James, two stepdaughters, two grandchildren, and six step-grandchildren.

Anne Paul Schmidt ’67, Nov. 14, 2010, in New London, Conn., at 65. She earned two master’s degrees from Syracuse University. She was director of major gifts in Connecticut for the American Cancer Society and also served as executive director for the New London office. She volunteered with the garden club, New London Main Street, and the Rotary Club. Survivors include her husband, William, four children, and five grandchildren.

Charles W. Bassett, Oct. 19, 2010, in Waterville, Maine, at 78. He earned a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas and in 1969 came to Colby. He played a pivotal role in establishing the American Studies Program and served as its director for 25 years. He chaired the English Department in the 1980s, and was named a Dana Professor in 1983 and Lee Family Professor of English and American Studies in 1994. In 1994 he won the first Mary C. Turpie Award from the American Studies Association. He was the first recipient of the Senior Class Teaching Award, later named for him, and he won the first Alumni Association award for service to alumni. Survivors include his children, David and Elizabeth, and three grandchildren.

Hershel L. Alpert ’53, Nov. 26, 2010, in New Bedford, Mass., at 78. After serving in the Army, he worked in the family business, eventually becoming president of Alpert’s Furniture as well as its subsidiaries. He was named retailer of the year by numerous organizations, chaired home furnishing associations, and worked as a consultant. He also served on the boards of community organizations. He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara (Weiss ’53). Survivors include his children, Beth, Bruce, Peter, and Scott, seven grandchildren, a sister, and a brother-in-law, Robert Weiss ’56.

John R. Faulkner ’53, Dec. 6, 2010, in Houlton, Maine, at 79. He built a 30-year career in the newspaper business, including stints as manager and editor of the Houlton Pioneer Times and then business manager and eventually executive editor at Northeast Publishing Company. In 2004 was inducted to the Maine Press Association Hall of Fame. He was a fly-fisherman and a hunter as well as a master gardener. Survivors include his wife, Esther, three sons, and a grandson.

Elizabeth Winkler Laffey ’53, Oct. 3, 2010, in Vero Beach, Fla., at 79. She was a mother and a housewife who also ran a girls’ summer camp in Massachusetts with her husband. Survivors include her husband of 57 years, George ’53, two children, and four grandchildren.

Jean Paul Whitcomb Thornton ’52, Oct. 29, 2010, in Randolph, Vt., at 80. She was a proud homemaker and mother of nine who supported her children’s activities. She loved to knit and was known for giving anyone a ride in her little yellow car. Survivors include nine children, 23 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

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James R. Vaughan ’67, Oct. 15, 2010, in Middletown, Conn., at 64. He worked in personnel and ran his own recruiting agency for more than 20 years. He coached and umpired Little League, was a music aficionado, a food critic, and a collector of baseball cards and tin soldiers. Survivors include his wife, Linda (Allen ’67), three children, four grandchildren, two siblings, and nieces and nephews, including Rebecca Allen ’98.

Priscilla C. Austin ’68, Dec. 7, 2010, in Holden, Mass., at 63. She earned an M.B.A. from Simmons School of Management and worked as an administrative assistant and a paralegal. She sang in the Boston choral music community and performed with various ensembles. Survivors include her husband, Murray Kohn, and a brother.

Bruce D. McClellan ’78, Oct. 5, 2010, in Springfield, Mass., at 55. He worked a variety of jobs, most recently in the computer industry, and was an engaged husband and father. He died after a brief illness. Survivors include his wife, Kathleen, three children, his parents, and three siblings.

John E. Dahlfred ’66, Oct. 1, 2010, in Boston, Mass., at 66. He joined the Army and served in Vietnam. He worked in the technology industry before starting his own business as a sales rep. He was also an antiques dealer who enjoyed antiques preservation and travel. Survivors include his wife, Sandra, two sons, Karl ’98 and James, two stepdaughters, two grandchildren, and six step-grandchildren.

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Robert G. Doel, Nov. 21, 2010, in Waterville, Maine, at 79. Educated at Heidelberg College, Kent State, and the University of Wisconsin, Madison, he came to Colby in 1965 and taught sociology for 20 years. In retirement he sailed the coast of Maine and Canada and hiked and fished in the Pacific Northwest and in Argentina. Survivors include his wife, Priscilla Doel, professor emerita of Portuguese and Spanish, and a daughter.

Robert E.L. Strider II, M.A. ’57, Litt.D. ’79, Nov. 28, 2010, in Boston, Mass., at 93. President of Colby from 1960 to 1979, he came to the College as dean of faculty in 1957 and was a life trustee as president emeritus. He earned a B.A. and a Ph.D. at Harvard and held honorary degrees from Colby and 10 other colleges. Predeceased by his wife, Helen Bell Strider, he is survived by his children, Mary Bruenn, Robert, William, and Elizabeth Dain, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, a sister, Barbara Kuehn, and brother David Strider. (See story, page 5.)
He's a Boy and, Yes, He's Special

When people ask me if I’ve met a special boy up at Colby, my answer—without hesitation—is yes.

His name is Lucas. He really likes construction vehicles and has just started adding two-digit numbers. Lucas is 7. During my first semester at Colby, I joined about 400 other Colby students who act as mentors in the Colby Cares About Kids program. It was one of the best decisions I’ve made during college—for both of us.

When I met Lucas, he was a 5-year-old kindergartener who rarely went two consecutive days without being sent to the principal’s office. More often than not, when I visited him, he was in time out. My mentee showed nominal interest in my presence while his classmates were bursting to tell me what “bad” things Lucas had done that day. During snack time Lucas would pull my hair or sit under the table and refuse to come out, looking at me with a cute, devilish smile. Then the teacher would come over and reprimand him, often leaving me at the snack table with the other students because Lucas had to “think about appropriate behavior.”

I think in some ways Lucas was testing me. Most of the adults in his world were not very supportive. What was he supposed to make of this messy-haired college girl who kept showing up? But I quickly picked up on Lucas’s challenge and accepted it. Though we had been playing cars and trucks twice a week for almost two months, he would claim to not know my name or would run away when I tried to say goodbye.

Eventually, Lucas started to greet me and save me a seat at the lunch table. One day another boy asked him, “Who’s that girl sitting next to you?” He aggressively responded, “That’s my mentor! And she’s not a girl!” A bit confused, I turned to Lucas and said, “I am a girl. What did you think I was?” He looked back at me, as puzzled as I was. “But, you’re too cool to be a girl.”

At that moment, I realized this was going to work. After almost four months, I was asked to meet with the school counselor and the director of CCAK to discuss whether Lucas was suitable for the mentoring program. Lucas’s behavior was still very poor, his academics slow, his attendance inconsistent. They asked me if I thought in some ways Lucas was testing me. ... What was he supposed to make of this messy-haired college girl who kept showing up? But I quickly picked up on Lucas’s challenge and accepted it.

would like a different mentee, but I didn’t even consider it. Lucas was my mentee. I was going to be someone in his life who showed up every week and didn’t skip out when it wasn’t perfect.

Two years later a lot has changed. Though I look pretty much the same, Lucas is almost six inches taller, has switched from Velcro sneakers to laces, and just started wearing glasses with a strap around the back to keep them safe. His home life is a little more consistent, and his behavior is worlds better. Some things have not changed. We still play with cars, trucks, and construction vehicles. If you ever need clarification on the difference between a bucket loader and an excavator, just let me know.

Hanging out twice a week has probably helped Lucas, but I know it has helped me. On the surface, it’s a reason to get out of my sweats and pants and be on time (things that don’t always seem like necessities in the college world). More substantially, Lucas has helped me stay grounded and focused while I’m in college.

It’s easy to get wrapped up in yourself when you live in a world of 18- to 22-year-olds. Dining halls, paper extensions, and three-day weekends foster an “all about me” mindset that’s very easy to slip into. But for about three hours a week, I get to be all about Lucas. I have to put exams and term papers out of my mind and recall instead playground games and that there is no talking in the hallways. With Lucas, I know I’m doing something important that is directly benefiting someone else. Being a mentor helps me feel valuable off paper—away from test scores, GPAs, and class rankings.

I’m abroad this fall and I won’t see Lucas until February. Last spring I showed Lucas where I was going on a globe and reminded him that I wouldn’t be able to see him for a while. When it came time to actually say goodbye, I was so sad. I hugged him and told him not to worry, that I’d write him letters, and I promised I’d be back. He looked back at me and confidently replied, “I know you will. You always come back. When you’re looking for me, I’ll be in second grade.”

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