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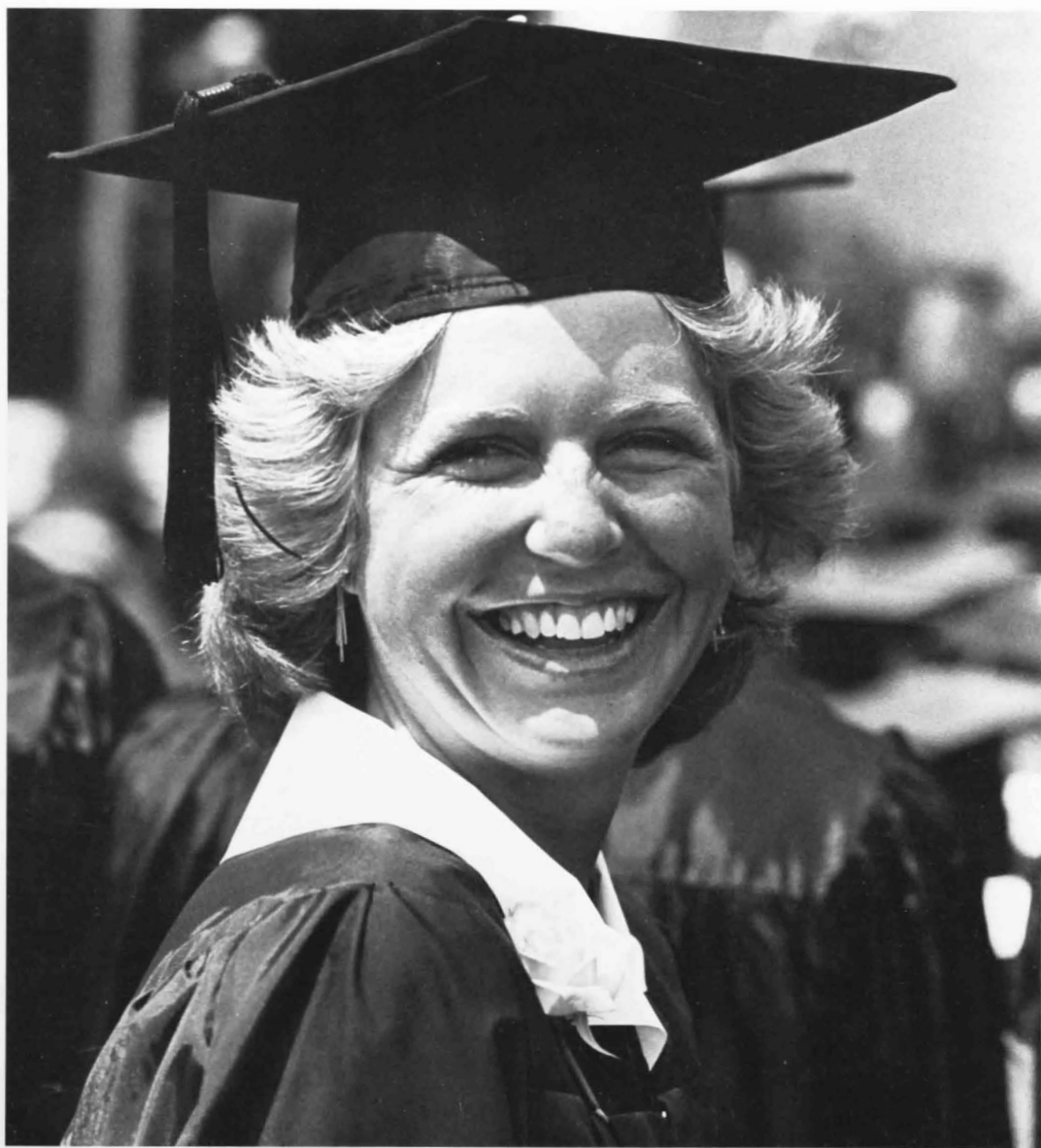
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# News from the Hill

## *Kresge Boosts Colby 2000 Campaign over \$13 Million*

Colby has received a \$400,000 challenge grant from the prestigious Kresge Foundation to help pay for the Miller Library construction and renovation.

This is the third challenge grant applied to the library project, complementing awards of \$750,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities and \$250,000 from the Pew Memorial Trust. Together the awards mean that for each dollar given to support the library improvements, the College will receive a total of \$1.23 in grant funds.

The Kresge award is one of only 133 that respond to 1,316 proposals from various organizations this year. The foundation was established by Sebastian S. Kresge in 1924 and primarily supports construction and renovation projects in non-profit institutions.

In order to receive the grant, Colby must show by December 15, 1984, that the balance of monies needed for the project has been raised from independent sources. Of the \$13 million the campaign has now raised, \$5.1 million has been assigned to retire bonds issued to fund the library construction. The bonds were issued in March 1981 and will mature in April 1985.

The \$6.7 million construction and renovation has been completed on time and under budget. Planned to meet Colby's needs for at least the next 20 years, the project has increased seating capacity by 80 percent and shelf space by 64 percent. It also provided office space for 49 faculty members.

## *Celebrating Diversity; Confronting Intolerance*

Animated exchanges and jarring realities will be shared by students, faculty, and visitors on campus during the 1983-84 academic year, as the Colby community focuses on the theme of "Celebrating Diversity; Confronting Intolerance."

Academic and extracurricular events have been planned around the theme for the entire year, beginning with discussions of this year's freshman book, *Hunger for Memory* by Richard Rodriguez. The author, who opposes bilingual education and affirmative action, will speak at Colby on January 18 and 19.

Alex Haley and Angela Davis are the most widely known of several other authors who have agreed to visit campus. Haley, whose book *Roots* celebrated his own heritage as a black American and encouraged countless others to do likewise, will lecture on October 26. Davis, famous as a political activist, will speak on the subject of her book, *Women, Race, and Class*, on February 20. Authors Collette Dowling (*Cinderella Complex*), Carol Stack (*All My Kin*), and Laurel Ulrich (*Goodwives*) will also deliver lectures related to their research at times throughout the year.

Other prominent visitors on campus will represent diverse populations and media of expression. Japanese Consul-General in Boston Iguchi Takeo will lecture on relations between his country and the United States as part of Japan Week, October 5-12. Jazz singer Betty Carter will perform for the Colby community in November, and New York City art critic Lucy Lippard will lecture in conjunction with the opening of a month-long exhibit, "Art and Social Subordination," in January.

The following month will include a lecture by Jacob Lawrence, a distinguished American artist whose works focus on black heritage and contemporary experience. The Art Museum will feature a retrospective exhibit of Lawrence's work at the same time.

The faculty has planned curricular emphasis on the theme of prejudice, including a January Program entitled "Agonies of Intolerance in American Film." The Jan plan, taught by art and American studies Professor David Lubin, will focus on black, Hispanic, and Jewish issues.

## *Alumni Eligible for Scholarships*

*"In many cases, they are promising young scholars, who, deterred by employment conditions in higher education, have taken time to explore other options, often very successfully, before making a commitment to graduate school."*

The preceding statement tells the tale of 36 percent of the current Mellon Fellows in the Humanities, but it could also apply to numerous Colby graduates. Associate Dean of the College Sonya Rose has issued a reminder that many alumni, particularly those of recently graduated classes, may qualify for prestigious scholarships to begin graduate studies. These include the Mellon grants and Rhodes, Marshall, and Rotary scholarships for academic work abroad.

Mellon Fellowships were created by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to encourage young people

with scholarly potential to enter academic careers in the humanities. Awarded for the first time in the 1983-84 academic year, the fellowships will support the work of 500 to 600 graduate students at colleges and universities in the United States and Canada during five successive years. Candidates for the fellowships must be citizens of the United States or Canada who have not yet begun graduate studies. Mellon Fellows will receive foundation support for one to three

years. They are nominated by faculty sponsors and must be committed to careers in "the traditional humanistic disciplines." These do not include the creative and performing arts, the social sciences, or professional fields. Further information may be obtained from Colby Professor Jane Hunter.

Rhodes Scholarships are available to holders of bachelor's degrees who will not have passed their twenty-fourth birthdays when

they begin academic work at a college in Oxford University. "Quality of both character and intellect is the most important requirement for a Rhodes Scholarship," and recipients must be citizens of the United States and unmarried. The Rhodes appointment normally extends two years, but a third year is possible with special approval.

The Marshall Scholarship program, established in 1953 by the United Kingdom to express British gratitude for economic recovery under the Marshall Plan following World War II, provides for two years of study toward a British university degree and may apply to a third year. Scholars are citizens of the United States who have demonstrated "distinction of intellect and character" in scholastic and other endeavors. Candidates must be no older than 25, and, if all else is equal between two candidates, preference is given to one who is unmarried. Their grade averages after the freshman year should be 3.7 or better, and they must present plans designed to advance their own intellectual interests and objectives and to assist them in making significant contributions to society. Additional information on requirements and application procedures for Rhodes and Marshall scholarships is available from Professor Joel Bernard.

Five types of scholarships are available for a year of study abroad through the Rotary Foundation: graduate, undergraduate, teacher of handicapped persons, journalism, and vocational. The latter three require at least two years of experience in the field or, in the case of journalism, two years of post-secondary study. Recipients of graduate scholarships must hold a bachelor's degree and be 18-28 years of age. They may pursue any field of study. Under-



### *Averill and Johnson Renovated*

*An additional element this year in the annual hustle and bustle that heralds students' return to campus was the finishing touches put on rooms in Averill and Johnson. The summer renovation project, which cost nearly \$1.2 million, wrought many wonders in the two dormitories. In each room walls were painted, ceilings resurfaced, and light fixtures moved from ceilings to walls. New floor tiles and floor-to-ceiling bulletin boards were installed. Previous built-in wardrobes and other furnishings were replaced with furniture systems similar to those in "The Heights." Elsewhere in the buildings, hallways were carpeted, lounges created at the midpoint of each hall, and bathrooms enlarged. New six-person suites added in the basements of both dormitories compensated for the loss of bed space on upper floors. These improvements and the central locations of Averill and Johnson ensure their rank among the most popular Colby residential halls.*

graduate scholarships likewise apply to any field selected by a student 18-24 years old. Scholarships for teachers of the handicapped are awarded to persons 25-50 years old, journalism scholarships to individuals 21-28 years of age, and vocational scholarships to those 21-50. All but the undergraduate scholars may be married. The Rotary Foundation gives preference to applicants who plan to study in a country where a different language is spoken and expects scholars to act as informal ambassadors contributing to international understanding. Professor James McIntyre may be contacted for further information on Rotary Scholarships, which may include funds for language studies prior to the year abroad.

Alumni interested in applying for any of these programs for the 1984-85 academic year should make inquiries at once, since several of the deadlines for application are imminent.

### *Thanks a Million!*

For the first time in history, the Annual Fund recorded over \$1 million in gifts for current operations in 1982-83. When the year ended on June 30, Colby had received \$1,005,000 from alumni, parents, friends, corporations, and foundations.

Passing the million-dollar mark was especially important, given that the Annual Fund accounts for \$5 million of the \$25 million Colby 2000 Campaign goal. At the close of the third year of the five-year campaign period, the Annual Fund has contributed almost \$2.5 million to current operations.

The same year in which Colby broke its first million-dollar annual-giving goal marked the fiftieth anniversary of the Annual Fund. Started by G. Cecil Goddard '29 and chaired by Charles F.T. Seaverns '01, the first Annual

Fund drive secured \$2,918 in gifts from 20 percent of the Colby alumni.

Fifty years later almost 45 percent of the alumni contributed \$590,857 to the alumni portion of the 1982-83 Annual Fund. Over \$100,000 was raised by reunion classes, a figure that does not include over \$103,000 in endowed funds pledged by the Class of 1958 to create the Bill and Mardie Bryan Scholarship Fund. Another \$88,299 was collected from pledges made during four alumni telethons during the past year.

Several classes achieved noteworthy distinctions in the fund drive. The three classes led by agents Helen Dresser McDonald '23, Deane Quinton '30, and Bertrand Hayward '33 all recorded over 70 percent participation, the Class of 1933 reaching 74 percent in its fiftieth reunion year. The Class of 1968, led by agent Robert Aisner, claimed the greatest number of donors, 159. For the second consecutive year, the Class of 1976, working with agent Noel Barry Stella, was the youngest class to raise over \$10,000. The classes of 1969, 1956, 1955, and 1940 all broke the \$15,000 threshold in annual giving, and 16 classes in all recorded over \$10,000 in gifts.

Under the leadership of Rodney B. and Lee Roberts and other members of the Parents Association executive committee, 617 parents of current students and recent alumni contributed \$87,438 to the Parents Fund. There were 21 gifts from parents at the President's Club level, and parents of the Class of 1986 led the parents' participation with 140 gifts for current operations.

Foundation support to the Annual Fund was exceptionally strong during the past year, contributing \$211,000 in contrast to \$117,000 in foundation support the previous year. These grants to the

Annual Fund are used primarily for financial aid, computer equipment, and faculty and program enrichment.

### *Superior Court: "Tax Fraternities"*

A Kennebec County Superior Court ruling on June 10 upheld the City of Waterville's right to tax more than \$1.5 million in fraternity property on Colby's campus. The eight fraternities affected will appeal the decision to the State Supreme Court.

Justice Donald G. Alexander maintained that the city acted within the law when, in July 1980, it decided to assess property taxes to the Colby fraternities. Fraternities at other colleges in Maine have been taxed for years, although community fraternal organizations are exempt from taxation. Part of the fraternities' case, argued by Augusta attorney Jed Davis, asserted that the state statute that excludes college fraternities from tax-exempt status is unconstitutional. The fraternities also held that they are part of the College and should, like the College, be exempt from taxation as "a literary and scientific organization."

On the first point of the fraternities' case, Alexander ruled that there are major differences in college fraternities and organizations such as the Elks or the Masons, including the fraternities' dependence on Colby for their existence. Yet he denied that fraternities qualified for exemption along with the College, pointing to similar earlier rulings in other Maine cities. The appeal filed by Davis on July 15 posed the question, "Did the Court err by concluding that there exists a category of taxable institutions which are not exempt

as fraternal organizations because they come under the aegis of exempt literary and scientific organizations and are not exempt as literary and scientific organizations because they are fraternal?"

The court ruled that the "frater-

nities are basically agents of the college, subject to control by the college, providing accommodations and some measure of social life for students of the college," and that "[w]ithout the college, the fraternities would cease to exist." It fur-

ther stated that "the primary purpose of the Colby fraternities is to provide housing and social life for their resident membership." These points are among the 14 questioned in the appeal.



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*"No, you go first.  
I insist!"*

*As construction crews worked toward the completion of the Miller Library project during the summer, a pair of red squirrels frolicked in the playground they discovered just outside the main entrance.*

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### *Creative Individuals Form Class of 1987*

The 525 members of this year's freshman class were selected from more than 2,800 applicants from 42 states and 16 foreign countries. More than 60 percent of them attended public schools, and 68 percent hail from New England. Another 19 percent are from the Middle Atlantic states, 3 percent from the South, 5 percent from North Central states, 3 percent from the West and Northwest, and 2 percent from foreign countries. While large numbers of them are veterans of student government, varsity sports, student publications, and the National Honor Society, it is their individual initiatives that provide a fascinating glimpse of their composite talent.

Some of those accomplishments represent community service. One Connecticut woman founded an alcohol and drug education program in her school, while another developed a nationally discussed "Safe Driving Program" in her community to provide intoxicated persons with safe transportation home without threat of reprisal. Another new Colby student started a program for diabetic counseling. Working with a different group with special needs, a student developed an aerobic fitness program for mentally retarded adolescents.

The natural sciences faculty will entertain questions from some highly knowledgeable members of the Class of 1987. One, as a volunteer in Honduras, vaccinated animals against rabies and tested horses and cows for disease. A young zoologist conducted field research for an expedition in the Kenya bush. Another student received a grant from the New York State Department of Energy for construction of a model solar-heated home that he designed.

Other incoming students have demonstrated talents of expression, including an All-New England clarinetist, the lead singer in a barbershop quartet that competed internationally, and a saxophonist who received the U.S. National Band Award. The *Echo* may acquire a staff member who has been a reporter on his hometown newspaper, whereas the winner of the Annual Maine oratorical contest may choose to channel those talents into the debate club or the performing arts.

Many freshmen have demonstrated physical grace and stamina in various ways. Whereas one mastered authentic dances of the Ojibwa, Iroquois, and Sioux Indians, another classmate has been a performing member of the Long Island Ballet Company. They are joined by a member of the Banbury Cross Morris and Sword team, which performs traditional dances of English villagers. Two nationally ranked figure skaters, a cyclist who just completed a 3,000 mile tour of his country, Canada, and two nationally ranked sailors are also Class of 1987 members.

Academically, the new freshmen have demonstrated aptitudes equal to those of the preceding class. The bulk of them scored in the 500-600 range on the verbal and mathematics components of the Scholastic Aptitude Test and on the English Achievement Examina-

tion, but roughly one quarter of them boast verbal and English scores in the 600-700 range, and more than two fifths scored in this range on the mathematics section.

Although they have already begun their Colby careers, 60 members of the Class of 1987 have not yet arrived on campus. Instead they are studying in College programs at Cuernavaca, Mexico, and Florence, Italy, so that they will have completed their foreign language requirements before coming to Waterville in February.

### *Career Services Available to Alumni*

The Office of Career Services has entered the new academic year yards ahead of the point where its activities began last year. A primary reason for this running start is the outstanding alumni support expressed through last year's career services survey, coordinated by Linda Cotter. During the January Program of Independent Study alone, students this year will have more than a hundred new opportunities to explore career options, thanks to alumni offers of assistance.

This strengthened program affords new services for the alumni themselves. The career services staff has announced plans to show its appreciation to alumni in kind, including help with resume preparation and revision and general career counseling in such areas as the job search, interviewing techniques, and career change. Alumni are encouraged to update or establish their permanent references files in the career services office. A Colby alumnus or alumna who is contemplating a change in career or a move to a new geographic area may request a list of Colby graduates working in the profession or residing in the new locale. Those who have volunteered their assistance to ease transitions are available for informational inter-

views, for informal talks about a particular career or community, or simply as contacts in the new professional or geographic area.

Although the career services office is neither an employment agency nor a job bureau, the office subscribes to a variety of vacancy listings and receives numerous announcements of individual job openings. Many of these require previous experience or an advanced degree and are thus of greater potential interest to alumni than to current students. Recent announcements include a wide variety of teaching positions, a marketing and management opportunity with Jackson Laboratories in Bar Harbor, and a fund-raising position with the Committee for Economic Development in New York City, to name just a few. In some cases, Colby alumni are specifically sought or preferred.

Any alumnus or alumna who would like to receive such information should send a statement of career objective and an appropriate number of self-addressed, stamped envelopes to the Office of Career Services at Colby. The office will supply the *Career Services Newsletter*, which appears approximately every other week during the academic year, as well as complete information on any positions related to one's career objective that have not been fully described in the *Newsletter*.

### *Moose from the Hill*

The point and counterpoint of an April 14 *Echo* article are still reverberating on and around Mayflower Hill.

As alumni may have read in such publications as the *Portland Press-Herald*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, and, most recently, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the student



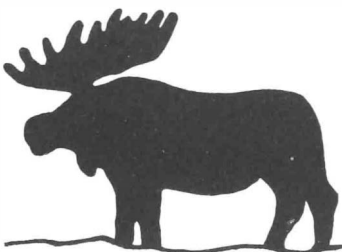
editors asserted that "It's time to re-assess the appropriateness of our school mascot. . . . We are officially connected with the sterile offspring of an ass (which is a symbol of the Democratic Party). For an institution devoted to intellectual growth and open-mindedness, this fact is distressing.

"The mule is not native to the great state of Maine. It represents stupidity, stubbornness, and sterility," Rick Manley '83 and Carla Thompson '85 continued. Not editors to criticize without pointing to an alternative, they advocated that the moose muscle the mule off Colby fields. Citing the moose's qualifications as "a native animal, intelligent, and self-procreating," they added, "More importantly, the moose is something people can get excited about."

. . . To be sure. Following coverage of the mascot debate by area newspapers and television stations, phone lines hummed and typewriters smoked. "Excellent! Let's change," rejoiced a 1954 alumnus. "Kick out the mule; use the moose." The suggestion that the moose would be a step up for Colby "takes a lot of nerve when we all know that moose are raunchy, rutting, and ridiculous," Payson F. Sawyer '55 wrote to the *Portland Press-Herald*. Columnist Natalie Brenner suggested that alumni hearing William Haggett '56 speak at the Portland club's annual dinner shared his outrage that anyone could suggest the mule is inadequate. Meanwhile, the editors of *Down East Magazine* placed their bets on the moose in a June news item: "Maine voters are scheduled to vote this fall on a referendum to ban further hunting of the state animal, and sentiment seems to be running in favor of the moose. This fact cannot fail to have its effect in the halls of academe, regardless of how stubborn, and mulelike, and tradition-bound some of the old grads may prove to be." Clarence "Doggie" Dore '39 called the College to let it be known how stupid moose are.

He once shot one, he said, and eight others stood around to watch him clean it out.

The latest installment in the moose drama was the sighting of a cow moose on the president's lawn early July 14. Cynthia Hettinger, a counselor from Columbia Preparatory School in New York City, was innocently headed to an appointment with admissions personnel when she spotted the creature. The *Central Maine Morning Sentinel* reported the incident the following day.



Ironically, the same source that created the current furor instituted the white mule as the mascot 60 years ago. An *Echo* editorial written then by Joseph Coburn Smith '24 declared that the Colby football team warranted recognition as a white mule rather than the dark horse that newspapers frequently called it. Subsequently, a group of students imported a white mule from a Kennebec farm in time for the Bates game, and the beast earned its status by observing Colby's state championship triumph in that game.

"Laugh, and the world laughs with you. . . ." Whether students continue the moose campaign this fall remains to be seen, but the media seem ready to share the fun.

## Avoid a Heartbreak

Every year the alumni office receives comments like: "If I'd only known that was the weekend of our twenty-fifth reunion, I would have asked my daughter to choose a different wedding date!" The following dates may be of interest and help to alumni and parents who are planning events and vacations in the next year.

### 1983

September 30–October 2—Weekend for Parents of Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors  
October 14–16—Homecoming  
October 28–30—Freshmen Parents Weekend

### 1984

January 27–29—Family Winter Weekend  
May 31–June 3—Reunions for class years ending in 4 or 9

For further information on any of these events, contact the Office of Alumni Relations.

# Fraternities: To Be or Not to Be?



*Resentment of the exclusively male fraternities is probably exacerbated by their monolithic situation between Miller Library and Roberts Union.*

by Lane Fisher

*As undergraduates and alumni scramble to make overdue changes in the College fraternity system, a trustee commission is exploring the best options for Colby's residential life structure. Will fraternities have a place in it?*

“WHERE FRATERNITIES WERE once beneficial, they are now more often a detriment to the College. There has been for a few years a situation akin to *Lord of the Flies*, where through a lack of direction the fraternities have sunk to their own level of disorder. . . .

“What’s up? If the fraternity system is part of a larger problem, what is the problem? In a nutshell, I’m afraid the College is not addressing adequately and therefore

not satisfying the nonacademic needs of the students.”

So wrote John Koons ’72 (KDR), in an unsolicited paper expressing his concerns to Colby’s administration in September 1980, one year after William R. Cotter became Colby’s eighteenth president and one year after Cotter was first urged to press for abolition of fraternities at Colby. Knowing that he had a great deal to learn about Colby and that fraternities had been a positive factor in the College experiences of many alumni, the president had “demurred,” as he wrote to alumni of Kappa Delta Rho and Delta Kappa Epsilon on March 18 of this year.

Now the Trustee Commission on Campus Life is conducting a sweeping reexamination of residential life at Colby and trying to

determine “whether contemporary arrangements sufficiently reinforce Colby’s educational mission,” as Chairman of the Board H. Ridgely Bullock ’55 charged it in April. One of the most important and controversial questions concerns the appropriateness of fraternities and sororities at Colby today. A myriad of other issues, such as alternatives to the current room draw system and ways to encourage a healthy social atmosphere for students, are also encompassed by the group’s mission.

The commission, led by Lawrence Pugh ’56 (DKE), consists of 17 of Colby’s leaders. Of them, eight are alumni, seven are parents of either Colby graduates or students, four are faculty, and four are students. Eleven are fraternity or sorority members. In



*Commission Chairman Lawrence Pugh '56 (with Commission Secretary Earl Smith in background): "We clearly are not going to satisfy everyone's needs and thoughts."*

addition, Cotter and Bullock serve as ex-officio members.

Pugh characterized the commission as "an outstanding group of people," well qualified by their private interests and activities, their "vast" contributions to Colby, and the mixture of men and women. The commission is not a group likely to accept easy answers at the close of its brisk inquiry, a vital qualification for its effectiveness, for there are no easy answers. "We clearly are not going to satisfy everyone's needs and thoughts, but that is not the objective. The objective is to hear from everyone and to produce a recommendation that will improve residential life at Colby," Pugh explained, adding, "All options merit consideration."

The commission's formation was precipitated by problems in Colby's fraternity system, which have been the focus of energetic discussion for years. At the close of the 1982-83 year, conflicting opinions, accusations, and generalized indictments flew between

fraternity members and critics faster than clay pigeons at a rifle range. The commission's inquiry assures that the debate will be at least as vociferous this fall.

So what is all this fuss about fraternities? Can current fraternity problems truly differ from those Colby has experienced since shortly after the founding of the Xi chapter of DKE in 1846? "One of the alumni used to say that every Colby fraternity follows a kind of sine curve, and if it is on the crest it had better prepare for the day when it will be in the trough," Ernest C. Marriner '13 (ATO) wrote of the Greek societies.

Yet he closed the same section of his *History of Colby College* by noting that in 1960, "College fraternities all over the land are under attack as they never have been before. Can they survive another century? Can the discriminatory constitutions, the expensive national offices, and some of the inevitable snobbery survive against the rising American demand for equality, for less bureaucracy, for

less adherence to conformity? Or will the fraternities so change with the times that their ideals of brotherhood, their practice of mutual helpfulness, and their value as incubators of leaders in American society will confound the critics and assure the system's preservation? Time, and only time, will tell."

Fraternities purportedly saw their heyday in the 1940s and 1950s, a truism validated by heavy representation of those classes in letters recently sent to the commission. Since that time there have been deep-seated changes in fraternities, in the outside world, and in the values individuals bring to the College. Criticism of the Vietnam War and rebellion against traditional assumptions accompanied high school graduates to college campuses in the 1960s and 1970s. Protests became the milieu of the day, and interest in Greek-letter societies hit a record low about the same time as students took over Lorimer Chapel in 1970.

The consequences of lower membership maimed some of the local chapters, none more than KDR, which moved into the largest of the fraternity houses in September 1967. "KDR lost its character," an independent junior said when the chapter was suspended last spring. "They would take anyone they could get." Richard Manley, Jr., '83 (ATO), who was then coeditor of the *Echo*, put it in terms more black and white: "KDR doesn't have enough people; they essentially went out of business." The chapter was officially suspended in March 1983, and conditions for its reinstatement have not, at this writing, been agreed upon.

Alumni involvement in fraternities also waned in the past two decades, according to common perceptions, and prudential committees of several chapters became inactive. Thus when undergraduates' flagging interest in fraternities had caused a serious shortage of dormitory housing by 1973, the Alumni Council fraternity

committee was formed, composed entirely of fraternity alumni. The committee established minimum occupancy standards of 80 percent of each house's capacity and sanctioned the College to take over houses that could not meet the standards and to run them as dormitories. At the same time, the fall 1973 *Alumnus* reported that mail to President Robert E. L. Strider ran in favor of abolishing fraternities altogether. Instead, the administration performed various gymnastics to help the chapters occupy their houses.

Meanwhile financial pressures and changing mores made house-mothers seem dispensable. The combined loss of the "fostering mother" and the guidance of alumni placed more pressure on peer leadership in each house, and this was of increasingly uneven quality. "In the old days, undergraduates trained to be leaders and passed on their knowledge to others," Cotter said. In sharp contrast, Robert McLaughlin, Jr., '84 said that when he became DKE president last winter, he was not informed of current agreements between the chapter and the dean of students.

"The tradition of fraternities is that they're quite independent from the administration," Cotter explained when asked why the College did not earlier fill the gaps in fraternity leadership. "The officers and the alumni have always run the financial and disciplinary matters of the organizations; that is their special responsibility to the corporations," Cotter said. The very concept of the fraternities does imply a need for self-governance.

"Certainly we have an obligation to help," Cotter continued, citing examples of how the administration has done so. Active support throughout legal proceedings on the city tax issue (see page 3), individual meetings between the College treasurer and officers of each house, a special orientation session last fall for house presi-

dents, and contractor's estimates of maintenance needed in each house were among efforts initiated by the administration, which has sent letters to inform house and corporation presidents each time a problem has required attention. The administration also managed the third floor of KDR as a dormitory for two years and housed student research interns there during the intervening summer, turning all revenues from these arrangements over to KDR.

Given the tradition of fraternity independence and the fact that there *had* always been problems with fraternity members—who were once nearly all of the men on campus rather than one third of them as today—it is not surprising that the administration continued to deal with them in an essentially house-by-house, problem-by-prob-

social attitudes in fraternities. If these were not problems, it seems to me that the principle of maximum choice would have to prevail."

"I think the mood of the administration toward fraternities, while not negative, is punishment-oriented rather than reward-oriented," said administrative science Professor John Bubar '68 (LCA). "If you were a member of management going in to negotiate with labor, would you go into negotiations with a document like the [December 1982] Fraternity Report?" Cotter would disagree that the analogy applies: "The fraternity presidents are no more officers of the College than is the head of the Outing Club," he said. The "Fraternity Guidelines" were written, as their preamble states, to clarify "the responsibility of Colby

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**"The [fraternity] officers and the alumni have always run the financial and disciplinary matters of the organizations. That is their special responsibility to the corporations."**

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lem manner. It issued multitudinous reprimands and assumed that the chapters would respond productively to the problems identified, a stance for which it has been heavily criticized from every direction.

Some say the administration, or at least Cotter, has been gunning for the fraternities all along. "I certainly think I have expressed my impatience with fraternity excesses. On the other hand, I think I've been the one to insist that they be given every chance," Cotter responded. "Fraternities have produced leaders on campus, they allow a valuable chance for communal bonding, and they provide an avenue of choice for [male] students," the president observed. "There is a conflict between the concept of maximum choice and the disruptive behavior and anti-

and the fraternities in a joint effort to preserve and promote the goals and ideals of both." As long as the fraternities adhere to the guidelines, as some have, Cotter believes, "The College should not be involved in running them."

Others believe that the administration is already too immersed in fraternity business. "Infuriated" by the incidents of vandalism and destructive behavior reflected in the "Fraternity Report," Karen Heck '74, who read the document when she served on the Select Committee on Housing, asked: "What gives them the idea they can do this here? From my view, it's the administration. They have given them every chance—in my opinion, too many chances—to rectify their behavior." Her opinion was apparently shared by several Colby trustees, who, after



*Karen Heck '74: What gives fraternities the idea that they have a right to be destructive?*

reviewing the "Fraternity Report" they had requested for their January 1983 meeting, told the administration to issue fewer warnings and exercise more sanctions.

## Measurable Standards

In early discussions, Cotter learned that no objective standards for fraternity behavior had ever been articulated. After 18 subsequent months of discussion and negotiation the "Fraternity Guidelines" were approved by the Colby Board of Trustees in June 1981. They were previously approved by the Interfraternity Council (IFC), each chapter's prudential committee, and the student affairs committees of the College and of the board.

The guidelines were a natural product of attorney Cotter's sense of due process, and they did define fraternity ideals and College standards in measurable terms. But as a positive influence on fraternities diseased by lack of sound leadership, the guidelines were "sort of like putting up an electric fence for a cow," according to John Koons. He added that "it's fine for a cow because you're just growing meat."

A more apt comparison might be erecting a fence for a goat, which is clever enough to comprehend the challenge and disposed to explore every conceivable way to get over, around, or through it. "They don't understand the spirit in which the guidelines were written," Dean of Students Janice Seitzinger said last spring. "They're mad. They feel their independence and right to be male organizations are threatened. They're not aware of the amount of time, care, and student input that went into developing the guidelines. They rebel to the letter, pushing and pushing wherever they can and failing to realize the principles behind them."

No incident so easily illustrates the confusion some brothers experience regarding the guidelines as a DKE undergraduate's question when the prudential committee was developing a plan to avert the house's suspension at the same time as KDR's. The group discussed the need for every member to be familiar with the guidelines and the possibility of including a quiz on them in initiation activities. "But would that be hazing [forbidden by the guidelines]?" an adviser said one student asked.

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she was immediately criticized for inconsistent enforcement of them.

The guidelines invoked other criticism and problems, some pertaining to standards for fraternities that are higher than for Colby students in general. "The mean GPA of each fraternity shall be . . . no lower than .25 below the all-College average for each semester" according to the guidelines. The standard was established to quantify the "academic leadership" that the fraternal tradition claims, explained Dean of the College Earl Smith, who was dean of students when the guidelines were formed. Smith said that the all-College average was first selected as the guideline, but because some fraternities felt they would have trouble meeting that measure, it was lowered a quarter of a grade.

Although their officers agreed to the grade requirement, many fraternity members believe the minimum grade point average required for graduation should suffice as an academic standard of excellence. "We have a committee on standing to handle those questions," Bubar said in support of them. He added that the pressure on fraternity members is converted into pressure on the faculty to inflate grades, whereas "I'm trying

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engaged in "sibling rivalry" as the meaning and enforcement of the guidelines have unfolded. Last year, for instance, ATO required its pledges to paint the city jail. Normally this would clearly be a community service, but the guidelines define "road trips or any other such activities carried on outside the house" as hazing. When Seitzinger decided that the spirit of the guidelines was not to punish students for community service,

to convince these kids that it's OK to try something that's hard for them and to take a "C" at a school like Colby."

A more subtle and perhaps more troubling effect of the guidelines is also illustrated by the grade standard. When the guidelines were being written, according to Smith, no fraternity was in peril of dropping below the new standard. As soon as the guidelines were adopted, four houses fell below it.

Was this coincidence, rebellion, or a response to an inferred message that they were expected to do worse than they had been?

Whatever their flaws, the guidelines have provided a contractual paradigm for assessing the positive and negative contributions of fraternities to the Colby community. Some have met them with ease, others with some directed effort, some as well as they can, and others hardly at all. In the lat-

semester the IFC had realized that it should publicize activities "that could be overlooked" otherwise, and all chapters except KDR and DKE contributed to an IFC newspaper. Coordinator Greg Shefrin '85 (TDP) said they had no plans to distribute it on campus and would probably not be able to do so. Are they oblivious to the fact that their worst public relations problems occur in their own backyards, or do they feel no need

involved as we have now," Seitzinger said. But there they are, big as life, in the heart of College property.

"The fraternities know they have the best thing going on campus," according to Sigma Kappa President Page Johnson '84. Fraternity members interviewed for this article cited more intimate residential space and squatter's rights as definite benefits of brotherhood. "I think that half of the problem is that the living space in fraternities is so much better than in the dorms," said Tau Delt President Douglas Terp '84, who expressed his personal views before his appointment to the trustee commission. "That's something the College hasn't addressed."

Actually the College has responded to the problem in several ways and now awaits comprehensive direction from the trustee commission. The design of "The Heights" and renovations planned for older dormitories and nearly completed in Averill and Johnson suggest that trustees and administrators recognize certain themes in student residential preferences. Variations on room tenure and the current lottery system for dormitory assignments will be examined by the commis-

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ter cases, "They see [the guidelines] as a conspiracy to do away with fraternities, and they're suspicious of anything the administration initiates," according to Kenneth Gagnon, director of administrative services and campus adviser to DKE.

As the DKE house unwittingly courted suspension, "Everyone was [responding] like 'Forget Janice. She doesn't know what she's talking about,'" DKE President McLaughlin said. "When we realized it was serious, we shaped up. I think it's hard for her to be supportive and to do her job at the same time. When we do something wrong, she reprimands us; she's supportive when we do good things. I personally don't think she wants to see us thrown out."

## Bad Press

If the administration doesn't want to see fraternities eliminated, many others do. "They suffer a bad press," Bubar said with sympathy for fraternities. "But most of them are so secure that they don't think they need a public relations movement. There is a real lack of sense about how the community feels about them." By the end of spring

to respond to what IFC President John Anderson '85 (LCA) called "a loud minority"?

Those who recognize a need for change in the fraternity system number well beyond a few, and Anderson himself is among them. In practical terms, "The administration has a real good grip on the situation and the issues in the guidelines," he acknowledged. The guidelines cover academics; membership and occupancy; alumni support; housekeeping, safety, sanitation, and maintenance; finances; social responsibility; and initiation and hazing. "For some it means having to bend traditions. That's hard to do."

In philosophical terms, "The problem is the old fraternity tradition," according to Anderson. "Everyone knows it's an elitist, sexist group. It hasn't changed with the times."

## Prime Real Estate

In another location, the Greek societies might experience criticism only from "a loud minority." "If the fraternities were over on the other side of the fieldhouse, I'm not at all sure we'd have the same amount of discord and emotion



*Robert McLaughlin '84: DKE didn't know it was in bad shape.*

sion, but "special interest" clusters have already been introduced in the dormitories. Last year the administration approved a proposal for grouping students interested in the arts—although few signed up for such housing—and created a "women's studies floor" in Champlin.

The latter is a great equalizer among fraternity members and some of their outspoken critics, for the women's studies floor is at least superficially analogous to a fraternity. Carla Thompson '85, *Echo* coeditor last spring, said those living on their floor had become "a closely-knit community, a group of friends living together," definitely enjoying social dividends similar to those cited by fraternity members. Most of the floor's residents are members of the Women's Group, which, in spite of its name, is open to both men and women interested in reexamining traditional role divisions between the sexes. Since Champlin is a women's dormitory, however, residents of the "women's studies floor" are exclusively female.

More traditionally comparable to fraternities, sororities provide an additional suggestion that the Achilles' heel of fraternities is their dominance of a block of choice housing. At Colby, apparently, sisterhood is innocuous. "Sorority membership is small," Manley explained. "No one knows who's in them, no one knows what they do, and no one cares. They're not visible. They're not tangible, really."

## Wolf Whistles

Women's studies on the fraternity side of campus take on a very different and objectionable character. "It's a very uncomfortable feeling to walk by a group of [fraternity members] who don't say anything but just watch you," said one woman, while others complained of being "graded" for their looks or propositioned as they traversed



Patrick Brancaccio: "The exclusiveness of fraternities is inappropriate" at such a small college.

fraternity row. "I don't think that many people get upset about an occasional wolf whistle, but when it's a continual thing then people need to think about what they're doing," Terp said.

"The camaraderie, the locker-room wit—there's something about that atmosphere that encourages sexist behavior. I can guarantee that you could walk by a line of Coburn or men's quad residents and you wouldn't encounter the response that many women do on fraternity row," Seitzinger said.

"We used to be overly protective" of women, Bubar said of the segregated campus. "There was a real double standard. We were going to take care of Mummy's and Daddy's little girls, but the boys were 18 and they knew what the story was." Today "Women are more sensitive to harassment and more sensitive to how to use organizations to get things done," the administrative science professor said. They are saying loudly and clearly that they expect the ambience of the northeast side of campus to be more sophisticated than that of a "singles" bar, and many resent the fact that they have had to say so repeatedly.

Harassment has not been limited to women, however. In an admissions section included in the "Fraternity Report," Dean of Admissions Robert McArthur said that on several occasions prospective students and their parents touring campus "have been yelled at from the windows of fraternity houses, including phrases such as, 'Go to Bowdoin,' and worse." While a few students tittered at McArthur's prim parlance, trustees and faculty reacted with pronounced anger. "When they do those kinds of things, they see themselves as being above the needs of the community. That's arrogance, and it really frosts me," Bubar said.

## Brothers and Sisters?

Incidents of sexual harassment simply emphasize that "the fraternity houses are a vestige of a segregated campus, a male stronghold dominating the very central part of campus," as English Professor Patrick Brancaccio put it. While a lucid argument for separate men's and women's ice hockey teams registers immediately, the need for exclusively male social clubs is less apparent and, in fact, under fire.

"That Colby is coeducational and dominated by fraternities has not seemed anomalous because the situation has existed for so long, as opposed to colleges that have gone coeducational more recently," Cotter suggested. "We're experiencing a shock of recognition: 'What does equality for women mean? We should admit women to what?' There is resistance to those questions in society, yet we all object if exclusion is based on race."

"Fraternities provide a sense of social coherence for a lot of people but it's limited to men. The effect of that goes far beyond Colby. . . . What happens here also contributes to sexism elsewhere," Ericsson Broadbent III '84 argued. Bubar agreed: "In general, fraternity members are insensitive to what's going to happen when they



leave these brick walls and have to deal with women as professionals and superiors."

"There is a problem in fraternities to the extent that they're all male," granted Father Paul Coté (LCA), Catholic chaplain and IFC adviser. "The background is such that it's hard to conceive of them going coeducational, but there's no way that fraternities as we know them today can survive. The best of all worlds would be for the fraternities themselves to recognize they should go coed. It's part of human nature that you would rather agree to something than be ordered to do something."

A letter from a 1959 graduate to Cotter underscored Coté's remarks: "I had been thinking of writing since receiving a KDR letter asking me to encourage you to not make them accept women.

That letter made me want to encourage you to abolish fraternities."

Other chapters are tentatively exploring the option. PDT, below the minimum occupancy standard for the second year, decided to allow women to live in their house this year. As of mid-August, seven women planned to live in the house, but it was unclear how the national organization would respond. Consideration of coeducation was part of the DKE proposal that snatched the chapter from the jaws of suspension last spring. McLaughlin said the Dekes would survey what impact the consequent loss of national affiliation would have on alumni, adding "We're not for or against it right now." Last spring TDP voted overwhelmingly against coeducation, despite the urging of its presi-

dent and the fact that the chapter has long since withdrawn from its national organization.

Although Terp expressed a conviction that it would be wrong to allow women into fraternities for political reasons, he said, "In some way women have got to be included in the system. It would be a very, very positive experience to have women in the house as full members. They would add different perspectives to the interpersonal relationships. Brotherhood can be expanded. It doesn't have to be with the same sex, but it can be more like a family. If, for whatever reason, [fraternity members] think they can't live with women, then they have some serious problems." On the other hand, he said, "If the fraternities want it to succeed, it will work."

Critics think that the fact that

## A Comparative View of Fraternity Systems

Among its peers in the New England Small College Athletic Conference, Colby is the last to grapple with the issues resident in an exclusively male fraternity system. Solutions attempted at other colleges provide interesting points of comparison.

**Amherst:** All fraternity houses are owned by the college. In 1980, following a special examination of college life, the trustees mandated that "any student should have access to facilities on college property." Several fraternities had to alter their national affiliations to become coeducational.

**Bates:** The college has no fraternities.

**Bowdoin:** Fraternities are close to campus but not on college land. In the mid-1970s, Bowdoin's governing board voted to require fraternities to guarantee women equal

participation in the activities and governance of each chapter. Not all have complied.

**Connecticut College:** The college has no fraternities.

**Hamilton:** After studying the situation in recent years, Hamilton reaffirmed that fraternities are private, off-campus institutions. It has withdrawn from all fraternity affairs, such as collecting fees for them. One local fraternity is coeducational.

**Middlebury:** A 15-year debate led the college to acquire all fraternity houses. About 16 percent of the students belong to fraternities, some of which have national affiliations and some of which are coeducational.

**Trinity:** In May the board unanimously approved a committee recommendation that fraternities and sororities continue existence. The committee report clearly endorsed the principle that all student organizations should be open to members of both sexes, but it also provided that existing fraternities and sororities may apply for

exemptions to this rule if 75 percent of an organization's members vote to do so. The exemptions must be renewed with a fresh vote of members every three years.

The houses are off college property and are owned by the alumni association. The DKE chapter is voluntarily coeducational, implicitly forfeiting national affiliation.

**Tufts:** One of eight fraternities, Alpha Tau Omega, is coeducational, and there seems to be no interest in forming another coed fraternity. Two sororities are also active.

**Wesleyan:** Four fraternities are coeducational, and five are not. Alpha Delta Phi, which decided of its own accord to become coeducational, has maintained its national affiliation. Two of the all-male fraternities broke their national ties and experimented with coeducational housing for a few years, but they have now resumed all-male membership and returned to their national folds.

**Williams:** All fraternities were abolished by the trustees in 1970.



fraternities have hemmed and hawed over the question this long indicates profound resistance to the concept. Bubar was nonetheless empathetic: "The fraternity members don't want women in the house because they wouldn't be able to walk around in their underwear anymore—and to them, it's important to walk around in their underwear." The idea of coeducational fraternities is also bound to offend many tradition-minded alumni who believe the "old boys' network" they've enjoyed should remain just that.

Other fraternity alumni, perhaps the majority, are genuinely ambivalent and likely to abstain from any debate. "Certainly it wouldn't offend me if the fraternity went coed," said Jerome Goldberg '60 (TDP). "I don't have any strong feeling about it. That was a part of my life that was over in 1960, and now it's up to the people who are there."

Many fraternity critics believe coeducation poses no real solution to the issue of "a male stronghold." Brancaccio said, "Token tolerance is implicit in the concept," and the Select Committee on Housing, mandated by the trustees to examine the meaning of the College's commitment to "equal housing for both males and females," came to the same conclusion. Similarly, McLaughlin said that in a week he spent at the "coeducational" DKE chapter at Bowdoin, he saw only one woman in the house.

Even if women assumed a real presence as members of a fraternity, Bubar is not convinced that coeducational fraternities are a healthy concept. "I've always had a hard time with women who wanted to be 'one of the guys.'" Conceivably, women fraternity members could "be themselves, but group pressure will bring some young ladies into the pits. They'd better be damn strong and have pretty special personalities if they're going to know when to



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be one of the group and when to be individuals."

When the select committee, chaired by Trustee Kevin Hill '50 (ZP) reported to the board in April, it affirmed the right of *every* student to have access to *all* types of housing. To achieve this, the committee recommended that fraternities be removed from their houses, which the College would then run as dormitories. The original agreements between the fraternities and Colby indicate that such a change is within Colby's authority and define options for financial recognition of fraternity investments.

John Hooper '61 (ATO), who dissented in the committee's 6-2 vote, criticized what he considered a committee bias from the outset of the inquiry. Issues of sexism and exclusive organizations "are important but not compelling enough to consider the solution proposed," Hooper said. "They aren't at Colby, and they aren't in the 'real world.'"

"Women *don't* have to deal with sexism everywhere," Cotter objected. "There are legal con-

straints. Beyond that, Colby has its own standards. It would be a mistake for us to have something in our midst that is discriminatory without examining whether it is operating in a way that is consistent with our standards."

"The institution must balance its ideals with the reality of where folks are going to be when they leave here," Bubar moderated. "I object to the concept that Colby isn't the real world. It's skewed—but all organizations are skewed."

## Under the Influence

Fraternities' imposition on the Colby landscape is clearly the consequence of decisions made decades ago, but how roughly a sixth of the student population dominates student social life cannot be so neatly explained. Ironically, antisocial behavior in the forms of extreme drunkenness, vandalism, and sexual harassment reaches its greatest proportions in conjunction with the massive fraternity gatherings.

"Whether 'they' want to admit it or not, fraternities are popular on campus, the social nucleus of the College," according to Richard Leitch '85. "All they need for a party is one night's notice. You go to one party, and you go to the same party the next weekend—at a different house, but it's the same people and the same setup. More people show up at one fraternity party than there are at ten College-promoted functions." "Fraternities are a very important social element," agreed McLaughlin. "All the deans are concerned about is academics," he said, implying that the students have broader interests. "We could have a thousand people at a party," McLaughlin claimed.

"This is the only college I'm aware of where you can get virtually free booze," Coté marveled in reference to fraternity keg parties. "That doesn't exist anywhere else in the free world." Although

availability of alcohol is not supposed to be advertised on campus, signs frequently make it known that a host fraternity will provide "BEvERages" for a nominal cover charge.

In contrast, "The dormitories have never asked to have as much alcohol as the fraternities request," Seitzinger said. "The dorms really don't have the facilities for similar parties." Even so, the administration sees signs that fraternities are not the alpha and omega of students' social inclinations. Last year, for the first time, the number of parties registered for the dormitories outnumbered those in the fraternities. Seitzinger said that "60 percent of the parties were in dormitories. In other years it's been more like 70:30 the other way. . . . Even fraternity members get sick of their parties by their senior year."

Every house has its own image, whether real, contrived, or imagined, that influences the expectations of its guests, particularly en masse. Whereas at one house party goers might expect some risqué activity, at another they might expect to be rowdy or "get stoned," and such images easily become self-fulfilling under the influence of alcohol. The only house that performs its own housekeeping has quite a different reputation among students, summarized succinctly by one who also expressed admiration for the chapter: "ATO is for boy scouts."

Three students interviewed, all members of different fraternities, said that most damage during parties was done by guests. Some of the houses nonetheless cater to rowdy crowds. Gagnon, formerly head of safety and security, indicated that some fraternity leaders had grown expert at negotiating for permission to obtain a maximum number of kegs. "If the beer runs out, the fraternity is a bunch of 'nerds,'" he explained.

If judged by the standards of most of their Colby peers, the Greek societies perform a great

social service by throwing campus parties. "Apathy is a big problem on campus. That's why fraternities are so prominent in social life here; the brothers provide all the work," Johnson said. "Colby doesn't provide enough alternatives to the pub and keg parties, and the academic pressure is so intense that people need to blow it off. It would be great to have a place to dance. . . ."

Brancaccio expressed a faculty responsibility in the situation as well. "Students are so alienated from what this place means that they perceive a huge dichotomy between learning and recreation. Learning is grinding away; there is no intellectual pleasure. That alienation obliges the faculty to look at the curriculum and how it's taught."

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Bubar concurred: "Look at the profile of Colby students in high school. How many of these kids have met failure? How many are competitive? In high school they were all in the top 10 percent of their classes, and here 90 percent of them can't be in the top 10 percent. The admissions policies, the pressure of rigorous courses and the demanding faculty, and the age group itself lead to [a need to blow off steam]."

Other segments of the campus community may take part in fraternity brouhahas only on weekends, which Seitzinger acknowledged as a double standard. "There are bars in the fraternity houses with kegs on tap all of the time. We wouldn't allow that in the dormitories, so should the College intervene? We also allow brothers-only parties, yet if all of Dana got together, we would

not allow them to have a party [during the week]."

The "brothers-only" drinking is subject to some of the deepest criticism. While Cotter fully agreed that "parties are a positive function as well as a negative one," he said, "The availability of alcohol and casualness of alcohol use [in fraternity houses] is *not* healthy. We lost a fraternity member [last] year because he was an alcoholic. He had to be hospitalized." His fraternity brothers confronted him, according to Cotter, but turned to no other source of help. "He got drunk at *their* parties. Maybe he would have gotten that way in the dormitories, but it wouldn't have been so easy" because dormitory staff are trained to respond to such problems. "His parents offered to do anything to help wipe out fra-

ternities," Cotter said. Along very different lines, the administration asked fraternity presidents and prudential committee chairs to join this year's training program for dormitory staff.

"Most harassment [on campus] takes place under the influence of alcohol, and most of the alcohol is in the fraternities," Bubar asserted, adding, "They're getting better information about alcohol than I ever got. I think the College has come a long way in making this a healthier environment." Which fraternities make good use of this information is another question, but it is clear some do not.

## Secret Societies

Some of the most complicated and inflamed issues surrounding fraternities involve the double-edged

sword of exclusivity. Although one may argue that house character improves if fraternities have the option of picking and choosing their members, the concept of exclusion based on undefined criteria is heavily attacked.

"What confounds me is that it took the quiche-eaters and wimpy 'independents' all these years to finally emasculate the fraternity system at Colby," an enraged 1967 graduate wrote to Cotter after the College began KDR and DKE suspension proceedings last spring. "This is a tribute to the innate hardness of the frats. The loudest cries denouncing DKE always came

the quality of relationships with freshmen "totally changed" after the friends pledged. "There's more pressure to socialize within the group than outside of it," he explained.

"Oftentimes one needs to start with small groups to reach out to large groups, as do the religious orders," Coté countered, his point supported by fraternity social service projects.

"My perception of Colby's current fraternity 'system' is that its principal weakness lies not in the existence of fraternities per se, but in a rushing process which begins almost from the moment a new-

Mackenzie, a former president of both his fraternity and the IFC at Bowdoin, elicited the wrath of the fraternal community by expressing his views on its influence on the liberal arts educational process. "From personal experience, I can say without hesitation that fraternity membership is the greatest impediment I face in persuading students to examine critically the lives that they live and the beliefs that they hold," he wrote in his *Echo* article.

"Many of us have sat back and said, 'Hell, people can't be believing all this,'" Hooper responded. "The fraternity system sits back at its peril. It must address the larger issues that are the real issues."

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from those who were unable to gain entrance to this fine organization."

"These are closed societies," government Professor Calvin Mackenzie, a member of Beta Theta Pi, wrote in the April 7 *Echo*. "Even worse is the fact that their exclusionism is their principal *raison d'être*. . . . Were the basketball coach or the Glee Club director to deny people the right to participate merely because they didn't fit the image of the group or because one or two people in the group didn't like them, it is a safe bet that their employment by the college would soon be in jeopardy. But there is no way for the college to hold fraternities and sororities similarly accountable for their membership decisions. Those decisions are made and implemented in secret."

"The exclusiveness of fraternities is inappropriate. It's already a small college. Presumably people come here to broaden their perspectives," Brancaccio said. Similarly, several students, including Broadbent, complained that

comer steps on campus. The inevitable result of this social pressure is to 1) undermine feelings of college and class unity gained from sharing the freshman experience, 2) accord the fraternities an exaggerated sense of importance in the Colby community, and 3) polarize the campus through superficial selection criteria fostered by the 'rush to rush' . . . in which the common thread is an early affinity for some activity rather than a more genuine interpersonal relationship," wrote George Betke, Jr., father of Eric '86 (KDR).

"One of the negative things a fraternity can become is an enclave," Bubar remarked. "You go home after class to a place where everyone thinks the same," a theoretical problem that several of Bubar's colleagues believe exists at Colby and enters the classroom. Many fraternity members, according to Mackenzie, "sit in the corner and giggle and nudge one another. Their body language says very clearly, 'We don't need to listen to this.'"

## Redeeming Graces

One of the image problems plaguing the fraternity system is that some of its strongest benefits are intangible to those outside fraternal bounds. Even so, Bubar believes that "the things they do for one another benefit this campus."

He recalled John Lemoine '83, whose LCA friends gave him the critical support necessary to emerge from self-pity and fight his way back to normal activities after receiving incapacitating burns (see the winter 1983 *Alumnus*). "I don't think he would have received that kind of constructive criticism in the dormitory," Bubar said. "The real value of the system is to provide support. There's a lot of potential for that, but it could be used better here."

"Socially, it's nice for lazy people like me," Manley reflected humorously. "I can't think of a better way to get to know 30 or 40 people." Terp agreed: "Being in the house means living with a smaller group than in the dormitory, and they're people who are close. I consider some people as close as I do my sisters. There's unconditional support and sharing of successes." "It's absolutely true that fraternities provide a bonding

experience different than that in other organizations," affirmed Cotter. "When I travel I meet [some] Dekes who know only Dekes, but they *really* know Dekes!"

The fraternal system also provides opportunities to develop leadership skills. "It appears elitist on the outside, but inside it's raw democracy," according to Coté. "I've learned as much from dealing with finances in the fraternity—things like budgeting and setting priorities—as I probably have in my classes," said Terp. "The hard facts about how to get along with organizations are hard to mirror in the classroom," Bubar concurred. "It has to be a learning experience to listen to Janice and convey to members of your fraternity what her priorities are."

The track records of some fraternities suggest that some presidents have failed to learn essential leadership skills, but Bubar insisted that the resulting turmoil also bears benefits. "There's a value to conflict. You gain something when you realize you aren't the master of your fate. There's a lot of learning going on here. There's a lot of conflict, and some of it is inexcusable, but do we expect instant maturity? Do we want to force instant maturity?"

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**"They must be Colby citizens first and fraternity members second. . . . Alumni need to get more involved if there's going to continue to be a fraternity system at Colby."**

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Peer pressure does have its positive effects within the fraternity system, according to Terp. "One person represents the whole house. Because of this, in several instances brothers have called one another out on negative behavior. There are some things that just aren't acceptable, contrary to popular opinion."

McLaughlin and others spoke of

"a strong sense of group enterprise." Manley extended the concept: "Fraternities provide manpower and a governance system so you can get larger things done. The basic foundation is set, and it has a lot of potential."

Community service, in the form of such enterprises as the Big Brother/Big Sister program, has traditionally been one of the "larger things" accomplished by the Greek societies, and so it was included in the "Fraternity Guidelines." Subsequently, these "functions normally done by fraternities out of a central awareness or a sense of responsibility to the larger society have been incorporated into the disciplinary process," as Coté observed. The effect has been demeaning. "I think it's a kind of blood money," one faculty member said. "Seventeen Hail Marys and two community service projects and you're clear."

Terp voiced no objection to the influence of the guidelines on community service and opined that "not enough houses are active enough. . . . Clarification is necessary, however, as to what's expected in terms of social service. I think service to the campus is more important than service to the Waterville community," he said, citing sponsorship of forums and



*Paul Coté: "Oftentimes one needs to start with small groups to reach out to large groups."*

vehicle for alumni identification with Colby. "When an alumnus goes back to a college, he doesn't go back to look at his dormitory," Coté asserted. "I think, from a psychological viewpoint, people need change, but they also need something that is unchanging—that 'Rock of Gibraltar' concept."

This is not the role of Zeta Psi membership for Marvin Joslow '48, who said he pledged because, "At the time it seemed like the right thing to do. For a brief period of time, it was meaningful." However, Joslow said, "If fraternities and sororities fill a function but are not consistent with the objectives of the College, the administration *must* provide an alternative that is consistent with College objectives."

## Debate Goes On

"The situation is not so clearly positive or negative that we need to look no further," Cotter said, but discussions became more structured as the Trustee Commission on Campus Life intensified its inquiry this fall. Hearings, visits to other campuses, and surveys were

availability of house libraries for seminar meetings as benefits some fraternities promote.

Even so, he indicated that he had grown weary of campus committee work, providing an additional insight into the appeal of fraternities: "I can see results when I work in the house."

For these reasons, fraternities sometimes serve as the primary

to be conducted in September and October. These, along with letters to the commission, will form the basis for its report and recommendations, which the full board will discuss in January.

Will fraternities be able to evolve to become fully compatible



*John Anderson '85: "What we're trying to do is take the criticism and better ourselves."*

with other groups on campus? Is a complete metamorphosis of the structure of residential life necessary? Can the bad apples be picked out of the fraternal barrel to leave a smaller but more wholesome system? The commission will hear totally divergent opinions.

Some believe all or part of the system fits Betke's description of KDR when he visited last winter. "Speaking as a corporate management consultant, I would characterize KDR as being in a 'turn-around' posture which, as with a business enterprise, requires time for full implementation. In a college-student organization where people represent the only real element of change, such a change necessarily takes up to four years," wrote the Amherst alumnus.

Others have expressed a belief that further investment in the system is wasteful. "... Alumni should be upset that their money is going to pay for a dean of fraternities, essentially, not a dean of

students," Heck said. Seitzinger estimated that fraternity issues consume about 30 percent of her time, roughly twice the proportion that fraternity members represent in the student body. (Individual problems of fraternity members were not counted as fraternity issues in her calculation.) John W. Deering '55 (ZP) has told administrators that less understanding and more expulsions would solve the stress on the dean's schedule in short order, but Seitzinger said, "In order for the guidelines to be effective, [that amount of her attention] has been necessary."

"There's too much of a 'them versus us' attitude. We need to look at it from other perspectives. . . . Fraternities should be allowed to exist as long as they change to meet the needs of the College community," Broadbent contended, but he added, "If there are not blanket changes made, the administration is unwilling to confront the deficiencies of the system as a whole. My beef is at an institutional level."

"Perhaps fraternities should not

"The concerns are real, but the focus is misplaced," according to Hooper. "In five years the administration will still be tilting at windmills, but they'll be different windmills. . . . Individual fraternities must recognize the legitimate, articulated goals of the College, and they have to be creative in doing so. They must be Colby citizens first and fraternity members second. . . . Alumni need to get more involved if there's going to continue to be a fraternity system at Colby. It doesn't take many."

"Abolishing fraternities is the quickest, most comprehensive way to improve the educational process," Mackenzie maintained. "Fraternity systems always follow the bell curve. If you eliminate the worst, others will take their place."

"The commission needs to look at how much fraternities have changed," Anderson said, adding that he thinks the change is attitudinal, not superficial. Those who rebelled against the guidelines are "the breed that's going out," in

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be saddled with the burden of owning their own buildings," suggested Peter Bogle '70 (KDR). "The need to fill a house can cause a fraternity to grow too large." An alumnus in the Class of 1966 more strongly advocated taking fraternities out of the houses: "While at Colby and afterwards, I have often thought of the exciting potential of using the fraternity buildings as small dormitories with groupings of students and faculty members sharing common academic interests or as an organized mixing point for students in interdisciplinary studies."

the IFC president's appraisal. "What we're trying to do is take the criticism and better ourselves," he said, implying that there's now extra incentive. "It's in the air. You can be suspended."

"I have a personal philosophy of gradualism," said Coté, but "maybe it's too late to do it gradually. The fraternities tended to backtrack rather than to go forward. . . . If fraternities are not contributing to the growth of the College, then they're a detriment."

# Hello, Old Friends

*A record number of alumni made personal pilgrimages back to Colby in June*



*A tour of the art gallery led by Museum Director Hugh Gourley was one of three presentations made by faculty members at this year's reunions.*

READY HUMOR, HIGH SPIRITS, recreation, and late-night chatter characterized the record assembly of 1,100 alumni and family members on campus June 3-5.

A new element in the 1983 reunions was the opportunity to attend faculty presentations. Whereas Museum Director Hugh Gourley's gallery tour and discussion of "Eighteenth Century Art in the Colby Collection" appealed to many adults, grownups and wide-eyed children alike watched chemistry Professor Wayne Smith present "A Chemical Magic Show: Thermodynamics in Everyday Life." Charlie Bassett, Dana Professor of American Studies and English, packed Given Auditorium with viewers of "A Sight and Sound Presentation of the '30s."

Meanwhile several classes attended events planned by their own reunion chairpersons and refused to allow heavy rains to diminish the fun. Reports indicated that members of the Class of 1973 hardly noticed that their bluegrass festival took place at the end of Wadsworth Gymnasium in lieu of the outdoor Gould Shell!

Following a lively social hour and banquet on Friday, alumni gave vigorous applause to those whose service and achievements were recognized with awards (see pages 20-21). Yet the evening's

most moving presentation was made to Colby by the twenty-fifth reunion class. Members of the Class of 1958 raised more than \$103,000 to establish the Bill and Mardie Bryan Scholarship Fund to benefit sons and daughters of Colby alumni. Almost 50 percent of the class contributed to the largest reunion gift Colby has ever received.

William L. Bryan '47, now assistant to the director of admissions at the University of Maine at Orono, was on hand to witness the presentation by Bruce Blanchard '58, class president. Bryan was director of Colby admissions from 1952 to 1963 and earlier served as freshman ice hockey coach and assistant dean of men. A former alumni trustee and "C" Club Man of the Year in 1972, Bryan is now an overseer. Blanchard cited the many forms of support the Bryans had given Colby students, a tribute that was especially poignant to those who were aware of Margaret Bradley Bryan's death last year.

Some reunion events are so popular that no amount of rain can dampen enthusiasm for them, as the Saturday noon lobster and clam bake proved once again. Later on Saturday the classes cleaved unto themselves for dinners, merry-making, and dancing into the night. One participant

commented that while she thoroughly enjoyed seeing old friends, the most delightful aspect of the reunion was befriending people in her class whom she had not known during her undergraduate years.

On a bright Sunday morning, over 200 alumni and friends filed into Lorimer Chapel for the Boardman Memorial Service, which honors those who have died in the previous year. Edwin D. Merry '29 addressed them in a sermon titled "*Totis Veribus: With All Thy Strength.*" Emphasizing the importance of each moment in life, of keeping one's word without equivocation, and of seeking space in which to return to the simple truths, he said: "As a sure way to the lessening of stress and escape from the cacophony of today's world, I invite you to drink of the dews of nature. Go out to the quiet places." *Copies of Merry's address are available from the Collegen editor.*

Leaving a quiet campus behind them, the reunion participants departed to enjoy vacations or return to daily responsibilities, but many continued thinking of their reunion experiences. Susan Conant '75 said the staff was grateful to receive many appreciative letters, as well as thoughtful suggestions for improving reunion festivities.

# Who Merits an Alumni Award?



*The many Colby hats worn by Wilson Piper '39 were acknowledged with the Mariner Distinguished Service Award, "after which simple, but sincere, thank-yous will have to do for what you will undoubtedly offer Colby in the future," he was told.*

OF ALL THE CEREMONIES HONORING students, alumni, and distinguished journalists, statesmen, artists, and scholars each year at Colby, the awards banquet on Reunion Weekend is probably the most invigorated. On no other occasion do over 500 alumni gather to cheer the contributions their classmates and others have made to the phenomenon called the Colby community.

One of the two service awards, the Colby Brick, was first given to alumni whose dedication helped build the campus on Mayflower Hill. Made by Portland's Alcaeus Cooley of the same materials as sheathe Lorimer Chapel and the new Miller Library addition, the Brick award today acknowledges sustained service to Colby in a variety of roles.

This year's recipients—James

Harris '27, Charles W. Weaver, Jr. '30, Bertrand Hayward '33, Susan Fairchild Bean '57, and John '58 and Marian Woodsome Ludwig '58—together represent the gamut of possible service to Colby. They have been class officers, agents, and correspondents, alumni club and Alumni Council members, parents, fraternity advisers, career planning mentors, trustees, overseers, and reunion organizers. They have worked at telethons, established endowed funds, and volunteered to recruit and interview prospective students. They have belonged to special support groups for the arts and letters at Colby, and they are each currently active with Colby in several ways. "There are so many opportunities for someone to do something for the College," according to R. Dennis Dionne '61, Alumni Council

awards committee chairman, that "it comes through very quickly who [among nominees] deserves recognition."

Dionne said that if there is a theme in the motivation of most Brick recipients, it is simply that they want to continue their reports with the kinds of people they have met through Colby. His own experience has been similar. He said that first he was only occasionally involved in recruiting students, especially athletes, because those were the levels on which he related best to Colby's needs. He was primarily occupied with beginning his career and family then. "About 10 or 15 years later, it became clear that my values and the people I enjoyed dealing with were tied to the College. My closest friends were people who went to Colby." Thus, about three years ago, Dionne started involving himself more in Colby club and Alumni Council activities: "The sense of camaraderie makes it worthwhile."

The awards committee is trying to heighten the distinction of the Brick by awarding it to only three to five individuals each year and by broadening the search process. The committee now solicits nominations year-round and literally begins discussing possible award recipients for the following year on the morning after awards have been made. The committee has also actively solicited nominations from the alumni at large, acknowledging that many serve Colby substantially in locales distant from New England. "A lot of people aren't aware that 'I can have impact on the nominations'," Dionne said.

Infrequently the Brick is awarded to someone who did not attend Colby. "When we select someone who has been an employee we need to be careful



that their contributions go well beyond the job description," explained Dionne. "It has to be someone like John Joseph in 1976, so that it makes alumni feel terrific that he or she received it."

The superior recognition for alumni or friends who have exercised sustained and exceptional commitments to Colby is the Mariner Distinguished Service Award. It was first awarded in 1981 to Ernest C. Marriner, in 1982 to J. Seelye Bixler, and this year to Trustee Wilson Piper '39. "Clearly it should be reserved for people of their caliber," Dionne emphasized, so a recipient will not necessarily be named each year.

One award that is completely detached from service to Colby is the Distinguished Alumnus Award, a fact this year's recipient, author Robert B. Parker '54, brought home with an acceptance speech made in the irreverent and independent tradition of his detective series hero, Spenser. The award honors individuals whose professional accomplishments and distinctions have been outstanding, and Dionne said it should be given each year. "There are a vast number of potential candidates out there. The alumni can really help us seek them out."

Nominations are reviewed by the Alumni Council awards committee in consultation with the alumni office staff. The 25-member committee requests specific reasons why an individual merits consideration for a particular award, and if additional information on the candidate is needed, Dionne said he contacts the person who made the nomination.

Nominations for the 1984 awards are now sought from members of the reunion classes and other alumni, and may be submitted on the form on this page. The committee welcomes nominations on an ongoing basis; they may be sent in care of the Colby alumni office.



*The Spenser detective series, other novels, and nonfiction written by Robert B. Parker '54 were given additional recognition with the Distinguished Alumnus Award.*



*Marian (Woodsome) '58 and John Ludwig '58 together accepted one of the 1983 Brick awards.*



*This year's other Colby Brick recipients include, left to right, Charles W. Weaver, Jr. '30, Susan Fairchild Bean '57, Bertrand Hayward '33, and James Harris '27.*

#### Alumni Awards Nomination Form

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_, Class of 19\_\_\_\_, for the \_\_\_\_\_ Award. My recommendation is based on the following activities by the nominee:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sign and mail to: Alumni Council Awards Committee, c/o Office of Alumni Relations, Colby College, Waterville, Maine 04901.

Thank you.



# Colby's Eclectic Ecclesiastic

*John Ineson's style of ministry is well-suited to an exploring flock*



**A**LANKY MAN WEARING AN ALMOST-AFRO HAIRSTYLE and vestments of the Episcopal Church picks up a guitar. He strums it lightly for a few suspended moments. Then he centers himself on song, invoking the Freshman Convocation.

Members of the classes of 1985 and 1986 will recall such a scene, and, if they talked with the singer later, they probably discovered a College chaplain unlike any other minister with whom they've spoken.

"At the Freshman Convocation, President Cotter pushed the students to get out and experience everything they can at Colby. I find that 'right on,'" said Ineson, who was thus persuaded to accept the campus ministry in 1981. "The most important interview I had was with President Cotter regarding his expectations for the College chaplaincy. He said he hoped I would represent world religions on campus. That emphasis was resonant."

Few have, in fact, so well established their credentials as eclectics. After receiving an S.T.B. degree from Berkeley School of Divinity at Yale, Ineson served parishes in New Hampshire and upstate New York until 1972. Then, eight years after ordination, he decided, "My interests were wider than parish

ministry. I was getting my midlife crisis over early," he chuckled. "Coming to Maine was also a tremendous exercise in faith. I did it with no employment and no money, without the kind of security we come to expect as standard."

"This is, in a very real sense, the first 'real' job I've had since coming to Maine." Nonetheless the part-time appointment at Colby allows him ample time to continue his free-lance ministry elsewhere. Before accepting responsibility for the Sunday morning worship service in Lorimer Chapel, Ineson had conducted services in more than half of the Episcopal churches in Maine, and he still turns up in places less predictable—unless one knows him. A reader might find him performing a memorial service at Seven Elms Home in Washington, Maine, or selling seaweed and dried fruit in The Way of Life Center, which he, his wife, and another couple own in their home community of Waldoboro. He might also be seen trout fishing in the St. George River or singing at the Bounty Tavern in Bath.

Ineson said his involvement in the center, which offers whole foods and instruction in such areas as macrobiotic cooking and meditation, is a personal variation of tithing, whereas "The bulk of my income comes from making music." Although he acknowledged that some nightclubs—where he sings works by himself, Dan Fogelberg, Neil Diamond, John Denver, and others—elicit only his "live juke box aspect," working in such a setting "just helps to restore my balance." His performances at other establishments and private parties, however, are not at all unrelated to his spiritual interests.

"Connections are made very deeply through sound. It evokes the whole range of human emotions," Ineson explained. "Music can make people feel better or more fulfilled, and that's healing. One of the most important aspects of Jesus' ministry was giving of his extra energy to heal others."

"A sense of community is created around the music. Without getting tied up in the quality of the experience, that's an expression of the church's life. Frankly, speaking personally, I have a hard time putting a qualitative value on human experiences that have a depth to them."

With such a philosophy, it is no wonder that Ineson broadly defines his campus ministry as "a moral commitment . . . to provide a vehicle for the spiritual needs of students, to help them connect with other students of the same religious bent. One of the primary things I'd like to accomplish is for students to tell others, 'You don't have to be a Christian to go talk with him.'"

His ecumenical disposition is evident in Ineson's

work with Quaker students, cooperative efforts to organize an Eastern Orthodox presence on campus, sponsorship of a Sufi film and dance experience last spring, and his sermons themselves: "Self-consciousness is antithetical to true religion. . . . True religion is being able to help others and not becoming jaundiced by the world."

"My ministry has never been conditioned by expected roles, except in liturgical situations," Ineson explained privately. "I'm not simply an institutional Christian; I'm first a follower of Jesus. He was a non-institutional person, . . . thrown out of the Jewish temples. Our faith wouldn't be here without the institutional church, but that's not the limit."

"Literally hundreds of students on this campus are involved in some expression of their religious aspects. Pastorally, you deal with each person as an individual. You meet persons where they are; you don't ask them to come to where you are."

How to promote a sense of community among the individuals at Colby is the major challenge Ineson believes the College chaplaincy must address. "What seem to be the difficulties on campus are not the diseases; they're the symptoms. When there is litter, buildings are defaced, and there is lack of respect for property, I think it's safe to say there is not a sense of community. The only way you can spray-paint words on a building is if you don't consider it yours."

The chaplain's efforts to embrace this challenge are hampered by his low profile. He is the first Colby chaplain without classroom responsibilities, and

students who are aware of him as a resource can meet with him but two days weekly. In contrast, the Catholic church supports the full-time campus ministry of Father Paul Coté, who many students assume is the College chaplain. Both priests alight with laughter as they recall the night Ineson and his wife, Anna, checked in at Roberts Union for the guest room the College chaplain had reserved. "Oh, good evening, Father Paul!" blurted the student at the desk.


Beyond chapel attendance and participation in the Chaplain's Study Group, students are most likely to meet Ineson in the dining halls, where he randomly joins groups. "Perhaps they'll think, 'Gee, here's someone I can talk to who will never give me a grade,' " he explained.

On that chance, Ineson cheerfully abridges his macrobiotic diet each day that he's on Mayflower Hill. That he might do otherwise is an offensive thought, revealing more of the chaplain's personal belief system. "If there's anything that appalls me, it's someone who does their diet on you. . . . Macrobiotics is simply based on an understanding of balancing expansive and contractive foods. Its goal is to produce psychological flexibility. What Christianity is really about is flexibility, or love. It's not a law-based religion."

"I am all things to all people." The corners of Ineson's eyes crinkled with private amusement as he paraphrased the apostle Paul. "That's a Zen concept—to be where you are at the moment."



*The interest of the Colby community in international religious celebrations was reflected in the record attendance at the thirteenth annual Festival of Carols and Lights. About 1,500 persons gathered during the three nights of international Christmas music organized by Ineson. He is shown here at the right, playing Irish Christmas songs with Adele and Louis Sinclair of Waterville.*



# On the Horizon: The Class of 1983

**B**EFITTING THE MIXED FEELINGS that fill hearts at Commencement, this year's 365 Colby graduates listened to solemn messages amidst sunlight and dancing breezes on the weekend of May 21-22. Reports of two bald eagles soaring overhead during the ceremony provided another good omen for the new alumni.

The blessing of the elements was a delightful surprise, as Class Speaker Steven S. Nicholas (Topsfield, Mass.) expressed: "It was supposed to rain yesterday, so I just assumed that somehow the storm had been maliciously moved back a day just to spite [members of] the Class of 1983 and their families. . . . In fact, I had to wake up early this morning to rewrite this introduction, which contained approximately four references to boiling in the gymnasium like Maine lobsters."

Noting his own bittersweet feelings about the graduation ceremonies in his baccalaureate, President William R. Cotter said he felt some sadness "because the Class of 1983 and the Cotters were all freshmen in the fall of 1979, and it seems all too soon for you to leave. I will even miss your classmate who said to me at one of our senior receptions, 'Tell me, is being president of Colby a full-time job, or do you do something else on the side?'"

Others who will be missed on campus were prominent during the weekend's pomp and circumstance. Diane Peterec, an administrative science major from Smithtown, N.Y., received the Condon Medal for demonstrating, in her classmates' assessment, "the finest qualities of citizenship and for contributing to the development of the College." This year's class marshals, sharing recognition for the highest academic achievement within the class, were Massachusetts' residents David Niles of Raynham, who majored in physics, and Daniel Weeks of Amherst, who majored in biology and mathematics.



*Class Speaker Steven S. Nicholas*

Both Cotter and U.S. Senator George J. Mitchell urged members of the Class of 1983 to strive for high levels of achievement and involvement, which were exemplified by this year's honorary degree recipients: tax attorney Kenneth Bergen, economist Otto Eckstein, civil and child rights advocate Marian Wright Edelman, poet Seamus Heaney, Mitchell, and conductor Eve Queler.

Many of the 1983 graduates are striking out in like directions, while others are pursuing interim interests. Professor James McIntyre, director of career services, said a preliminary survey indicated that 17 percent of the graduates will proceed directly to graduate or professional schools, "extremely prestigious schools in all areas." Another 52 percent said they plan eventually to attend graduate school. McIntyre pointed out that many of the top M.B.A. and law programs now recommend that prospective students acquire two to five years of postgraduate work experience before applying for admission.

While 10 percent of the class expressed plans to travel for an indefinite period, 21 percent entered full-time employment immediately after graduation. Several were employed as

"economic consultants," accepting terminal appointments in business to gain experience before applying to master's programs. Some scattered with the four winds to work at the Pushkin Institute in Moscow, to join the Leo Burnett advertising agency in Chicago, to run a catering firm in Denver, or to become a hotel desk clerk in Fairbanks, Alaska.



The Commencement crowds shared many moments of levity throughout the ceremonies. As Mitchell, an alumnus of Bowdoin and George Washington University School of Law, delineated his Colby ties, he reminded listeners that he had grown up "just a few hundred yards" from the old campus. "After graduating from college and while waiting to go into the Army, I worked on the grounds crew here," he continued. "This led my father to suggest that this institution had advanced to the point where you needed a Bowdoin degree to mow the lawns at Colby." The quip supported the senator's remark that George, Sr., an employee of the Buildings and Grounds department for 15 years, "loved Colby with an intensity to match that of the most dedicated alumnus."

Class speakers tend to be heavily pressured to perform as court jesters, and Nicholas upheld the imposed tradition while describing the rigors of his Commencement mission. "I was probably the only senior to engage in any kind of semi-serious intellectual activity during these last seven 'days of our lives.' The natural tendency for a senior who has just finished her or his last college exam is to completely shut off the mind for a bit, presumably to allow the brain cells to regenerate. (Of course we then proceed to destroy thousands more of the little guys by subjecting them to non-stop social activity.) . . . So I had the dubious distinction of being the only human being in Miller Library at 3 a.m. on Saturday."

Nicholas waxed more serious as he noted how Colby influenced the personal growth of many students yet failed to touch others. He went on to advise his peers to look forward to challenges but not to the extent of living in the future rather than the present.

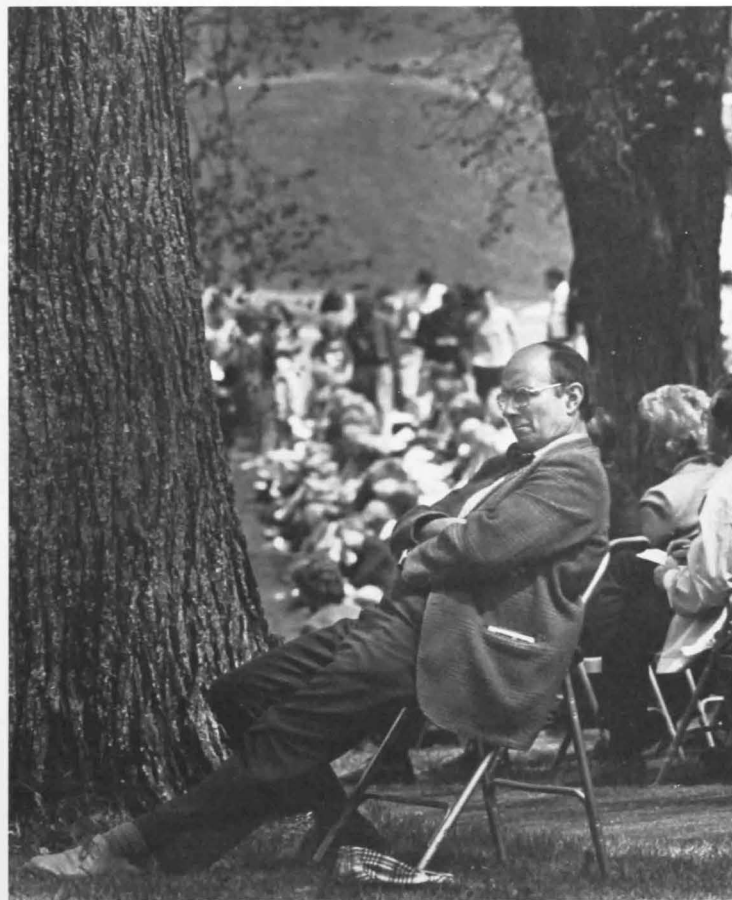
*The full text of the class speaker's address is available from the College editor.*

# Faces in the Crowd



Counterclockwise from top: Mary Whiting, whose husband, William, is pictured on the back cover, shares a congratulatory moment with her granddaughter, Karin (Dover, Mass.), and Karin's mother, Gunnila. All smiles, Steven Albert (Sharon, Mass.) and Thomas Ahern (Kennebunk, Maine) await the close of Commencement Exercises. Susan Shaver's (Somers, Conn.) good humor is heightened as she listens to the quips of the class speaker. Mrs. Kishore Mehta traveled from Bombay, India, to see her son, Nishit, graduate. They are shown here in conversation with history Professor Richard "Pete" Moss at a reception on the president's lawn.

*Below and right: Families traveled from near and far to share the rite of passage with the graduates.*



*Left and below: An unidentified parent intently listens to President Cotter's baccalaureate along with other families and friends on the sun-dappled chapel lawn. Constance Anderson Dudley, wife of physics Professor John Dudley, received a special cheer from her younger classmates as she accepted her diploma. She is shown here walking with Sean Duffy (Winchester, Mass.) in the commencement procession.*





# Six Join "Society of Scholars"

**KENNETH W. BERGEN**  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*

"A partner in the leading Boston law firm of Bingham, Dana and Gould, you have been a reliable and guiding hand in continuing legal education. You helped found and have served with great effectiveness as a co-director of the Federal Tax Institute of New England, one of the oldest and most successful programs of its kind. You have presided over both the New England Law Institute and the Boston Tax Forum, which is comprised of major legal and accounting firms in Boston and nearby colleges and universities—including Harvard, where you earned your Doctor of Jurisprudence. For more than three decades, you have contributed to Colby energetically and with distinction as director and consultant for the Estate Planning and Tax Institute, held each summer on this campus. The fine reputation and success of the institute are due in large measure to your imagination and untiring efforts. Colby is grateful to you for sharing your dedication and uncommon skill and takes great pleasure in welcoming you as a Maine neighbor and special friend of the College."



**OTTO ECKSTEIN**  
*Doctor of Laws*

"At an early age you demonstrated your capacity for timely prediction when, in 1938, you moved to Britain from your German birthplace just a few months before the outbreak of the Second World War. After graduating from Princeton you received your doctorate from Harvard, where you began your teaching career and are now the Paul M. Warburg Professor of Economics. Your early work in economic forecasting led to your collaboration on one of the first econometric models of the U.S. economy, and that in turn led you to become the founder in 1968 of Data Resources, Inc., of Cambridge, the



largest economic forecasting and consulting firm in this country. As president and later chairman of the board of DRI, you presided during the maturation of forecasting technique and have helped to make computer models of the economy an important element in both the private and public sectors. You are author of ten books on economics, former member of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, and a premier forecaster of our times—but our liberal arts college takes *special* note of your devotion to undergraduate teaching and the acclamation you have received from thousands of students in Economics 10, your first-year course at Harvard."

**MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN**  
*Doctor of Laws*

"You have been a champion of social justice, educational opportunity, and the rights of children. As president of the Children's Defense Fund, you direct a national public policy network which seeks to protect millions of neglected and mistreated youngsters and provides systematic, long-range advocacy on behalf of all the nation's children. As an attorney and civil rights activist, you have served on the staff of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, as a partner in the Washington Research Project of the Southern Center for Public Policy, and as a director of the Harvard University Center for Law and Education. Your commitment to education has been measured by your service to those institutions that have nourished you. A 1960 graduate of Spelman College, you have gone on to chair its Board of Trustees. After receiving an LL.B. degree from Yale, you have become a member of the Yale Corporation. As a supporter of innovative education, you serve on the Advisory Council of Hampshire College. Your concern with individual institutions broadens into widely divergent areas of public concern. You have been asked to contribute your wisdom, experience, and commitment to a series of Presidential Commissions on the Missing in Action, the International Year of the Child, and the Agenda for the '80s. Colby College joins in the recognition of your achievements and the humane values for which you stand."



SEAMUS HEANEY  
*Doctor of Letters*

"You are the son of a farmer whose father was a farmer, and you live on a troubled and often threatened island. You have a spiritual bond with those strong people of Maine who sweat their living from an obdurate soil or an unforgiving sea. You have taught us about digging. Claiming the bog is possessing your territory, which is to understand place, family, clan, and nation. You have told us that confronting origins—'quagmire, swampland, morass,' 'our love and our terror'—is to encounter our common humanity. You ask the hard questions: 'how should a poet properly live and write? What is his relationship to be to his own voice, his own place, his literary heritage, and his contemporary world?' Your remarkable ear and your attentive eye, and your hard work, your own sweat, have given us the sweetest music of all, 'the music of what happens.' You celebrate those enduring virtues—tenderness, tolerance, warmth—and you know with Freud that what we need is love and work. You say those dangerous and vulnerable things, like 'the end of poetry is peace,' and invite from your readers those treacherous and sustaining words: sincerity, humanity, grace. It is precarious in these days to use those words. It is also a privilege, yours to use, ours to hear, and Colby's to today honor their authenticity."



GEORGE J. MITCHELL  
*Doctor of Laws*

"Colby welcomes you as its 162nd Commencement speaker. As a native son of Waterville, you are no stranger to our campus. Your family has had a long and close relationship with the College, and your 'more famous' brother, John the 'Swisher,' has for many years helped coach our basketball teams. You join a long and impressive line of Maine men and women who have added luster to the concept of national leadership. We honor you for your lifelong dedication to public service. You have earned distinction as a lawyer in the Justice Department, as a member of the staff of Senator Edmund S. Muskie,



as a United States attorney, as a Federal District Court judge, and now as a United States senator. In your relatively short tenure in the senate, you have already assumed a dominant role in the search for ways to make our country and our world more livable and humane. Whatever the issue—income security for the elderly, acid rain, cleanup of hazardous waste, or arms control—you have consistently put the problems of people above the politics of the moment. With respect and affection, Colby greets you today as a national leader of whom we are especially proud."

EVE QUELER  
*Doctor of Music*

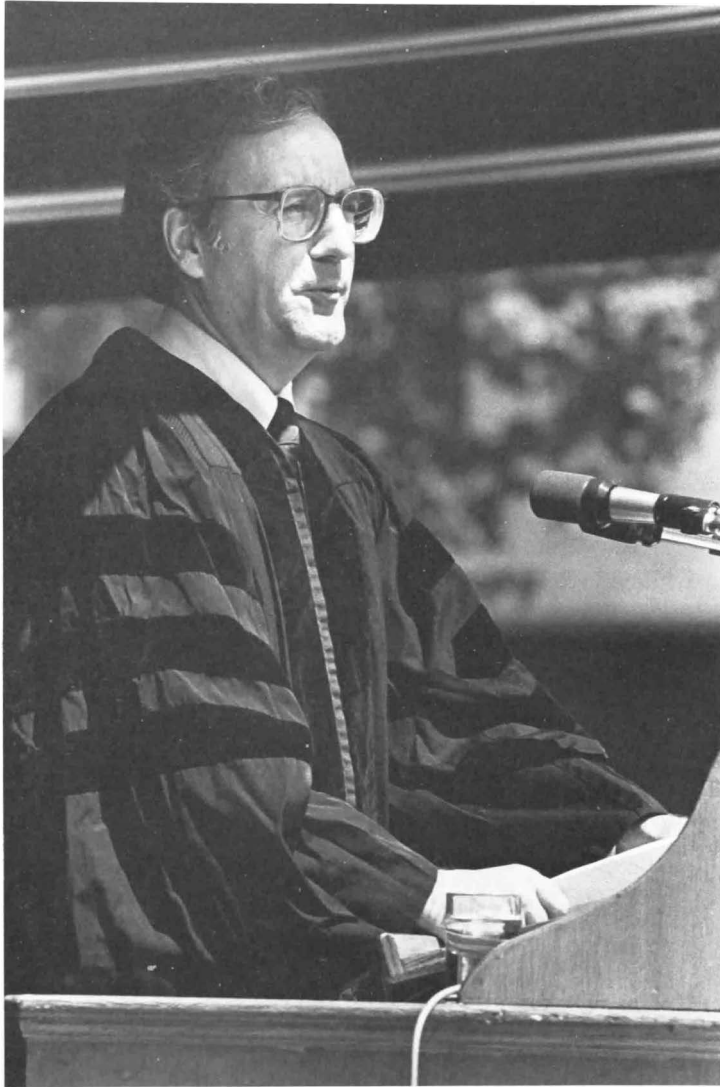
"In a profession largely populated by men, you are distinguished not only as a consummate professional but as a shining example and inspiration for women in music throughout the world. You have been called 'opera's tracer of missing persons,' and through the Opera Orchestra of New York, which you founded and now conduct, you have brought back many operatic works which had all but disappeared from the world of sound. Through your presentations you have given vocalists the opportunity, as you have said, to 'sing their best,' concentrating their attention on musical expression. Recipient of the Martha Baird Rockefeller Fund Music Award in 1968, you have since conducted at the Mostly Mozart Festival in Lincoln Center, the New Philharmonia in London, the Philadelphia and Cleveland orchestras, and elsewhere around the world. You are a truly remarkable conductor who has prompted the praise of critics for having 'the ability to make an opera go, to get phrases surging and singing out so that listeners are stirred, excited, and elevated.' For the many gifts you bring through music, Colby is most honored to pay tribute to you and welcome you as an honorary alumna."





# A Stake in the Future

*Participation is fundamental not only to fulfillment, but to life itself*



*Senator George J. Mitchell*

*The following remarks are excerpts from the Commencement address by U.S. Senator George Mitchell, Democrat from Maine. The full text of Senator Mitchell's speech is available from the College editor.*

**Y**OU HAVE BEEN LEARNING HERE at Colby for four years. There is nothing I can say in a few minutes to add much to that, so my message is a simple one: wherever you go in life you will be a part of society, a neighborhood, a community, a state, our nation. Be active in that society. Participate. Shape events before they shape your life.

Let me mention one important example, a subject I have often talked about. It is an issue of such importance that it deserves continued public discussion.

Over a century ago, Baron Karl von Clausewitz, the German diplomat, advanced the idea of war as an extension of diplomacy. He said, "War is a political act, . . . a continuation of political relations, a carrying out of the same (policy) by other means." That maxim is accepted and acted upon by governments today, as it was then. There has been no decrease in the willingness of nations to resort to armed force when political means fail. We need look only to Afghanistan, to Southeast Asia, to Central America, to the Middle East for recent examples of this unfortunate reality.

There is, however, a major difference between the time in which von Clausewitz lived and the time in which we live. Wars have always injured and killed human beings. Wars have cost nations their treasures. Wars strengthened the hatreds and deepened the divisions between people. But until very

recently, no country and no person had the power to annihilate an entire nation, even the world as we know it. That is something man can do today.

That destructive power makes von Clausewitz's formulation of war as an arm of diplomacy dangerous and irrelevant. Most scientists agree that it would take, at most, a few hundred nuclear weapons to totally destroy either the United States or the Soviet Union. We and our allies now possess over 30 thousand nuclear warheads. The Soviet Union and its allies possess over 20 thousand.

The fundamental illogic of an unrestrained nuclear arms race has not escaped the American people, who are saying, ever more clearly, that enough is enough. They are right.

I believe in a strong America. Plainly, American military strength plays an important role in deterring aggression. But maintaining, even improving our strength, is *not* inconsistent with reaching fair, balanced, verifiable agreements with the Soviet Union to halt the increase in nuclear weapons and to bring about a reduction of such weapons.

The search for a stable peace, in which the people of each country can decide their future by themselves and for themselves, is consistent with America's heritage and highest ideals. It is an objective about which there is little disagreement, but there is deep disagreement over the best way to achieve it.

How mankind deals with the problem of preventing nuclear war will be the overriding issue of your time. I urge you to commit yourselves to active participation in shaping that and other important public policies. In a democratic society, what the people think and say does matter and does affect public policy.

Some of you may consider such issues beyond your knowledge or interest, but that is not true. What is at stake are your lives and your

futures—surely those are matters about which you know something and in which you have some interest. Do not doubt that your lives and futures depend in a very real sense upon the policies of your government on nuclear arms and many other issues. Your knowledge, your concern, and your commitment can make a difference in the shape and direction of those policies.

You are leaving school to seek work and to start careers, to make new lives in a society and a world very different from the one into which your parents and I stepped years ago. There are important similarities as well.

The most important of them is that each of you, as an individual, can still shape your life as you wish. You are fortunate to be citizens of what is, despite its faults, the most prosperous, the freest, the most just, the most open society in world history. You have before you opportunities that most other people can only dream of.

How far you go and how much you achieve is up to you. While you are entitled to equality of opportunity, you are not entitled to a guarantee of equal results and identical rewards. Reward is and should be related to effort, and reward will come to those who seek excellence.

I believe that the world is shaped and the future created by those persons who have a commitment to excellence—a commitment to be, at all times, in all places, under all circumstances, the very best they can be at whatever they do. John Gardner said it best when he wrote: "An excellent plumber is infinitely more admirable than an incompetent philosopher. The society that scorns excellence in plumbing because plumbing is a humble activity and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because it is an exalted activity will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy. Neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water."

As you choose a career, as you decide what to do with your life, remember that excellence is achieved as much by how you do it as it is by what you do. A mechanic, a janitor, or a factory worker who takes pride in what he or she does can achieve excellence in a way that a doctor, a lawyer, or a teacher who is without pride cannot. Education is desirable, even necessary, but is not a guarantee of self-worth. It is not a substitute for a life of effort.

Real fulfillment in life comes not from leisure, not from taking it easy, not from idleness or self-indulgence, but rather from striving with all one's physical and spiritual might for a worthwhile objective. I hope that each of you is fortunate enough to find such an objective in life.



*Relaxing on the lawn, this young man appeared to be asleep until he joined in applause for Mitchell's statement that "The fundamental illogic of an unrestrained nuclear arms race has not escaped the American people, who are saying, ever more clearly, that enough is enough."*

# A Special Mission and Competence

*The problems with which today's graduates must be willing to grapple extend far beyond the job market*

*The following are excerpts from President Cotter's baccalaureate. The full text of his address is available from the College editor.*

COLBY HAS GIVEN YOU A HEAD start in the quest for personal success and fulfillment, but with the opportunity comes an added burden of responsibility. Our nation has not been blessed with an overabundance of leaders in any sector of society. Colleges like Colby, while educating only 2 percent of all students in American higher education, have a special competence and mission to nurture future leaders. . . . At the risk of entering dangerous political waters, let me suggest examples of four significant issues that your generation must confront.

First, thanks to a grass-roots effort that began on college campuses and in New England town meetings, the Congress, the President, and indeed the world are now reawakened to the grave risk of nuclear war. The horrors of a single bomb striking a major city have been dramatized for all of us so that it is obviously true that in such a disaster, the living would envy the dead. Nearly all shades of political opinion agree on the urgent need for a mutual reduction in the nuclear arsenals of the world so that the threat of nuclear war can be lessened. There are strong differences about how best to achieve that desired reduction, and I fear that if your generation does not find a way to compromise those approaches and achieve that goal, the prospects for us and your children are somber.

Second, you must tackle anew the problem of environmental safeguards. What do we do with

spent nuclear material? How will we find economical and environmentally sound ways to dispose of the 35 million tons of hazardous chemical waste generated each year by 270 thousand industrial sites in this country? Now that the Environmental Protection Agency has begun to tidy up its own act, can it really succeed in cleaning up the dumps that each day send more noxious chemicals through the subsoil to contaminate our water supplies and threaten our health? It is not only the flower children of the sixties and early seventies who need care about environmental quality, for these problems touch and threaten us all.

peaceful settlement of disputes? How did we let the Falkland Islands tragedy develop to the point where national honor—and not security—demanded useless sacrifices of blood and treasure? Can there be real peace in the Middle East, or is renewed war inevitable? If we were to enlist the aid of other nations in pursuit of sensible foreign policy goals in Central America, couldn't we use diplomacy, international pressure, and economic sanctions, instead of always seeking a military solution? Similarly, in South Africa, can't worldwide pressures be organized that would induce the white government to end apartheid and

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Third, are we sufficiently vigilant in the protection of personal freedom in this country? At our great peril, we take for granted free speech and individual liberty. You must never put aside a healthy skepticism or lose the ability to question authority and authoritative sources. Even *academics* can make mistakes! Recall the reexamination of Margaret Mead's pioneering work on Samoa and the experts who were fooled by the forged Hitler diaries. Nor are truths in the natural sciences immutable.

And fourth, how can the World Court, United Nations, or perhaps some new similar body be made into a truly effective device for the

move toward genuine power sharing with the black majority, or must we sit on the sidelines waiting for the inevitable revolution to burst into flame?

Within your class there are surely those individuals who can put their special talents to work to defend free inquiry, to tackle the problems of nuclear and toxic waste, to increase the effectiveness of mechanisms for the peaceful settlement of disputes, and to make the world safe from nuclear war. Art Buchwald said after reciting a similar list of challenges to a graduating class, “As you can see, we are handing you a perfect world: don't go out and mess it up.”

# Eustis Mailroom

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## *Memories of a Colby Giant*

Dean Marriner's career is inextricably interwoven with the college which he served so long and so well. He enriched the life of the College and the lives of all with whom he came into contact.

I am grateful that I was one of those fortunate enough to know him in his several capacities as dean of men at Colby, as a senior colleague on the Colby faculty, as an elder statesman of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, as a useful citizen of his city and state, and as a warm-hearted and multi-talented human being.

Norman D. Palmer '30  
*Berwyn, Pa.*

I do not believe that it is well known that, long before the country had equal opportunity programs and affirmative action plans, Dean Marriner had a special one of his own. In brief, I (and others) who had served overseas during World War II wanted the opportunity to attend college through the wonderful G.I. Bill, but we did not have the normal preparation to meet the standards for admission. (I had a general high school diploma.) Dean Marriner reviewed each case on its individual merit and admitted a number of us in January and September 1946. Without this decision on his part, I—and, I am certain, others—would not have made it to the positions we have today in life.

What vision and consideration to believe that some young men who had served their country should be given a chance to see what they could do! Yet for his compassion he was subject to criticism. . . . What a risk to admit men he had neither seen nor met!

Other than my marriage, Colby has been the finest portion of my

life's memories, and I have tried to show my appreciation over the years as best I can. Let me appeal to those other "non-qualified vets" of 1946, who were admitted solely by Dean Marriner's compassion, to join me in a special contribution. Dwight Sargent '39 and Bernerd Burbank '39 started a Marriner Scholarship Fund about 20 years ago, and I can think of nothing that would please him more than for us to honor his memory through it.

Ray W. Deltz '49  
*Raleigh, N.C.*

## *A Last Hurrah*

I am impressed with your efforts to heighten the readability and content of the *Alumnus*. There is ample evidence of achievement and improvement of the magazine. Keep up your fine work!

Maurice "Moe" Krinsky '35  
*Houston, Tex.*

We were deeply saddened to learn that shortly after the above note arrived, Moe Krinsky died on July 31. A full obituary will appear in the next issue of the *Alumnus*.

—Ed.

## *White Ball or Black Ball?*

The real role of fraternities, as with sororities, is to add to the student's college environment a sense of personal identification, personal worth, esteem, and a challenge to mature through participation in life activities. Unfortunately many chapters do not live up to their role, but fraternities provide the only source of complete peer leadership without the apron

strings of college administration to force change or correct mistakes. No other aspect of organized college life provides that opportunity.

Obviously leadership at the undergraduate level is essential to this process. The fact the Xi chapter of KDR is having so many internal problems is due, in my opinion, to an absence of that leadership. The alumni cannot replace that leadership and the central administration should not have to contend with it. It is KDR's problem, or should be, not Colby's.

The solution to the problem, then, is not to eliminate chapters and get deeper into the management of fraternities on campus, but rather to start a long-range plan for moving chapters out from under the oversight of central administration, to get the administration out of the fire-extinguisher control business altogether. The alumni and national organizations should be free to manage each chapter exclusively in coordination with the undergraduate brothers.

Peter L. Henderson '60  
*Auburn, Ala.*

As the younger brother of one of the organizers of what became Kappa Delta Rho, I wanted to write in support of the action the College has taken to it. From the outset the fraternity had some truly able and somewhat outstanding members, but too many were less admirable. I joined for no good reason and was not inclined to do anything to improve it.

On the whole I feel there is no place for fraternities in college. This has been confirmed to me over and over again as I have witnessed the problems and shared with some of the troubles they have engendered here [at Cornell] and elsewhere. My only criticism

[of KDR's suspension], and I do not intend it as that, is that better still would have been junking the entire system.

Paul W. Gates '24  
*Ithaca, N. Y.*

On behalf of the board of directors of Tau Delta Phi fraternity, I am writing to express our concerns regarding the anti-fraternity sentiments that appear to pervade elements of the Colby administration, faculty, trustees, and student body. Clamor for equal access to housing and an end to allegedly elitist cliques notwithstanding, we believe the Greek system is good for the College.

We believe the fairest and most beneficial solution to the so-called fraternity "problem" is for the College to establish and enforce rules for fraternities regarding the social and academic behavior of their members. Houses that chronically violate the rules should lose their privileges to remain on campus. Such rules now exist at Colby; however, the administration's willingness to "make them stick" has been called into question. If this is true, it is an unfortunate lapse of responsibility, for it permits unacceptable acts to continue, which, in turn, further jeopardizes the fraternity and sorority system.

Geoffrey T. Robbins '65  
*Fairfield, Maine*

For 19 years I have been waiting for Colby to make the move it has now made with the establishment of the Trustee Commission on Campus Life. . . . I am led to respond to several remarks made in the trustee commission statement.

First, I question the quality of leadership skills the fraternities are said to teach their members. I could not conclude that [the men I encountered] would leave the fraternity prepared to become

equal partners with women. Fraternities were in my day, and seem to have remained, training grounds for the patriarchy.

Furthermore, I would like to suggest that the "major and indisputable role that fraternities have played in Colby's history" has been largely financial. It takes courage in this day to turn on such a sure source of funding. However, aside from the virtue of the moral stand Colby now seems to be taking, I think it might be surprised by the effect the abolishment of fraternities would have in providing new sources of alumni funding and support. Many of my friends left Colby with the same bitterness as I. Many of these people have money to give, yet in all my years of reading donation lists, never have I seen the name of even one of my College friends.

Here's hoping a new day is coming for Colby, a day when residential arrangements, more than providing "sufficient moral support to our educational mission," provide a life socially and morally consistent with that educational mission. I look forward to a time when the very best we learned in the classroom can inform the whole life of the College community.

Paula Willey Vestermark '67  
*St. Paul, Minn.*

Up to now, I have opposed coeducational fraternities, because I believe that young adults benefit from having some single-sex organizations. I have not been able to find professional literature favoring or opposing coeducational Greek letter societies, although studies do support coeducational student housing, at least as an option. My experience as a fraternity adviser is that most of our brothers tend to become rowdy and sloppy whenever there are no women around. I feel that young men (and women, too?) need chances to be as rowdy and sloppy as they wish, so long as they aren't

destroying property or disturbing other people, as a way of coping with the relentless strains of academia and having to grow up.

Now I'm starting to think that young people may *not* need single-sex organizations to provide such opportunities, that they can manage to be just as rowdy and sloppy together, and that frequent interaction between men and women accelerates their maturation and their acceptance of each other as real human beings. Are my feelings shared by student affairs administrators and experts in developmental psychology? More important, what do Colby's Greek students want? If *they* want to have coeducational fraternities and sororities, if they are prepared to endure the strains of being with members of the opposite sex most of the time, then let them go coed. But would their nationals approve? Having affiliate organizations, i.e. "little sisters" of fraternities and "big brothers" of sororities (the implicit sexism of these titles, used at Penn State, might not suit Colby students), may bridge the gap until the national organizations reach the same conclusions.

Arthur Goldschmidt, Jr. '59  
*State College, Pa.*

The world is in need of clear thinkers as never before, not muddled thinking and worse brought on by the serving of alcoholic beverages. Our young people won't thank the College for it later.

The same is true with sororities and fraternities. They cater to the false god of popularity, fostering snobbishness and rivalry, spending an unbelievable amount of time on "What's good for our clique?" Child's play!

The times are more demanding now because of the threat of nuclear war, but Colby has always risen to the occasion and will again. The commission is a good step forward. "The right way wins

the right of way," and youth surprises us sometimes by rallying to its standard.

Katharine Hatch Burrison '19  
*Cleveland Heights, Ohio*

I think President Cotter has been very wise to be patient with the social misbehavior of students until he himself has become established. We have now come to the end of permitting any such childish behavior. If one more fire extinguisher is willfully damaged or any other property damage occurs, the culprit, whether one or several, should be immediately expelled from college. No alibi may be accepted. To learn and practice self-discipline and good social behavior should be a vital part of education.

Libby Pulsifer '21  
*Rochester, N. Y.*

### *Reunion Delights*

I had a lovely time at our twenty-fifth reunion. Was it the cheerful breakfast talk with dishes clinking in the background that mentally transformed me into an 18-year-old? Was it the graceful birches growing by the chapel? Or was it being surrounded by the familiar laughter of my three dear room-mates? Was it Bill Bryan's "Hi Gail; how are you?" and knowing he meant every word he said? Was it John's firm handshake always ready to cash that check at the Spa if need be? Was it seeing President Bixler at President Cotter's house even though he wasn't wearing his brown tweed suit? It was June after all! Or was it looking deep into the eyes of classmates knowing that there still lay the values of trust, love, faith, and integrity in this often topsy-turvy world?

Colby, you are dear to my heart.

Gail Crosby Davis '58  
*Beverly Farms, Mass.*

## **Colby Sons and Daughters Class of 1987**

Sarah E. Anderson  
Webster Anderson '53

Amy A. Barnes  
Joan Rooney Barnes '53  
Charles P. Barnes II '54

John W. Bates  
Elizabeth Darling Bates '39

Nathaniel S. Bates  
Nathaniel B. Bates '57

Edith V.H. Bernhard  
A. Van H. Bernhard '57

Peter N. Bowers  
George N. Bowers, Jr. '50  
Myra Hemenway Bowers '51

Glenn F. Brown  
Frederick R. Brown '56  
Barbara Barnes Brown

David D. Bullock  
H. Ridgely Bullock '55

Kimberly A. Burnham  
Nancy Newell Burnham '65

Suannah W. Crowell  
Joanne Whitney Crowell '56

Gregg A. Estey  
Patricia Dunn Estey '63

Laurie A. Franklin  
Michael L. Franklin '63

Katherine L. Gates  
Douglas H. Gates '57  
Esther Bigelow Gates '57

Laurie A. Haley  
Owen R. Haley '58

Marybeth J. Hipson  
Herman A. Hipson '64

Melissa J. Hruby  
Billie Jensen Hruby '61

Matthew E. Hummel  
Jean Smith Hummel '59

Scott G. Hunter  
Dwight P. Hunter '59

Kristin J. Nickerson  
Peter A. Nickerson '57

Christina E. O'Brien  
Jay M. O'Brien '57

David E. Patten  
Karen Stiegler Aldrich '60

Michael S. Paul  
Harold C. Paul '43

Abel L. Peirson  
A. Lawrence Peirson III '54

Amy J. Runnels  
Julie Klafstad Runnels '60

Jeffrey P. Russell  
Patricia Farnham Russell '62

Heide A. Schmaltz  
Richard R. Schmaltz '62  
Joan Dignam Schmaltz '63

Jeffrey D. Thaxter  
David C. Thaxter '62

Charmaine L. Twigg  
Charles B. Twigg '57

Daniel K. Webster  
John C. Webster III '62  
Susan Keith Webster '62

John N. White  
Jean Farmer White '56

James C. Windhorst  
Charles J. Windhorst '54

# Class Correspondence



Myron J. Levine '33 leafs through an Oracle in the Tau Delta library.

**50+** Your correspondent acquired a very red face in Florida last winter, but not from the absent, subtropical sun. He depended on his "faultless" memory for the date of the Ft. Myers, Fla., Colby luncheon, only to turn up at the designated place 24 hours too late! **Jean Watson '29**, of Ft. Myers, spark plug of the annual event, provided a list of those present, most of whom are 50-Plus members, as well as some news items • Present from Florida were **Elizabeth Kellet Craven '23**, Cape Coral; **J. Robert Curtis '33**, Sanibel; **Donna and Rodney Ellis '41**, Sanibel; **Mary Watson Flanders '24**, Ft. Myers; **Julia Roy Hearon '25**, Venice; **Floyd Haskell '36**, Ft. Myers; **Mabel Hodgkins '28**, Venice; **David F. Kronquist '29**, Ft. Myers; **Irma Davis McKechnie '26**, Ft. Myers; **Florence and Earle McKeen '29**, Port Charlotte; **Clifford Nelson '38**, Naples; **Ruth Allen '24**, Ft. Myers; and **Herschel Peabody '24**, Ft. Myers. **Floyd Haskell '36**, former Maine State legislator, was master of ceremonies • **Earle McKeen's** daughter is now an ordained minister with a church in the Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., area. **Earle** formerly headed the placement office at Colby • **John H. "Red" Lee '30**, Scarborough, Maine, a prominent Colby athlete and former high school teacher and coach, was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame on June 5 • **Marjorie Bither**, wife of **Philip S. Bither '30**,

Colby professor of modern languages, emeritus, was the candidate of the Waterville branch of the American Association of University Women for the Achievement Citation given to a Maine woman who has made a distinctive contribution to some area of AAUW interest. She was director of physical education at Colby from 1973 to 1979 • **Ina Taylor Stinneford '98**, Waterville, Colby's oldest living graduate, celebrated her 105th birthday on March 23. She also has the distinction of being the oldest resident of Waterville, oldest member of the Central Maine Garden Club, of the Winslow Congregational Church, of the Winslow Historical Society, and of Ye Female Society for the Support of the Gospel. President Cotter and many political figures honored her on the occasion. **Ms. Stinneford's** daughter, **Annie Hooper Goodwin '29**, deceased, was author of many poems that were published in the *Echo* during her college years • **Mary Vose McGillicuddy '29**, whose husband, **Joe**, died last July, is now living in Houlton, Maine, near **Ethel Henderson Ferguson '29** • **Nelson W. Bailey '28**, China, Maine, president of the China Historical Society, is heading up a project to renovate and restore the old China Town House for use as a museum, complete with meeting room and vaults. His goal is to raise \$10,000 by private subscription for his current endeavor. **Nelson** was headmaster of Lincoln Academy, Damariscotta, Maine, for 25 years and owner-operator of the Willow Beach Camps on China Lake for 45 years. He also served as dean of the faculty of Unity College • The *Bangor Daily News* recently issued a call for correspondents for **Marion L. Conant '21**, Fort Fairfield, Maine, with the object of helping her to overcome loneliness and boredom. She is a former teacher in Mars Hill, Millinocket, Fort Fairfield, and Presque Isle. She would appreciate cards and letters from friends, colleagues, and former pupils • **E. Evelyn Kellett '26**, Lawrence, Mass., was pictured in the *Eagle-Tribune* last winter obscured by snow banks neck-high while clearing her driveway. She hinted that it was something of an illusion but still a pain in the neck • **Edwin D. Merry '29**, North Edgcomb, Maine, continues to have his writings, both poetry and prose, published in various newspapers and periodicals. Most recently the *Maine Folkpaper* of North Edgcomb, one of many of his publishers, featured three of his poems: "My Father," "Sea Urchin Shells," and "February Moonlight and a Thought of Abe Lincoln." An article in the *Folkpaper* described him as a "gentleman" and a "model Maine character" • **F. Elizabeth Libbey '29**, Waterville, announced her engagement to **Earle Dana Crawford**, a retired engineer, and planned a June 18 wedding in the Lorimer Chapel • **Ethel Henderson Ferguson '29**, Houlton, Maine, has been appointed membership chairman of the Maine Association of Hospital Auxiliaries. She is past president of the Houlton Regional Auxiliary. Her new duties will involve the editing of the *Red Book* of the MAHA • **Norman D. Palmer '30**, Berwyn, Pa., is a featured commentator on leadership as exemplified by the principles

## FIFTY PLUS

About 200 members and guests of the Fifty Plus Club gathered for a social hour and dinner during Reunion Weekend. The fifty-fifth reunion class, 1928, had the largest number in attendance, 21, and 13 members of the Class of 1923, celebrating its sixtieth reunion, were present. The oldest class in attendance, 1913, was represented by **Eva Macomber Kyes**, who was given special recognition.

Class President **Basil Ames '23** paid tribute to **Harland Ratcliffe '23**, former editor of the *Boston Evening Transcript*, who was unable to attend the reunion. **Ames'** reminiscences of life in the early twenties were sparked with dry humor. "I find it isn't as hard to grow old as it is to stay alive," he remarked.

The Cotters joined the gathering during their round of reunion visits, President Cotter reminding alumni that this year marked the fiftieth anniversary of the Alumni Fund and the fortieth anniversary of the Fifty Plus Club. He thanked **Cecil Goddard '29** for his role in establishing them. Outgoing President **Rod Farnham '31** presented **Linda Cotter** with a memento of the 1920 Colby Centennial for the President's House.

**Cecil** reported that gifts to the club had increased in the past year, and members then voted to contribute \$2,500 to the Alumni Fund. Newly elected club President **Norman "Cy" Perkins '32** subsequently authorized an increased gift of \$4,200 to the fund.

**Bertrand Hayward '33** was elected vice-president of the club, **Cecil Goddard** is secretary-treasurer, **Frances Thayer '30** is assistant secretary-treasurer, and **Joseph "Jerry" Campbell '29** is the representative to the Alumni Council.

During the evening, Colby songs were sung, led by **Deane Quinton '30**, with **Carl MacPherson '26** at the piano. The program concluded with the presentation of a resolution by **Russell Squire '25**, honoring the late **Dean Ernest C. Marriner '13** for his many contributions to Colby and Maine. A recording of the thousandth radio broadcast of the Dean's "Little Talks on Common Things" was played. A benediction by the Reverend **Cecil Rose '28** followed.

FRANCES E. THAYER



and objectives of the ATO fraternity. Dr. Palmer is professor emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania and past president of the International Studies Association. He has traveled extensively in the Soviet Union and has retired to a new home on an island in Puget Sound • **J. Drisko '29** and **Alice Paul Allen '29**, of Rumford, R.I., report that they have enjoyed an extended visit with their son and his family in the suburbs of Canterbury, England. While there they engaged in some geological research and visited many historical places.

**Correspondent: ERNEST E. MILLER '29**, 218 Pickett District Rd., New Milford, Conn. 06776.

**33** **John Skinner** traveled to the Red Sea, Egypt, and Jordan on the Colby alumni cruise. He sent along a photograph of himself and Arline R. Marks '47 at the theater area in Petra, Jordan • The Portland, Maine, *Press Herald* honored **John "Paddy" Davan** and his wife, Rachel, with a long column about their concern for others, demonstrated by their thrice weekly visits to friends and strangers confined to hospitals and nursing homes. Paddy retired in 1975 after 28 years as coach and 27 years as athletic director at the Westbrook, Maine, high school.

**Class secretary: MYRON J. LEVINE**, 45 Bonair St., West Roxbury, Mass. 02132.

**34** After my last class letter in which I extolled our gentle winter of 1983, Maine experienced the most horrendous spring on record. April brought only three days without rain, and May found the shore retaining wall of The Aerie 30 feet out in the lake and ducks and baby muskrats swimming merrily on the front lawn. We were not so lucky as our neighbor who had 26 white perch swimming in his cellar! • **Muriel Walker Dubuc** wrote that she and Al had arrived home in Skowhegan for the summer. After reading the Waterville *Morning Sentinel* article entitled "Moose groomed to replace Colby's White Mule", Mim has cast her vote for keeping the mule. She cannot imagine galloping a bull moose along the sidelines to a lusty cheer like "The moose is loose." How do you feel about that? • **George Mann** and Brooksine were packing for a trip to Japan, Taipei, Hong Kong, Singapore, Bangkok, and Bali. Their visit was to include a day in Communist China. If they got out of there safely, their plans were to return home via Hawaii, with five days of relaxation on Maui • **Annie Tuck Russell** and Frank had great fun this winter vacationing in New Orleans. Annie had just made her first crocheted sweater and was looking for someone big enough to fill it. There is somebody's chance! • **Frances Palmer** is now living in the old Palmer homestead, in which she grew up, in Pittsfield, Maine. She had spent 35 years with the Newton health department. Her last outing with her many Newton friends was a November trip to Bermuda. Frannie finds living in a quiet town quite different, but she is already so busy with the Pittsfield Historical Society that she may have to miss alumni weekend this year. Tsk, tsk • **Portia Pendleton Rideout** continues her labor of love as volunteer secretary for her church.



Leonette Warburton Wishard '23, left, and Christine Booth '26 appear to have had an unusual friend with them in the Art Museum.

She also made her annual trek west to visit her son, Ralph '59, and daughter, Marilyn • **Arthur Stetson** and Helen will be Portia's neighbors again this summer at Webber Pond. While in Florida during the winter, Art talked with Gordon Thompson '35 about the Colby luncheon there, which he missed by one day. If you do that for our fiftieth, Art, we will not be happy • I am very sorry to report to you that our classmate, **Ruth Handley Price**, died March 11. She and her husband, the Reverend Hampton Price, had reached Grand Cayman Island, Jamaica, on a Caribbean cruise, when a serious liver condition became critical and they had to fly home to South Carolina. We will all remember Ruth as such a lovely, vibrant member of our class, and all of us extend kindest thoughts of sympathy to Hampton, and to their four children • It was a happy surprise to receive a letter from **Harold Plotkin**. Our Plotter is now sporting a triple

bypass and a pacemaker. Don and I are planning to visit Priscilla and him one day soon at their summer home in Newagen, to check in person that he is gung-ho with many quips and jests for our fiftieth reunion—less than a year away!

**Class secretary: PEG SALMOND MATHESON** (Mrs. Donald A.), Lake View Dr., China, Maine 04926.

**35** **David and Ann Trimble Hilton**, residents of West Southport, Maine, enjoyed "a very open winter, with no extensive tripping." Visits to Winnipeg and Squaw Mountain were planned. Last summer the Hiltons spent a month in Bilericay, Essex, England, on a house swap arranged by Lois K. Lund Giachardi '36, who lives there. They traveled to many parts, including North Wales and Scotland. Nancy D. Libby '36

## CLASS OF 1933

The Class of '33 gathered Thursday evening, June 2, for a buffet supper, socializing, and singing, which marked the beginning of a warm and wonderful fiftieth reunion. Bob Finch from Spokane, Wash., and Rosamond Barker and Donald Rhoades from California traveled the greatest distances to join us.

We stayed in the dormitories, identified each other by name tags bearing our year-book pictures, and enjoyed catching up on news of old friends and recent developments at Colby. Mr. and Mrs. David Brown, son and daughter-in-law of Carleton and Louise Smith Williams Brown '34, graciously opened their home to our class for a party Friday afternoon. Our class dinner Saturday evening was great fun in a beautiful setting, the Art Museum. The many other, less official gatherings allowed us to hear about challenges conquered in the past 50 years and those that lie ahead.





Tina Thompson Poulin '32

came to see Lois during the Hiltons' stay, revealing she retired recently from teaching English at an upper New York state college • A thoughtful get-well note from **Martin O'Donnell**, Norwood, Mass., philosophically recalled his pleasant associations with some Tau Deltis during our College days. His "good friends" were Samson Fisher '34 and Paul E. "Red" Feldman '34. He retains nostalgic memories and strong family kinship with Jack Hains '34 at whose home he studied occasionally, once hearing Jack's father "singing Hebrew evening prayers" • **Arthur B. Wein**, now a retired Washington, D.C., orthopedic surgeon, kindly acknowledged my seasonal remembrance class card and sent "thanks for news." He attributed his success as a doctor to studies, training, and guidance at Boston University's medical school, which he supports generously • A newsy, wonderful letter from **Ray Gardner**, Winter Park, Fla., fully retired the past 15 years, followed a telephone call to him. He and his wife, Claire, agreed the late February St. Petersburg alumni "meeting was a delight. It was great catching up on Colby with **Roney Williams**, **Gordon Patch Thompson**, **Harold Brown**, and **Carleton D. Brown** '33 and wife Louise Williams Brown '34—[it's] remarkable how well all have weathered the past 48 years. **Sid Schiffman** and his wife, Beulah, of Maitland, Fla., accompanied us there. We made a full, enjoyable day of it." Yearly travels have taken the Gardners to Aruba, Singapore, and Hong Kong, with sojourns to Cote d'Azur, Rio de Janeiro, or Israel planned this year. Son Eric recently married and is engaged in rock and roll concert promotion in Los Angeles. "Moe Cohen and I keep in close communication. Sid, Moe, and I, with wives, will attend

our fiftieth reunion in 1985" • **Margaret Jordan Lewis** lives in San Diego, Calif., where she has three grandchildren. Summers are spent in Boulder, Colo. She recounts that a two-week visit to Alaska last summer and three-week journey to Europe last fall, proved "quite a contrast." En route home from Europe she "stopped in Boston and saw Elizabeth A. 'Ippy' Solie Howard '39, Arline M. Bamber Veracka '39, and Sally M. Aldrich Adams '39. In between trips we visited shortly in Maine at the home of my brother, Dana Jordan '33. We still have happy memories of the forty-fifth reunion, and hope to get back to the fiftieth, which is creeping up!" • Keep your cards and letters coming. Best regards and stay well.

**Class secretary: MAURICE KRINSKY**, P.O. Box 630, Houston, Tex. 77001.

**36** Ed '35 and **Winnie White Houghton** spend summers in Intervale, N.H., and winters on Jekyll Island, Ga. Ed has heart problems but does well in the milder winter climate • Last year was the year for surgery for many of our classmates. **Arne Lindberg**, retired from teaching and living in Port Angeles, Wash., **Betty Thompson Clark**, of Caratunk, Maine, and **Dorothy Gould Rhoades** all shared the experience • Dorothy Gould Rhoades has retired from teaching and keeps busy with gardening, doing occasional substitute teaching, and traveling to Seattle and points east to visit her scattered family • **Carleton "Bull" Thomas**, who stayed with our class for only two years, now farms in Kansas, and has kept active his friendship with **John Dolan** • **John Reynolds**, M.D., and his wife

have recently returned from Africa. There they visited their daughter and son-in-law, who are on a sabbatical leave from Colby • **Ruth Millett Maker** and her husband spent the late winter in Hilton Head • And last, but not least, we all send congratulations to **Kay Caswell Abbott** and John "Angus" MacDonald '37, who were married in California in November. We wish them years of happiness.

**Class secretary: AGNES "TERRI" CARLYLE HADDEN** (Mrs. Frederick C.), 15 Pequot Rd., Wayland, Mass. 01778.

**37** Thanks are extended to all for the many responses to my January letter of appeal for news. We are now well fortified. I regret I am not allowed enough space to report all items, but some will await the next issue • **Muriel Scribner Gould** wintered in Seminole, Fla. She had planned to attend the St. Petersburg Colby alumni luncheon given in February for President and Mrs. Cotter. This event was planned and hosted by our own **Paul Palmer**, who lives in nearby Palm Harbor. Some 10 members of the Class of 1937 attended and heard Cotter's analysis of Colby's position. Excerpts from Dean Marriner's long series of "Little Talks on Common Things" were played to honor his memory. It should be mentioned that Muriel Scribner Gould's grandson became an Eagle Scout at age 14, a rare accomplishment • **Peg Libbey Darlow** and her husband came to Florida in February and went as far as Key West in their explorations • **Sara Cowan** continues to be a matriarch of the Colby circle in Portland, Maine. She is now caring for her brother, a recent heart-attack victim • **Ruth Yeaton McKee** supported the revival of rail travel as she traversed the country to visit her sons in Los Angeles and San Francisco in late winter • **Hilly Wheeler Finn** and her husband wintered in Phoenix, going via Atlanta to visit daughter, Carolyn • **Helen Jevons Luther** lives permanently at lovely Lady's Island, near Beaufort, S.C. They have two daughters and grandchildren in nearby Atlanta • **Bob Haskell** and his wife had a luxurious tour of Indonesia and the People's Republic of China, which encompassed three happy months • Our class prexie, **Kye Pinette Zukowski**, has been appointed executive director of the Waterville Woman's Club. She will coordinate the six departments of this very active organization, affording her the opportunity of getting to know Waterville's people better after hiding in her cocoon on Mayflower Hill for so many years • I hope you will all take this to heart. Our dear friend, **Kathryn Cobb Quinn**, is confined to a nursing home due to total paralysis of her left side. She is mentally most alert. Please write to her at Kimberly Hall, 1 Kimberly Drive, Windsor, Conn. 06095. Thank you. She will appreciate your good words • **Barbara Hutcheon Winkler** has not been well but is now improving. They will be at Ocean Park in Maine this summer. They have five grandchildren in nearby Shapleigh • Your correspondent will have been to Hudson Bay and Alaska when you read this. More, much more, next time. Have a grand season and best wishes to all.

**Class secretary: FRED G. DEMERS**, G.P.O. Box 4641, Clearwater, Fla. 33518.

**38** Following the winter of 1981-82, still residing in Farmington, Maine, **Bauer Small** declared that another winter wouldn't find him there. I wonder if this were really true for this past easy winter in Maine? • **Kenneth Holbrook** has been coming to ski at Sugarloaf for a dozen winters, and he has also skied in Colorado and Europe. Other of Ken's interests are golf, flying, and sailing. Professionally, he's still occupied in family practice, orthomolecular psychiatry, clinical ecology, and environmental medicine. Along with Ken, Hilda, as a nutritionist, does allergy testing. Ken and Hilda vacation in Bridgton, Maine, in summer, and last fall they enjoyed some time at Banff, Alberta. Their three daughters have given them five grandchildren

• **Richard and Janet Lowell Farley** also have been to the Canadian Rockies, and always enjoy other traveling when possible. They are in an enviable position at home, "thoroughly enjoying" all nine of their grandchildren right in Westbrook. On the side, Janet does gardening, knitting, sewing, reading, and chair caning, with "no real highlight." She believes "it is enough to still be healthy, happy, and active and to really enjoy life." I wish I might attend the Colby alumnae meetings in Portland with Janet and **Sigrid Tompkins** and others. I really enjoyed that group 30 years ago • By the way, I learned from a clipping from the *Portland Press Herald* that Sigrid Tompkins has the distinction of being the first woman officer in the history of the Cumberland County, Maine, bar association. Congratulations • **Bernice and Ralph Brown** have nine grandchildren. While Ralph and Bernice were in Maine for our fortieth reunion, they bought a cottage on Swan Lake in Searsport, where they spend four months each year away from their Florida home. Pastimes include tennis, boating, clamming, and real estate investment. Ralph wrote that he hopes everyone has been blessed as much as he has been • I hope **Maynard and Lubov Leonovich '39 Waltz** were able to visit Vienna last fall as planned. Maynard was in the process of retrofitting a solar heating system at their house in New Jersey a year ago, hoping to get some heat from it during the winter. He'll have to let us know how successful it was. Besides solar energy his interests include traveling, gardening, model trains, amateur radio, and opera and concerts. Luba plays organ at church and has 15 piano pupils. Both their sons, each of whom has two children, obtained degrees in electrical engineering from MIT • Well, I'm just making this deadline as I pack for the Episcopal diocesan convention in Portland, then two weeks in Alabama to visit my two daughters and their families. This is my last column, but send our new secretary lots of news!

**Class secretary: MRS. WILLETTA HERRICK HALL**, Quimby Pond-RFD #1, Box 104, Rangeley, Maine 04970.

**39** So far, 13 responses have come in from the last questionnaire. Here are three I hadn't heard from in a long time • **Lois Britton Bayless** reports that she works part-time in a children's shop and her husband, Bill, is a semi-retired CLU at New York Life. They live at 3113 22nd St., Lubbock, Tex. Their oldest son, Steve, is a chemical engineer at Gulf Chemical Company in Hous-



Clara Collins Piper '14, the oldest of the alumni to attend the awards banquet, had the special pleasure of seeing her son, Wilson '39, receive the *Marriner Distinguished Service Award*.

## CLASS OF 1938

The forty-fifth reunion of the Class of 1938 proved to be a happy and memorable occasion for the more than 60 participants, although not all of the events came off as scheduled. Persistent flooding of the Kennebec caused the Friday riverboat trip to be cancelled, but Captain Kellogg arranged a wine-and-cheese party at nearby Benedict's restaurant in Hallowell. The cruise would have been wonderful, but the alternative did much to dispel our disappointment.

Friday evening's awards banquet had a record attendance including most of the returning Class of '38. It was preceded and followed by social hours at the class headquarters in "The Heights," where old acquaintances were renewed and reminiscences abounded!

Saturday's outdoor activities were rained out, and the noon lobster bake dampened by a deluge typical of last spring's weather, but the rain abated by evening and encouraged 66 persons to gather at Roberts Union for a social hour and banquet. Forty of the attendees were members of the class, four were graduates of 1937, three of 1939, and three of 1936. Walter and Kye Pinette Zukowski '37 were invited guests of the class. After an excellent roast beef dinner catered by the College food service, outgoing President Marion Dugdale conducted a brief business meeting and announced the results of class elections. Marble Thayer succeeds Marion as president, Sigrid Tompkins is vice-president, Larry Dwyer (286 Church Street, Berlin, N.H. 03570) is secretary-treasurer, and Joe Ciechon represents the class on the Alumni Council.

Sigrid humorously highlighted some of the more memorable events of our College days, after which slides of the old campus, some taken by Marion Dugdale and others from College files, were shown. Some of the slides provided by Colby—perhaps to make us feel like one of the younger generations—went way back to the Class of 1908! Marion's were more contemporary and brought many fond memories of the old campus. The evening wound up with a final get-together at "The Heights" with more reminiscing and looking forward to our fiftieth reunion in 1988. See you all then!

J. MARBLE THAYER, JR.

ton and Bob is a major in the Air Force at Scott Field, Ill. They have six grandchildren. Some of her hobbies are bridge, Tri Delt alumnae group, and traveling in their motor home. They have been to all states but three, including Alaska. Her final message: "Anyone from our Colby class coming out west—y'all come see us—hear?" • **Dr. Henry L. Bourassa** and wife, Julianne, live at 190 Western Ave., Augusta, Maine, where he intends to continue his dental practice for a few more years. They have eight children. One daughter has a degree in dental health education; another, a Ph.D., is a professor at Notre Dame University; one son, an M.B.A. recipient from Wharton School of Finance, is with Citibank of New York in New York City; another daughter, a Bowdoin College graduate, received her master's in biochemistry last December and is working on her doctorate; another son is a senior at University of Maine; another son is a junior at Boston University and is in the Marine Reserves; another daughter is a junior at Cony High School, Augusta, and was Maine representative to the Hugh O'Brien Seminar in Chicago last August; and the last daughter is a sophomore at Cony High School and has just been appointed to the State of Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group. A special travel event was a trip to Germany, Switzerland, and Austria on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary in 1978. Highlight of the past year was the marriage of their second oldest daughter • **James Perry** and his wife, Cleo, live in Camden, Maine. He is a retired Navy commander and his wife is a homemaker. They have four sons between 30 and 40 years of age. He is on the board of trustees and treasurer of the Maine chapter of Nature Conservancy, presi-

dent of the Camden-Rockport Historical Society, and active in the Democratic party. He attended Colby for two years, 1935-37 • **Freda K. Abel** is retired and lives at 51 Morton Street, New York City. At present she is taking it easy and attends an occasional Colby alumni association meeting. She spends her summers at her cottage in Bar Harbor. She has lunch with classmate **Alice Skinner Evans** every couple of weeks • **Elizabeth Doran** is retired and lives at 43 Pleasant Street, Methuen, Mass. She belongs to the Tenney Preservation Association and Delta Kappa Gamma. She is a volunteer enrichment teacher at St. Monica's School in Methuen.

**Class secretary: MARGARET A. WHALEN**, 98 Windsor Ave., Augusta, Maine 04330.

**40** **John Foster** has been president and chief executive of Cheshire Hospital in Keene, N.H., for seven years and is director and such in one national, four local, and two state organizations. He has recently been named editorial chairman for a professional journal being launched next year. His son John is a lawyer and private pilot in Eastport, Maine, and younger son is a TV producer in Durham, N.H. He says that for those our age it is those other generations that most delight us. His tennis improves. (So does mine) • Seen around Gainesville: Retired U.S. Navy Commander Alfred Brown '41 who has been a patient at the V.A. hospital here. His health is much improved and he enjoys the good life at Cocoa Beach, Fla., where from his own balcony he has seen the launchings of

Columbia and Challenger and other activities at Cape Canaveral.

**Class secretary: RUTH HENDRICKS MAREN**, 2201 N.W. 21st St., Gainesville, Fla. 32605.

**41** As correspondents we are improving. Two more classmates have written, and we've found news in the Lewiston, Maine, *Evening Journal* of **Joseph Croteau**. Upon retiring after 30 years as a salesman for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Joe became seriously interested in art, producing numerous drawings and paintings. He has displayed his works at Androscoggin Valley Art Show, the Chocolate Church Gallery in Bath, and at the Maine Coast Artists Exhibition in Rockport. He is a member of the Androscoggin Valley Art Association • **Mildred Van Valkenburg Demartini** wrote from Englewood, N.J., that their five grandchildren keep them busy and happy • **Audrey Massell Greenwald** returned to Massachusetts in 1968 after 25 years in Florida and has been living in an old farm house in Warwick. She serves as director of finances for Rural Housing Improvement. She has three sons, a daughter, two daughters-in-law, and one grandson, all of whom live in Massachusetts. Thank you, Mildred and Audrey, for sharing your news with us • **John MacGorman** expected to participate in the Tel Batash (Timnah) archaeological expedition in Israel June 5-July 17. That sounds exciting • **Eleanore King Clark** spent last winter in New Zealand, traveling, hiking, and bird-watching. She greatly enjoyed the people and the country • **Hiram Macintosh** wrote that fracturing his ankle last October kept him from downhill skiing this past winter. His future plans include traveling to Scotland for a class reunion and touring Ireland and Great Britain • **Virginia Moore Fremon** and her husband, Richard, are still in Hacketts-town, N.J., and find retirement enjoyable. Her husband and three of their children are involved in computing of one sort or another. Virginia, an equestrienne, still spends much spare time attending to their two horses, when she isn't gardening or researching genealogy. Virginia and Richard welcomed two new grandchildren last fall, which now gives them three • **Barbara Kaighn Warner** and her husband, John '42, are enjoying their retirement years in Quechee, Vt. They are close to Hanover so they are able to participate in several interesting activities at Dartmouth • The Reverend **Linwood Potter** is happily retired, spending winters in Ft. Myers, Fla., and warmer weather in Sanbornville, N.H. He and his wife go bicycling, mountain climbing, and Lin covers an occasional church service as a retired minister • Last March **Virginia Ryan** got away from the cold and snow of New England and went to Naples, Fla.

**Class secretary: RUTH "BONNIE" ROBERTS HATHAWAY** (Mrs. Henry L.), 25 Graham St., Fitchburg, Mass. 01420.

## CLASS OF 1943

As members of the Class of 1943 arrived at Millett Alumni House for our fortieth reunion, a thoughtful young man assigned us to rooms in "The Heights," Colby's newest dormitory. "It has fewer steps than most," he explained, "and we think it the best for older folks." From his view, perhaps 40 years is an eon of physical decay, but the 52 classmates and spouses who returned to Waterville on June 3-5 were all still vigorous enough to manage stairs, acres of campus, mountains of food, moderate drink, and good talk far into the night.

The general activities planned for alumni—seminars, exhibits, meetings, and a lobster bake in a rain-soaked tent—were stimulating side-shows. They gave the class, one of the last to identify with the old campus, a chance to reflect on Colby's superior facilities with some pride and a lot of awe.

The essence of the reunion, however, was to be with each other, to remember, to share talk of the future, and to wonder about those who stayed at home. We had fun doing just that at a relaxed open house given by Del and Thelma Proctor Matheson, at the class dinner in Millett House, and hour after hour at our headquarters lounge in "The Heights." Our dinner guests were Professors Marjorie and Philip Bither '30, now retired but vibrant as ever. We met and listened to President Cotter—too briefly, but long enough to be assured that even under the pressures to concentrate on teaching technology, he sees life steadily and sees it whole enough to be determined to keep Colby a center of liberal learning.

Tom Pursley was elected class president, with Hilda Niehoff True backing him up as vice-president. Jim Moriarty is our representative to the Alumni Council. Eleanor Smart Braumnüller was re-elected secretary-treasurer and awaits news of you at 115 Lake Road, Basking Ridge, N.J. 07920.

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ELEANOR SMART BRAUNMULLER

**42** Time to write class notes again, and meager is the material. I know all of you are literate, which is more than can be said for some of the

Ph.D.s around Cambridge. Please write your news • I was saddened to learn of the death of **Mary Carr Powers** early this year, "after a long illness." Her son, George B., may be reached at 43 Cottage St., Bangor, Maine 04401, or her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Edgerly, at RFD 4, Skowhegan, Maine 04976. Our sympathy is extended to them • **Dorris Heaney Batt** has sent a bracing travelogue from the Hawaiian Islands. About a year ago she and George visited Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Samoa, Bora Bora, Tahiti, and Moorea, enjoying every minute. Just the names are sheer poetry, rivaled only by Samarkand, or possibly Damariscotta? They came home to Kauai to a devastating hurricane, complete with 40-foot waves, and cooked the Thanksgiving turkey over charcoal. **Laurie and Liz Coles Harris** house-sat while they were gone. Even Harvard Square seems a bit tame now, but I do commend the New England spring, or fall, come to that • Write! I shall have a candle burning in the window.

**Class secretary: CHRISTINE BRUCE SHEA** (Mrs. Charles), 1 Springdale Ave., Wellesley, Mass. 02181.

**43** When you all read this our fortieth reunion will be history and you will get a separate report about that. Although my news supply is now nonexistent, I did have a letter from **Priscilla Moldenke Drake** saying that she and Bill will be in England in June and thus unable to attend the reunion. They were at Colby in the summer of 1982 while Bill attended a forensic pathology seminar. They also did some traveling in Maine and saw Isabel Abbott '40 in Union and Beth Wescott '40 in Bucksport • Recent newspaper clippings gave information on two classmates from whom we never hear directly. **Millicent Bolling Smith** is principal of Jonathan Law High School in Milford, Conn., and in February was appointed to Colonial Bank's Milford advisory board. Millicent is presently a doctoral candidate at the University of Bridgeport • **Barbara Brent Biedermann** has been a realtor since 1965 and early this year became associated with Connecticut Homes of New Canaan. Her activities include Airline Personnel in Real Estate Sales (APRES), the Stewardess Alumnae Association, Kiwi Club (former American Airlines stewardesses), and the Wilton, Conn., Playshop • That's it for now, and maybe forever unless you send more news! By the way, the *Alumnus* staff is encouraging letters to the editor, so feel free to write comments, questions, criticisms, kudos, and other items that would make interesting reading for Colby friends.

**Class secretary: ELEANOR SMART BRAUN-MULLER** (Mrs. Albert R.), 115 Lake Rd., Basking Ridge, N.J. 07920.

**44** **Class secretary: BARBARA BAYLUS PRIMIANO** (Mrs. Wetherell), 15 Crossways, Barrington, R.I. 02806.

**45** **Class secretary: MAURICE WHITTEN**, 11 Lincoln St., Gorham, Maine 04038.

## CLASS OF 1948

Our thirty-fifth reunion stimulated a moderate turnout, but those of us who returned had a marvelous time. Many classmates have assumed new lifestyles, ranging as widely as retirements and career changes, and we hope to hear firsthand news of other friends at our next reunion in 1988.

A feeling of warm camaraderie infused all of our gatherings, but none more so than the class dinner in Mary Low on Saturday evening. Reunion co-chairperson Dave Marson, ever the raconteur, entertained us by telling anecdotes of classmates and reading letters from Marv Joslow, Gil Taverner, and others who were not able to celebrate the occasion on campus. Alumnae in class expressed appreciation to Dorothy Marson for her help in organizing details of the reunion by presenting her with a hand-carved bird. Another genuine thrill in the weekend was the tremendous tribute the Class of 1958 paid to Bill Bryan and his late wife, Mardie, when the class fulfilled a 1958 vow to establish the Bill and Mardie Bryan Scholarship Fund to benefit Colby-bound children of alumni.

A class letter has already gone out from Virginia "BoBo" Brewer Folino, our new secretary-treasurer, who is collecting news of us at RD 1, Box 613, Grand Isle, Vt. 05458. Class elections also placed our other reunion co-chair, Gordon Miller, at the helm and Frances Hyde Stephan in the vice-presidency. Carol Stoll Baker is the new class representative to the Alumni Council.

**46** Paul '48 and I spent last winter with a new hobby, raising orchids and orchid cacti under lights.

They are probably the homeliest of plants but have the most exotic of blooms, ranging from miniatures to six-inch blossoms • I had news from **Joyce Theriault Howell** that she and David had come full circle, by way of California and Texas, and are now back in Maine after 30 years. She reported that they did not get "cabin fever" their first winter back and everything was working out well. Her hobbies are gardening and handicrafts, while they both enjoy traveling • After 30 years as superintendent of the Christian Civic League of Maine, the Reverend **Ben Bubar, Jr.**, is getting ready to make way for a successor. His career as a prohibitionist has included three terms in the Maine House of Representatives and two campaigns for the United States presidency. He is also known as a statehouse lobbyist battling gambling, pornography, and, most of all, liquor. One opponent doesn't expect Ben to give up the fight. He said, "I can't believe that even if he does retire that he won't show up at hearings on liquor bills." We're proud of you, Ben! • **Laura Deane Higgins Field** and husband, Richard, moved to South Freeport, Maine, after he retired from teaching at Harvard Law School in 1973. They were able to spend many months in England over the years. She wrote that he died in 1978. We're truly sorry to hear that, Cricket. She is busy with Freeport community services and with the "Meals on Wheels" program after being in the nursing field. She expects to go to Greece this year. Her six children and three "steps" range in age from 24 to 52 years, and she has nine step-grandchildren. She was back on campus for an emergency medicine symposium during the summer of 1981 and found "quite a change from the old Foss Hall!" • **Virginia Blair Sensibaugh** wrote that she saw **Hilda Robertson Lyons** at the Phoenix area alumni meeting in Scottsdale in 1982. The year before, she saw **Doris Lyon Hesdorfer** and hus-

band Frank when they were passing through. Ginny and Jim have two daughters and four grandchildren. He sold his business several years ago. She is the board secretary for the Stanfield Community Center, still is teaching, and enjoys knitting and reading • **Hannah Karp Laipson** and Myron spend a lot of their summer time boating in Rhode Island, at Elizabeth Islands, and at Martha's Vineyard. Myron is still affiliated with the dairy industry. Their daughter Ellen is Mideast analyst for the research division of the Library of Congress. Son Adam is associated with a Philadelphia architectural photographer, while their daughter Deb and husband both teach at Colgate University. Hannah was promoted to professor of English at Quinsigamond Community College, where she's been teaching for the past 12 years • Please keep your news items coming in.

**Class secretary: NORMA TWIST MURRAY** (Mrs. Paul F.), 28 Birdsall St., Winsted, Conn. 06098.

**47** We've not too much news, but congratulations are in order for **William T. Mason, Jr.**, who was recently elected a Colby overseer. Bill is a partner in the law firm Robinson, Eichler, Zalewski and Mason of Norfolk, Va. • **Theodore E. Felker**, an architect, was recently in the news in New Canaan, Conn., for his activities with S.M.S. Architects. He has been with the firm since 1956, after doing graduate work at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute • Now for the last of our notes from last year's reunion: **Faith Jones Middleton**, now retired, wrote about her life on a Vermont farm raising children, trees, and Morgan horses. Now she expects to spend more time sailing, as well as playing tennis and skiing. Happy retirement! • **Jodie Schreiber** was too busy to make the reunion, but lives in the Washington, D.C.,

area • **Alice Billington Rex** found June too busy a time to take off, but mentioned that her "nest was empty" of all six children and that she was enjoying some volunteer work, while her husband and two sons ran the family business. They live in South Dartmouth, Mass. • **Louise Boudrot Phillips** missed the reunion, but was thinking of us from her home in Moorestown, N.J. • **Carl Wright**, a practicing lawyer, wrote that he spends about half the year in Florida now and the other half in Skowhegan, Maine, tending to his law practice. Both a son and a daughter were being married last summer • **Perry Harding** couldn't come to the reunion because he was in the process of moving back to Wayne, Maine, to be exact, and glad to be doing so • **Kay Southworth Stewart** has been living in the Bahamas since 1968. "Maine is too cold for us!" They commute to the States in their own plane for mail and groceries. Sounds like a nice place to be • How about dropping me a note so I can continue to make this column interesting? Thanks.

**Class secretary: BETTY WADE DRUM**, 44 Country Village Lane, Sudbury, Mass. 01776.

**48** **Class secretary: VIRGINIA BREWER FOLINO** (Mrs. Francis R.) R.D. #1, Box 613, Grand Isle, Vt. 05458.

**49** **Class secretary: BEVERLY BOOTH**, 234 Jackson St., Newton Center, Mass. 02156.

**50** One of the highlights of my winter vacation last February was seeing my old friend **Roy W. Tibbetts**. I had not seen Roy since he left Sanford, Maine, almost 14 years ago to work for the Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board. Mary C., whom Roy had never met, and I drove up to St. Petersburg to spend the evening with Roy and his lovely wife, Anne. We reminisced about the times I used to visit them in Sanford and the times spent at his parents' camp on Moosum Lake. Roy and Anne have two children. Karen has just completed college and is a marathon runner, and John, who is six-feet, five-inches, is a sophomore in high school. Anne has gone back to teaching since the children have grown. Roy contracted multiple sclerosis several years ago, and although it has slowed him down a bit he still works every day. Roy and Anne then drove down to have lunch with us in Sarasota several days later and met my young family • I received a note from the Reverend **Charles L. Smith, Jr.**, who is in his seventh year as founding pastor of New Covenant Congregational Church in Shelton, Conn. His five children range in age from 19 to 28. The oldest, Stephen, began teaching economics this fall at George Washington University after receiving his Ph.D. from Cornell. Paul is teaching at Long Ridge School in Stamford, Conn., and Lois works for a Milford, Conn., radio station. Both are graduates of the University of Connecticut. Christopher is pastor of a church in Ottawa, Ontario. He graduated from Harvard University. Peter is beginning his junior year at Oral Roberts University and is the incoming editor of the newspaper there. In his letter to me, Charles mentioned that he sees Philip March '51 occasionally and that Philip is marketing manager of *Christian Herald Magazine* • **John Mc-**

**Sweeney** ran for another term in the Maine legislature last fall from District 117 • You all have a wonderful season and, if in the mood, drop me a line about yourselves.

**Class secretary: ALAN E. SILBERMAN**, 769 Rockrimmon Rd., Stamford, Conn. 06903.

**51** I had a nice letter at Christmas time from **Bob and Helen Palen Roth**. Enclosed was a picture of their three good-looking children, all grown up now. Bob's excitement lies in trying to figure out the stockmarket and what he is going to do when his secretary of 16 years retires. Bob has suggested that Helen take over • **Cliff Bean** is an overseer at Colby. "Bump" is a management consultant at Arthur D. Little • **Helen Conroy Berry** and her husband, Francis, live in Newry, Maine. They have four children and five grandchildren. Helen teaches high school at Telstar Regional High School and with Francis, runs Lone Pine Camping Area during the summer • **Teddy Shiro** and his wife, Arden, live in Augusta. Ted is a restaurant owner and is very active in the Maine Sports Hall of Fame • **Bruce Carswell**, who was recently vice-president of human resources for GTE Sylvania, has been named senior vice-president of the Stamford, Conn., GTE facilities. Bruce and his wife live in Scarsdale, N.Y. • **Warren Finegan** was up recently to attend the dinner for Portland area alumni. He is working very hard on the new fund-raising campaign. My wife, Joan (Kelby '52), Warren, and I were delighted to see **Sally Blanchard Maynard**, who lives in Falmouth and is a dental hygienist. Sitting at the same table with us was Ted Rice '54, a Phi Delt • **Bart Panzenhagen** lives in New York City. Bart is the director of operations for Sterns, a New Jersey-based department store. He wrote that his primary hobby is the continuing renovation and restoration of his 140-year-old brownstone townhouse in New York's "West Village" • **Sherwin "No Neck" Welson** and his wife, Elinor, live in West Hartford, Conn. Sonny has two grown-up daughters. Linda, the youngest, has been living in Munich, Germany, for the last year. Sonny claims he is a great golfer • **Joan Withington Downes** and her husband, Phil, live in Kent, Conn. Her husband is a probate judge, and Joan works as a church secretary • There has been a lot of talk in the Portland area about the changing of the Colby mascot from the mule to the moose. I think it's great, but how about changing the mascot to Indians? There's a name that will not offend anyone.

**Class secretaries: ROBERT E. CANNELL**, 2 Robinhood Lane, Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107, and **CHARLES McINTYRE**, 25 Elm St., Marblehead, Mass. 01945.

**52** With fall here you should have renewed vigor and an uncontrollable desire to write me about your great summer. Without news we have nothing to say in this column • **Arnold "Jesse" James** wrote that his wife, Rosemarie, died on February 2 after a long illness. Many of us knew Rosemarie and our prayers go out to Jesse and the girls.

## CLASS OF 1953

We were celebrating our "30th and holding," according to the reunion buttons graciously provided by outgoing class President Roger Huebsch. Two days of comparing notes, renewing acquaintances, and laughing a lot seemed to indicate that we are holding rather well.

Memories of our June 3-5 reunion have to include Friday evening's emotional testimony to Bill '48 and Mardie Bryan by the Class of 1958, lobster in the rain on Saturday, the banquet at Ho Jo's Saturday night, arranged once again by Marcie LaVerdiere O'Halloran, guest appearances by Dr. Bixler and President Cotter, and the late-night round-table sessions back at Marriner. These discussions tackled such weighty questions as "Whatever happened to? . . ." and "What became of Onie's bar that once graced the now infamous KDR house?" Sunday's weather provided the opportunity to explore new additions to the campus and to reminisce even more before friends departed.

Our new class officers are President Martha Friedlaender, Vice-President Robert Wulfin, Secretary Carolyn English Beane (8 Arizona Terrace, #5, Arlington, Mass. 02174), and Alumni Council Representative Carleton Reed.

In short, our thirtieth reunion was a delightful weekend spent with kindred spirits, some returning for the first time since graduation. I hope that those of you who didn't make it back to Waterville this year will do so in 1988. You won't regret it.

CAROLYN ENGLISH BEANE

**Class secretary:** DONALD G. HAILER, 28 Forest Rd., Glen Rock, N.J. 07452.

**53** This is my last article. It's been five great years for me. I've loved receiving your letters and sharing the news • Here goes with this quarter's news. In a recent issue of the American Meteorological Society bulletin, **Roland Nagle** received headline attention. Head of the satellite data processing and display department at the Naval Environmental Prediction Research facility in Monterey, Calif., he has received the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award. This award recognizes his "extraordinary effort, technical expertise, and devotion to the cause of operational environmental satellite data utilization." For his 10 years of service, Ro received a medal and a certificate of the Navy's second highest honorary award given to civilian employees. Congratulations!

• Several of you wrote quickly in response to my recent request for news. Here are some items. **Phil** and **Martha DeWolfe '55 Hussey** have four children, including two Colby grads, **Tim '78** and **Anne '80**. **Phil** and **Martha** recently returned from a trip to Japan and Hong Kong • **Ted Lallier**, a lawyer, has three children, none old enough to go to college. The two youngest are **Edward**, born May 3, 1978, and **Matthew**, born July 20, 1981. Is this a record for our class? • **Jane Bailey Blood** has three children, **David**, a senior in philosophy at Cornell, **Brian**, a junior at Cornell's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, and **Deborah**, who will enter Syracuse University Law School in the fall. Jane was given an award at Millay College for the Arts in April 1983. She is a full-time writer of poetry, journalism, psychology, and feminist theology • **Miriam Price Patten** has three children, including **Elizabeth '78**. She is a homemaker and works part-time at a travel agency • **Judith Segal Gatof** has two children and a granddaughter. Her husband, **Norman**, is chairman of Monet International and a vice-president of General Mills. They travel a great deal, but not in the summers, when they spend time in their new home in the Hamptons • **Louise Davis Stone** is account coordinator in the office of publications at the University of Pennsylvania and does committee work for her division. Her family, including three children, will play hosts to **Pru Belcher Schuler** and her family, when they attend Pru's son's wedding • I had the opportunity, in April, to call several of you, and some '52ers also, from the New York Colby Telethon. I spoke to **Sally Baines Howard**, one of my "regulars," **Pat Ladner Taylor**, **Norma Shea Black**, and **Charlie Fisher**. **Chase Lasbury** told me he and **Nan (Murray)** were grandparents three times! Anyone else? Hope to have seen many of you at our thirtieth. Keep your letters coming to our next secretary.

**Class secretary:** MARTHA FRIEDLAENDER, 382 Central Park West, New York, N.Y. 10025.

**54** A long letter from **Janice Stevenson Squier** told of the wonderful year that she and her husband spent in China. Both Jan and Chuck taught in

the English department at the Tianjin Foreign Languages Institute, about two hours south of Beijing (Peking). During 1981-82 they traveled for 3300 miles within China and even made it to Inner Mongolia. Jan reports that since her return she has been "trying to bring back the Sung and Ming dynasty pots" on her potter's wheel in Boulder, Colo., and is studying Asian art in an effort to understand all the wonders she saw in China.

**Class secretary:** BARBARA GUERNSEY EDDY (Mrs. C. Arthur), R.R. 1, Box 198, Lincoln City Rd., Salisbury, Conn. 06068.

**55** **Class secretary:** SUE BIVEN STAPLES (Mrs. Selden), 430 Lyons Rd., Liberty Corner, N.J. 07938.

**56** **Jane Collins** is a deputy director for African and Latin American analysis for the Central Intelligence Agency, which consumes 11 to 12 hours a day and most weekends. She looks forward to a time when she can take more control of her life and perhaps make a change to real estate, with a little golf on the side. Meanwhile, she is taking courses at Foreign Service Institute in Latin American studies just to keep abreast of her job and she enjoyed the management development program at Har-

vard Business School • **Nancy Carroll Luce** has brought up her family and is now studying for the ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary and doing pastoral work in the Philadelphia prisons • **"Cocky" Wolcott Turner** has her master's degree in science and teaches in the Montgomery County, Md., school system. Her husband is an engineer in the applied physics lab at Johns Hopkins. Cocky's two daughters are college students, and Cocky may soon be, too. She wants to be certified in earth science and learn computer programming. For relaxation Cocky turns to playing classical guitar • **Carolyn Donley Inman's** two children are married now so she keeps in touch with the teenage world by teaching full time in the Acton-Boxboro regional schools. She completed her master's program recently • **Barbara Davis Howard** is teaching kindergarten in Queens, N.Y. Her husband is the minister of Grace United Methodist Church in Valley Stream, N.Y., where they live. Their eldest daughter has been in La Paz, Bolivia, working for the church. Another daughter is an assistant teacher in New York City, and the youngest girl has been studying art in Florence, Italy, as a student at Williams College • **"Bunny" Henderson Morse** left a satisfying job as a college evening school administrator for a more remunerative job as a department coordinator and secretary for the Digital Equipment Corporation, where she is also able to take computer courses. After 20 years in his family shoe business, her husband is now a field life/health underwriter for New York Life Insurance Company. Their two sons

## CLASS OF 1958

Our twenty-fifth reunion can only be described as a "happening." Someone aptly called it a love-in without any of the negative connotations sometimes associated with the term. J. Seelye Bixler, in a letter to one of our classmates, put it this way: "It was easy to see that the experience released a lot of genuine feeling of the sort we keep pent up most of the time. We did tremendously enjoy seeing so many of your class and getting that warmest of welcomes."

As we enjoyed such good cheer, our twenty-fifth reunion set a number of standards for following classes, including a class gift of \$103,000, dedicated to Bill '48 and Mardie Bryan, to create an endowed scholarship fund for Colby legacies. We were also the largest number from any class ever to attend a Reunion Weekend.

The new officers elected by this dynamic class are President Bruce Blanchard, who demonstrated his leadership skills by organizing our wonderful reunion, Vice-President Lynne D'Amico McKee, Secretary-Treasurer Lois Munson Megathlin (20 Ledgewood Lane, Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107), and Alumni Council Representative John Ludwig.

How can one describe the sweep of emotion that charged each of us when Bruce made tribute to Bill Bryan while presenting our class gift during the awards banquet? Or when Bill's wonderful, emotional response to the question of how long it takes to get over Colby rang out: "You never do." Many again shared tears and applause when Dr. and Mrs. Bixler and John and Mary Joseph joined us at Saturday's class dinner, Dr. Bixler saluting us, Colby, and the Colby experience. There was also the wonderful Boothbay Harbor cruise with William "Icki" '59 and Linda Mackey Foehl '60 and their marvelous bluegrass group serenading us. We went from one emotional high to another, finding that each new event built upon those preceding with no let down until we finally departed on Sunday.

Few of us have ever experienced such an outpouring of love, caring, and open exchange as took place that weekend. It was truly a weekend to remember and one that left us each so much richer for having experienced it.

JOHN LUDWIG



are working, one for the city of Nashua, where they live, the other as an engineer for a construction company in Rochester after his recent graduation from University of New Hampshire. Husband Bob ran into **Mort Downing** in Amherst, N.H. Mort runs a grocery store. Stop in and buy!

**Class secretary: JUDITH PENNOCK LILLEY** (Mrs. Albert F.), 180 Lincoln Ave., Ridgewood, N.J. 07450.

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**Class secretary: MARILYN PERKINS CANTON**, 2731 Sherbrooke, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122.

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**Christopher M. Maginnis** of Groton, Conn., was appointed in December 1982 as general manager and treasurer of the Community Service Credit Union, the second-largest state-chartered credit union in Connecticut. Chris recently retired from the Navy after 23 years of service • **The Reverend Barbara Field West**, assistant rector of St. James's Episcopal Church in Glastonbury, Conn., is also on the staff of the pastoral counseling center of Glastonbury, which opened an office in Portland • **Brad Sherman** wrote that recent news of his "retirement" was not entirely accurate. He did retire from the United States Navy in 1981 but is currently the production manager for the data processing subsidiary of Fleet Financial Group in Providence. Brad has a 12-year-old daughter who is looking forward to attending Colby "without any coaching from Dad, either" • **Ann Harding Jamieson** sent news of her four children, three of whom are at various stages of college or career education. Her husband, Jim, retired from the Air Force and is now in his third year of selling real estate in Pennsylvania • **Carlos Davila** now works as an international marketing representative for Odin Corporation in Alexandria, Va. • **Douglas Hatfield, Jr.**, is active in two statewide organizations in New Hampshire, having recently been elected president of the New Hampshire Judges' Association and president of the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ. His duties in the latter office included attending the general synod of the church in Pittsburgh in June 1983. Doug and his wife Judy (Ingram '60) often see **George and Wendy McWilliam '60 Denneen**, who live nearby in Windham • In February 1983 **Anita Falter Currier** organized an art exhibit, "Nostalgalia," in her position as acting director of the Cape May County Art League in New Jersey. She and her family planned to move to Washington, D.C., in the summer of 1983 to join husband Doug, a captain in the United States Coast Guard • This is my last column as correspondent for the Class of '58. Many thanks for your prompt responses and cooperation during the past five years. I'm sure you will give the same support to my successor.

**Class secretary: MARY ELLEN CHASE BRIDGE** (Mrs. Peter), 78 Sandy Lane, Burlington, Vt. 05401.



*Always a special delight for the twenty-fifth reunion class, this year's cruise in Boothbay Harbor was blessed by good weather and hearty laughter. Class of 1958 members shown are Deborah Robson Cobb, Andria Peacock Kime, and Elizabeth Cooper Cochran, all seated in front; William Cochran, standing; and Lois and Peter Doran, seated in the back.*

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What fun it is to reach out for news with a questionnaire from the alumni office and get as much response as we have had twice during my term as class correspondent. Since my husband, **Bob Kopchains**, and I are now rattling around with no children in the house, the responses have provided us with great entertainment over the past few weeks. They were too numerous to list here and, consequently, I have written a class letter that all '59ers should have received long before this issue was published. Nancy, our daughter, is a junior at Drew University; Bobby, a freshman at Middlebury College; and Tommy, currently in boarding school in New Jersey, will attend Faragut Academy in Florida next year in tenth grade • I heard from about 40 people who, collectively, have about 90 children. Five of them belong to **Pat Black Mullarkey**. Of these children, 25 are in college, several have graduated from college, two or three are in graduate school, and a few are married. Jay Church has a son at Colby and Nancy Little Ready has a niece who will be there next year. **Liz Hay Gauvin** has two grandsons. **Nancy Nelson Hellquist** has twin granddaughters, and, when Jay Church wrote, he indicated that he was expecting his first grandchild in "just a few minutes" • The Class of '59 appears to be an athletic bunch, tennis being the most popular sport for **Carol Kristiansen Bittner**, **Edo Foresman Donaldson**, **Tom Skolfeld**, and **Al Wilbur**, who is also a jogging enthusiast, as is **Carol Holt Case**. **John Brooks** ran in the Boston Marathon and qualified for next year's race. **Marilynn Berry Sewall** ran in an official Nike 6.2 race and "did terribly." I think just getting there is an accomplishment! • Aside from sports,

more unusual statistics include the fact that **Edo Foresman Donaldson** and her family recently raised a seeing-eye dog for 15 months and also have a flock of sheep in Norfolk, Conn. "Some are for eating, some for showing," her son's job • We have three store proprietors: **Cyndy Crockett Mendelson**, **Lloyd Cohen**, and **Bob Brolli**. All of them appear to own unique and successful stores that have been favorably publicized by their respective communities. **Liz Hay Gauvin** reports that she is now the wife of, daughter of, granddaughter of, niece of, and cousin of two funeral directors. Liz, you can't be the wife of two funeral directors! • Other responses included **Tom Bailey**, **Alden Belcher, D.M.D.**, **Gladys Frank Bernyk**, **Melba Metcalf Boynton**, **Bob Bruce**, **Bill Chapin**, **Tom Connors**, **Carolyn Cummings Crain**, **Kay German Dean**, **Jackie Bendelius Davidson**, **Rick Field**, **Paul LaVerdiere**, **Steve Levine**, **Russell Longley**, **Tony Moore**, **Mary Ranlett Mossman**, **Lydia Katz Pease**, **Eliane Maccaferri Reese**, **Colleen Cruise Reynolds**, **Tony Ruvo**, **Sancy Buxton Scheele**, **Frank Seebode**, and **Jim Stockwell**. Their news will appear in the next issue, and I hope to see all their faces among the others at our twenty-fifth reunion coming up in 1984.

**Class secretary: MARY TWISS KOPCHAINS** (Mrs. Robert), 4 Kyle Rd., Somerset, N.J. 08873.

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Greetings from the heart of the Midwest • I'll start with the "lost list" in hopes that some of you will know where the rest of you are hiding: **James Anger**, **John Bailey**, **C. Waring**



Blackburn, Peter Burnham, Latchezar "Lucky" Christov, Herbert Cluthe, Bill Droll, Barbara Larsen Fisher, Ann Kimball Gache, Marty Gache, Jeremy Guiles, Olympia Constantinidou Hadjimichael, Richard Hilton, Don Kaufman, Steve Kudriavetz, Paul Lambert, Sally Martin Maule, Larry Mitchell, Fred Moffatt, Barbara Flint Myer, Emelie Legare Phillips, Roger Richardson, Vira Rojanavongse, John Russell, Ivan Saitow, Bernard Scherban, Richard Seymour, Jack Sinton, David Tierney, Penny Chapman Turner, Hank Van Beever, George Welch, Charles Williams, and Phillip Worth. Those who were lost in January but are lost no longer are **Peter Rednor** and **Helen "Sandy" Hutchinson Eckert**. Now that you have been found, let us hear from you. What have you been doing all these years? • Clippings tell me that **Margaret Wetzel Plath** has been named curator of the Yorktown, N.Y., town museum. Prior to this appointment, she was the manager of the museum's gift shop and had been a docent at the museum for over five years. She is a member of the American Association of Museums and the American Association of State and Local History. Cal and I were very pleased to see Maggie, her husband, Warren, and her two daughters when her oldest, Jennifer, and my youngest, Winthrop, graduated from Exeter in June 1982. • **Pierce Burgess**, when last heard from, was being honored by Ford Motor Company for the highest level of sales achievement. He is fleet sales manager at Ken Carpenter Ford in Franklin, N.H. • **Katherine "Scotty" Linscott Barrett** is living in Pembroke, Mass., and has continued her interest in education, much as we were urged to do by Dr. Conant 24 years ago. In addition to being an advertising representative for MPG Communications in Plymouth, Mass., she has served on the school board in Pembroke, a position that usually has more headaches than rewards. She is to be congratulated for the time spent in community service. • A recent note from **Rosemary Athearn Smith**, Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., related that she will begin studies in September for a master's degree at the theological school of Drew University in Madison, N.J. She has two children, Stephen, 15, and Karen, 13. Her husband, Don, is the assistant treasurer of Westvaco, a job that takes him to Brazil on an annual basis.

**Class secretary: PEG BARNES DYER** (Mrs. Calvin), 140 Hamilton Dr., Terre Haute, Ind. 47803.

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**Class secretary: SUSAN DETWILER GOODALL** (Mrs. William), 88 Heald Rd., Carlisle, Mass. 01741.

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Wherever your vacations have taken you, I hope you enjoyed a pleasant summer. Congratulations Mother and Dad, Russell and Janet Locke Jack '31, on your fiftieth wedding anniversary. • **Brenda Lewison Wooldredge** wrote that she is studying photography at the Cleveland Institute of Art. Her private work has been in shows in New York, Indianapolis,

and five competitions in Cleveland. Her husband, Bill '61, continues at B.F. Goodrich as chief financial officer and executive vice-president. • **Bill Clough** is Gould Academy's new headmaster. Previously, he was the assistant headmaster at Holderness School in New Hampshire. Bill's wife, Ki, is a self-employed nursery school teacher. Daughter, Wendy, is a junior at Middlebury, while Karin and Billy are a senior and a freshman at Holderness. • **Martha Fromm** is owner and manager of a telephone answering service in Eau Claire, Ill. • **Lynn Kimball** lives in Greenwich, Conn., where she is an English teacher of the seventh and eighth grades as well as department coordinator. She sings in the Greenwich Choral Society and the church choir. In the summer, picking blueberries at her cottage at Pemaquid Point in New Harbor, Maine, is lots of fun. • **Judith Hoagland Bristol** is the assistant director of social studies in the Houston Independent School District, Houston, Tex. Her husband is a stockbroker for Paine Webber. Judy was host to a meeting of the Houston Colby group of some 45 people in March. Last summer she spent some time with **Jane Germer Meikle** before going to Colby for our reunion. • **Pat Farnham Russell** just finished a five-year grind going to school part-time to receive her M.Ed. from the University of Maine. She is a resource room teacher. Her husband, Rolie, is personnel supervisor at Great Northern Paper. Their eldest son, Jeff, plans to attend Colby in September. The Russells want you all to know

that the welcome mat is always out for any seeking the north woods. • **Pete Beaumont** is administrative vice-president of Continental Bank. He is also treasurer of his church. You are not alone, Pete, when you mention that it's hard to believe that it's time for your twenty-fifth high school reunion. • **Richard Schmaltz** has joined the research department of Kidder, Peabody and Company in New York City as chairman of the stock selection committee. • **Richard Simkins** has been changing the face of a downtown Newburyport block during the past 13 years. The Grog Shop is becoming the entertainment center of the city. • Keep your letters coming so I'll have news to write. Remember that there is a letters-to-the-editor section in this magazine. Please feel welcome to send complaints, kudos, questions, and any other information about the College or the *Alumnus*, as your feedback demonstrates how well Colby developed your critical thinking.

**Class secretary: PATRICIA "PATCH" JACK MOSHER** (Mrs. Arthur L.), 226 Pleasant St., Pembroke, Mass. 02359.

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Congratulations to **David Bromley**, who accepted a position as professor and chairman of the department of sociology and anthropology at

## CLASS OF 1963

It was 3:30 Sunday morning when the last of the late-night conversation groups filtered out of Woodman lounge and to their rooms. They had just heard Carl "Skip" Stinson and George Swasey tell about the dance going on at the Lambda Chi house—was there something about people dancing seated on their partners' shoulders?—and Jim Martin had been astounding everyone with his CIA-like knowledge of classmates' whereabouts and activities. Mike Franklin established a new tradition for us veterans of a segregated campus when he decided that the couch in Woodman lounge was more appealing than the drive back to Massachusetts at that hour.

But I'm getting ahead of the story. What did take place at the Class of '63's twentieth reunion? Lots of bragging about how successful or unsuccessful one is or was? No. Lots of smoke and haze as to what one has done since graduation? No. What took place was simply innumerable conversations among classmates that sounded as though they began in June 1963 and just picked up where they left off 20 years later. They were candid exchanges between people who truly cared about one another.

The steady buzz of chatter during Saturday's cocktail hour grew when Dr. and Mrs. Bixler arrived to greet individuals last seen in a cafeteria line, in a classroom, or on the commencement platform. Bill and Linda Cotter also stopped in to welcome us back to campus, and Professor Fred Geib and his wife, Jane, were special guests at the dinner. In keeping with our style, we heard no long speeches. Professor Geib called us the last of the "normal" classes and then told us what he meant—in 12 minutes. Individual introductions were a highlight of the evening, and Harris chocolate doughnuts supplemented the dessert.

The announcement of newly elected class officers provided only one surprise: all were present. They are Al Carville, president; Natalie Gates Lawton, vice-president; Karen Beganny Johnson, secretary-treasurer (receiving mail at 4905 14th Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minn. 55417); and Jane Melanson Dahmen, representative to the Alumni Council.

AL CARVILLE

## CLASS OF 1968

About 75 members of the Class of 1968 and their spouses attended our fifteenth reunion in June. People came from as near as Waterville and as far as Georgia and Colorado, many with their families. It was rewarding to see how the children of old classmates became fast friends, and what a pleasant surprise that so many new babies, even twins, have been born to '68ers this year.

A highlight of the weekend was a casual, spontaneous get-together in Woodman lounge Friday night. All of the old standbys—beer, Doritos, the Supremes, and fellowship—seemed to gel. When a 1968 "Faces and Places" and a few yearbooks turned up, the "memory-lane" laughs were shared by all.

As is the tradition for Class of '68 gatherings, it rained all day Saturday. Our softball game became an indoor volleyball tournament. The evenly matched teams inspired good-natured competition and lots of fun. The rainy afternoon created the perfect opportunity to visit the beautiful Art Museum and to tour the new library addition and the new dormitory, which were quite impressive!

"The Heights" provided the setting for the class cocktail party and candlelight dinner. Following the buffet, Betty Savicki Carvellas was presented with a copy of Dean Mariner's *History of Colby College* for her fine efforts as class secretary for the last five years. The new class officers were announced. They are President Bob Aisner, Vice-President Steve Ford, Secretary-Treasurer Jan Semonian (Box 109, Sandwich, Mass. 02563), and Alumni Council Representative Art Brennan. Congratulations to all.

Sunday morning dawned bright and sunny. A long, leisurely, social breakfast at the Spa—complete with John, Peter, Jackie, and Bloody Marys—brought the Reunion Weekend to an enjoyable close.

JUDITH MOSEDALE CAMBER

Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond • **Richard Varney**, who has completed 10 years of personnel management positions with Mobil Oil, Melville Corporation, and Hendrix Electronics, has been named vice-president of industrial relations at Compo Industries in Waltham, Mass. He will administer the personnel policies for Compo's six operating divisions, including chemical specialties, man-made leather, equipment, Pandel Chemical, and Corporate divisions • **Robert Gula**, teacher and director of studies at Groton School, Groton, Mass., has written an article, "Beyond the Typewriter: An English Teacher Looks at Word Processing," published in 1982 in *Classroom Computer News* and reprinted this year in *Independent School* • Our current lost list includes: **Daniel Barrett**, **Joan Baxter**, **Ronald Bloom**, **Herbert Bolin**, **Silvia Caillet-Bois**, **Henry Crampton**, **Jay Eaton**, **Marjorie Edwards**, **Adam Fisher**, **Dave Gilbert**, **Ellen Larkin Grisanti**, **Alta Maher Haldar**, **Frank Kirby**, **Wayne Kivi**, **William Law**, **Frederick Mason**, **Thomas Mayer**, **Jim McKinnie**, **Mona Ford Miller**, **Shirley Parry**, **Chester Purdy**, **Pusadee Rojanavongse Salisbury**, **Mary Cahill Schroeder**, **Fred Sears**, **Ruth Grey Springer**, **Shannon McCune Wagner**, **Peter Wickersham**, **David Williams**, **David Wright**, **Donald Young**, **Jean Gross Zorn**, **Diana Cross Washburn**, **Douglas Johnston**, **Stamatis Tsitsopoulos**, **Muriel Anderson**. Can you help the alumni office find them?

Class secretary: **GAIL PRICE KIMBALL** (Mrs. Ralph), 55 Maple St., Paxton, Mass. 01612.

been mislaid, a short note or postcard will do • **John Bush** checked in from Jacksonville, Fla. John is married with two sons. A former government major, John is a CPA and tax partner with Peat, Marwick Mitchell and Company. Come July 1983 the Bush family expects to be transferred to New York City • **Jan Young Heath** is a personnel assistant for a data processing services firm specializing in the legal field and the proud mother of two boys. She lives in Centre Square, Pa. • From the West Coast we heard from **Jerrold Lee Shapiro** located in Los Gatos, Calif. He and his wife are the proud parents of a new baby girl. In addition to teaching and practicing psychotherapy at the University of Santa Clara graduate school, Jerrold is still performing music on autoharp. After 17 years in Hawaii, the move to California seems to really agree with Jerrold • **Jeanne Pendleton Harriman** is another very busy person. This former English major is in the midst of closing on the purchase of various real estate as part of her interval ownership development company, raising two teenagers, and working for her church in various capacities. Jeanne is another Florida resident • With three novels already published to her credit, **Joan Philipps Thompson** is working on a new book. Last year she made a research trip to Paris with **Karen Knudsen Day**. Her husband, two sons, Democratic politics, and tennis all keep Joan's life very full. She is a member of a tennis team traveling throughout Massachusetts. Joan and her husband, Steve '63, hoped to make the reunion celebration this year • A current resident of Hawaii is **Jack Lockwood**. Jack and wife Diana (Walsh '67) have two children. Jack is presently serving as the chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii and was recently appointed as the chancellor of the Eighth Province of the Episcopal Church, which covers the far west,

## Colby Revisited

The ladder is gone from the tower,  
But the paint, recent green,  
Reminds of all continuing renaissance,  
This lush June evening, I ascend,  
With my daughter, the familiar  
Wellsprings of this hill, two decades left—  
What, she says, this path through  
Woods, greedy to have the absentee mother  
Fully within her focus . . .

We approach the newest dorm—  
"Deja vu," she says, "it's all happened  
before—  
I was with you in these woods—we  
Came to this very building. I know it's  
Happened before!" I laugh, relieving  
The moment of significance  
As we explore together  
The connection.

What is it, then, Sunday morning,  
As I run back toward Mayflower Hill,  
The library tower rising like some  
Exotic Alhambra in drifting swirls of  
Mist before the sun—what is it in-  
Tensely evocative about this stable clock  
-borne  
Structure that rewards, reminds of  
All searches—  
The epiphanic moment unasked.

What stability this echoes, what pattern  
Pursued amid the pain of sturm und drang,  
What support evoked by this solid form  
That now penetrates the fog, an  
Elusive encounter of memory convoked—  
Cornell would have loved you as well, drawing  
You into its embracing gorges where the  
Rough edges of encounters tore souls  
apart . . .

So after two decades, the soft embrace  
Of classmates, mist, the statue  
Whose form and shape I had forgotten,  
Bronze mother seated with infant: symbol  
I touch my daughter—looking—lines  
Of poems return at every  
Point I see, so many it took  
Another year to put them down,  
A garland of four years' growth.

I'm not famous—I thought, alive, anonymous,  
I need  
Apologize, but not to these distant classmates  
Suddenly returned to the intimate present  
Only to ask: "Are you still writing, you do  
Write poetry now, don't you?" If I were  
To say "no," I think they would be saddened—  
Or at least disturbed—they hold no high goals  
For me—only to be that which they thought I  
Always was—

And my gift must be a clock tower's presence  
As alluring in the drifting mist as some  
Distant Alhambra of the mind's imagination.

Coral Crosman '63  
June 8, 1983

**64** Many thanks for the great response to our recent questionnaire. If you have not yet responded, please do. If the questionnaire has

Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippines, and Taiwan. He is also serving as chairman of the board of trustees of Hawaii Loa College • **Herman Hipson** has been named a senior vice-president of Multibank Financial Corporation in Quincy, Mass. He also continues as president of Multibank Service Corporation, the parent holding company's data processing subsidiary. He is immediately concerned with the areas of new start-up systems and operations consolidation • **Josiah Drummond** has been appointed director of deferred giving at Bowdoin College. After graduating from Colby, Joe obtained a master's degree from the University of Maine. He is president of the board of directors for Portland Stage Company and director of the Northeast Hearing and Speech Center in Portland.

**Class secretary: JEAN MARTIN FOWLER** (Mrs. Michael), 17 Marvin Ct., Lawrenceville, N.J. 08648.

**65** **Class secretary: JOAN COPI-THORNE BOWEN** (Mrs. Richard), 11 Fox Run Rd., Bedford, Mass. 01730.

**66** **Class secretary: JAN ATHERTON COX** (Mrs. Thomas A.), 115 Woodville Rd., Falmouth, Maine 04105.

**67** Sorry to have missed the last deadline but somewhere between a new marriage and a move to this charming town, I misplaced all of my Colby notes • **Dick Lund** has been elected president and chief executive officer of the Exeter, N.H., Banking Company. Dick, his wife, **Susan (Hall)**, and their two children have now relocated to New Hampshire • Also in the banking world, **Bill George** has been appointed senior vice-president and officer in charge of Vermont National Bank's activities in the Chittenden County area. Bill, his wife, and three children live in Stowe, Vt. • The Reverend **Ledyard S. Baxter** has accepted the call to serve as minister of First Church in Ludlow, Mass. Returning to New England from a parish position in Pennsylvania, Ledyard, his wife, and two children will be residing at the parsonage on Miller Street • **The Daily Times and Chronicle** of Reading, Mass., headline read "This 'new guy' has been here before" and was followed by the story of **Gil Congdon's** return to Reading High School as athletic director and math teacher. Gil, his wife, and three children plan to summer at their Bethlehem, N.H., farm • **Irv Faunce** continues to serve as executive director of the Maine Good Roads Association. One of his chief duties as lobbyist has been the push for a gas hike, which was finally passed this past winter • The last news clip sent to me by Colby is a fascinating article about **Diana Walsh Lockwood** and her success in the area of ecclesiastical art, ranging from banners in church sanctuaries to her use of Hawaiian symbolism and colors to create vestments for the Episco-

## CLASS OF 1973

What a fun weekend! The Class of '73 did itself proud with what is rumored to be a record turnout for a tenth reunion. The early arrivals caught some sun and greeted classmates as they pulled up to our reunion headquarters in Mary Low. Nobody could miss Morrie Herman as he stood like a signal beacon on the front lawn.

The Friday evening gathering at Millett Alumni House was fine for starters, and the gab session back at the lounge ran into the wee hours, but "our party" really began Saturday afternoon in the fieldhouse. Forced by rain to move inside, we tapped a keg and reminisced to the strains of true bluegrass as played by our own Chris Prickett, Greg Boardman, and Eric Rolfson. The Lambda Chi house was the setting for a cocktail party and buffet dinner catered by none other than John and Pete Joseph. What a spread!

Next we gathered on the dance floor downstairs to hear our stand-up comedian, Mark Serdjenian, announce the winners of the "Reunies" awards. Matt Powell won his special category hands down, but anyone interested in hearing details of the awards will have to talk to a classmate who was there. Then it was "up with music," as the DJ spun platters of our vintage. With real Lambda Chi bartenders and the great music, we all danced and talked the night—and half of the morning—away.

Sunday morning came all too soon, and, after the "Spa Special," it was time to say goodbye for another five years. The reunion pulled the Class of '73 together. The many factions that characterized us as undergraduates seem to have melded, and we now seem to have many more similarities than differences.

Many thanks to Dave Baird, who is, incidentally, our new vice-president, for all the work he put into our reunion. Sharing leadership responsibilities with him until our next reunion are President Doug Gorman and Secretary-Treasurer Janet Perethian Bigelow, who has just settled at 144 Washington Ave., Needham, Mass. 02192. Gary Fitts is representative to the Alumni Council.

GARY FITTS

pal Bishop of Hawaii. In addition to dying her own silk threads and handstringing them, she also put together her new 570-pound oak loom while her husband, John '64, was watching the Super Bowl! Her work can be seen in the fall issue of *Shuttle, Spindle, and Dye-pot* • **Connie Hill** resides on Marlborough Street in Boston and from there travels as a free-lance feature writer to such places as Australia, Hong Kong, and South Africa • **Sandy Miller Lapchick** and her family have moved to New Rochelle, N.Y. Sandy reported that her work is going very well as she has had bedspread patterns chosen by J.C. Penney and Montgomery Ward for their catalogues. She is now known as "Samila," the first two letters of each name, and is enjoying a big studio in their old Westchester home • **Lou Richardson** is controller of the Honolulu branch of the Xerox Corporation. In addition to windsurfing and playing tennis, Lou travels to Los Angeles every month, Guam twice a year, and to the East Coast twice a year on business • More news from the questionnaires next time. Please send me updates at my new address.

**Class secretary: SALLY RAY BENNETT** (Mrs. Charles K.), 47 West St., East Greenwich, R.I. 02818.

**68** I don't have much news but I wanted to write since this will be my last column. It's been a lot of fun and I've enjoyed sharing all of your news

and keeping in touch with so many of you • **Jim Amirsakis** is now the senior product manager for the New Hampshire operating unit of the organic chemicals division of W.R. Grace and Company. He has been with Grace since 1969. Jim is living in Amherst with his wife and two children • **Joe Boulos** is living in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, where he directs the operations of his commercial-industrial real estate firm, the Boulos Company • **Ken Davis** and his wife had been living in Scarborough, Maine, but Ken has probably relocated to New Hampshire after being elected senior vice-president of Exeter Banking Company • **Jeff Hannon** is a manager in employee relations with Xerox Corporation. He and his wife live in Pittsfield, N.Y., and they both enjoy sailing on Lake Ontario • According to a long article in the *Maine Sunday Telegram* in February, **Jeff Lathrop** is turning the Attitash ski area into a successful resort. Jeff is operations manager at Attitash and has worked hard to make the area competitive with other larger areas. Attitash is also the site of a three-quarter-mile Alpine Slide and an Aquaboggan • **Brad Merritt** is living with his wife and two children in Hingham, Mass. He is the director of administration and finance for Oxfam America. In the past year, he traveled to England, India, Zimbabwe, and Zambia, and he had a chance to see the Third World at first hand • John and I headed on a southern camping trip this summer to Austin, Tex., and back.

**Class secretary: BETTY SAVICKI CARVELLAS** (Mrs. John), RD #4 Wilderness Rise, Colchester, Vt. 05446.



*Did this unidentified woman gain experience helpful in motherhood while moving in and out of Colby dormitories?*

**69** **Alan McWhirter**, wife Barbara, and six-year-old son, Jason Alexander, announced the arrival of Justin Alan, born March 1. Alan is a Waterbury, Conn., public defender, is on the board of directors of the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association, coaches youth soccer, and is a licensed U.S.S.F. referee. He also is an avid raiser of hybrid irises. He sees Tom '72 and **Rosemary Shu Cleaves** and Mike '68 and Olive Niles Shu '68 occasionally and even managed to catch **Bill** and **Karen Knapp** '70 Lyons, who were back from Nebraska for a Christmas visit. The McWhirters currently reside in Cheshire, Conn.

**Class secretary: BONNIE R. ALLEN**, 93 Mt. Vernon St., Boston, Mass. 02108.

**70** **Pamela Warner Champagne** was recently elected assistant vice-president and deputy auditor of Merrill Bank in Bangor, Maine. She is also president of the Bangor chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors • **Wallace Tapia**, Colchester, Vt., was part of a seminar panel on "Business and Personal Tax Planning" in Burlington in January. He is a tax senior in the Burlington tax department • **Helen Barnes** has assumed the position of reporter for the Portland Press Herald's Rockland bureau. Recently settled in Thomaston, Helen previously worked as assistant editor at *Down East* magazine in Rockport • **Judy McLeish Gordon** wrote that she, her husband, and young son left Saudi Arabia in December 1981 and were in Gainesville, Fla., where Doug was going to the University of Florida. They were planning to move again this spring, so, Judy, let us know where you are now! • **Clark Smith** and his wife, Jean Zimmerman, live in Lakewood, Colo. He is chief geochemist for Houston International Minerals Corporation, and she is a nurse in the intensive care unit at the Veterans Administration hospital in Denver. They have both learned to fly a single-engine, fixed-wing plane • **Cheryl Moriarty Higgins** and Bud '69 live in Scarborough, Maine, with their three

children, Jamie, Jenny, and Shim, their adopted Korean son. Cheryl does case work for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Buddy is an internist with a practice in internal medicine • **Lorna** and **Sari Abul-Jubein** have expanded operations of their Club Casablanca in Harvard Square in Cambridge, Mass., to the Arcade in Providence, R.I., as well • **John Lombard**, his wife, Janet, and daughter Stephanie live in Portsmouth, N.H., where he is senior minister with the North Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Previous to September 1980 he was pastor at the United Congregational Church in Torrington, Conn. Completed in 1980, this church building is one of the first solar-heated churches in the country • **Ginny Pierce Basulto**, Campbell, Calif., is senior bookkeeper for Superior Automatic Sprinkler Corporation, and she has applied to go back to school at Cal-State in Hayward to acquire certification in public accounting. She lives with her husband, Hector, and their son and daughter.

**Class secretary: DONNA MASON WILLIAMS** (Mrs. Edward), 50 North St., Grafton, Mass. 01519.

**71** **Class secretary: LESLIE J. ANDERSON**, 30 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass. 02144.

**72** **Christel** and **Andy Campbell** have moved to Haddonfield, N.J. They have a son, Stewart Campbell. Andy owns and operates a McDonald's franchise in Deptford. Recent travels include trips to San Francisco and Hilton Head, S.C. • **Ginny Corriveau** is a teacher and coach at the Merrimack, N.H., high school. She spent last summer coaching at different basketball camps from Maine to Pennsylvania • **Chip Edgerton** moved from Cape Cod, where he had owned a landscape business for nine years, to work with his brother-in-law in real estate development. Chip now works for Venture Properties in Amherst, N.H. His wife, Joanie, is employed by Souhegan Valley Nursing Association. They have two children, Dana and Markie. Chip has been busy fixing up their new house, as well as coaching youth hockey and girls' soccer and playing golf and tennis • **David** and **Susan Hurwitz Tatelbaum** are living in Mattapoisett, Mass. Susan has switched from art to a new business, director of Spev's Sitter Service, Inc., a drop-in center for children, in New Bedford, Mass. She hopes to be able to expand the business. Her husband is a merchandise manager. During the past year they took their sons on a trip to the Clearwater and Orlando areas in Florida • **Bill** and **Claudia Caruso** '71 **Rouhana** are living in Port Washington, N.Y. They began a complete home renovation project this fall. Bill is an attorney for Rouhana and Trinko at New York's World Trade Center. Bill and Claudia have two children, Timothy and Rosemary. During the past year they spent a family vacation at Bolton Landing, N.Y. • **Steve Gaynor** and his wife, Janet, are living in Kingsport, Tenn., with their two children, Jennifer and Lindsay. Steve is now director of corporate production control for AFG Industries, a flat glass manufactur-

ing company. Before assuming his current responsibilities, Steve had spent two years in domestic sales, one year in international sales, and two years in production control. Vacations in the past couple of years included trips to Steamboat Springs, Colo., and Naples, Fla. • **Bruce Haas** has been appointed assistant vice-president at the Mutual Bank for Savings in Boston. He began work as a teller at Mutual Bank in 1973 and has since had several promotions to customer service representative, branch supervisor, customer service officer, and development officer. He received his M.B.A. from Boston College in 1980. In addition to being a member of several professional organizations, Bruce is a faculty member of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks Management Program and an advisor to Humphrey Occupational Resource Center of the Boston Public Schools.

**Class secretary: ANN BONNER VIDOR** (Mrs. David), 1981 Inwood Rd., Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

**73** **Class secretary: JANET PERETHIAN BIGELOW** (Mrs. Lawrence C.), 144 Washington Ave., Needham, Mass. 02192.

**74** By the time you read this column, you should all have received the most recent questionnaire. I promise that this will be the last questionnaire during my tour of duty so please fill it out with all sorts of interesting news and make my last year writing this column easier and more fun for all of us. On with the news • **Scott** and I recently attended a Minnesota Colby alumni function honoring Sid Farr '55 at the home of Joe '72 and **Martha Hamilton Benson**. We were pleased to hear, among other alumni



*And a good time was had by all... or at least by Jason Omar Abul-Jubein, son of Sari '70.*

news, of pending June nuptials for three of our Minnesota Colby crew, **Linda Krohn**, Dana Fitts '72, and Doug McMillan '72. Needless to say, a good time was had by all • **Jeff Barske** is assistant vice-president of Mechanics Bank in Worcester, Mass. He also keeps busy restoring his 1954 Chevy and 1972 Malibu. He reported bumping into **Larry Kranich**, who is a disc jockey at station WFTQ in Worcester • **Anita Dillon** is a travel agent in the Virgin Islands and recently won two round-trip tickets to Zurich • **Callie Dusty Rachel** is busy at home with her two boys, Jimmy and Erich, but makes time to fulfill her Naval Reserve active duty aboard the USS Acadia out of San Diego. Callie's husband, David, is manager of a Nautilus Fitness Center in El Paso • **John Hawes** is a graduate student with a penchant for poetry in Phoenix. John and wife Claudia have a son, Jeremy Holbrook Hawes • **Lesley Heap Dezotell** is living a quiet domestic life at the foot of the Rockies in Sandy, Utah, with toddler Daniel and husband Steven, a telephone repairman. Lesley is active in the La Leche League, church volunteer work, and has taken up skiing • **Deborah Ikehara** is an air quality scientist at Chas. T. Main, Inc., and husband Alan Linsky '73 is a systems analyst at Computer Information Systems • **Stephen Horan** has recently been elected vice-president of Meredith and Grew in Boston. Steve is actively involved in appraisal and brokerage activities and specializes in property brokerage on behalf of many religious and educational institutions • **Jeff Stone** is an account executive at the Muzak division of Westinghouse at the Boston office. He reported as a recent highlight the opportunity to play "Danny Boy" and other favorites on the piano at a St. Patrick's Day party thrown by John Coppinger '75 and John Orefice '75 in Brooklyn • **Lynn Urban Roberge** is a computer programmer at UnionMutual Life Insurance Company in Portland. She has been busy getting in shape for her long-distance running activities • That's it for this issue. Please send me more news to print!

**Class secretary: EMILY WINGATE RYERSE** (Mrs. Scott D.), 4201 Grimes Ave. So., Edina, Minn. 55416.

**75** I have returned from a week of sailing in the Virgin Islands and with renewed vigor plunged into the pile of your questionnaires • **Christine Beale Burchstead**, a librarian, and husband Peter, an oil technician, are living in Walpole, N.H. • **Christine Robert Cole**, husband John B. Cole, an attorney, and their two young boys are living in Turner, Maine. Christine greatly enjoys teaching prepared childbirth classes for Androscoggin Valley, Inc. • **Rod Jones** is in his first year at Amos Tuck Business School. He and his wife, Joanne, a type designer, are living in West Lebanon and expecting their first child • **Sarah Rosenberg** and husband Don Coniparoli are out in Portland, Oreg. Sarah is an administrative assistant with the Oregon Foundation for Medical Care. She and Don spent two weeks in Japan visiting friends • **Peter Clark** left Digital Equipment to found his own company, Amherst Equipment, and is engaged to be married this year • **Jeffrey Frankel**, an attorney in Phoenix, Ariz., is leaving private practice to become corporate counsel

for Swenson's Ice Cream Company • **Philip McCahill** is a financial analyst for Xerox Corporation in Rochester, N.Y. • **Daniel Cohen** is completing his Ph.D. in philosophy at Indiana University. He has accepted a position in the philosophy and religion department at Colby! Congratulations to Dan, who began teaching this fall • **Ruth Tracey Ough** and husband Randy are busy remodeling their new 150-year-old home in Cotuit, Mass. Ruth and Randy have two children, Megan and Scott • **Dawn Farnham** is an English teacher and dorm parent at Fryeburg Academy in Maine • **Cathy McGeige Taylor**, a pharmacy technician, and her husband, Bill, are living in Waterville. Cathy is vice-president and fund-raising chairperson on the board of directors for the Waterville Opera House. As part of their fund-raising efforts, they are presenting "Oliver" on October 14, 15, and 16 in conjunction with the Associates of Colby-Community Theater. **Joyce Smith** will be director. The dates coincide with Homecoming weekend so, all of you planning to return to Colby for the festivities, do try to catch a performance. It sounds like it will be a great production, and the proceeds go towards the renovation of the Opera House • If you haven't filled out the recent blue questionnaire, please take a few minutes to do so or drop me a postcard. I look forward to hearing from all of you.

**Class secretary: PAMELA J. BRADLEY**, 2 Phlox Lane, Acton, Mass. 01720.

**76** **Class secretary: MELISSA DAY VOKEY** (Mrs. Mark), 11 Cambridge St., Salem, Mass. 01970.

**77** **Class secretary: LINDA LACHAPPELLE**, 320 East 42nd St., Apt. 2012, New York, N.Y. 10017.

**78** This is the last column that I will be writing as your class secretary • **Dan Driscoll** has been spending the past year in his first year of residency at the University of Virginia hospital in Charlottesville. He graduated last year from the Tufts School of Medicine, where he was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society and won the Louis Weinstein Prize in clinical medicine. Congratulations, Dan • If I had known, I would have bought my Girl Scout cookies this year from one of the girls in **Nancy Piccin's** troop. Nancy has been keeping herself busy as a Girl Scout leader, cadet level, and having a great time doing it. She has also been playing softball in the position of catcher in her home of West Springfield and wonders why nobody ever visits western Massachusetts. It sounds to me like an open invitation for a visit if you are in the area • **Hanna McCrum** is back in New Canaan, Conn., after living in Salt Lake City, Utah. She is still interested in art and attending the Parsons School of Design in New York. Lately she often sees **Leigh Ann Morse**, **Eleanor Gaver**, and **Robin Reid '79**, all in the New York City area • **Leigh Haskell** is currently a third-year student in a clinical psychology doctoral program at the California School of Professional Psychology • **Janice Phillips** received her doctorate from the same school and is

presently program director of adolescent day treatment under the Tioga County Agency for Youth and Children in Wellsboro, Pa. • **Sue Areson** has joined the Haverhill Gazette as Lifestyles editor. She will write and edit material for the daily "Lifestyles" section of the paper and will provide coverage of trends that affect daily life. She also coordinates the Gazette's volunteer-of-the-month program • Fairbanks, Alaska, is the home once again of **Sheila Wentworth Polson**. She received her master's in natural resources management from the University of Michigan. She is now the public information officer with the Alaska State Department of Fish and Game in Fairbanks • **Susan Gernert-Adams** is a writer and producer for the creative services department of KYW-TV in Philadelphia, Pa. She will be producing TV promotions, radio spots, and print ads for TV Guide and newspapers • **Leslie "L.A." Rector-King** will start a master's/doctoral program at Boston University this fall • That's it for now. Thanks again for the everflowing information and thanks also to my husband, Doug, for writing an occasional paragraph or two and for his word processing talents. Be sure to send your current activities to the new correspondent so that he will have something to write about for next time. Adios!

**Class secretary: MARJORIE GONZALES BLACKWELL** (Mrs. Douglas), 55 Pine St., Sudbury, Mass. 01776.

**79** In May 1982 **Dave Linsky** received his law degree from Boston College. He successfully passed the Massachusetts bar exam and celebrated by climbing Mt. Washington in New Hampshire. In the fall of 1982 Dave was elected a delegate to the 1983 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. He is currently an assistant district attorney for Middlesex County, Mass. • **Diane Marois Light** and husband Douglas '78 live in Minneapolis, where Doug is a graduate student. Prior to the birth of their daughter, Erin Sarah Light, on July 7, 1982, Diane worked as a research assistant in a fungal development lab at the University of Minnesota. Highlights of the past year include a bicycle trip through Nova Scotia • **Catherine Courtenaye** is a student and teaching assistant in the M.F.A. program at the University of Iowa. She spent last summer in Montana • **Gary William McCarthy** is an operations manager of an oil trading company in Connecticut, after having worked for Mobil Oil for two years in New York and Fairfax, Va. Gary has run in several marathons, including ones in New York City and in Miami. He is aiming for the Hawaiian Triathlon in 1984. He announced his engagement to Suzy Flandreau, sister of **Cindy**. A September 1983 wedding in Lake Forest, Ill., was planned • **Ben Thorndike** is an investment officer in public finance at Bank of Boston and intended to marry Joanne Lynch '80 in September. Ben has been a member of several wedding parties, as best man for Bob Woodbury '78 and an usher for both Pat Sweeney '78 and **Dwight Allison** • **Michael Tracy** bicycled for three months to Vancouver, through Washington, Idaho, and Oregon, and back to Oakland, Calif. He has two children, Aaron, 7, and Rachel, 4 • **Cheri Bailey Powers** married Thomas Powers in December 1982.

## CLASS OF 1978

With over 130 classmates, spouses, and friends attending our fifth reunion, the Class of 1978 places high in the record books of good times. Rain on Saturday put a damper on outdoor activities, but it didn't dampen enthusiasm and did keep down the mosquitoes.

Charlie Bassett and Dean "C" Gillespie joined our class dinner at the Spa, where Pete and John served a great dinner. Peggy Keate and Alex Jackson came from Missouri and Jim Scott from Ohio. Of course we had representatives of all of the New England states as well.

Results of class elections were announced: John Devine is our new president; Chris Noonan, vice-president; Jim Cook, secretary-treasurer (please write to me often at Rt. 1, Box 587, Union, Maine 04862); and Dana Bernard, Alumni Council representative.

We all had a great time and expect more of the same for our tenth!

JIM COOK

She is a credit clerk at Prudential Bache Securities, studies voice, and participates in the Albuquerque, N.M., Civic Opera Workshop. She and Thomas, who is in the Air Force, will be moving to Germany in March 1984 for three years • **Peter Metcalf** is general manager of Chouinard Equipment in Ventura, Calif., one of the most respected manufacturers of mountaineering gear in the world. Peter compiled the 1983 catalog and sent me a copy. It looks fantastic. Recent climbing expeditions include Mt. McKinley and Mt. Foraker in Alaska in the spring of 1982 and the European Alps in the fall of 1982. Peter was a mountaineering instructor for the Colorado Outward Bound School that summer, all in all, an exciting year • Thank you for your enthusiastic response to the last questionnaire. I have written this column in the order in which I received your news, so if you haven't been mentioned in this issue, you'll more than likely be in the next one. Thanks for your patience.

**Class secretary:** ANGELA D. MICKALIDE, 3128 Guilford Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21218.

**80** **Bruce Anacleto** is finishing his master's in biomedical engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and works at Sprague Electric • **Carol Sly** will return to school for graphic design after a summer cross-country bike trek with Bill McCully '81, Stew Babbott '81, and Nancy Chapin. She spent the past two years as editor of an employee communication at Union-Mutual, Portland • **Paula Baril** is at Pace finishing up her master's in nursing • **Grace Koppelman** and Scott Drown '78 were married in December 1981 and now live in Bryant Pond, Maine • **Sara Crisp** teaches third, fourth, and fifth grades at Waynflete, a private school in Portland • **Betsy Morrell** has been busy since Colby. She spent four months in Kenya on a NOLS trip, worked six months in a Maine restaurant, attended The Restaurant School in Philadelphia, and is now managing Goddard's Restaurant, Biltmore Plaza Hotel, Providence • **Aimee LaMorte** is a paralegal assistant in the Denver area. She moonlights as a private investigator and hopes to make this into a full-time career • **Tommy Marlitt** is assistant director of admissions at Webb School, a college-preparatory boarding school in Claremont, Calif. • **Mark Garvin**, at latest word, was also in California as a student at Monterey Institute of International Studies •

**Ted Reed** and Susan Pollis '78 have been in southwestern Japan for two years and intend to stay for another year or so. Ted teaches English at a private school, various high schools, and most recently at a local university. They see **Jack McBride** from time to time, who is teaching skiing and outdoor education for NOLS-Japan in the Japanese alps • **David Mordecai** is quite a world traveler, traipsing all around Europe with International Weekends • Having trained in New York, **Alfred Seabury** is now the general manager of America Home Assurance Company in Bolivia • **Jeremy Beale** was completing his master's degree in international relations and planned to go on for a doctorate. He intends to research the finance and organization of innovation in high technologies in Europe compared with the United States, at the University of Sussex, England. He has been active in the labor, trades union, and disarmament movements • **Diana Basso** works for Geneva Hilton Hotel in Switzerland • **Dave** and **Kathy Clark Castonguay** live in San Francisco, where Kathy is a systems engineer for IBM and Dave sells Chaps by Ralph Lauren dress, furnishings, and sportswear. They see Suze Connolly '81, who works at a sailing school in the area, quite often. Dave sees Bruce Stokes '81 during market weeks in New York since they work for the same company. Bruce is based in Washington, D.C. • **Nancy Kennedy** works in vocational rehabilitation at Hartford Easter Seal.

**Class secretary:** DIANA P. HERRMANN, 6 Whaling Rd., Darien, Conn. 06820.

**81** I'm afraid we are a little short on news this time. Please send me some new information as soon as you can • **Dale Oak** is working as a legislative aide for Congressman John R. McKernan of Maine. He is researching, writing speeches, and answering mail, in addition to providing McKernan with information for decision making • **Tony Peduto** has just been promoted to the position of general manager of Milton Cablesystems, part of American Cablesystems Corporation. He succeeds to this job from his former post as marketing manager. In this capacity he was responsible for "recruiting and training the Milton sales staff" • We sadly remark the passing of **Allen S. Rupley**, chairman of the board of W.R. Grace Company. Rupley received an honorary degree at Colby's 1981 commencement • Lastly, my

husband and I have moved to a bigger apartment to accommodate the new arrival expected in July.

**Class secretary:** PAULA HINCKLEY BURROUGHS (Mrs. Jack), 666 Pine St., Manchester, N.H. 03104.

**82** **Martha Oakes** is employed as assistant curator of the Cape Ann Historical Association in Gloucester, Mass. She will be a candidate for a master's in preservation studies at Boston University this September • **Debbie Nader** is a graduate student of early childhood education at Wheelock College. She hopes to be in England in September • **Gay Zimmermann** is attending the Parsons School of Design in New York City. Gay wrote to say that she, **Laura Higgins**, and **Heather Morrill** all made a trip out to California last summer. Heather and Laura were still in Santa Cruz when Gay returned East • **Paul Maier** is employed as a marketing representative and analyst by Probe Research, a data and telecommunications consulting firm in New Jersey. Paul planned a May wedding to Fernanda Macedo and a Caribbean cruise for their honeymoon • **Tim Dawson** wrote to say that he is modeling in Boston. He hoped to move to California with **Mark Avery** and **Brian Sharples**, where he will continue to model • **Nancy Briggs** is a public television production assistant at WCCB in Maine. She is living at Hebron Academy, working as a corridor master in a dormitory • **Abigail Smith** is at MIT, where she is studying for her master's in geology. She is engaged to Dennis Myshrahl '83 • **Terry Rudisill** is a sales representative for a financial planning company in Syracuse • **Tim Turner** is an ensign in the U.S. Navy. Last winter he attended nuclear power school. This year he'll train at a prototype reactor and then go to submarine school • **Thad Burr** is an intern at Metropolitan Life Insurance in New York City • **Tom Cone** was appointed an assistant junior varsity basketball coach for the 1982-83 season in his hometown of Littleton, Mass. • **Donna Curran** is working as legislative aide to State Senator Linda Melconian in Boston • **Tracy Harris** is a first-year medical student at Georgetown. She noted that Washington is a big change from Waterville and is trying to take advantage of all that the city has to offer • **Eric Ridgway** is living with **Sandy Whatley** in Denver, working in the oil field as a mud-logging geologist. He plans to enter a master's program in geology this fall. Sandy is a solar-energy installer • **Cindi Moor** and **Beth Feldman** are living together in Brighton, Mass. Cindi is a personnel assistant, while Beth works in a Faneuil Hall shop • **Joe Herman** is a management trainee with New England Telephone in Portland • **Dave Fanger** is living in Philadelphia, where he is a research assistant for Chase Econometrics Associates • **Kelda Caldwell** is a long way from Colby. She is working on her M.B.A. in financial management at the Robert O. Anderson Graduate School of Business in Albuquerque, N.M.

**Class secretary:** JULANNE CULLY, 425 Front St., Weymouth, Mass. 02188.

**83** **Class secretary:** DELISA A. LATERZO, 41 Hunting Lane, Sherborn, Mass. 01770.

# Milestones

## Marriages

**Maurice Mason Whitten '45** to Doris Ruth Mann, May 21, 1982, Gorham, Maine.

**Harvey Lawrence Koizim '48** to Ruth Carole Goldfarb, November 21, 1982, Princeton, N.J.

**Jack M. Alex '50** to Nida Brinkis, June 19, 1982, Los Angeles, Calif.

**William Converse Winslow '57** to Phoebe Ann Cowdrey Hooper, March 12, 1983, Brooklyn Heights, N.Y.

**Christopher B. Curley '67** to Arlene R. Smith, February 5, 1983, Harvard, Mass.

**William Rand Surgi '69** to Kathryn Louise Kennedy, February 19, 1983, Cumberland Center, Maine.

**Elizabeth Michaud '73** to Glenn Urie, January 30, 1982.

**Deborah H. Ikehara '74** to Alan Linsky '73, June 1982.

**Peter Adelsberger '75** to Marla Levin, May 1, 1983, Windsor Locks, Conn.

**Paul Joseph Fagan '75** to Robin Bennet Morier, October 16, 1982, Rockport, Maine.

**Robert D. Kirouac '76** to Diane Hughes, April 19, 1981, Nashua, N.H.

**Jennifer Lanning Davis '77** to Bruce Thomson '77, May 21, 1983, Norwich, Vt.

**Iris Greenberg '77** to Richard Kennedy, June 19, 1982, Boston, Mass.

**Rene Martinez '78** to Barbara Ann Snyder, May 7, 1983, Barrington, R.I.

**Jeffrey Weston Wheeler '78** to Suellen Todd Wilson, May 14, 1983.

**Carol Campbell Miller '79** to Brian Donnelly, September 4, 1982.

**Anne Elizabeth Hussey '80** to Fred B. Garland, April 8, 1983, Kennebunkport, Maine.

**Jody A. Jabar '80** to David Veilleux, July 1981, Waterville, Maine.

**Peter Gent '81** to Leslie Ann Dwyer, November 13, 1982, Reading, Mass.

**Ellen Louise Reinhalter '81** to Bruce Shain '82, May 21, 1983.

**Joanna A. Holmes '82** to Todd F. Bachelder, October 10, 1982, Walpole, Maine.

## Births

A son, Thomas John, to Thomas and Ann Weir Ventre '61, 1980.

A daughter, Hilary Bell, to Peter and Karen Forslund Falb '63, March 23, 1983.

A daughter, Emily Prudden, to Joanna and Josiah H. Drummond, Jr. '64, April 29, 1983.

A daughter, Elizabeth Barnett, to John F. III and Nancy Barnett Fort '65, April 24, 1983.

A daughter, Alison Elizabeth, to Thomas and Wendy Gillingham Enright '69, April 11, 1983.

A daughter, Whitney Bess, to Steve '70 and Laura Struckhoff Cline '70, September 11, 1982.

A daughter, Elizabeth, to William and Moira Shea Wittman '75, December 28, 1982.

A daughter, Lindsay Easton, to Kevin '74 and

**Jennifer B. Easton McNeil '76**, 1983.

A daughter, Elizabeth Harding, to Suzannah and Craig N. Spencer '76, March 28, 1983.

A son, Adam Robert, to Joyce and Robert Clay '76, December 31, 1982.

## Deaths

**Florence Haynes Peirce '13**, May 19, 1983, in Needham, Mass., age 95. She taught mathematics at Brewer (Maine) High School for 23 years. In 1939 she served as the Maine delegate at the National Teachers Association meeting and helped organize many of the regional clubs in the state. She was active in the League of Women Voters, Women's Council in Maine, Norumbega Club, Republican Club, Maine Retired Teachers Association, and many other civic groups. She is survived by a son, Charles, Jr., two daughters, a brother, and two grandchildren.

**Blanche Claire Farrington '14**, May 14, 1983, in Caribou, Maine, age 90. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she taught Latin and history in a number of schools in the Caribou area for 39 years and was a member of many civic groups. She is survived by a sister, Helen.

**Marie Merrill Rupp '18**, April 4, 1983, in North Weymouth, Mass., age 87. After attending Colby, she graduated from Dickinson College in 1919 and taught at Montclair Academy. She worked at the Jordan Marsh Company for 20 years until she retired. She is survived by a sister, four nephews, and a niece.

**Aubrey Eugene Greenlaw '20**, May 15, 1983, in Brunswick, Maine, age 86. He served as general secretary at the YMCAs in Waterbury, Conn., and Bayonne, N.J., for 33 years, retiring in 1961. Then he worked for national fundraising organizations and ran his own fundraising agency for 15 years. Survivors include his wife, Esther, three sons, including James S. '57 and George W. '55, a daughter, 13 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

**William Russell Pedersen '20**, March 3, 1983, in Winnetka, Ill., age 86. He received an Ed.M. degree from Harvard and had been a claims manager for Liberty Mutual Insurance and Kemper Insurance companies before becoming financial examiner of insurance companies for the State of Illinois. He was a member of the Society of Financial Examiners and the Medina Temple, belonging to both the York and Scottish Rite Bodies of Masons. During World War I, he served in the Army. He is survived by his wife, Nelda, a son, a daughter, a brother, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Helen Pierce Brown '23**, March 30, 1983, in Brunswick, Maine, age 82. She had taught at Brunswick High School until retirement, and

previous to that at South Portland and Harpswell. She was a member of the Elijah Kellogg Church and King's Daughters. Survivors include a son, a brother, and two granddaughters.

**Louise Lee Steele '23**, March 8, 1983, in Needham, Mass., age 83. She received an Ed.M. degree from Harvard in 1930 and taught English at Needham High School for 37 years until her retirement in 1963. She belonged to the Needham Bird Club. There are no survivors.

**Kenneth Piper Doe '25**, March 21, 1983, in Portland, Maine, age 81. He was a claims manager for the National Grange Insurance Company in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, retiring in 1966. He earned a law degree from Boston University in 1928 and was a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association. Survivors include his wife, Lila, a daughter, Linda Burford '64, and two grandchildren.

**Frank Robert Fransen '25**, April 22, 1983, in Lynn, Mass., age 79. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, he received an M.Ed. degree from Boston University and retired from General Electric Company in 1961 after 16 years as a planner. Previously he taught mathematics and French at a number of schools. He had been captain of the Colby baseball team in 1924, and in the 1926 season he played for New Haven of the Eastern league in the Red Sox farm system. He lost his opportunity to play for the major league because of an injury and was replaced by Joe Cronin. He leaves a son, a daughter, a sister, a brother, Everett '26, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Carrie Baker Pratt '25**, April 11, 1983, in Newtonville, Mass., age 80. After attending Colby for three years, she received her degree from Florida State College for Women. She taught for several years at Deering High School and worked as a psychologist in the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, both in Portland, Maine. Survivors include her husband, Norman.

**Roy Arthur Bither '26**, March 22, 1983, in Houlton, Maine, age 79. He earned an M.A. degree from Harvard in 1930 and taught geology at Ricker College until 1971, also serving as a soil scientist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Ricker awarded him an honorary doctor of science degree in 1962. During his terms as a state legislator, from 1970 to 1974, he served on the education committee. He was active as past president of the Houlton Rotary and member of the Monument Lodge of Masons, Royal Arch Masons, and St. Alderman's Commandary. He was a volunteer worker for the National Red Cross and state coordinator for the blood program in 1962. A charter member of the Conservation Society of America, he also belonged to the Geological Society of America. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, Anne Shiro '49, a brother,



and ten grandchildren, including Andrew Shiro '79.

**Abbot Emerson Smith '26**, April 2, 1983, in Olympia, Wash., age 76. He was an officer of the Central Intelligence Agency, retiring in 1971 as chairman of its Board of National Estimates. After graduating from Colby, he attended Harvard University, was a Rhodes Scholar later earning a doctorate at Balliol College, Oxford University, and taught at Bard College. He served in the Navy during World War II before joining the CIA in 1948. He wrote a book, *Colonists in Bondage*, a history of indentured servitude in America. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, and a brother.

**Phyllis Ham Riley '27**, February 3, 1983, in Albany, N.Y., age 77. After graduation she returned to her hometown of Livermore Falls, Maine, to teach English and health in the junior high school for one year. In 1930 she married and in 1963 settled in Delmar, N.Y., for the remaining years of her life. She was a member of the United Methodist Church and the Normanside Country Club. She is survived by a sister, Beatrice Dickerman '26.

**Clyde Lyford Mann '28**, April 29, 1983, in Jay, Maine, age 79. For 13 years he owned and operated the *Livermore Falls (Maine) Advertiser*. Later he taught school in Florida and Maine and was superintendent of Livermore Falls schools until he retired in 1965. He was a member of Oriental Star Lodge, OES, Retired Superintendents Organization, and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Survivors include his wife, Donnie, a daughter, two sons, two brothers, a sister, five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

**Aaron Marshall Parker '34**, February 5, 1983, in Portland, Maine, age 69. A former vice-president of Falmouth Trust Company, he was previously executive vice-president of the Wolfeboro (N.H.) National Bank and associated with the National Bank Examining Department of the Comptroller of the Currency for the states of Maine and New Hampshire. From 1935 to 1937 he studied at the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania, and, during World War II, he was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy in a submarine chaser. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, a daughter, a son, and five grandchildren.

**Ruth Handley Price '34**, March 11, 1983, in Hartsville, S.C., age 70. After Colby she attended Andover Newton Seminary, where she met her husband, and later earned an M.S.W. degree from Simmons College. She lived in Boston; Clearfield, Utah; Chicago, where she taught children confined to their homes; and in Monterey, Mass. Through the years she was active in her husband's ministry. Survivors include her husband, Hampton, two daughters, and two sons.

**Ralph Albert Pellerin '36**, March 15, 1983, in Dearborn, Mich., age 81. Born in Lewiston, Maine, he lived in Detroit and attended Wayne University before returning to Maine to attend Colby. Later he was a production analyst for Ford Motor Company in Dearborn. At Colby he was a member of Kappa Phi Kappa. Survivors include his wife, Helen, two

daughters, a son, a brother, a sister, and seven grandchildren.

**Kathryn Cobb Quinn '37**, February 15, 1983, in Windsor, Conn., age 68. She had been employed as accounting supervisor at Windsor Federal Savings and Loan until she retired in 1977. Survivors include her husband, Bernard, and a brother.

**Louise Weeks Wright '38**, March 16, 1983, in Waterville, Maine, age 65. She was active in naval activities throughout the country during her husband's military career. In Boothbay Harbor, her home since 1959, she was a member of St. Andrews Hospital Auxiliary, Congregational Guild, and the Congregational Church. Her father was Lester Weeks, a professor of chemistry at Colby. Survivors include her husband, Whitney '37, a daughter, a sister, Mary Sawyer '44, a brother, Frank '45, and a grandson.

**Walter James Strong '40**, on January 8, 1983, in Green Cove Springs, Fla., age 65. After graduation, he was a pilot for Trans World and Pan American airlines. He returned to his hometown in Thomaston, Maine, in 1946 and worked in insurance sales and as an insurance examiner for the State of Maine and later as a contract development specialist for Blue Cross-Blue Shield. He served as chairman of the insurance committee of the Maine State Employees Association and of the State Employees Health Program. He retired in 1981. His community service included terms as chairman of the Thomaston School Board and of SAD 50. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, four sons, two daughters, and numerous grandchildren.

**Mary Carr Powers '42**, January 1, 1983, in Norridgewock, Maine, age 60. Also a graduate of Thomas College, the native of Norridgewock worked for several years as a teacher and medical secretary. Survivors include a son, a daughter, a brother, Robert B. Carr '40, and four grandchildren.

**Lorraine Desisles Reifel '43**, March 7, 1983, in New Bedford, Mass., age 62. A playwright and novelist, she wrote several novels and did free-lance television scripts for a number of years. She was preparing for the opening of her latest play in New Bedford on March 18-19. She is survived by her husband, Winfred, a daughter, and a grandson.

**Betty Metcalf Lytle '50**, February 18, 1983, in West Hartford, Conn., age 53. She received her M.A. degree from Hartford Seminary. She served as a nursery school director in Illinois and a director of religious education in Vermont. She is survived by a son, her parents, a sister, and a grandson.

**Nancy Ferguson Thomas '52**, April 6, 1983, in Boston, Mass., age 51. She earned a master's degree from Simmons College and was a teacher and director of the Resource Center at New England Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences in Boston. Earlier, she had been a library assistant in Hingham, Mass., where she resided until her death, and for many years worked in the family's catering business. She leaves her husband, Alfred, three daughters, two sons, and a sister.

**Richard White Riley '55**, March 19, 1983, in Needham, Mass., age 49. He was president of C and R Trading Corporation, a wholesale lumber company in Needham. Previously, he had been president of Lumber Sales Management Corporation. He attended Colby for two years and graduated from Babson College, later becoming a director of Babson. He was also a director of North American Wholesalers Lumber Association. Survivors include his wife, L. Diane (Torrance) '56, three sons, his parents, a brother, and a sister.

**William Fineman '67**, April 6, 1983, in Port Chester, N.Y., age 37. He was associated with the Schiavetti, Begos and Nicholson law firm in New York. He earned a master's degree in English literature from Syracuse University and a J.D. degree from Brooklyn Law School and was a member of the Larchmont Temple. Before beginning his law practice he taught in New York City public schools. Survivors include his wife, Paula, two daughters, his parents, and a sister.

## Honorary

**Raymond Paton Sloan, L.H.D. '46**, March 21, 1983, in New York, N.Y., age 90. Colby trustee from 1951 to 1964, his expertise in hospital management was central in establishing Colby's Institute on Hospital Administration, the forerunner of all special programs at the College. He served on the board's planning and development committees and was active in the Fulfillment Campaign. He was also a vigorous supporter and director of Thayer Hospital in Waterville, which is now part of the Mid-Maine Medical Center. The brother of the late Alfred P. Sloan, he had been a member of the board of managers of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and was an overseer emeritus at the time of his death. He was vice-president of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, chairman of the United Hospital Fund's city hospital visiting committee from 1949 to 1971, and president and director of the Modern Hospital in Chicago from 1933 to 1953. He also served as special lecturer at the Columbia School of Public Health from 1952 to 1966. The author of several books on hospital management received a law degree from St. Lawrence University in 1954. He is survived by a brother, Harold.

**Mildred Giddings Burrage, M.A. '63**, March 26, 1983, in Wiscasset, Maine, age 92. She was an artist and historian. Her paintings have been widely exhibited, and some are in the permanent collection at Colby. A member of the National Society of Colonial Dames, which helped save and restore many landmark buildings in Maine, she had been a founder of the Lincoln County Cultural and Historical Association. In 1964 she was one of 14 experts, nationwide, awarded a seat by the National Trust of Historic Preservation, and in 1981 was given the Maine Historical Preservation Commission Award. The daughter of the Reverend Henry S. Burrage, a Baptist historian and Colby trustee from 1881 to 1906, she is survived by a nephew, two grandnephews, and a grandniece.

## ALUMNI CLUB NEWS

Many alumni spent countless hours on behalf of the College—hosting, organizing, and helping with club and local events during the past year. Special thanks goes to those listed below.

Sari Abul-Jubein '70  
Scott Adams '76  
Robert W. Anthony '69  
Frank Apantaku '71  
Cynthia Auman '80  
Carol Silverstein Stoll Baker '48  
Ceylon Barclay '63  
Joseph Benson '72  
Martha Hamilton Benson '74  
Dana Bernard '78  
Kenneth Bigelow '71  
Corinna Boldi '79  
Lizabeth Simonds Branson '63  
Judith Hoagland Bristol '62  
Carleton Brown '33  
Martha Blackington Caminiti '46  
Robert Clarke '77  
Stephen B. Collins '74  
Frances Richter Comstock '67  
Susan Conant '75  
John Cornell '65  
Libby Corydon '74  
Ann Burnham Deering '55  
Jack Deering '55

Marion Dugdale '38  
Virginia Coggins Eilertson '55  
Laurie Fitts '75  
Martha Friedlaender '53  
Nathaniel Gallin '28  
Susan Raymond Geismar '79  
Cass Gilbert '76  
Ann Jones Gilmore '42  
Pamela Simpkins Gothner '75  
Robert Grindle '53  
Donald Hailer '52  
Judith Miller Heekin '60  
Jonathan Hickok '77  
Susan Lee Yovic Hoeller '73  
Ruth Elliott Holmes '67  
Ruth Loker Ingham '66  
William Ingham '66  
Catherine Phillips Jewitt '74  
Charles Jewitt '74  
Brenda Hess Jordan '70  
David Kayatta '78  
John Koons '72  
Peter Kraft '76

Maurice Krinsky '35  
Chase Lasbury '53  
Nan Murray Lasbury '53  
Stephen Levine '59  
Anthony Maramarco '71  
Austin Mayer '76  
Lena Cooley Mayo '24  
Leonard Mayo '22  
Adelaide Jack McGorrill '46  
John McHale '62  
Deborah Marson McNulty '75  
Julia Mellentin '81  
Angela Mickalide '79  
Hilary Morton '80  
Paul Palmer '37  
Kirk Paul '79  
Carol Wood Philbin '74  
Paul Philbin '76  
Melvin Phillips '54  
Daniel Rapaport '74  
Marsha Palmer Reynolds '63  
Harriet Nourse Robinson '47  
David Rollins '55

Nancy Robinson Rollins '55  
Richard Schmaltz '62  
Ellen Reinhalter Shain '81  
George Shur '64  
MaryLouise Lippschutz Silliman '64  
Dorothy Harlow Skillings '33  
Douglas G. Smith '70  
Hazel Parker Smith '70  
Karen Sondergeld '81  
David Strage '82  
Helen Strauss '45  
Michael Strone '74  
Penelope Dietz Sullivan '61  
Susan Sullivan '80  
Joan Vicario Sweeney '78  
Patrick Sweeney '78  
Derek Tatlock '54  
Gordon Patch Thompson '35  
Edmund Underwood '76  
Jean Watson '29  
Lucille Naples Weston '39  
Brenda Lewison Wooldredge '62  
William Wooldredge '61

## ALUMNI CLUB CALENDAR

A number of alumni events have already been scheduled or tentatively scheduled and are listed below. Watch your mail for invitations to events in your area.

### October:

To be announced—Boston—Picnic at the head of the Charles Regatta  
To be announced—Fairfield, Conn.—Economics faculty seminar  
22—South Central Massachusetts Alumnae fall meeting  
29—Lewiston—Tailgate picnic at Bates football game

### November:

5—Boston—Tailgate picnic at Tufts football game

### December:

8—Boston—Downtown cocktail party  
28—New York City—Cocktail party at the Brown Club  
To be announced—Orlando, Fla.—Women's basketball team tournament

### January:

6-7—Portland, Maine—Downeast Classic hockey tournament

### March:

To be announced—Boston—Government faculty seminar  
To be announced—Florida—Men's baseball team spring trip

Colby alumni clubs throughout the country will have planned additional activities by the time this issue is in print. Further information about those nearest you may be obtained by contacting Susan Conant '75, Associate Director of Alumni Relations, Colby College, Waterville, Maine 04901 or by calling (207) 873-1131, ext. 2190.



*Members of the New York club had a great time at last year's U.S. Tennis Open. Shown here are Susan Sullivan '80 and Bob Anthony '69, right, with an unidentified friend.*

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