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**Latest Videos**

Computer science students are working in the robotics lab on some cutting-edge technology. Check out the Colby museum through the eyes of a laptop, and see why Bogo Giertler ’12 got invited to the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference (see video on insideColby.com and story on page 10 of this magazine).

**Stories**

Jenny Chen ’12 writes about professors who participate in extracurricular activities on campus and how that strengthens relationships between students and faculty.

Isadora Alteon ’13 interviews Associate Professor of Religious Studies Carleen Mandolfo about her passion for biblical studies and the benefits of being at a liberal arts college.

Annie Chen ’12 outlines why she agrees with the College’s new ban on hard alcohol and urges her classmates enjoy their freedom responsibly.

**Student Lens**

Students document life at Colby with a new gallery of photos every week during the school year. From Jan Plan to Chinese New Year, laundry to midterms, it’s easy to keep up through the Lens.

As always, check out insideColby.com for new podcasts, videos, blogs, and more. And, if you want to be reminded when new stories are added, become a fan of insideColby on Facebook.
Wobbling my way through a Q&A session with members of the Class of 1975 during reunion weekend (some sort of bug had me a bit under the weather), one question snapped me to attention. Colby magazine is full of articles about remarkable alumni and students, one ‘75er said, which is all well and good. But (and I paraphrase here) why don’t I see more stories about people like me?

This fellow was from Maine, very pleasant, a banker with an M.B.A. By all accounts he’s had a rewarding and successful life after Colby. And yet he felt that his accomplishments weren’t enough to land him in his own alumni magazine.

Ouch.

I had been thinking about this question already, having just reread the Last Page essay by Chris Schmidt ’83 that appears in this issue. Schmidt, communications director for an international management consulting firm (and a very good writer), talks about being a slacker at Colby, how his professors didn’t give up on him back then, and that he keeps this in mind now as a manager and a dad.

But Schmidt also points out that he wasn’t a star during college or a headliner soon after, and that he probably wouldn’t have made the cut for Colby magazine.

So how do we decide who and what to cover in Colby? Does the magazine accurately represent the Colby community? Or is it what Postmodernists might call a construction? Which should it be? Can you make the magazine if you haven’t climbed Mt. Everest or haven’t done cancer research. (Actually, both of those can be found in this issue: Tom Claytor ’85 online and student researchers on page 11).

But, those examples notwithstanding, of course the answer is “yes.” The magazine is about and for Colbians in general. It should not be exclusive, leaving some readers feeling left out or that they don’t measure up. That said, it’s also true that the magazine is a medium for conveying news about Colby, and, as journalists of a sort, we define news as something out of the ordinary, compelling, eye-catching, edifying, or entertaining. We want to provide readers with stories they will read and will benefit in some way from having read.

It’s also true that many more Colby alumni, faculty, students are doing interesting and remarkable things than we can fit in a quarterly print magazine—or that we are able to write for the online version. If we had the staff and resources, Colby could be a monthly.

As Chris Schmidt ’83 eloquently points out in his essay on The Last Page in this issue, life is about more than résumés and Colby does more than cultivate early high achievers. Some of our most important accomplishments come late. Many don’t easily translate to headlines.

It’s a balancing act here at Colby magazine. And if we lose sight of that, we need someone to stand up in the back of the room and say so. And keep those story ideas coming.

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Pros—and a con—on new ski area

Thirty years ago I was disappointed to read that the Colby ski area had been closed. Now I’m elated to learn that it is to enjoy a new burst of recreational activity.

Back in the 1960s and 1970s the area provided various learning opportunities for students. Buses carried phys ed students to the hill for ski lessons taught by other students (who were somewhat more proficient); dozens learned first aid so they could qualify to work as ski patrolers. It was great fun earning $1.25/hr as a ski lift operator, greeting classmates after each run, while at the same time developing PR skills in dealing with the paying public.

The hill added a new dimension to Winter Carnival. It was great for Colby during those years. Now it appears it will be great for Colby and the greater community for many more years to come, and in a much more sustainable way.

Peter Anderson ’66
Morgan Hill, Calif.

When I was president of the Outing Club in 1956, Dr. Donaldson Koons (geology) and President Seelye Bixler encouraged me to speak with the then-owners of the Waterville Ski Area on Colby’s behalf. The administration’s negotiations to purchase the land had come to a standstill. The owners were elderly and they wanted to be sure that the area would be available to the citizens of Waterville. It took several more years of negotiation before Colby eventually was able to purchase the property.

I congratulate John Koons ’72 and Waterville City Manager Mike Roy ’74 for following through on making this unique area a multiuse park for the use of Colby and the city of Waterville. To have the trails designed professionally by John Morton, the former Dartmouth Ski Team coach, is an added bonus.

Nathaniel “Buddy” Bates ’57
Aspen, Colo.

If I remember correctly, we called it the Colby Ski Slope in the early 1960s, and, for me, access to the hill opened up a whole new world of outdoor adventure. I purchased bright red skis downtown from Pete Webber’s Ski Shop. Sugarloaf was pretty much beyond my budget and, since women couldn’t have cars in those days, the big mountain was not easy to get to. The Colby Ski Slope was close, however, and 50 years later I am still enjoying the sport as are my two grown children. I agree with other writers who suggest that well-planned outdoor facilities can have lasting value for a community.

Marcia Sheldon ’64
Scotch Plains, N.J.

Quarry Road Recreation Area is a wonderful area with tremendous potential and should encourage many segments of the local population to participate in outdoor activity. We had so much fun as kids that I felt that with a little effort we could generate a similar experience today in an otherwise economically depressed area. Feel free to contact me at 207-872-5252 or jdkoons@gwi.net with any additional thoughts or suggestions. I would like to see this get to a higher, sustainable level.

John Koons ’72
Sidney, Maine

[Regarding Quarry Road Recreation Area] it’s sad that they’re proud of the “boulevard” they created in this wooded area. What was once a serene spot for running, walking, and just enjoying nature’s wonders has been ruined. Sadly, only of few of us will remember the diverse woodland, beaver pond, and vernal pools this group demolished to feed the insatiable appetite of skiers for more trails.

Andy Smith ’11
Hummelstown, Penn.

On Nietzsche and the NEA

Hearing about an old friend and one of the philosopher kings of his freshman class made me smile broadly. I had lost track of Rocco Landesman ’69 and the small coterie of his friends who kept me up at night listening to arguments about Nietzsche, Marx, and others. These were freshmen who were going someplace, and they obviously did. It was great hearing about Rocco’s success and continuing impact on the arts.

Rick Zimmerman ’66
Iowa City, Iowa

Proud of International Colby

While I have not been in touch with my alma mater since I graduated in 1971, I love the fact that somehow you have found me [through Out of the Blue]. It especially pleases me to read (“International Colby,” spring 2010 Colby) that the international population at Colby has risen to over 10 percent.

For the past 33 years I have been attempting to raise global
Maintain Commitment to International Students

The Davis family opened the door for international applicants from the United World College system to enter Colby, and various testimonials in this magazine over the last five years have shown that international students at Colby have enhanced the College’s social and academic climate.

Although the new limit on scholarship available through the Davis scholarship will mean that Colby’s financial aid office will have to commit a substantial amount of their funds to attract international students, it also provides an opportunity for Colby to show that it is committed to attract bright international students despite the new financial limits. The $10,000 cap of the Davis scholarship also means that Colby has an opportunity to diversify its international population, so that international students at Colby do not have to come primarily from UWC schools.

Colby has made significant progress enrolling international students. Although the cap imposed by the Davis scholarship is a big blow to the admissions office, the Davis fund should not be used as an excuse to significantly lower the enrollment of international students.

Also, Colby cannot limit itself to full-paying international students. If it does, Colby will no longer bring a diverse international student body to the College.

Lokesh Todi ’08
Boston, Mass.

Editor’s note: Though a significant number of international students at Colby are Davis Scholars, they have never been the majority, according to admissions records.

Pentagon Dropped Colby ROTC

As a graduate of the AFROTC program at Colby and an Air Force pilot in Vietnam, I need to correct a misconception. Writer Robin Respaut ’07 (“Colby on the Front Lines,” spring 2010 Colby) states that “... many colleges, including Colby, dropped Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs.” It was the Pentagon that removed the AFROTC program at Colby because Colby was not supplying enough candidates to make the program effective. President Strider, in a letter to the editor, corrected this same misconception found in another Colby article some years ago confirming that it was the Pentagon, not Colby, that dropped the program.

Ralph Kimball ’63
Paxton, Mass.

Will O.J. Be Next?

Regarding “Angela Davis on Activism,” (spring 2010 Colby), admittedly, I attended a liberal arts college and not a conservative arts college, yet I am still bothered by the choice of Davis as a keynote speaker. While she may have a perfectly valuable message (I am not familiar with her message) I am disappointed that Colby would provide her a stage from which to share her views.

Davis was implicated and eventually charged (not convicted) as an accomplice to the kidnapping and murder of Judge Harold Haley in 1970.

Forty years have passed, but that should not soften our views. Giving Davis a platform is to lionize and validate her. Will O.J. be our next guest?

Jamie Hansman ’80
Duxbury, Mass.

Letters Welcome

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

Students on a Colby Outing Club spring-break trip to Arches National Park in Utah send a quick “text message.” From left, Dan Chiniara ’13, Jillian Blouin ’13, and Libby Kugel ’10, spell C-O-C.

Photo by Hannah Shapiro ’12
Class of 2010 Ready to Fly

"What unites us as humans is far more powerful and important than what divides us," Undersecretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Judith A. McHale told graduates at Colby's 189th Commencement, May 23. "From Waterville to Moscow to Islamabad, people everywhere share the same aspirations for their families and communities."

The former CEO of Discovery Communications, now in the Obama administration, urged students "to focus on the ways to tap into the potential of partnerships based on human commonality and to avoid becoming blinded by the superficial differences between people, the man-made barriers that impede mutually beneficial relationships."

Four members of previous classes marched before the 477 members of the senior class accepted bachelor's degrees from President William D. Adams. Class speaker Steven A. Tatko of Willimantic, Maine, told his classmates, "Be true to who you are." He quoted his father, who told him to be proud and that people would respect "the goodness inside of you." Tatko then said, "I hope, Dad, that I've been able to live up to your example."

Leading the procession were the top academic graduates: valedictorian Alexandra E. Wesnousky of Davis, Calif., and class marshal Brian P. DiMento of Rowley, Mass. Sameera Anwar of Bahrain won the Condon Medal for constructive citizenship.

McHale and four others received honorary degrees: Professor Kwame Anthony Appiah of Princeton; Helene Gayle, president and CEO of CARE; Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Rhodes; and Professor Joshua Silver of Oxford University, who is director of the Centre for Vision in the Developing World.

—Stephen B. Collins ’ 74

Life-Altering Video?

An original remix of a song used in an episode of Public Radio International's This American Life, along with a free-spirited dance on Miller Library lawn, caught the attention of Ira Glass after a video was posted to Vimeo by Jeff Carpenter '12. Glass posted it on his Facebook page (earning more than 100 comments and 450 "likes") and to This American Life's blog, with this introduction.

"Okay America. Prepare to have your life changed—for the better." Check it out at www.colby.edu/mag, keyword iraglass.

Want to find out about this kind of news as it happens? Become a fan on Facebook. www.facebook.com/colbycollege
**Most Diverse Class**

The Class of 2014 will be the most diverse in Colby’s history, with 24 percent being students of color—six percentage points higher than the previous record, set with the Class of 2010. This comes after steady efforts on the part of an interdepartmental task force that worked on recruiting students of color and a year of intensive recruiting by the Office of Admissions in response to a priority set by President Bro Adams, said Director of Admissions Steve Thomas.

“Because this was very clearly explained to us as the top priority, we diverted some of our resources to the recruitment of students of color,” Thomas said.

Admissions’ efforts were leveraged by a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute establishing a program in the sciences for promising students who could benefit from summer instruction. These students, often from underrepresented groups, show interest in the sciences, but they come from secondary schools where the quality of instruction may have resulted in them entering Colby less prepared for the core science curriculum.

In order to find students eligible for this CAPS program (Colby Achievement Program in the Sciences), faculty members in the sciences got involved. “We put our [science] faculty on the road,” said Janice Kassman, special assistant to the president, who worked closely with Merrill Associate Professor of Biology Andrea Tilden on CAPS recruiting.

Though CAPS was just a part of overall diversity recruiting, it gave structure to the efforts and an absolute goal—at least 10 science students—to reach for. “Even though not all the students came in under the HHMI, it got us through the door,” said Kassman. “It gave us something to talk about.”

The overall profile of the Class of 2014 is, as always, strong. Colby accepted 34 percent of applicants, and 91 percent were in the top 25 percent of their high school graduating class. Students will come from 33 states, districts, and territories and 34 countries, and 14 percent of the class is international. —Ruth Jacobs

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**Students Issue Consumer Alert**

Baby shampoo laced with formaldehyde? Lipstick containing lead? These are just two examples brought forth by Colby students who are pushing lawmakers to create legislation regulating chemicals in personal care products.

Many everyday products, from nail polish to sunscreen, contain chemicals that build up in the human body and have been linked to things like cancer and infertility, say Michelle Russell ‘11, Blair Braverman ’11, and Sarah Hart ’10. The United States, they say, lags behind other countries and the European Union when it comes to restricting use of certain chemicals.

This spring, along with the Maine

Students mail personal care products to a lab to obtain ingredient information, raise awareness, and lobby for legislation.

Women’s Policy Center, local high school students, and other college students, the trio aimed to raise awareness through staging press events, testifying at public hearings, and creating a website (web.colby.edu/cleanmakeup). Their efforts resulted in public radio, television, and newspaper exposure.

In a Morning Sentinel oped, Braverman wrote: “I am 21 years old, and I hope to have children someday. I should not have to worry that ingredients in my shampoo will put me at risk for infertility, or that my sunscreen is linked to increased rates of birth defects. But I, like all Americans, am an involuntary lab rat in chemical experiments that put our health and our future at risk. ... Our health, and the health of our families, is the most important thing we have. It needs to be protected.” —R.J.
Professors, Chaplains, and a VP Depart

Two long-serving members of the faculty, Clara C. Piper Professor of Environmental Studies David Firmage and Adjunct Professor of Theater and Dance Christine (Tina) Wentzel, retired from teaching this year. Also retiring are two Colby chaplains, Rabbi Raymond Krinsky and Rev. Ronald Morrell, and a vice president announced his resignation.


President William D. Adams credited Firmage as one of the founders of Colby's nationally recognized Environmental Studies Program and as a cofounder of the successful Colby Undergraduate Research Symposium, begun in 2000. Firmage studies plant reproductive biology and plant ecology, and he has worked with students for many years on watershed analysis aimed at improving water quality in central Maine lakes.

Wentzel was feted with an elaborate farewell celebration in Strider Theater in April, with the program including video from her dance and creative movement performances through the decades and a live performance by former student Heidi Henderson '83. At the retirement dinner in May, Adams said, "Tina has taught students how to dance and how to think about dance," adding that she often tested their limits.

Rev. Morrell, the Protestant chaplain, and Rabbi Krinsky, the Jewish chaplain, both started official roles on campus in 1984. The Rabbi will continue to teach Hebrew in the coming academic year.

In other departures, Richard A. Ammons, vice president for college relations, announced that he was leaving Colby to become associate dean for development and alumni relations at the Fuqua School of Business at Duke. Noel James, director of the Pugh Center and associate dean of students for multicultural affairs, married to Ammons, also is leaving. —S.B.C.

Fulbright and Udall Scholars in Unprecedented Numbers

Two rising seniors scored prestigious Udall Scholarships this spring, while three graduating seniors and three recent grads won Fulbright grants for study or teaching abroad next year.

J. Sarah Sorenson '11 and Blair Braverman '11, both environmental policy majors, were named 2010 Udall Scholars in April. They are among 80 students nationwide selected from 537 candidates on the basis of their commitment to careers in the environment, health care, or tribal public policy. Leadership potential and academic achievement also are criteria.

Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies Philip Nyhus said the awards are validation that "the Colby Environmental Studies Program is attracting and nurturing some of the nation's most talented, passionate, and ambitious students."

Colby's newest Fulbrights include: Holly Battelle '08, grant for research in Bangladesh; Sarajane Blair '10, English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) for research and teaching in Kosovo; Antonio Mendez '06, ETA in Andorra; Katherine A. Peterson '10, ETA in South Korea; Zachary Rich '10, grant for research in the People's Republic of China; Julia Stuebing '08, grant for research in Israel.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers fellowships to study abroad for one academic year, and the program includes the English Teaching Assistant positions. Ziskind Associate Professor of East Asian Studies Kimberly Besio, who coordinates applications from seniors and recent graduates, called it "a very good year." —S.B.C.

More about the awards at www.colby.edu/mag, keyword: 2010awards
Robotics On (and Off) the Hill

This summer some of the world's most important computer programmers visited the Colby College Museum of Art. Sort of.

As a part of Associate Professor of Computer Science Bruce Maxwell's museum robot project, which allows people to virtually browse the museum via their computers, Bogumil Giertler '12 designed a way to control a robot through iPhones and iPads. His programming won him a scholarship to Apple's Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco. After examining Giertler's scholarship-winning interface, Apple asked him to demonstrate the technology at the conference.

On June 7 Giertler presented his interface, allowing programmers at the conference to drive the robot from 3,000 miles away and virtually wander around the Colby museum. "I met tons of people, among them people who developed Skype or Google Mail—people whose software or hardware we use every day," said Giertler. "[My interface] was really, really well received," he continued. "Most of the people understood the importance of it, and one of the leading Apple engineers told me, 'You impressed the hell out of a lot of people today.'"

—Jennifer Silbert '13

Watch a video of robotics project at insidecolby.com/video

Bogumil Giertler '12 of Mikolow, Poland, presented his interface for this robot at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference.

Green Power Champion Three-peat

For the third year the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency named Colby its Green Power Challenge conference champion in NESCAC. Colby makes 10 percent of its electricity through cogeneration and buys only green power—electricity from 100-percent renewable sources.

Colby's move to 100-percent renewable electricity sources, in 2003, helped establish a market for green power in Maine and led to national recognition for green power use. Purchased electricity has come from hydro, wind, and biomass. The on-campus cogeneration turbine uses steam-plant exhaust, and the College buys Green-E certified renewable energy credits for specific projects. Taking those credits into account, the EPA reports that 103 percent of Colby's electricity is green power.

In the EPA's Green Power Challenge, Colby had the highest percentage among participating colleges and universities nationwide in the first two years and the second-highest percentage in 2009-10.


Imperiled Reporter Who Covers Mexico Is 2010 Lovejoy Winner

A newspaper reporter covering one of the most dangerous beats in the world—Mexican drug cartels and associated mayhem—will receive Colby's Lovejoy Award for courageous journalism Sept. 26.

Alfredo Corchado, Mexico bureau chief for the Dallas Morning News, is regarded as the most intrepid reporter on that beat, according Rebecca Corbett '74, a member of the Lovejoy Selection Committee and assistant Washington bureau chief for the New York Times. He has broken news about drug dealers and organized crime, disappearances and deaths of women in Juarez, police and government corruption, and the spillover of violence across the border into Dallas and other cities.

Corchado has endured threats to his life, has been forced to leave Mexico at times, and takes special precautions, but he continues to write about the conflict on the U.S.-Mexico border. Born in Durango, Mexico, he grew up in California and Texas.

A 2009 Neiman Fellow at Harvard and a 2010 Woodrow Wilson Scholar, Corchado won the Maria Moors Cabot Award from Columbia Journalism School in 2007 for bravery and enterprise. He will accept the Lovejoy award and an honorary doctoral degree Sept. 26 and will remain on campus for several days to interact with students.

The Lovejoy Award has been given annually since 1952 to honor courage in journalism. It honors the memory of Elijah Parish Lovejoy, Colby's valedictorian in 1826 and a passionate abolitionist publisher who was killed in Alton, Ill., in 1837 for condemning slavery. Lovejoy is considered America's first martyr to freedom of the press. —S.B.C.

More at: www.colby.edu/lovejoy
Tonight: Linda Greenlaw '83, famed swordfishing captain and bestselling author, on Fresh Air with Terry Gross.
June 8

Ph.D. marine toxicologist Riki Ott '76, authority on health effects of oil spills, on Rachel Maddow Show June 4.
June 8

RT @themules: 30 Colby College spring athletes named to all-academic team.
June 8

Ted Snyder '76, soon to lead Yale biz school, featured in Wall Street Journal: "Turnaround Specialist to Take On Yale."
June 7

Another sign that classes are over. Overheard title of a Facebook photo gallery: "Can I roast my marshmallow on your thesis?"
May 21

Andrea Fuwa '10 is 1 of 100 Taiwanese Americans profiled on "100 Passionate People."
May 17

Click the "10 Private Colleges With Strong Balance Sheets" link in this Forbes story. First slide? Miller Library.
May 5

Nothing as tweetable as sports scores, and now all Colby results come through @themules.
April 28

RT @YukiSNYC: I have to comment that Colby College has the best campus food. Isn't that part of college touring?
April 22

Research Symposium Sets Another Record

Eleven years into the Colby Undergraduate Research Symposium and participation continues to rise. This year saw a record number of student authors and co-authors—395 mentored by 78 different faculty members, according to symposium organizers. At symposium-associated sessions—presentations of research as part of a class—305 authors and co-authors presented 219 projects. In total almost 700 students, or nearly 40 percent of the student body, participated this year.

As always, topics spanned the departments and all divisions of the College. Many students used Maine as their lab, looking at issues of energy efficiency and bacteria in frogs, for example, and others looked farther afield at topics like health care in the Dominican Republic and erotic art in France. Poster presentations ranged from analysis of asthma in the United States and China to Mozart's aria Non Piu Andrei. —R.J.

New Alcohol Policy

Effective this fall, Colby students 21 and over are no longer permitted to consume hard alcohol on campus, except in the pub and at licensed, catered events. The new alcohol policy, which includes disciplinary changes as well, came after two years of committee work.

Following a Champagne on the Steps celebration in 2008 that saw 14 students transported to local hospitals for alcohol-related issues, the Board of Trustees charged the administration with combating alcohol abuse on campus. Of primary concern was the number of students being transported to the emergency room for alcohol poisoning and the fact that all of those cases involved hard alcohol.

Committees involved students, faculty, staff, and alumni, and student opinion on the new policy is mixed. Consequences for private possession and consumption of hard alcohol, for students of all ages, range from probation (first offense) to suspension. Repeated violations of the alcohol policy and providing hard alcohol to a minor can result in expulsion.
Sunrise by the Pond

An interfaith wedding by Johnson Pond in 1968, performed by a Colby religion professor who asserted that Jesus was not Christ, launched a 43-year (and counting) marriage and a life of respecting differences.

Have you ever been married at sunrise, under weeping willows, by Johnson Pond, with two flutists playing Handel’s Water Music, by a religion professor who did not believe in Jesus as the Christ? Well, we have.

It was April 19, 1968, at Colby. I was the 21-year-old groom and Sara Orton the 19-year-old bride. Our professor, Gustave Todrank, agreed to marry us when none of our parents thought it was a good idea. My parents—bless their souls—fiercely resisted. Sara and I have remained happily together for 43 years and still counting. It still amazes us to look at a photo of students standing as witnesses in the chill of that early morning.

Being a college student in the Northeast in 1968 was to live in a time of transition. We read Jack Kerouac’s On the Road, Scott and Helen Nearing’s Living the Good Life, and William Whyte’s The Organization Man. We listened to the Young Rascals and Steppenwolf (“Born to be Wild”). The country was embroiled in civil rights marches and protests against the Vietnam War that grew in intensity in the following years.

And there were other transitions taking place in the classroom.

Sara and I had taken the introductory religion course, a lecture class for more than 100 students in Lovejoy 100, taught by Professor Todrank. Tall, lanky, and conservatively dressed, Todrank easily could have been mistaken for Ichabod Crane. Because of his formal demeanor and bald head, we thought he was old, but he probably was only in hisforties.

On the podium, his somber manner was replaced by a pacing personality of charisma, thoughtfulness, and humor. He taught his students, mostly Protestants interspersed with Catholics and Jews and maybe a few Muslims, that Jesus was not Christ. He told us that Jesus lived and died as a Jew and never made the claim of being the only son of God or the only Christ. It was Jesus’s followers, Todrank explained, that gave him the singular identity. It was pretty serious stuff to be teaching captive undergraduates. But Todrank always was respectful of his students and never pushed us to believe what he believed. We liked him.

Sara and I had decided to be married quickly. We knew my observant Jewish parents would put up a fight, and Sara’s sufficiently Presbyterian parents would be less than enthused to have their teenage daughter carted off to who knows where by an unknown college guy with no job prospects and no clue as to what they, a newly married couple, would do. Memories are sketchy, but what I remember is that we made an appointment with Professor Todrank.

He listened calmly to us, two students asking him to marry them in a few days at sunrise by the pond. He asked how we would write our ceremony, and we answered that we would draw from Eastern and Western religions and include some spiritual discourse as well. He must have asked about our parents, but it was not a significant part of the discussion. Finally he smiled and told us that we would make a good couple, or something like that, and agreed to officiate. He did not know us particularly well, and considerations that might cause a faculty member to hesitate—such as parents complaining to the administration—were of no concern to him.

In 2010 I sit on our deck looking off into the Georgia pines that surround our farmhouse. Beside me is a worn paperback out of print for decades. The book, published in 1969, was written by Gustave Todrank. He is gone now, but I think he would be pleased to see me

The wedding party, from left, Linn Fenno Stone ’70, Sara Orton Glickman ‘71, Carl Glickman ’68, Bob Bonner ’68, and Professor Gustave Todrank, who officiated.
reading his book *The Secular Search for a New Christ*, based on his lectures to the same religion class we took as undergraduates.

His thesis was that Jesus was an extraordinary person and a christ amongst many. According to Todrank, the meaning of the word christ in pre-Biblical times was "agent of salvation" and referred to a function carried out by many persons. Later the definition was changed by the disciples of Jesus to refer only to a singular person. Todrank argued that Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Elijah, Confucius, Muhammad, Mary, Gandhi, Lincoln, and King were all christs according to the original definition. If Todrank were alive today (he died in 1982 at age 58), he might include Mother Teresa, Sojourner Truth, the Dalai Lama, Nelson Mandela, Paul Farmer, and others, some without fame, who struggled for the salvation of others. He emphasized that each of us has the ability to be a christ, and that secular institutions could fulfill the christ mission as well as religious institutions. Todrank raised profound questions and asked us to keep our minds open to new worlds of people and thought.

This may be hard for young people to understand, but in 1968, most of us identified ourselves by our ethnicity and religion. I grew up in an exclusive Jewish community and had no non-Jewish friends until Colby. I had been taught, as a Jewish child of the generation of the Holocaust, to be wary of those who were not Jewish. Todrank was the first Christian minister that I had known, and he was one of the most caring adults I had ever experienced. When I met Sara she was non-Jewish, but not one to be wary of, rather someone to love. What I understand now is that, when Todrank readily agreed to sanctify our marriage, he was responding to his deep beliefs about the need to cross worlds to create a better world.

The Sara and Carl world of today would be incomprehensible to our ancestors. Our eldest daughter Jennifer is married to a mighty fine German fellow named Volker and they raise their children in Bonn. Two generations before, Jennifer's ancestors were persecuted horrifically by Volker's ancestors; now their children are a delightful mixture of seemingly impenetrable worlds. Our younger daughter, Rachel, is married to a guy named Henry, who is of Italy, drums, and ecological sensibilities. They live on the side of a mountain with their two spirited daughters, celebrating the most holy of holidays to them, the winter solstice.

And we, transplanted Northeasterners, continue to live on the outskirts of Athens, Ga. Our neighbors include African-American descendants of slaves, more newly arrived white and black professionals, and a few white native Georgians who still hang the Dixie flag. One couple down the road consists of a New York Jewish male clinical psychologist married to an Alabama Southern Baptist female wool weaver. Our road is tinged with history, eccentricity, poverty, wealth, sheep, mules, soybean fields, and the delivery of the Sunday New York Times. I remember a friend visiting for the first time, looking around incredulously and asking, "What is it like to live in the South?" My answer, "It's home."

I'm not sure my friend understood, but Professor Todrank certainly would have. At that spring sunrise by the pond, with his steadfast belief in us, he gave us the confidence to create our new world.

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Activists use social networks and digital video in pleas for rivers and groundwater

By Lauren Pongan '09
Contaminated spray from a waterfall in Mexico burns skin on contact. New Delhi’s primary source of drinking water—groundwater—is forecast to dry up in five years. Awareness of environmental issues is on the rise, in part because young Colby alumni are taking action. They are not aspiring to save the world. They’re leveraging the tools that help define their generation—social media networks and video technology—to do what mainstream media can’t or won’t do. Their science backgrounds, technical skills, and creative abilities help these activists get their messages out, and their commitment to local culture, preexisting environmental movements, and community partnerships makes their work possible.

“I think environmentalists have realized that the tree-hugging alone isn’t necessarily most effective,” said Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies Gail Carlson, who teaches Environmental Activism at Colby.

Armed with flipcams, students from Iteso Universidad make documentaries about water-related issues. Photo by Arthur Richards
Speaking from her sunlit office in Guadalajara with a fan oscillating in the background to offset the Mexican heat, New Hampshire native Sarah Kelly ’06 talked about Adapting to Scarcity, her nonprofit organization focused on contamination of the Rio Santiago river in Guadalajara.

She described the mixture of heavy metals (including chromium, lead, and arsenic), untreated human and industrial waste, and myriad chemicals found in the Rio Santiago’s water as “a cocktail of contamination.” Inadequate municipal infrastructure for sewage treatment, lax enforcement of laws and environmental regulation of manufacturing plants, and a public largely unaware of the multitude of toxins polluting the river all contribute to the problem, Kelly says.

She and her colleagues are helping area residents educate each other about the importance and scarcity of clean water, and the ways in which actions in one part of the Rio Santiago watershed have direct effects on water quality in others.

Kelly doesn’t see the problem solely through the lens of a scientist, but through the broad array of experiences she acquired during her time at Colby. She’s combining her writing skill, scientific knowledge, video production ability, and grassroots organizing experience to focus public attention on a daunting environmental problem.

This multifaceted approach to the problems of the Rio Santiago reflects Kelly’s interdisciplinary environmental policy major, one that begins with a foundation in environmental studies and adds environmental economics, domestic and international policy, and law. Electives can add Geographic Information Systems skills and a public health course. Kelly also devoted much of her Colby academic career to study of the history of Latin America. “I created my own greater study, and a lot of it was anthropological,” she said.

Kelly combined that academic background with documentary filmmaking learned at Colby. Inspired by the showing in class of a documentary made about and by children raised in Indian brothels, Kelly and her partners in Adapting to Scarcity turned to participatory filmmaking when they focused on Mexico’s water problems, distributing video cameras to students and turning them into filmmakers.

Guadalajara native Étienne von Bertrab, lecturer in political ecology at Iteso University, said Adapting to Scarcity’s work cultivates a sense of unity between different organizations with similar goals. “It is amazing what they did,” von Bertrab wrote in an e-mail, “not only because of the documentary work itself, but because most of their work was supporting people to tell their own stories, which they captured together with the opinion of a wide range of actors.”

Kelly firmly believes in the power of documentary film, she says, and she isn’t
Students participate in a digital photography project related to water-quality issues in the Guadalajara area. The students’ photos were collected for an exhibition that was shown throughout the region. Left, Sarah Kelly ’06 in Mexico filming for the Adapting to Scarcity website.

more than 150 in the United States have seen the film, which boasts more than 1,260 hits on YouTube, and it has a Facebook group with more than 400 fans.

For young environmentalists like Kelly and Manchanda, technology and activism go hand in hand. Off the top of their heads, they pointed to other environmental activists using video and the Web: iLoveMountains.org, which uses an interactive map featuring videos of citizens describing the impact of mountaintop removal coal mining, in their local areas of Appalachia. Jump the Fence Productions’ Matt Myers is educating the public about Picher, a former lead and zinc mining town in Oklahoma whose citizens have been forced to relocate due to contamination and fear of cave-ins. None of these efforts required deep pockets.

Manchanda’s Delhi project started with a $4,000 grant from a fund set up by a fellow United World College alumnus. Her first film, funded by a yoga studio in India and made with Fern Jeremiah ’09 and Lara Wilson, documented the 2004 tsunami that devastated many areas in southern India. Manchanda and Ned Warner ’09J produced a short documentary, Narmada Rising, funded by a Goldfarb Center grant, about people displaced by the damming of the Narmada River in India. Manchanda also completed a film project in Government Professor Ariel Armony’s Globalization and Social Innovation course.

Like Kelly, Manchanda knew early that film would be her chosen medium for activism. She says her film skills grew considerably during her senior year at Colby, when she made videos about student life for insideColby.com and took English Professor Phyllis Mannocchi’s documentary filmmaking course, American Dreams.

“American Dreams helped me realize the power of film and its effect on people,” Manchanda said. “Films can make people angry or motivate them.” The course, she said, taught her storytelling techniques, while working on InsideColby, the student-produced website and magazine about life at Colby, taught her technical editing skills. “InsideColby gave me real-life experience,” she said. “It helped me work with an audience in mind and weekly deadlines.”

Manchanda and Kelly each took Mannocchi’s American Dreams course, which includes both technical instruction and storytelling techniques. Students research a local issue relevant to a general audience and create a story line, Mannocchi said. By assigning groups of students to produce their own documentaries, American Dreams provides hands-on experience in the filmmaking process.

In fact, Colby has ramped up administrative support for video projects in recent years, opening the Instructional Media Center in Lovejoy in 2009, to support courses like American Dreams and a variety of language courses and various other courses that use video.

On the environmental studies side, the Green Cluster in Colby’s Integrated Studies Program added Environmental Activism as one of three component courses in 2007. Designed primarily for first-year students, the ISP is an interdisciplinary approach to studying a single topic or era from the perspectives of several academic disciplines. The Green Cluster marries courses titled Biodiversity (biology) and Philosophy of the
Environment (philosophy) with the Environmental Activism (environmental studies) course taught by Carlson. “They really learn the historical roots of activism, how other people have acted, and then they learn how you act yourself—everything from framing a public debate to how to write a press release,” she said.

Students create a mock activism group complete with a name, mission statement, an organizational structure, and a strategic plan that includes funding and communications strategies. “They have to actually plan a real action and present it to me as if I were a funder,” Carlson said.

“From the start [Carlson’s] class has had a huge impact on getting underclassman very active on campus,” said Environmental Studies Coordinator Elizabeth Kane Kopp.

While Carlson’s class offers what she describes as “old-fashioned, take-it-to-the-barricades kind of a training,” she steers students who want to learn technical skills involved in things like web design, recording, and editing, towards campus resources like the Instructional Media Center and the American Dreams filmmaking class.

The environmental thrust of many student documentary and activism projects (including an American Dreams film about the resurgence of the once-polluted Kennebec River) reflects the growth of the environmental movement in the past decade, according to Kopp. “Now it spans our society,” she said. “Green used to be a word to describe a color, and now it describes an environmental infiltration into every aspect of your life.”

At Colby, which names sustainability as a core value, this is especially true. Manchanda views her documentary work as a means of “translating” the science and “making it fun and making it a part of your everyday life.”

In many ways Kelly’s Guadalajara project is a culmination of the environmental studies and activism she engaged in at Colby. In addition to conducting an environmental analysis of water quality in nearby China Lake, which provides drinking water for Waterville and surrounding communities, Kelly and others fought for regulation of the Maine bottled-water industry.

Working in Mexico on water-rights issues during her semester abroad, she returned there after graduation, focusing on Guadalajara’s heavily polluted Rio Santiago. She and cofounder Arthur Richards began by going to the people. “We met with community leaders in El Salto and Juanaatlan and we asked them what population would be best to work with, and they said the youth,” Kelly said. The elders “didn’t really feel like there were creative outlets or ways for youth to be involved in the movement.”

Adapting to Scarcity distributed flipcams to high school and college students, organized workshops, and provided ongoing support to local environmental activists. “It’s
Moriah Mason, left, and Tarini Manchanda ‘09 film activist Vimal Bhai at the Tehri Dam reservoir. The dam diverts water to Delhi but has sparked concerns about relocation of local residents, environmental concerns, and drastic reduction of the flow of the Bhagirathi River.

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most important to me to provide people with tools that they can use after we’re gone,” said Kelly, though she has no plans to end the Guadalajara project anytime soon.

Videos made by community members have been posted on YouTube and are linked from Adapting to Scarcity’s website. The films have been screened at community events, and the footage is being used in Kelly and partner Arthur Richards’s full-length film Como Corre El Agua [How The Water Flows], which is scheduled for release in October at Rivers For Life, a worldwide meeting of people (and their allies) affected by dams.

At first glance Manchanda’s and Kelly’s projects overlap considerably. Both were environmental policy majors, both are studying and documenting water scarcity in urban settings, both tell their stories through films. Both took American Dreams, and both are IHP alumnae. They have much in common, but their initial connection was serendipitous.

As a first-year student curious about IHP, Manchanda had lunch with Kelly to learn more. Kelly was not encouraging, but it didn’t work. “In trying to sort of dissuade her and just to tell her how intense the program is and how prepared you have to be, I inadvertently convinced her to go,” Kelly said.

In Tanzania in 2007, a funny thing happened to Manchanda. “I was in the program library in Zanzibar and I opened some random book,” she said. “This postcard fell out that Sarah Kelly had written to a friend when she was on the program three years ago.” The postcard gave them a reason to reconnect, and later Kelly helped Manchanda reintegrate back into Colby after the program ended. “You become so idealistic, and it’s really difficult to come back,” Kelly said. “I wrote her with advice and tips and my story.”

Later, on the IHP listserv Kelly posted information about her project in Guadalajara. Since then Adapting to Scarcity and Get on the Bus Productions have worked together. “We’ve been in touch ever since, comparing notes, sharing our understanding and ethics. We’re staying in touch as our projects have grown and are supporting each other,” Kelly said.

The two organizations ran a collaborative workshop, Digital Storytelling for Social Change, at the 2010 U.S. Social Forum in June in Detroit. They hope to collaborate on a film project in the coming year.

Above all, both activists are drawn to film. “So much of what people say is really valuable in the moment that they say it and the way that they say it and because of their experiences,” Manchanda said, reflecting on what makes the medium powerful.

Their ultimate goal, they said, is to forge a connection between people and their environment and to create a sense of awareness about the systems of life that support us. “You can read about an issue, you can see photos,” said Kelly, “but video is the most tangible way to learn about different realities—be it problems or beautiful solutions.”

Moriab Mason, left, and Tarini Manchanda ’09 film activist Vimal Bhai at the Tehri Dam reservoir. The dam diverts water to Delhi but has sparked concerns about relocation of local residents, environmental concerns, and drastic reduction of the flow of the Bhagirathi River.
In Dana dining hall during midterms last semester, students huddled over meals, notes, and textbooks. At one table, a more relaxed diner had no books at all—and was pretending his French fries were high divers plunging into a pool of ketchup.

Said Abby Crocker '13 of her dinner companion, Anton Behuniak, 4, “Dinner is so much more interesting with little kids at the table.”

Faculty residents’ children enjoy and contribute to college life

by Alexandra Desaulniers ‘11

Upper left: Ursula Johnson is shown at the door to her family’s apartment in Mary Low. Upper right: Michaelina Deneka ’13 plays with Anton Behuniak in the moon bounce at the Dana Olympics during spring Loudness. Lower left: Maya Long enjoys lunch in Roberts. Lower right: Anna Behuniak helps decorate cupcakes that were later donated to the homeless shelter.
Anna, who attended the George J. Mitchell School in Waterville, became close friends with some of the Colby Cares About Kids mentors who volunteered at her school. Seeing those volunteers back on campus bridged the gap between learning at school and learning at home, her parents said.

And when your home is a college, there is a lot of learning going on. As the Behuniaks were taking up residence on campus, Associate Professor of Biology and Department Chair Russell Johnson, his wife, Michele Hébert, and their daughter, Ursula, 13, were leaving campus quarters after five years as faculty residents.

For the Johnsons the biggest challenge even early on was keeping a regular bedtime for Ursula. “With so many activities and campus running on a typical college night-owl schedule, it was always difficult to get Ursula to bed on time,” Johnson said. Ursula frequently attended on-campus events in the theater or music departments or other department lectures, many of which were scheduled in the evening. But the range and quality of offerings just a short walk away presented opportunities too good to pass up.

“We wouldn’t have driven to campus for an event before, but, because we were on campus, Ursula grew up with plays, lectures, and all the other events just across campus,” Johnson said.

A lot of learning was going on right at home, too.

Faculty who live on campus are required to be hosts for dorm events. From apple picking to backyard barbecues to hot cocoa and game nights, chances to take a break from studying and to socialize with professors and their families are embraced by students.

The Long family had students over every week to watch the television drama Lost. The Johnsons opened their apartment in Mary

Left: Heidi and Jason Long walk across campus with their children, Lucy, in stroller, and Maya. Right: Assistant Professor Jim Behuniak and his son, Anton, participate in a Harry Potter-themed dinner in Foss dining hall last October.
Low every Thursday for what they called Politics and Pie. Students from Coburn and Mary Low could enjoy an evening snack while watching *The Colbert Report* and *The Daily Show*, discussing politics, or playing cards and other games with Ursula.

“I got to know the college students really well, especially when they were over every week,” Ursula said of the Thursday tradition. “It was like having tons of big brothers and sisters all around.”

And the benefit isn’t just one way.

Students say there’s nothing like a little kid to put the pressures of college life in perspective. “If I’m stressed out, when I’m with them I’m going to pretend I’m happy and carefree,” said Jasmine Qin ’12. “And after I’m with them a while, I don’t have to pretend.”

Qin, who is from Hunan Province in China, was an additional source of Chinese culture for Connie Zhu (mother of Anton and Anna Behuniak), who is from Shanghai. Qin invited the two children to take part in a fashion show at the annual International Extravaganza where, alongside Colby students, they modeled traditional Chinese clothing. And Anna and Anton remembered well participating in the Moon Festival sponsored by the East Asian Studies Department last fall. “It was fun, [and] there was yummy food,” Anna said.

Spending so much time with college students has an impact on children early on, professors say. The Longs, who have lived on campus for five years, said growing up in college dormitories has made their daughter Maya very comfortable around adults. “She’s not as shy as other three-year-olds I know,” Jason Long said. “I’m sure that has a lot to do with the fact that she’s constantly meeting new students and learning confidence from the older role models she has in the students in the dorm and on campus.”

The Longs said their daughter, Lucy, is already taking advantage of her life on campus. “Lucy and Maya both love running around on the quad in front of Miller,” Long said, “or meeting new people every day.”

But college students are still college students. And for the Longs and other faculty residents, there were early questions about some aspects of dorm life. “We thought being in the dorms would be loud, especially with newborns,” Long said, “but the students have always been respectful and considerate of party noise and late nights.”

Terhune said seeing children in a dorm can be a reality check, a break from a living situation that, while it has its advantages, doesn’t mirror what students will experience anywhere else. “Not everybody in the world is eighteen to twenty-two and going to Colby,” he said.

The worst part of being on campus for the veteran Johnsons? “The fire alarms,” Russell Johnson said.

But Johnson said he has no regrets about his family’s time on campus. In fact, much of what Colby hopes to teach students is also imparted to kids who have yet to set foot in a classroom.

Long said he hopes Maya will remember some of her formative years on Mayflower Hill, or at least the effect of them. “She’s had quite the three years,” her father said, “and I think she will at the very least continue to hang on to the strong self-confidence that she’s fostered here.”
Q&A

NIKKY-GUNINDER K. SINGH, PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND EAST ASIAN STUDIES, ON THE AMONG WOMEN PROGRAM, REVISITING INDIA, AND WHY WOMEN ARE PLAYING AN ESSENTIAL ROLE AS WE SEEK GLOBAL STABILITY

ALEXANDRA DESAULNIERS '11 INTERVIEW  JASON MCKIBBEN PHOTO

Nikky-Guninder K. Singh, Colby’s Crawford Family Professor of Religion, was academic leader for a recent scholars’ tour, “Bangladesh and India: Beyond Caste and Poverty,” part of the Among Women tour series. She spoke with Colby about the Among Women tours and her group’s experiences in South Asia.

What is Among Women, and how did you become involved?
Among Women is an international dialogue that developed out of the Seven Sister colleges: Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Radcliffe, Smith, Vassar, and Wellesley. Betsy Byrd at Smith College had this vision that if women from different parts of the world got together, just sat around a table, you could think together and bring a change in the world. The Among Women program started two or three years ago, and this latest tour to India and Bangladesh was the third; the first was to Jordan and the second to South Africa. I became involved because I graduated from Wellesley, the host of the program this year. I acted as the academic leader for the tour, organizing the combination of visiting the country with discussions with women in leadership positions in politics, economics, education, the arts. We were a group of thirty-four women—graduates from these Seven Sister colleges, from twenty-five to eighty years old—getting together to see another part of the world and learn how we might help make a difference there.

You grew up in India? How has the country changed since you left to pursue your education in the U.S.?
I did grow up in India, in a tiny area there. We were so disconnected from everything. Coming to the United States for college was like bringing in a whole new world. Now every place has the Internet and e-mail and cell phones. It changed so fast and has really brought the world so close. Globalism is a reality and it’s changing that part of the world so quickly.

How is the Among Women program working to make the world a more globalized society?
These were women meeting women and thinking together how we can learn from one another, creating conversations across the world. One of our first meetings was with a Smith alum who had returned to India after another Among Women tour and is now starting a university [the Asian University for Women], the first of its kind for women, just women. It’s bringing women from all different parts of the world—Israel, Palestine, Cambodia, Pakistan—... together so they can be educated and learn to live with one another. It’s really wonderful. They’re learning science, too. We are becoming a global society, and that part of the world is changing drastically, so to make sure these women know about computers and science as well as giving them ethical, moral values is important so that they can become good leaders in the future.

What other type of work does the Among Women program promote?
We are making interactions and relationships to make a difference. We all returned to our own homes and universities with our memories and stories from the tour, and we’re taking what we’ve seen there and incorporating it here. Our group learned about the situations women face every day over there, and now we’re learning how we can help from here. We visited a sort of home for acid-burn victims, still a traditional punishment, and our group is now working to bring a victim of acid violence to the United States and help them go to college here.

Why is the program so important?
It inspires us. We sometimes think it’s only big things that one could or should do, but even the small things help, especially when you come back and continue to converse with one another. The memories, the experiences we made through the tour are very important. I think it was one of the feminist scholars who coined “the future of memory.” It’s all about women making memories and experiences together and building our own stronger future.

Why women?
If you want global stability, you need women. I witnessed on the tour that idea becoming a reality. Women getting involved, becoming a part of the globalizing world. Talking, sharing, learning, and making the world stable, better. You see history; you see the results of promoting and including women. Women from all over the world are coming together, exchanging ideas, and inspiring one another. It’s really dynamic.

Will you stay connected with the Among Women program and particularly with this group of 34 women?
Absolutely! We’re constantly e-mailing. We’re all really together. There’s a whole pool of photographs, thousands, and we relive every moment we had there. We are all sharing how we’re working now, too. If anyone reads a good book or sees a good movie or has thoughts about the project, we e-mail. It’s been really wonderful.
Nikky Singh, Colby’s Crawford Family Professor of Religion and a Wellesley alumna, with students following her return from a tour of India on which she led other alumnae from the Seven Sister colleges. The international program encourages empowerment of women and solutions to global problems.

How have you incorporated your experience in your work at Colby this spring?
The tour changed me so much. It really opened my eyes. I teach a course on South Asian women writers, and I talk about authors and film directors who’ve made films about the slums in Mumbai or the red light district there. Going to see that had a profound impression on me. To hear the women there tell their stories, firsthand. It was so sad to hear how they’ve lost their womanhood; they’ve lost their lives. But there’s hope, too. They are fighting for a better life, and there are groups like the Among Women tours going and learning from and about these women, learning how to help. That’s what I’m bringing back to my classrooms. The hope. You can read about women in these slums, in the red light district, about how they’ve lost their identity, but to go and see how people are changing and the hope and the smiles that exist, it’s really reassuring. You see the worst, but also the best.

Would you suggest your students travel in order to have these first-hand experiences?
Yes, I would definitely suggest that my students go to India and really meet women there. Go experience that. No matter what you hear or read or learn, you’ll see something different, you’ll experience it differently. In our own world, everything is so familiar, and we really take what we know for granted. Unless we encounter the unfamiliar we really don’t even think about our own lives. I mean, I grew up there, but it’s only through going elsewhere, coming here to study and then returning with the tour, that we learn, make memories, and keep those alive in order to learn more.
Derby Dames

ALUMNAE JOIN THE ROLLING RANKS OF A HARD-HITTING, ALL-WOMEN'S SPORT

LAUREN PONGAN '09 STORY  JASON MCKIBBEN PHOTOS

Inside the Portland Expo the emcee dons skates, a flowing skirt, fairy wings, and a cerulean wig as she introduces the two battling roller derby teams—Harrisburg Area Roller Derby (HARD) and Portland Maine’s own Port Authorities. When the emcee summons “The Rehabiliskater,” 37-year-old redhead Lisa DeHahn Jade ’95 skates to the front of the pack and waves to the cheering home crowd. The back of her navy-and-white jersey reads “REHAB.” Players choose derby names as a rite of passage, and “The Rehabiliskater” is a play on Jade’s former job as a substance-abuse counselor. (She’s now a mental health counselor in a Maine correctional center.)

What ensues is a fast-paced circling of the track, punctuated by whistles, resets—and hard hits. The gist of the sport is four blockers from each team circle in a pack as the jammer tries to catch up from behind and break through to the front, earning points by lapping an opposing player. As a jammer, “basically you’re the quarterback of the team,” explained Lena “Whiskey Ginger” Barouh ’07, who skates with the Seattle Tilted Thunder Rail Birds.

By the end of two 30-minute halves, the Port Authorities have crushed HARD, 263-44, which doesn’t dampen post-derby, inter-team camaraderie over beers.

So what draws these women to a sport that makes bruised bones and dislocated ribs (one of Jade’s recurrent injuries) commonplace? “There’s something primal about it,” said Barouh. “Also, I get to hit people really really hard—as hard as I want.” But, in addition to the adrenaline rush, she’s drawn to the (ahem) gameswomanship, she says: “It’s a game. It’s teamwork. You have to employ strategy. You have to trust the people you’re skating with.”

Like other athletes, derby women attest to the fact that their sport increases their self-assuredness and fosters supportive and lasting friendships. Jade finds it rewarding to work together with other women. Plus, she said, “It’s increased my confidence.”

Added Amanda “Lady GayGay” Vickerson ’07, of Portland’s B team, the Calamity Janes, “I get to hit people. With finesse.” After pausing, she continued, “I would say, really—this is such a typical girl answer—the friendships.”

There are aspects of roller derby beyond female mayhem that set it apart from other team sports.

While some like Vickerson feel that the game itself is, “all about empowerment,” Allison “Dee Stortion” Trela, whose derby shop, Bruised Boutique, in Nashua, N.H., supplies gear to derby women around the world, feels differently. “Empowerment in the kitschy sense is overplayed,” she said.

But Trela does see female empowerment embodied by the leagues’ independence. “Every single league across the country is self-run. That includes doing all of the taxes and legal pieces,” Trela said. Jade echoed this sentiment in describing the derby ethos as “By the skater, for the skater. It’s very much a grassroots organization.” She added that, as skaters, “We do all our own marketing, all our own fundraisers, the whole nine yards.”

But Vickerson, who laughed when acknowledging that she “outs herself” every time she tells someone her derby name (Lady GayGay), feels that derby, begun by men, now is rooted in feminism. Vickerson, a women’s, gender, and sexuality studies major at Colby and an ice hockey player, feels derby should remain a predominantly female sport because it gives women the opportunity to gain recognition as skilled athletes in a domain free from male comparison.

These and similar insights led Vickerson, Jade, and their teammate Becky “Gunner Hands-Off” King to run a workshop for the Maine Civil Rights Team program that explained “the history of this sport and how today’s roller derby athletes are redefining its image and shattering stereotypes on and off the track.”

Whether individual derby athletes conceive of the sport as a feminist statement is somewhat irrelevant, participants say. Derby, they say, nonetheless brings women together, makes them stronger, and engenders confidence. As Barouh put it: “It’s a sisterhood, but it’s really a black-and-blue sisterhood. Sisterhood of the traveling whup-ass.”

Lisa Jade ’95, left, a mental health counselor by day, is “Rehabiliskater” when she dons her skates for the Port Authorities roller derby team. The rough-and-tumble sport offers thrills, spills, and camaraderie, skaters say.
“College is for lovers. At least, this one was. Looming up out of the trees on its hilly pedestal, Dexter College looked so strikingly pretty and at the same time so quaintly academic, it was almost as out of place in its rural setting as some of its students. The campus was fortified on all sides by forests of ancient conifers, tall birches, and dense maples, so that only the proud white spire of the college chapel was visible from town.”

So opens Cum Laude, a novel by Gossip Girl author Cecily von Ziegesar ’92. If the setting sounds eerily familiar, it’s probably because Dexter is a lot like Colby, right down to the blue light that shines atop the library, a beacon day and night—and rumored to go out only when a virgin graduates.

It’s 1992 and Shipley Gilbert is about to embark on the life-changing journey of freshman year. She comes to college naïve and sheltered, without the slightest idea how to behave around boys. Shipley had “gone to the same girls’ school—Greenwich Academy—since kindergarten. It had a brother school—Brunswick—and she’d sung in choir with boys and even had a male lab partner in AP chemistry. But because her father was of the mostly absent variety and her older brother was strange and remote, she had been away at boarding school almost since she could remember, she remained unsure of herself around boys.”

That all changes by the end of orientation, as Shipley becomes the object of every Dexter boy’s desires. Cum Laude is a coming of age story, following Shipley and her friends as they navigate life, love, and the unpredictable weather at this school on a hill in rural Maine.

So, did this story about life at Dexter College circa 1992 appeal to a Colby student in 2010? I read Cum Laude in three hours, savoring every moment and wishing it were longer. (Okay. I was procrastinating, with Karl Marx next in line.) No, Cum Laude isn’t likely to win any literary awards, but the plot is full of drama and romance that will keep you guessing and the pages turning. And, while my experience at Colby has been very different from Shipley’s at Dexter, I can still relate. I pass people like Shipley and her friends every day here at Colby. In fact, I’m good friends with some of them. The novel might be set in 1992, but the stereotypical Colby students that Shipley and her friends represent are still here.

This novel works because it’s relevant, especially if you spent four years on Mayflower Hill. Cum Laude is about trying to figure out who you are. It’s about making connections and experiencing new and unexpected things. College is as much about the academics as it is about the experience, and, as Shipley soon realizes, “There would be more snow, more kisses, more sex, more gunshots, more fires. This is what she had come for—what they all had come for. This was college.”

But this isn’t just any college. This is a certain small school in rural Maine, a place for learning and discovering, a place where the blue light shines on long after you’ve left. This is Dexter, but it’s also Colby—minus the Starbucks in the student center.

Cecily von Ziegesar taps Colby memories for new novel set at “Dexter College”

Cecily von Ziegesar ’92, author of Cum Laude, is also the creator of the best-selling Gossip Girl series, about a group of elite high-schoolers living, playing, and occasionally studying on the Upper East Side of New York. Gossip Girl was so popular with teenage readers that the CW Television Network started a series based on the books in 2007. The TV series, the third season of which ended in May, is a prime-time soap opera, and in my freshman year of college my friends and I would all get together to see what sorts of drama, sex, drugs, and trouble our favorite fictional Upper East Siders got into each week.

With so much success writing about frivolous high schoolers, why did von Ziegesar make the fictional transition from high school to college?

College was the logical next step, von Ziegesar said in a phone interview from her home in Brooklyn, since the original readers of Gossip Girl are now in college or recently graduated. She wanted to give her original audience something they can relate to more closely at this stage of their lives, so Cum Laude is less plot driven, darker, and a little more thoughtful, von Ziegesar said.

“I was ready to move on to a more mature subject,” she said. “At first I thought that I would write about being a mom, but then I felt like that was too much of a jump and I wasn’t really ready for that. So I just made a small jump—to college.”

She set Cum Laude in 1992, the year she graduated from college and the period she knows best. Von Ziegesar said she feels comfortable writing about teens and young twenty-somethings because she sometimes feels like she is 22. But she hesitated to write about current college students because she didn’t want to appear out of touch.

Von Ziegesar may have tried to recreate college life from nearly 20 years ago, but I can attest that life at a particular college in Maine now isn’t all that different from Shipley’s experience at Dexter. The same type of kids still go to school here—preppy boarding school kids, crunchy granola types, edgy artists, and the small part of the population not so easily categorized.

That said, von Ziegesar is quick to note that Dexter is not Colby, but it is “a fictionalized Colby.” She did draw on her experiences on Mayflower Hill for inspiration. “I didn’t feel like I could write a book set at say NYU or Princeton, because I didn’t go to NYU or Princeton…” she said. “I feel like I can only use my experience, and Colby was my experience.”

She recalled a particular instance on COOT where she stole the trip van and started doing 360-degree turns (just like Shipley), much to the chagrin of her COOT leader. Von Ziegesar may be adamant that Dexter College is not Colby, but Cum Laude is a lot less fictionalized than she thinks.

—Emily Fleming ’12
**RECENT RELEASES**

**Border Crossings**  
**Carl Dimow (music) and Nathan Kolosko**  
(2010)

It was five years ago that Carl Dimow (music) heard that another classical guitarist, Nathan Kolosko, had moved to Portland. Dimow, who also plays flute, called Kolosko, offering his services. “We got together to play,” Dimow said, “and just immediately hit it off.”

Two CDs later that musical and creative fit is beautifully apparent. **Border Crossings**, the second CD by the internationally acclaimed duo, is another exploration that blurs musical boundaries. Dimow, playing flute and bass flute, and Kolosko classical guitar, include three offerings: Kolosko’s “Nayarit,” inspired by Steinbeck’s *The Pearl*; Dimow’s *Klezmer Suite*, inspired by his years playing with the Casco Bay Tumblers; and their own arrangements of portions of *Afro Sambas* by Baden Powell.

The music is beguiling and energetic, with Kolosko’s precise and powerful guitar punctuating Dimow’s warmly enveloping bass flute (an instrument that has to be heard). No surprise then that **Border Crossings** is a collaboration that is more than the sum of its parts, with much to offer fans of classical, jazz, and world music. —Gerry Boyle ’78

**Edited by Ronald Tilson and Philip Nyhus**  
Elsevier, 2010

Tapping the expertise of some of the world’s foremost tiger scholars, editors Philip Nyhus (environmental studies) and Ronald Tilson have deliberately created a textbook suitable for the general reader or for use in the classroom.

“Our goal for this book was to provide a useful and accessible document that would compel readers of all kinds, worldwide, to take action,” Nyhus and Tilson, director of conservation at the Minnesota Zoo, write in the preface of **Tigers of the World: The Science, Politics, and Conservation of Panthera Tigris**. The authors include their own experiences with and perspectives about the future of the world’s largest cat.

This second edition (the first edition, from 1987, was edited by Tilson and Ulysses S. Seal and includes essays by some of the same contributors) looks at the plight of the wild tiger with the insight afforded by modern technology: infrared cameras, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and genetic analysis, to name a few.

Colby’s recently tenured Nyhus, the first faculty member dedicated solely to environmental studies, combines environmental science, technology (namely GIS), and policy in his study of tigers. He also taps the potential of Colby student researchers, six of whom he names in the book’s acknowledgments. For more about Nyhus’s research and his efforts to reintroduce tigers into the wild in China, go to www.colby.edu/mag, keyword tigers.

—Ruth Jacobs

**The Mindful Path to Self-Compassion**  
**Christopher K. Germer ’74, Ph.D.**  
The Guilford Press (2009)

Life can be hard—and it doesn’t always go according to plan. Accepting this reality is tough, too, but Germer offers a simple solution: self-compassion.

**The Mindful Path to Self-Compassion** is an easy-to-read guide that illustrates the importance of self-compassion and shows how to achieve it. With a gentle and experienced voice, Germer explains how to deal with emotional pain using skills such as mindfulness—noting sensations or thoughts and then directing attention to them—and self-acceptance—making a conscious choice to experience those sensations and feelings just as they are. Facing emotional pain, rather than turning away from it, is key in this process.

“Pain is inevitable,” writes Germer. “Suffering is optional.” Psychologist and founding member of the Institute for Meditation and Psychotherapy, he combines real-life examples from his patients with scientific research and educational theory in this accessible and important book. Germer offers simple exercises to help readers move from destructive thoughts and emotions (suffering) toward self-compassion. Begin by practicing techniques such as conscious breathing, simple meditation, and self-nurturing, he says, before employing more challenging techniques such as forgiveness, acceptance, and opening to pain.

**The Mindful Path to Self-Compassion** offers sound advice. Practicing self-compassion won’t make your problems go away, but it can make them easier to bear. —Laura Meader

**Sarah V. Mackenzie and G. Calvin Mackenzie (government)**  
Corwin (2010)

Sarah Mackenzie, associate professor of educational leadership at the University of Maine, and G. Calvin Mackenzie, the Goldfarb Family Distinguished Professor of American Government at Colby, could have written an academic treatise on ethics and education. They didn’t.

The Mackenzies, who are married, have drawn on their own experience and that of scores of educators who have shared their own ethical quandaries and questions. The situations are real, as are the discussions that follow. The book doesn’t offer simple answers, but guidance that will help teachers negotiate situations likely to test them in the course of a career.

A teacher asked by a troubled and disadvantaged student to give a passing grade that would keep him on the basketball team. A media specialist who sees a teacher making multiple copies of a copyrighted workbook. This handbook offers a framework for discussion (internal or public) that allows teachers to develop their own guidelines. It is a chart that makes these ethical waters, while still murky, at least navigable. —G.B.
A Career in Sails

AMERICA’S CUP LEGEND TOM WHIDDEN, WHO ONCE RACED DINGHIES AT COLBY, HAS REACHED THE PINNACLE OF SAILING AND THE SAIL BUSINESS

STEPHEN COLLINS ’74 STORY

After the 223-foot tall sailing behemoth BMW-Oracle squeezed inside defending Alinghi 5 at the first buoy to take the lead for good in February’s America’s Cup final, Tom Whidden ’70 had nothing but kudos for the U.S. boat’s tactician. “John Kostecki did a very nice job calling something called the lay line,” said Whidden, who attended the races in Spain. “He did a great job with that. He made the decision for the other boat very difficult. ... The nuances of it are more subtle than most people realize.”

He should know. One of the most experienced America’s Cup sailors ever, Whidden is the veteran of eight America’s Cup campaigns including three victorious turns as tactician on Dennis Conner’s boats. And his company, North Marine, makes most of the high-tech sails for these races.

Inducted into the America’s Cup Hall of Fame in 2004 for “his brilliance as a tactical advisor, his soundness as a crew organizer, and his mastery of winning in difficult boats under the most demanding conditions,” Whidden’s profile as a businessman is equally imposing. He’s taken sailmaker North Sails sailing through the ceiling as president and CEO of North’s parent company, North Marine.

Not surprising, perhaps, he finds some of the same skills that took him to the pinnacle of competitive sailing helped build his company into the world’s leader, by far. Knowing how to exploit innovative technology, how to assemble good people, and how to lead a team paid off in both arenas, he said. And finding a balance between confidence and hubris is as important in the front office as it is on deck.

So how successful does North Sails have to be to match three America’s Cup victories? How about a 70-percent market share. That’s where Forbes put North six years ago. “If you take our six or seven or eight next biggest competitors and you add them together, they’re probably about our size,” Whidden said this spring, with its subsidiaries, the North empire has about $325 million in annual sales now, he said.

North sails were used on both boats in this year’s match between BMW-Oracle and Alinghi. The previous America’s Cup saw North sails on 11 of 12 boats, and in 2003 all nine teams raced under North sails. Given the level of competition, servicing competing teams requires sworn secrecy and impervious firewalls between different in-house design teams, Whidden said.

The downside to such market dominance? “You have to make sure that you don’t become complacent,” said Whidden.

Whidden started sailing in Long Island Sound as a 10-year-old, and by high school he had three goals: “To get to be a sailmaker, to try for the Olympics, and try for the America’s Cup.”

He maintained that focus while earning a degree in psychology at Colby—and learning valuable organizational skills, he says—and he spent summers and Jan Plans working for Alcott, the company that made Sunfish sailboats. He raced a Finn dinghy while at Colby and made it to the final pre-Olympic trial race before being beaten.

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Tom Whidden ’70
Tom Whidden ’70, third from left, aboard Stars & Stripes, in the 2002 Louis Vuitton Cup race. At left is the Italian boat, Mascalzone Latino. Whidden was tactician for Dennis Conner in six different America’s Cup campaigns. In the photo the boats are maneuvering for position before the start of the race.

His subsequent career as a sailmaker, a vocation chosen in part to allow him to sail competitively back before one could make a career out of sailing alone, exceeded his wildest expectations. “It all sort of snowballed and turned into something pretty cool,” he said of his business success. “I used to think doing a million dollars would have been the greatest thing I could ever accomplish in my life.”

North Sails had $25 million in sales when he took over the company in 1987, he said, and now it’s doing 13 times that volume. “We make sails all around the world. We make masts in Auckland, New Zealand; Cape Town, South Africa; and Sri Lanka. And we make rigging in Sri Lanka and in Newport, Rhode Island.”

The rigging that North sells is state-of-the-art carbon, as high-tech as the company’s patented one-piece composite membrane sails. “We don’t stitch ’em, any more,” Whidden said. “Sailmaking’s changed a lot.”

And the technology has applications beyond sailing. North built all the soft storage for the Space Shuttle and the prototype of the machine that lays down carbon fiber for the fuselage of the Boeing 787. “We’re working with NASA right now on a balloon that they’re planning on trying to land on Mars,” Whidden said, noting that North also had a hand in surveillance balloons used by the Department of Homeland Security.

“You know the artist Christo? We did the umbrella project with him.”

Big-time stuff. But for all of his accolades, bestowed at the White House, the America’s Cup Hall of Fame, and beyond, Whidden says one of the most meaningful was an honor handed down at Colby. First among Whidden’s Colby mentors was athletic trainer Carl Nelson, now retired, who cared for Colby students and, in 1972 and 1976, for U.S. Winter Olympians. In 1989 Whidden received the first-ever Carl Nelson Award, for achievement in the world of athletics.

“That just stuck with me, because he had always been a role model for me and he was a good guy and competent and cared about everybody,” Whidden said. “Of all the things I got over the years, that was one of the nicest.”
Sports As Privilege

TENNIS COACH DOANH WANG, A FORMER REFUGEE, TELLS PLAYERS THEY’RE FORTunate TO BE ON THE COURT

BARBARA WALSH STORY JASON MckIBBEN PHOTO

In the photograph Doanh Wang is 5 years old. He and his older sister, Khiet, stand on a roughly hewn wooden bench, their parents next to them. Boxes of food and tin cans are piled on a table. The roof is bamboo poles and palm fronds.

Thirty years later, as Colby’s head tennis coach, Wang would pull this snapshot from a photo album. Frustrated by his players’ lack of motivation at practice, their coach showed them the refugee camp where his family lived after fleeing South Vietnam.

“My parents sacrificed a lot for me to be here to coach you,” Wang recalled telling them. “And I’m sure your parents sacrificed a lot for you, too. So when you go out and play, I want you to think about how privileged you are to be on this campus, to be a part of this team.”

He got the players’ attention. “It left an embedded memory on all of his athletes as to where Coach gets his drive and determination,” recalled Nick Rosen-Wachs ’09.

Privilege, Wang told his players, can come in many forms—in a new country that offers opportunities for a good education, good jobs, and chances to excel on sports fields and tennis courts, for example. For one South Vietnamese boy, those privileges began Feb. 19, 1979, the day his family landed on American soil. “That day,” Wang said, “was a whole new world.”

Wang’s family had a comfortable life in a large apartment in Saigon—until 1975, when North Vietnam forces overran the city. Wang’s father, Phan Vuong, worked for an airline that flew Americans in and out of the country. After South Vietnam surrendered, Vuong worried about his family’s safety.

“We’ve got to leave,” Vuong recalled telling his wife, Quach. Then, in 1978, Vuong learned he was under investigation for his loyalties to the South Vietnamese army and the Americans. Two days later he bribed security officials so his family could flee.

With a bag filled with sugar, water, and a couple of changes of clothing, Vuong’s family slipped away. Vuong recalls his mother hushing her 5-year-old son and 9-year-old daughter. “Just be quiet and follow Mom and Dad.”

They huddled in a small boat that sailed from South Vietnam’s coast. Later they were picked up by a Malaysian gunboat; rough seas tossed the vessel for three days as it journeyed south. Exhausted and seasick, the family arrived on Pulau Tengah, a small Malaysian island in the South China Sea. When they landed some 600 refugees lived there. Within a few months the population increased to several thousand. (Today it is uninhabited.)

Among the first wave of “boat people,” Vuong and his family built the bamboo hut and dug a well. Families cooked over open fires, and smoke aggravated Wang’s asthma. As the population swelled, conditions deteriorated. At one point the boy grew so sick his father carried him over the mountain to a clinic.

Vuong and Quach prayed it would soon be their turn to leave for Los Angeles, the city Vuong had requested. But months passed. Desperate, Quach begged her husband: “Tell them we will take anywhere in the United States.” Finally, after eight months, Wang’s family heard their names over the public address system. “You are going to America!” other refugee children shouted to Wang.

But not to Los Angeles.

In February 1979 the family arrived in Binghamton, N.Y., where Vuong’s brother lived. Wang had never before seen his breath and remembers being awed by the sight. With help from
the local Catholic church, the family received food, furniture, and rent money while the parents searched for jobs.

On his first day at St. Thomas Aquinas School, Wang did not understand a word but took comfort that Korean twins in his class looked like him. While his father worked at a wholesale tool company and his mother cleaned hotels and houses, Wang and his sister studied. “You must try hard,” Wang remembers his parents telling them. “We leave Vietnam so you can have better opportunity.”


Later, as he attended Binghamton University, majoring in psychobiology, Wang played varsity tennis. Coach Mike Starke recognized something special in the lefthander.

“He had a deep competitive fire and respect for the game,” Starke said. “For a lot of American kids, they view sports and their education as a right. But Doanh has always believed that life, college, and playing sports are privileges.”

Wang’s senior year, his singles record of 17-4 helped lead Binghamton to the Division III nationals—a first in the university’s history. Doanh won two out of three matches.

Years later, after earning a master’s in social work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and teaching urban youth about HIV, tennis remained his passion. While assistant coach for women’s tennis at Wisconsin-Madison, Wang learned Colby had an opening. In 2007 he was hired as head coach for the men’s and women’s tennis teams.

Wang sat in his office in the Alfond Athletic Center. Dressed in khakis, a black Colby Mules T-shirt, and sneakers, he spoke about his love for tennis. Testaments to his teaching skills hang on the walls: a half-dozen NESCAC certificates honoring his teams.

Though he appreciates the awards, Wang believes there is more to coaching than winning matches. He expects his players to excel off the court—in their studies and the community. Team members are required to meet with their coach to discuss athletic and academic goals; they also know that Wang’s office door is always open if they need to talk.

“Because he knows us so well off-court, it makes it easier for him to understand what is going on in our heads during a match,” said Katie Muro ’11. “His investment in us as people, as opposed to solely tennis players, is what makes him stand out as a coach and as a person.”

Tennis, Wang tells Muro and other players, is a lot like life: You may win or lose, but it’s perseverance that counts.

And, if the team has difficulty understanding that concept, there’s a photograph tucked away in Wang’s scrapbook.

For more, including other photos of Doanh Wang in a refugee settlement: www.colby.edu/mag, Keyword: privilege

Women’s lacrosse made it to the NCAA Division III national tournament quarterfinal game for the first time in the program’s history, hanging with top-ranked Hamilton College before falling 14-9. The final poll of the year put Colby at sixth in the nation.

The game, at Hamilton May 16, capped another strong season for Colby, which made the NESCAC title game for the fourth straight year. Colby finished the season 15-5.

With the postseason finale, six seniors finished their Colby lacrosse careers, including two-time All-America standouts Amy Campbell and Caroline Duke, and veterans Carly Rapaport, Caroline Atwater, Keryn Meierdiercks, and Kathleen Kramer.

Leading the team into the future will be Kate Pistel ’13, selected for the Women’s laxcrosse.com All-Rookie Team. Pistel had a strong first year, finishing fourth on the team in scoring with 28 goals and four assists for 32 points.

In their NCAA quarterfinal debut, the Mules gave up quick goals in the opening minutes of each half but stayed with Hamilton for most of the game.

That tenacity and teamwork served Colby well the previous day in its second-round matchup, in which the Mules, then ranked ninth, stopped fifth-ranked Cortland State in a thrilling 10-9 come-from-behind win.

Against Cortland Colby trailed 9-6 with 12 minutes left to play, but four goals from four different players—including the game-winner from Anne Geraghty ’11 with just over four minutes left—sealed the victory. “That’s what was so exciting,” said Colby head coach Karen MacCrater Henning. “They tried to check down our top scorers, and that meant different people had to step up—and they did. Our defense was a total team effort as well, really working together as a unit.”
To call them the modern-day Wright brothers might be pushing it. But Foster Huntington ‘10 and Dan Opalacz ‘10 needed their brotherly friendship to make it through some challenging situations this year, as they ran into glitch after glitch—and trees and fences—with their homemade Unpiloted Aerial Vehicle (UAV).

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How does the UAV work?

Equipped with an autopilot, GPS navigation, and digital camera, the plane flies a predetermined path via GPS coordinates. It requires a human operator for take-off and landing through a remote control, and once it reaches altitude it can be switched to autopilot.

The UAV the students used this spring could fly for about 50 minutes at 70 miles per hour, but Huntington and Opalacz found this to be more than they needed for their purposes—their research “missions” tended to run around two and a half minutes. During that time they took ample photographs that they stitched together using computer software.

cool,’” recalled Huntington.

Opalacz, an STS and geoscience double major, remembers that day too. “Immediately I thought, ‘Wow, this could be really useful as a research tool for Colby professors and scientists and students,’” he said. And Opalacz had his own research goal: to use the plane to capture images of the tidal river at Popham Beach and, over time, document the erosion patterns there.

The two took the idea to Professor James Fleming, director of STS at Colby. “I asked them to cross their t’s and dot their i’s and explain the significance and provide a vision and measurable milestones,” he said. With the detailed proposal in hand, Fleming agreed to serve as their adviser for a yearlong capstone project. But in order to make it happen, they needed money. So Huntington and Opalacz applied for a Goldfarb Center research grant, which they received. They did lots of online research, bought parts, and had a plane in the air before the end of the fall semester. But that, the pair would learn, was just the beginning.

They encountered two major issues: technological glitches and crashes. “I’ve crashed a lot,” said Opalacz. “I’ve destroyed some planes.” But as long as the components aren’t damaged, a broken foam plane is an easy fix, they say. Troubleshooting can be more time consuming. “We get to the field, everything’s working, and you’re like, ‘Oh, the motor’s not.’ … Throughout this project in general we’ve just had to do tons of troubleshooting—going back to the drawing board.”

Since a major goal was to make a UAV that other students could use to take aerial pictures for research projects, graduating seniors Opalacz and Huntington needed to do everything they could to minimize glitches for students who would inherit the plane. They added a parachute to help dampen the impact, thereby protecting the electronic components, and they downsized—creating a new plane half the size—so the lighter plane wouldn’t land (or crash) as hard. All of their troubleshooting is documented on their blog (www.uav.blogspot.com) so that future students can learn from their experiences.

Throughout the year Tucker Gorman ‘11J worked with Huntington and Opalacz, and this spring he prepared to become the go-to person for students and faculty looking to use the plane in their research. Gorman will be available this fall to teach the next round of students to troubleshoot and to fly. Fleming expects demand. “There’s a general enthusiasm and a sense of brainstorming what’s next,” he said.

The first to jump on the opportunity, and offer support in the form of additional grant money, was Associate Professor of Biology Catherine Bevier. She plans to use the plane to map and study a 15-acre wetland in Norridgewock, Maine. Bevier hopes to survey amphibians and other wildlife in the area. “The fly-over and aerial photography would also give a baseline for vegetation and landscape,” she said. “It’d be very cool to do a yearly survey and see exactly how this whole wetland area changes over time.” Beyond that, the owners of the land are considering building an educational trail that will be open to the public, and the aerial photography will be crucial in mapping the route.

Other professors and students are considering uses for the plane in their research. “We really think it will let kids sort of dream about what kind of research they want to do,” said Opalacz, “because they’re not going to be constricted by raising thousands of dollars to hire a conventional aerial photographer. They can just take our plane out.” Added Huntington: “Pretty much every professor we talk to in the sciences is really excited about applications of this for their students.”

Fleming is among them. He called the UAV project “the best student project I have ever seen.”
ALUMNI AT LARGE

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1940
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John Hawes Sr., 92, lives near his son’s family in Sacramento, Calif. He enjoys eating meals with fellow World War II veterans and going to happy hour on Fridays. He has encountered some health problems but is plugging along and looking forward to 2010!

1942
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Walt Emery had to forego his motor trips north and south last fall, but he hopes to begin them again this year. Meanwhile he’s enjoying the Jersey Shore. ♦ Margaret Campbell Timberlake’s life has become quite simple as of late, but she enjoys the freedoms of driving, jazz at the art museum on Sundays, dining out with friends, and seeing movies (if there are any good ones).

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1944
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News from the Class of 1944 is brief. I received a card from California telling me that Martin Weg died Dec. 12. The card was sent by his family: Hanna, Lisa, and Zoe Weg. ♦ Pauline Tahmah Stanley’s family performed a concert as her Christmas gift. She was delighted. Her children have continued with their music, some of them professionally. Her oldest daughter has been traveling to Boston for cancer treatment. Having caught it early they are very hopeful. ♦ Nathan Johnson, Louise Callahan Johnson’s son, sent an e-mail saying that his mother still plays a mean game of golf and can sink a 10-foot putt—and is still smiling. The family got together the first week of March to celebrate her 87th birthday.

1945
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Joan Gay Kent is working on a paper about colonial patents for a New York State history conference in June. She lives in Port Washington, N.Y., and works as an unpaid historian in North Hempstead while sitting on the Landmark Commission Board. She enjoys occasional paid jobs making PowerPoint presentations, such as one last year on women’s suffrage. She doesn’t see many classmates these days, but keeps in contact with Alice and Bill Crowther ’47, who live in Connecticut, as well as her sister, Janet Gay Hawkins ’48, who lives in Peconic Landing on Long Island with her Maine coon cat. Joan is on a waiting list for an apartment, but is happy where she is now with great neighbors, a short walk to the supermarket, and one of the best mid-sized public libraries in the country.

1946
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Ruth Lewin Emerson has seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They all got together July 4, 2009, on a lake. Ruth’s son Bob now lives with them and is a big help. Ruth hears from widow Dottie Dunham Hobbs. ♦ Frank Heppner had a cold winter in Florida followed by a short spring. He and wife Jeanne traveled to the Okefenokee swamp before the mosquitoes came. ♦ As for me, my freshman roommate, Dot Allen Goettman, is now my neighbor in Florida. We get together for bridge several times each week. My second roommate, Nancy Loveland Dennen ’47, lives in Ashville, N.C., and loves the South. I stay busy with six months in Connecticut and the rest of the year in sunny Florida. I visit my children in California, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Florida, and Connecticut. Like Ruthie I have seven grandchildren and have painted each of them at age 2, age 10, and now as they graduate from high school.

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David Weber continues using his Colby history degree in southern California by helping his wife put together and publish Verses of Nature, a history of 15 years of bird sightings turned into poetry with images of the relevant birds. Last year he published An Ancestral Parade of the McLeod, Trogdon and Weber Families, an illustrated, indexed history of immigration from Scotland, England, France, and Germany. The book includes their family trials and accomplishments, military service, family life, and business activities extending back 500 years. This year he finished an illustrated 35-year history of their homeowner’s association in Corona del Mar, Orange County.

1948
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Howell Clement is now a possessor of a pacemaker. He said that he guesses that it works. He does not feel any discomfort. ♦ We had a small Colby gathering for lunch at our house in Jupiter. Aaron Sandler drove over from Sarasota and stayed with us two nights. We were joined by Dorothy and Jordan “Ike” Kaplan, Frannie Hyde Stephan, and Carol Silverstein Baker. Also attending were our cousin Roger Landay ’56 and his wife, Myrna. We also invited our friend Bill Sands, who is a Tau Delt from USC ’53. So in total we had five Tau Dels. It had been very cold for Florida and that day was no exception, so we dined inside instead of on the patio. ♦ Ron Farkas wrote: “My news is not monumental but this will bring you up to date. After 36 years in Hawaii we sold our numerous properties there and resettled in

Reunion 2010

Spirits weren’t dampened by the occasionally damp weather as hundreds of alumni returned to Mayflower Hill June 3-6. The Class of 2005 broke the fifth-year attendance record with more than 200 alumni (including Katie Markowski, center, and Abbey McGuire, facing left) returning to campus. Beth Pendleton Clark ’35 was the oldest alum in attendance.
La Jolla, Calif. We maintain a summer home in Falmouth, Mass., but spend most of the year here, where the weather is delightful and the cultural options are limitless. Our grandchildren are now college-age and doing well. Ben Bronstein, 23, graduated last June from Rhode Island School of Design. His sister, Molly, was accepted at Colby but selected Vassar. Our French grandson, Kim Farkas, studies at École des Beaux-Arts in Paris. I have a recent bout with health problems but, hopefully, they have been resolved. On Dec. 27 I underwent emergency brain surgery and had three weeks in the hospital. With a ton of therapy I am now back to normal health—for an 84-year-old. —Kay Weisman Jaffe'

‘s years are becoming more pleasant as she and Mike devote time only to what pleases them. Mike was especially honored this year as he was one of only two members of the Powder Metallurgy Association to be named a Fellow of the Federation. They went south in June for this event and almost immediately on their return flew to Utah to visit the new home of their granddaughter and her husband, who gave them four of their six great-grandchildren. They are currently even, with three boys and three girls. Last January they spent floating on the Mediterranean and visiting countries in southern Europe they had been in before. This time they visited cities where, with few exceptions, they had never been. They also took brief visits to children and grandchildren who are conveniently located between their home in the beautiful Berkshires and western Pennsylvania and North Carolina. Next winter they may stay in the U.S. and visit national parks and perhaps end up for a while in Arizona to check if they want to spend future winter vacations there. They send “Best wishes to you and all our classmates. Is it really 62 years since 1948?” —Burt Krumholz, though not “working” himself, sent a brief update on family activities. “We have three daughters in academic environments. Oldest daughter Susan is sociology professor at UMass-Dartmouth; youngest daughter Debra is associate dean at Amherst College; and middle daughter Linda is chair of English literature at Denison University in Ohio and was just awarded the endowed Lorena Woodrow Burke chair. I am, obviously, a proud father. Otherwise all is well (except for my golf game, which requires constant practice). I hope I was a better gynecologist than I am a golfer.” —La Jolla, Calif.

1949
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Oh, the news keeps coming in! Wonderful! —Edward A. Waller has lived in Columbus, Ohio, for the last 25 years. Ed has five grandchildren and their trips of late are to the tropics to visit them. He is a park volunteer and also participates in the bird census. He still plays golf and rides horses, but to fight the exigencies of advancing years he practices jumping straight up! He’s attained 2 feet 8 inches. He’s most proud of assisting “ex-cons” in getting jobs and housing. He also likes to help kids learn how to whistle! —Mary (Terry) Bauman Gates writes that she and her husband, Buddy ’50, are most proud of their seven children “... all are successful, to our way of thinking, and each one is the kind of person you’d want as a friend.” Of their 15 grandchildren, two, so far, have graduated from Colby: Caitlin Gallagher ’07 and Kristen Gates ’10. Mary finished writing a history of 159 Silver Street, Waterville, where she and her parents lived: “a fun chore that brought back many memories.” —Frances Nourse Johnston, having owned a travel agency and traveled all over the world, has given up travel since the death of her husband and stays home at Heritage Heights, an independent-living retirement community in Concord, N.H. Fran is most proud of raising three wonderful children, teaching high school for 30 years, writing the first master contract for teachers in NH, and working hard to improve salaries and benefits. Mary “Honey” Hathaway, Fran’s roommate for all four years, “has been an important part of my family, spending every Christmas with us for the past 50 years!” Fran also keeps in touch with Buddy ’50 and Mary (Terry) Bauman Gates, and Earl and Barbie Van Every Bosworth. —Audrie Drummond Owsley’s husband wrote that Audrie has had a stroke and is unable to read or write. “We’re sorry to hear that and wish our best in her recovery.” —Lorenzo Rastelli keeps busy volunteering in thrift stores and taking day trips with AARP. He spent a week with friends in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and spends the holidays in the Allentown area of PA. He is most proud of becoming a member of the Colby Willows Society. —Richard Chin Gong moved from St. James, Long Island, to Winchester, Mass., in 2000, where he is a neighbor of Janet “Peanut” Pride Davis. At 94 he spends most of his time at home, except every weekend between April and October he travels to Cape Ann with his daughter and son-in-law. He has two grandchildren: Marie, a nurse, and Michael, a musician/artist. Richard is most proud of the fact that at age 10 he was sent to NJ from Canton, China. Thanks to the GI bill he got the chance to attend Colby, which helped him “raise a family and enjoy a wonderful life.” —Arthur Greeley has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He and Pat enjoy bowling, boating, and painting in both oil and watercolor. He is most proud of having “lived a decent and productive life and served the National Association of Congregational-Christian churches for over 30 years.” —I received word from Janice Antworth that her mother, Barbara Morison Cratty, died May 4, 2009. Barbara had lived in Old Orchard Beach, Maine, for 20 years and raised four children and had three grandchildren. Barbara volunteered at Sweetser and the Red Cross and was editor-in-chief of the York County Senior Times. Our sympathies to Barbara’s family. —More news is awaiting for the next issue! It is WONDERFUL to have all this news. Keep it coming, I LOVE IT! —Barb Morison Cratty

1950
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John Harriman and Ann Jennings Tausig ’49 see each other twice a year for a few weeks in the winter at John’s home in California and in the summer at Ann’s home on Lake Winnipesaukee. Six months ago John had a serious auto accident that has slowed him down considerably. After hospitalization and rehab he’s doing well enough to go sailing with his daughter and friends in San Diego Bay. He hopes to get to New Hampshire this summer. —I’ll update you on my family, since I received no other news. Our son Bill ’81 has one college graduate and two in college. His oldest son, David, graduated from Colgate a year ago and works in Ohio. Daughter Sarah will be a senior at Bryn Mawr, and Matthew will be a sophomore at Bates. Since our daughter was a Bowdoin graduate, our family has been well represented at Maine colleges. We haven’t made it to a third generation at Colby, but our son Andrew ’86 and his wife, Margaret (Davis) ’85, have two daughters and one son who will be ready for college soon, so there is hope. My husband, Bill, was diagnosed with lymphoma two years ago and was treated at Yale. With surgery and chemo he is doing well and is in remission. I keep busy with gardening, fitness classes, ILR (Institute For Learning in Retirement) classes, yoga, and walking every day. ILR offers the opportunity to take a variety of courses. My sister, Allie (Jennings Castelli ’50), and her friend Bob moved east from Colorado last year. A highlight in their lives is attending the opera. They enjoyed all nine operas from the Metropolitan Opera, which are broadcast live by satellite all over the world in selected movie theaters. They
plan to vacation in Colorado this summer. • I hope that those of you who went to reunion will send news about yourself and the classmates you saw.

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Thanks to those of you who responded. • CriFl ‘Big Red’ Crawford and his wife live in a retirement community, They participated in a Google crash course and are involved with the viewing of videotapes and some deep discussions. They plan to return for our 60th reunion next year. • We heard from Dick Birch, who lives in Estero, Fla., in the winter and comes east for the summer. Dick and George Giffin get together and tell stories about their youth on Cape Cod. • I hear from Walt Russell almost daily. We’re trying to find a way to make America a better place. Walt will also attend our 60th. • Charlotte Noble Shimele vacationed in Russia and was delighted to spend 10 days in Moscow and St. Petersburg. In July she’ll visit Scotland, then the Netherlands in September. Charleston. In July she’ll visit Scotland, then the Netherlands in September. Charlotte has visited 23 countries and wishes she had started earlier. • George Wales still lives in Granville, Ohio, where his wife, Lorie (Arcese ’54), runs the music programs for Dennison University. George hopes to resume tennis when his back is stronger.

1952
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Greetings to you all. • Art White says, “Maybe no news is good news, but our winter in Maine was uneventful. I went to a few Colby-Bowdoin football and hockey games with Bob Kline and saw the very exciting Colby-Bowdoin basketball games, both won by Colby. GO MULES.” • Mel Lyon writes, “Just got back to California after a visit to Washington, D.C., and Atlanta to see four of my seven grandchildren. They were out, but it was delightful anyway.” Mel turned 80 in May and comments that “It seems such a short time ago that we all were 18 or so and entering Colby. With Prexy Franklin Johnson every day driving up onto the grass in front of Miller Library to see the grand fruition of his plans from 1929. Best wishes to all.” • Bob Hooper doesn’t miss Maine winters and continues to live in Pleasanton, Calif., where he and Iris have “lived for over 30 years and have no intention of leaving.” They have taken Princess cruises to Alaska and to the Caribbean, which they find relaxing and enjoyable. Due to aging, they don’t compete in obedience and hunt tests with their black Lab, Range, 7, who has earned obedience and hunt test titles, including international champion. The Hooper children are spread out in MA, CA, and Australia. Seven grandchildren are even more spread out. Bob’s activities are limited by a bad back, but his favorite is walking Ranger at the local wilderness area. Iris volunteers in the gift shop at the local hospital. “Best wishes to all of you.” Reach Bob at robert.hooper@comcast.net. • Russ Wallace traveled to Egypt in February. “My late wife, Kit, and I did the usual things 25 years ago, but it was fun to repeat and expand. The pyramids along the Nile are unchanged, but new building is going wild in places like Nassar City. The new chapter for me was a road trip to Alexandria on the Desert Road from Cairo. Development of shopping centers and agriculture in between was mindful of San Francisco/LA 15 years ago. Many gems in Alexandria include the fantastic new library, King Farouk’s palace, and stone work recovered from the sea bottom. Wish we had allowed time for a drive out to El Alamein. Anne and I found the increase of Islamic intensity notable.” • Barbara Bone Leavitt spent time with me in mid March and summarized as follows: “I had a wonderful visit with Jan “Sandy” in her lovely home in Yarmouth on the Cape. We enjoyed great food, swimming, walks, and tours of the outer Cape. Most rewarding was having nice long talks. We covered a lot of territory from over the years. I was lucky to have Jan and Debby Brush Morse (now deceased) move into Louise Coburn my sophomore year, and they, along with my roommate, Caroline Wilkins McDonough, had many good times together.” • John and Janet Perrigo Brown-Wolff, formerly from Maine, “enjoyed a cool winter in South Fort Myers, Fla. We are happy to know that in South Burlington, Vt., even having experienced wet snow (in late April) after the spring flowers were in full bloom.” • Best wishes to you all.

1953
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Ginny Falkenbury Aronson reports that, after 79 years, “this daughter of a Maineman is finally getting to take a tour of Atlantic Canada: New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and PEI. That means another look at Boston, Portland, and Bar Harbor too.” Ginny is going down her own “memory lane.” • Carolyn English Caci still works a couple of days a week at UMass Lowell. She saw Tommi Thompson Staples in April while she was visiting Boston. These two got together in June for their semi-annual trip from Maryland to New York City with a quick visit to Marty Friedlander. Tommi also wrote about her visit with Carolyn. • John Lee’s grandson, Christopher (West Point ’08), is now a first lieutenant in Bamberg, Germany, awaiting deployment to Iraq/Afghanistan. While John was at Colby last summer he went to the flagpole at Miller Library and copied the names of four alums who died in Vietnam. Later he visited the grave of Leslie Dickinson ’67 from Patten, Maine, the only one buried at Arlington Cemetery. The Vietnam Memorial in Washington listed one other soldier, James Stockwell ’59, from Beverly Farms, Mass. All four men were killed between February and May 1968. John added that one third of the wall is from that period of the war. John is still a tour guide in Washington, and would love to give some (Colby) VIP tours. • In closing, I’m doing okay. My 2-year-old golden keeps me walking and jogging—this spring it was daily romps on Singing Beach in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass. I skied one day at Sunapee Mountain with a Colby-Sawyer alumni group, and that was fun—made especially nice when I found I can still get down a mountain safely on skis.

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Bill and Penny Thresher Edson have completed a major home improvement project and are ready for visitors. After our 55th reunion they spent time visiting with former roommate Judy Jenkins Totman and her husband, Frank ’53, and various siblings along the way back to California. June found the Edsons in Phoenix, Ariz., cheering for granddaughters at the National Club Volleyball Festival, and July found them in Las Vegas to watch two granddaughters play in the 18 and under national softball tournament. Bill’s consulting work with NASA has ended, so he spends time working on his autobiography, cheering for his granddaughters and UCLA sports teams, regular gym exercise, and golf. Penny is in her 18th year as a resident advocate for the Ventura County Long Term Care Ombudsman program, continues to volunteer at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, and plays lots of doubles tennis. • Mary and Herb Adams sold their winter home in Florida and moved to a nonprofit “life care retirement community” in Scarborough, Maine. They’ll “winter” there and continue to “summer” at their camp in Lovell, Maine. • Judy JenkinsTotman continues to paint and “create” with a local (Kittery Point, Maine) group that was formed in 2001. • Diane Chamberlin Starcher has lots of travel ahead. Haifa, Israel, for a friend’s wedding in June, five weeks in mid-June and early July visiting family in the States, an end-of-the-month trip to Glacier National Park with sister Sue Chamberlin Trauger ’60 and her husband, and then back to France to enjoy the mountains and lakes in August.

1955
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Dear ’55ers. I write this column a month before our great class reunites for our 55th reunion. We are the GOLDEN MULES! Isn’t that great that we can remember so much about those carefree days so long ago? Don’t ask me what I did last week or even yesterday! But that’s life, and being alive is good (most of the time). • Jane and John Dutton are taking a long-awaited trip to Ireland at the time of our reunion. John says he is not driving or bending over backwards to kiss the Blarney Stone, since he’s just gotten his back in shape after several painful years and, finally, successful surgery last fall. He plans a visit to Colby this fall on a tour he’s leading through New England, bringing several Californians with him. They’ll find out where God’s country is! • Buni and Dino Sirakides had a wonderful luncheon with Kathy McConaughy Zambello ‘56 and Sistie Restall Horne in Rancho Mirage, Calif. Kathy was visiting her brother nearby, and Sistie lives in Palm Desert, where Dino and
Lifelong volunteer Jim Rulison ‘58 was honored with a 2010 Volunteer Award from Albany (N.Y.) County. Rulison has volunteered for six years with Seniors Teaching and Reaching Out to Students, where he helps elementary students with their homework. Rulison, who taught emotionally disturbed children for 40 years, also pitches in at the Ravena Library. • Aviation analyst Robert Walther ‘58 was recognized for Excellence in Survivability by the Joint Aircraft Survivability Program Office. Pictured in Aircraft Survivability magazine sporting a Colby cap, Walther’s 50-year career testing and analyzing the survivability of combat systems as a Navy officer, army civilian, and contractor is credited for having “impacted nearly every major U.S. combat helicopter in the skies today.”

Robert Walther ‘58


Buni stay for five months to avoid the tough Chicago winters. They are always happy to return, however, as their daughter, Mair (Sirakides Hill ‘83), and their son, Dean, return, however, as their daughter, Mair (Sirakides Hill ‘83), and their son, Dean, live within four miles with all six of the Sirakides grandkids! • Paul and Beverly Mossett Levesque celebrated their 50th in May with a big party. This summer they’ll continue the celebration in Europe, where they’ll rent a villa in Umbria, Italy, with friends, then travel to Paris, take a river cruise in Germany, and end in Newburyport, Mass., at 80.

MILESTONES

Beryl Wellersdieck Piper had a great winter in Naples, Fla., despite the unseasonable cold. Good thing they can play their favorite game, bridge, indoors! Their return trip to Bridgton, Maine, will be via Nashville/Grand Ole Opry and Cleveland, Ohio. Thinking ahead to summer, I hope your putter is hot, Perk. • Bobbi Santora Hindert has another trip planned this fall to Iceland and Norway, this time including a cruise along the Norwegian coast, ending above the Arctic Circle. • In March Mac Blanchard joined the bionic ranks of our classmates with a total knee replacement. We wish you a fast and total recovery.

• Don Dimwoodie and his wife, Elaine, find themselves too busy in their respective businesses to even think of retirement! They’ll soon head to Mexico for some deep sea fishing for marlin. Don and Elaine enjoy their eight grandchildren, who are located all around the world but who must love visiting their grandparent’s “gentleman horse farm” in Colorado. • Lucy Pickles Haworth will celebrate her 75th birthday by driving across the country (Vermont to Oregon) in July with a friend and her two dachshunds. She took a course at Dartmouth, A Survey of Ballet, and enjoys the live Metropolitan Opera HD performances in St. Johnsbury, VT. Four young grandchildren keep Lucy hopping, too! • Turning 75 for Mikki Chomick Manno will bring the most wonderful vacation: the entire family, grown kids and “grands” (nine in all), will sail out of New Jersey for a week in Bermuda. In addition Mikki looks forward to sailing with a group of “young timers” from Ocean Grove, N.J., to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and St. John, New Brunswick. Those 75-year-olds certainly don’t miss a beat!

• Anne Schimmelpfennig Laszlo sent an interesting e-mail about her recent trip to Guatemala that I would like to include, but space restrictions prevail. I shall save it for our next column, when news is usually more sparse. • Bob Pettengew, as always, has a full plate! Bob is CEO of Sharon Arts, a craft retail store and fine arts gallery in Peterborough, N.H., and the School of Arts and Crafts in Sharon, N.H.; V.P. of marketing for Pannos-Winzeller Marketing in Bedford, N.H.; and a trustee for the Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter for the Homeless. • While visiting Southern California for the month of March, Colette Piqueres Greenwood was invited for Easter brunch at Patrick and Toni Ciunci Hudson’s lovely home on a mountain crest above Pasadena. Colette has moved from Las Vegas to Utah near her older son and his family. Toni’s beautiful garden inspired Colette to pick up wheelbarrow and shovel and get digging! • After another season of preparing taxes, Don Tracy must decide if he really wants to “slow down” and sell his remaining tax business. Don and Linda have rented a beach house for a week this summer to spend time with
their children and families. • Terri Hibbard, who attended Colby freshman year and now lives in Benton, Maine, is retiring and doing freelance writing and substitute teaching. • Your support for our column is getting stronger and we thank you for making our job more interesting.

1958
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Pam (Brockway ’60) and David Adams spent time last winter driving through Florida in a travel trailer. “We got used to hauling the 7,000-pound trailer—you go slower (65 mph at most), stop earlier (250 miles/day or less), and fill the tank more often (11 miles/gallon). The fun comes from having your own bed, eating your own food, and being close to the action.” They enjoyed kayaking and biking in the state parks and are already planning next winter’s trip. • Ron Moran’s 12th book was recently issued by Clemson University, where he served for 25 years as department head, professor, and then dean. His 13th will be published in 2011. Tentatively titled The Jane Poems, it is dedicated to his dear wife. “In addition to my Jane, I credit Colby with providing me the necessary training to achieve whatever modest goals I might have.” • Barbara Newhall Stevens received the Second Mile award from Glen Ridge Congregational Church in Montclair, N.J., for volunteer work that spans her 60-year membership. She’s worked in the child care room, served on the Worship Committee, been president of the women’s association, and was involved in their annual antique show and rummage sale. • One of Dave Woodbury’s regrets is that he has not returned to Colby since graduation. He had a 30-year naval career followed by an eight-year “adventure” in Saudi Arabia, attempting to teach senior Saudi naval officers how to manage their navy, and a final three years with a veterans service organization, most recently as national executive director. Dave and his wife, Martha, enjoy life in northern Virginia, especially since their four grandchildren live nearby. • Bob Walther was recently recognized for his excellent service in the Aircraft Survivability magazine. He’s pictured in a gold baseball cap with a Colby C. “With more than 50 years of department of defense experience—including work as a navy officer, army civilan, and contractor—Bob has played a significant role in testing and analyzing the survivability/lethality of numerous combat systems. Bob currently works for the SURVICE Engineering Company at Aberdeen Proving Ground. • Bob and Cathy Stinneford Walther visit Ocean Point, Maine, and Waterville each year. They have a reunion of “old Zetes” at a lobster pound near the home of Gard Rand ’59 in Damarscotta. Ed Rushton, Warren Judd, and Bob Hesse and their wives attend, along with Bruce Williams ’59 and sometimes someone from “way away” like Dick Keddy from California. Ed and wife Joyce are avid players with a duplicate bridge group. • Sally Fritz wrote in early spring, “Winter is over. The days are bright, my outlook is bright, and today is my launch into my 75th year. Did you ever think we’d live this long and do so many things?” Sally serves on two boards that jointly bought a building on the upper Cape that will become a center for people with mental illness. Sally is the continuing ed contact for a local agency, Fairwinds Clubhouse. She’s recently travelled to Ohio to visit friends, to Jackson, N.H., to a family ski house, and to Albany to babysit her grandchildren.

1959
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For the first time in the six years I’ve been writing this column, I did not hear from anyone. So I will fill in with my own news. I took an Elderhostel (now Exploritas) trip to San Antonio last fall and enjoyed it so much I am planning two trips this year—one to the Badlands in South Dakota and one to Natchez, Miss. I highly recommend these trips as they are a great chance to learn while having a wonderful vacation. • I look forward to hearing from classmates when my next request for news goes out in July.

1960
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Peg Jack Johnston will visit Dubai and Cairo in late October. Peg is concerned with the low percentage of participation by our classmates donating to the Colby Fund. • John and Becky Crane Rafferty spent six weeks in South Carolina this winter. John had to get away from the snowblower. With the weather warming, he plays lots of golf with Sandy Boardman ’61. In May John and Becky traveled to Houston to see their son John ’86 and then drove to Colorado to see their other son just north of Denver. Good way to see some of the country they usually fly over. • In November Molly Lynn Watt was installed as poet laureate for Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement. In a packed hall, she read from a manuscript in development titled “On the Wings of Song” about her experience during the Civil Rights movement in the mid-sixties in jail with her two young daughters. She gives many local readings, including at the Massachusetts Poetry Festival at the Lowell National Museum, the Boston Poetry Festival at Boston Public Library, the North Cambridge Art Association installation at the O’Neill Library, and the Cambridge Poetry Festival. • Nancy Shoemaker Daglie and her husband just purchased a second home, in Winthrop, Maine, which will become their main residence. They have four children in Maine and look forward to being nearer them. • Ronald Weber and his wife had their own March Madness in Florida with four different families coming to visit. The weather finally turned warm and sunny and the entire north came down. They couldn’t find a parking place at the beach. At the 50th they are going to Ocean City, Md., to meet four couples with whom they grew up in Norwalk, Conn. This started 48 years ago when one of his friends went to University of Maryland and played football. This will be their 48th year, and they’re up to about 70 people including parents, children, and grandchildren. It’s a great tradition • Carole and Don Williamson were fortunate to see Monday’s practice round at the Masters Golf Tournament in Georgia. They shot video of Tiger Woods and Freddie Couples as they came through the ninth hole, since cameras were permitted on practice-round days. • Chet Lewis and his wife wintered in East Lansing, Mich., and experienced at least their share of snowy winter weather. With the coming of spring they drove to RI just in time to help Chet’s 95-year-old mother-in-law dry out the basement of her house in Narragansett from the Easterweek floods. • Kim Kimball Chase spent the winter in record cold weather in the Florida panhandle, where her son Jim and daughter Jackie live. She enjoyed their company and activities. UWF has great seniors’ programs, with classes on many and varied subjects. She likes being in college again but says it’s not as great as Colby was. • Pete and Virginia Clark Heyler checked in from Montana, which they just love. They left in June for Austria, where they did their annual British-based HW walking week. Having walked in nine different areas of the UK, they’ve returned to Europe. They had a marvelous trip to Panama last November, of which transiting the canal was only one part. Their eldest son visited for Christmas, after which he and his girls skied and then they all went dog sledding! Virginia was diagnosed with breast cancer, but fortunately all went very well and she became a cancer survivor. Being one of the lucky ones who got it early, she encourages getting those mammograms. Her grandkids will visit in May and July, which is always a highlight of their year.

Inspiration and Impact
Clifford “Bump” Bean ’51, P’77, 81, and Dorrie Bean P’77, 81
As an original member of the Colby Eight, Bump Bean ’51 had no idea that more than 60 years later the Colby Eight would continue to be part of the cultural life and entertainment at Colby. His inspiration and initiative as a student had a long-lasting impact on life at Colby. Bump and Dorrie established a charitable gift annuity that enhances their incomes while helping future students at Colby.

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Your class officers visited Colby this June to observe how the Class of '60 conducts its 50th. We hope to ensure a spectacular 2011 turnout for the Class of 1961! Stay tuned.

• Janet Haskins Mandaville returned from a six-week jaunt in and around Africa and the Middle East—please send details and add your photos to our class page! • Judith Hoffman Hakola still teaches at the University of Maine, where she completed her 10th year of “phased” retirement. Judith teaches spring semesters and usually part of the summer—and has already signed on for spring 2011. She continues adding new courses, the latest a “Persuasion and Analysis” writing course. “But my favorite is working with senior civil engineering students on their capstone projects and reports. I have an office in the engineering building and last May was introduced as the department’s ‘honorary engineer’ at the commencement lunch for seniors. That is certainly a far cry from my traditional British lit major at Colby!” At the Onro Public Library, Judith chairs the board of trustees and leads two library-based book discussion groups. • Diane Sadler Martin pens, “Wear your Colby hat when you travel. When you do, it’s amazing how many people you meet who’ve attended! I’m leaving shortly (ash permitting) for a month in Europe, which will include six days in a youth hostel in the University of Maine last May. He was affiliated with the Center for Maine Contemporary Arts in Rockport as curator for 20 years and taught at Freeport High School for all but two of those years. In 2006 he chaired the Maine Print Project, the largest arts collaboration in Maine history. Bruce visited Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego last October and planned an art trip to Paris this spring. He lives in Portland, his native city. • Bill Alexander has literally been “working on the railroad,” getting trains ready for the July opening of the DownEast Scenic Railroad in Ellsworth, Maine. This has been a four-year effort by a core of 14 volunteers who have been rebuilding the right of way, digging drainage, and refurbishing passenger cars. He extends an invitation to visit this summer (www.downeastscenicrail.org). • Malcolm MacLean and wife Debbie planned a trip to Italy and Paris this spring. He’s looking forward to seeing all our classmates at our 50th in 2012. • Anne Ticknor McNeece works part time for the local school system doing educational testing and individual tutoring. She’s “considering taking up golf,” but decided to wait until she’s 80 or so. Anne and her husband, Rob, spend much of their free time on Cape Cod. • Colleen “Jo” Littlefield Jones visited family in Virginia and North Carolina during March. Son Aaron has a cape on a lake about 20 miles from Danville, Va., with no cell phone reception and no TV. “A little bit of paradise.” Son Roger, with Aaron’s help, is developing a wildlife refuge and pet sanctuary in Java, Va., that currently houses 11 show dogs, 24 chinchillas, four exotic birds, and nine peacocks! • Bob and Brenda Phillips Gibbons live in “Little” Washington, N.C., where they enjoy boating on the Pamlico and the music and art scene. They plan to spend the summer in Marion, Mass., where they lived for 16 years, boating around Buzzards Bay. Brenda adds the very sad news that her sister, Joan Phillips Thompson ‘64, died March 12 after a long battle with brain cancer. Brenda says the outpouring of love from Colby friends has been wonderful. Our condolences as well, Brenda. I remember Joan as a bright, warm, and wonderful young woman. • Jack Mosher visited with Olive Pingree Ingraham, Linda Nicholson Goodman, and Sue Keith Webster. Linda mentioned reconnecting with Judy Cronk and Nancy Rowe Adams and invites other Colby friends to get in touch. Jack planned to travel to Seattle this May to spend time with roommate Joyce Dignam Flynn and sorority sister Betty Johnston Rayle ’63. • Michael (McCabe) and I are back in Harpswell, Maine. We spent February at Damariscove Island, near Beaufort (that’s be- ffort), S.C., where Michael expected to play golf every day—but the weather had other ideas. Since returning we’ve seen Debby Price and attended John Chapman’s 70th birthday party. Michael stays in close touch with Colby, currently acting as a volunteer for the admissions office to pick up prospective students at the Portland airport and ferry them back and forth to campus. He is greatly impressed by the caliber of these young people. • One final note: 2012 is just two short years away! See you at the 50th!

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Greetings Class of ’62! Boyd and Mary “Muff” Symonds Leavitt took a 14-day cruise to Alaska. Upon their return Mary will continue her internship to become a senior health insurance counselor, helping people with Medicare. She’s been making calls for the gift committee for our 50th reunion and enjoys contacting classmates. • In recognition of his leadership on behalf of contemporary Maine artists, Bruce Brown was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree by the University of Maine last May. He was affiliated with the Center for Maine Contemporary Arts in Rockport as curator for 20 years and taught at Freeport High School for all but two of those years. In 2006 he chaired the Maine Print Project, the largest arts collaboration in Maine history. Bruce visited Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego last October and planned an art trip to Paris this spring. He lives in Portland, his native city. • Bill Alexander has literally been “working on the railroad,” getting trains ready for the July opening of the DownEast Scenic Railroad in Ellsworth, Maine. This has been a four-year effort by a core of 14 volunteers who have been rebuilding the right of way, digging drainage, and refurbishing passenger cars. He extends an invitation to visit this summer (www.downeastscenicrail.org). • Malcolm MacLean and wife Debbie planned a trip to Italy and Paris this spring. He’s looking forward to seeing all our classmates at our 50th in 2012. • Anne Ticknor McNeece works part time for the local school system doing educational testing and individual tutoring. She’s “considering taking up golf,” but decided to wait until she’s 80 or so. Anne and her husband, Rob, spend much of their free time on Cape Cod. • Colleen “Jo” Littlefield Jones visited family in Virginia and North Carolina during March. Son Aaron has a cape on a lake about 20 miles from Danville, Va., with no cell phone reception and no TV. “A little bit of paradise.” Son Roger, with Aaron’s help, is developing a wildlife refuge and pet sanctuary in Java, Va., that currently houses 11 show dogs, 24 chinchillas, four exotic birds, and nine peacocks! • Bob and Brenda Phillips Gibbons live in “Little” Washington, N.C., where they enjoy boating on the Pamlico and the music and art scene. They plan to spend the summer in Marion, Mass., where they lived for 16 years, boating around Buzzards Bay. Brenda adds the very sad news that her sister, Joan Phillips Thompson ‘64, died March 12 after a long battle with brain cancer. Brenda says the outpouring of love from Colby friends has been wonderful. Our condolences as well, Brenda. I remember Joan as a bright, warm, and wonderful young woman. • Jack Mosher visited with Olive Pingree Ingraham, Linda Nicholson Goodman, and Sue Keith Webster. Linda mentioned reconnecting with Judy Cronk and Nancy Rowe Adams and invites other Colby friends to get in touch. Jack planned to travel to Seattle this May to spend time with roommate Joyce Dignam Flynn and sorority sister Betty Johnston Rayle ’63. • Michael (McCabe) and I are back in Harpswell, Maine. We spent February at Damariscove Island, near Beaufort (that’s be-ffort), S.C., where Michael expected to play golf every day—but the weather had other ideas. Since returning we’ve seen Debby Price and attended John Chapman’s 70th birthday party. Michael stays in close touch with Colby, currently acting as a volunteer for the admissions office to pick up prospective students at the Portland airport and ferry them back and forth to campus. He is greatly impressed by the caliber of these young people. • One final note: 2012 is just two short years away! See you at the 50th!

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Bill ’62 and Barb Haines Chase went canoeing on Lake Nicaragua and adjacent rivers for 10 days of “jungle exploration. It was beautiful, fun, and adventuresome.” They also spent two weeks in Provence before the new vines were in leaf, but there was plenty of wine from last year’s harvest! They explored old hilltop villages, a Mediterranean beach, and cross-country skied in the French Alps. They’re grateful for their good health and fun in their lives. • Peggy Fuchs Singer’s daughter, Ilana, gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Jeremiah Solomon (Remy) Siegal, March 27. Peggy spent a wonderful week with the new family right after the birth. • Ron and Bunny Read McEldowney visited Santa Fe and Taos, places they love for their ambi- ence, food, and art. Bunny received a lifetime achievement award from the Colorado Association of Gifted and Talented for her work in the state. She spoke with Anne Quirion Connaughton in Virginia, who is very busy with family and parents’ health issues. • Doug Mulcahy, aka Muldoon, says he’s “older, somewhat wiser, but still basically the same guy.” One of his three children, a son, has been accepted at seven schools. Doug is blown away, as we all are, at the astronomical cost of today’s undergraduate education. He’s retired and plays the guitar and sings at elderly facilities. He recently saw a lot of old friends while visiting Peter Leofanti ’62. • Frank Kirby and his wife of 43 years, Jacqueline, a practicing pediatrician, live in Rocky Hill, Conn. The secret of their happy marriage is that they play golf together all over the world! Frank looks forward to retirement from his law practice in the near future. They have one son, Jake, who played rugby and rowed for Georgetown and now has a good job and a beautiful family. Frank says, “Who could ask for anything more?” He plans to attend our 50th and sends us all blessings. • Jim ’62 and Jean Eielson Bridgegman have been married almost 47 years. They have two married sons, Andy and Steve, and two grandchildren. They’ve been retired for 15 years—the first 10 in Park City, Utah, where they skied, golfed, hiked and wore their bodies out! The last five in Mesa, Ariz. They escape the summer heat to their cabin in the AZ mountains. They love to travel and plan to take a Russian river cruise. “The best trips have been to see the kids and grandkids!” • John and Marsha Palmer Reynolds took a Caribbean cruise with seven family members. “The real treat was that the two youngsters went to a ‘camp’ and then boarded the ship and were not heard from until bedtime. We’re still enjoying our days here in Maine with lots of volunteer work. Had a great lunch with Paule French.” • Chris and Midge Walton Holmes proudly report that their grandson Christopher Holmes graduated from the University of London in international relations. • Sally White Butler attended her granddaughter’s graduation from the University of Indiana and her grandson’s high school graduation, also in Indiana. Her granddaughter is looking for a job in Boston and, like many new college graduates, is having difficulty as a journalism major. Sally, a 50-year member of Tri-Delta, was honored at a Tri-Delta dinner sponsored by the Tri-Delta Boston Suburban Alumnae Chapter. She has 10 grandchildren, including three sets of twins, and still works at the Lahey Clinic. • Tom Thomas returned from a two-month spiritual journey in India across Tamil Nadu and Kerala and a few days in Mumbai and Delhi. He said India is fascinating, not for the easy traveler but a worthy trip. See Tom’s photos from his journey on Facebook. • Yours truly loves Peggy Fuchs Singer’s book, Legacy of a False Promise, and urges everyone to read it.

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Frank Parker retired in ’06 from Bath Savings Trust Company. He and his wife of 46 years have a daughter in San Francisco and another in Yarmouth, Maine, and four grandchildren. Boating is the primary summer activity, and they travel a little, mostly to the West Coast. Slowed down due to multiple back surgeries during last couple of years, but
life is good. » Dorothy Thompson Herrin’s son, Lee, got married in Delaware in early May. "Some of you may have seen my son, his (then) fiancée, and her son, Zachary, on national television last September. Zachary, a first grader, took a Boy Scout camping tool to school to eat lunch. Since it included a knife, it was confiscated and he was suspended from school. Lee and his wife contacted the media and the story was carried nationally on the major networks! It was settled when the school board rescinded the zero-tolerance policy where it concerns kindergarten and first grade." Dorothy does volunteer work in the little town of Randolph and at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Barre, Vt. Once a week she takes her Pomeranian to school, where children read to him while Dorothy helps them develop reading skills. Both Zippy and the children love the experience! “It keeps me involved with the school community, where I served as special educator and reading specialist for 13 years.” » Joan Mc Ghee Ames stayed in Key West, Fla., for six weeks in a timeshare this winter despite the worst winter weather ever there. She liked it—after going there off and on for over 20 winters—and plans to do it again next year. Her husband, Steve, still has a couple of businesses, although they down-sized six years ago when they sold their Pontiac restoration and muscle-car parts business. They’ll attend a national convention in Charleston, W.V., in July and otherwise enjoy their herb, vegetable, and flower gardens. » Charles Fallon wrote from a school he taught at in 1968! “As a substitute administrator now, I provide ‘old guy’ advice, mediate disputes (“She’s got attitude”), and talk with parents who are frustrated by their child’s behavior. The kids seem similar to those in 1968: boys poking girls, girls talking about fashion (and boys), boys poking boys. The problem with the substitute role is that I don’t contribute to the long-term needs of the school.” Charles has a new piece of land overlooking Honeoye Lake, a new grandson in NYC, and successful children who are adding to the value of their communities. » Marjorie Convery and husband Jim took a cruise to Alaska in June. In April they volunteered with the Outback Open Pro-Am, which features senior golfers and celebs, watching Fred Couples and Tom Watson as well as Michael J. Fox and Fred Lopez. Marjorie too reported it was a cold winter in Florida! » In March Michael and Jean Martin Fowler hosted Ben and CeCe Sewall Potter in Destin, Fla., during the “coldest winter anyone remembers!” Since the beach was not an option, they took a day trip to Pensacola to the Naval Air Station, home of the Blue Angels. They toured the large museum and had the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of one plane. The Fowlers enjoy western Florida as it places them midway among their family, which is spread out in North Carolina, Kentucky, and California. The Fowlers have eight grandchildren. Happily, Thanksgiving in Destin is becoming a family tradition. » As for me (Sara Shaw Rhoades), I’m leaving for Vienna tomorrow and looking forward to an exciting week of sightseeing and coffeehouses and pastries. 

60S NEWSMAKERS

Consultant Bunny Read McEldowney ‘63 received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Colorado Association of Gift and Talented. A former English teacher and gifted education teacher and coordinator, McEldowney was hailed as “a creative, resourceful, and energetic leader whose passion for gifted education is never-ending, even in retirement.” » Best Lawyers selected Kenneth S. Robbins ‘63 as the 2010 Hawaii Trail Lawyer of the Year in personal injury litigation. Practicing in Honolulu, Robbins has a more than 90-percent success rate in jury trials and is listed in Best Lawyers in America. » Pacific School of Religion honored its president, William McKinney ‘68, for 14 years of leadership by the establishing the William McKinney Endowment for Innovation and Leadership. Short-term goals for the fund include a visiting professor in new congregation development and resources for the new PSR president.

MILESTONES


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PASSAGES... As reported in the last issue, we lost Davy Cutler. That’s how I knew him. Davy was in the end room on the second floor of Averill Hall overlooking the quad. Sharing this four-man unit with Dave were Alton “Swanee” Swan, Tom “Tomas” Donahue, and, I think, Peter Beatus. You could not have put together a more disparate crew. Davy was a natural leader, a friendly member of every group he was in. He had a successful career in newspaper publishing without any formal training in business management. He knew people, and that was enough. Short of money one night, I bought a green cable knit sweater from him for dollar. That bought four beers at Onies. Still have the sweater and regret we don’t have Davy except in our memories. » Jon Moody has retired from Hiram College outside of Cleveland, where he was, since 1991, chaplain and a member of the religious studies department. He says “for a little over 30 years I had been doing what Clifford Osborne used to do at Colby, combining religious leadership and pastoral work on campus with academic teaching.” He and his wife, Jane (Peterson ‘68), celebrated his new life with a two-month trip to Oregon “in an aged version of a VW combibus.” » John Bragg reports a reunion of ATOs in Boston last spring centered around the years of the ATOTONES, “the rock bank that was short on talent but long on enthusiasm.” He continues as president of the family business, N. H. Bragg of Bangor. » Neil Clispensham “semi retired Jan. I to have more time for rototilling, granddad-ing, financial planning, model RR-ing, video-editing, etc.” He and Jean (Hoffmann ’66) went on a Danube River cruise with their son, David. In regards to our reunion, they say, “Will miss the Colby $8 performance of the new not-so-old group and wish you good luck and a barrel of fun.” » Pam Plumb Carey and her son Todd appeared on a panel with Tom Brady Sr. and his daughter, Nancy, a triathlete, April 22 at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education and discussed “Parenting Elite Athletes.” » Lew Krisky and Ellen spent an evening with Nancy Ryan Morrione last spring. Nancy was visiting Houston on behalf of Colby Admissions and attended a large college fair. » Linda Wakefield LaRou “enjoys hearing about and connecting with others from Colby through e-mail and Facebook.” She winters in Florida but has her home base in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Last winter she volunteered at the secondhand bookstore connected with Friends of the Indian River County Library. » Gerry Garon, longterm member of the broken pencil club, has surfaced. He has been married for 37 years to Susan and has four children and two grandchildren. Gerry’s family will travel to Jerusalem for his son’s wedding with a 10-day tour of Israel, where Gerry has a brother and extended family. Gerry works as a certified financial planner and tax preparer in Canton, Mass. The Garon’s have a summer home on Little Sebago Lake in Windham, Maine. » Cris and Eliot Terborgh visited their son, John ’94, at his new home in Burlington, Vt., last winter. “Not the greatest time for Californians to visit Vermont.” Sunny Coady drove up from New London, N.H., to join them for an evening. » Your correspondent visited Jamaica, Hawaii, Cyprus, and Barbados in 2009. Hope you had as good a time at our 45th as I did. Hail, Colby, Hail!

1966

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In less than a year, the Class of 1966 will gather on Mayflower Hill to celebrate our 45th reunion. It’s not too early to earmark the weekend of June 3-5, 2011, for a good time. Several people have already committed to being there. Don’t wait for the 50th—that’s just too far into the future. » Anne Ruggles Gere sends news of a dinner date she and her husband, Budge, had in April with Diane Van Wyck and her husband, Frank Repas, in New York City. Diane has retired from American Express to serve as the legal/fiscal agent for Frank’s architecture firm. One of Frank’s recent projects was the Shanghai Waterfront Cruise Ship Terminal. Anne and Budge continue on their teaching/preaching gigs with no thought of retirement. » Californian Peter Anderson writes: “After 25 years of thinking, planning, and saving, Elena and I decided to start looking for the right apartment in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where we hope to spend more time during retirement. The first place we saw was perfect, so about a year ahead of schedule, we bought it! Now we need to share it with friends. It has a guest bedroom and servant’s quarters. Friends are welcome to stay in either room, whichever fits their state of mind.” Peter and Elena will be at reunion. » Ditto for Pam Harris Holden and roommate Jennie Michener Riddell. » Karen Riendeau Pacheco will be there too and would really like to see Peter Grabosky, all the way from Australia. » Russ Monbleau’s oldest grandson is 18, an Eagle Scout, and in Navy flight school, which has been his plan for 10 years. Younger brother Brandon is on the same track. Youngest grandson Nolan is just two. Russ wonders if he might be the first great-grandfather in the class. Anyone there
yet? Don’t rush those boys, Russ! Russ’s wife, Joyce, was called back to work for a three-month assignment after a year of retirement, worried if she would remember enough. After two days she announced the first thing she remembered—the reason she retired in the first place. • South American travels with Gayle Jobson Poinsett and Garfield Barnes continue, as summarized here by Gayle: “We left Ft. Lauderdale, Fl., Dec. 5, 2009, for a two-week cruise to Valparaiso, Chile. Then we went over the Andes to Bariloche, Argentina, and across Argentina to Buenos Aires for a month. We visited Uruguay for two weeks, then on to Iguazu Falls and northern Argentina to the Bolivian border. Bolivia is not welcoming to Americans so we went back over the Andes to Chile and up to Peru to Lake Titicaca and Cuzco environs. Lots of bus and train rides and lots of territory covered. I’m looking forward to getting off the Altiplano at 11,000 feet. We start building a new house in Plainfield, Vt., when we get home. After 40 years in Sharon, Vt., it will be a big move.” • Special thanks to those who regularly send me news, thereby assuring there will always be a column. I remain ever hopeful that some of you who enjoy reading the column but don’t contribute will send a line or two telling about your life. You’d be surprised how many of your classmates would love to hear from you!

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Larry Sears is one of two winners of El Paso Community College’s Adjunct Faculty Achievement Award for 2010. Looks like his semi-retirement career as a psychology professor is paying off. All thanks to Colby mentors Fred Gelb, Kingsley Birge, and Gustave Todrank! • Fred Hopengarten, you may recall, graduated from BC Law School to these many years ago. The Colby-BC connection runs in the Hopengarten family. His daughter, Annie ’06, is now in graduate school at BC. She will take her CPA exam this fall. The Mayflower Hill to Chestnut Hill tradition was started by Fred’s mother, Doris Rose Hopengarten ’40, when she completed graduate school at BC. Tradition is a wonderful anchor in turbulent times. • Joanna Snyder Lopez-Richardson lives Down Under and continues her work in research data at Griffith University. She leads a team compiling data about the university’s publications. Her work was reported to the Australian government as part of a new, national research assessment exercise. • Paul Cronin, after running out of children to send to Colby, Harvard, and other locations, has retired. Since Paul’s wife still works, Paul takes care of the home front. Sort of gone from Boyo to houseboy. • Jim Helmer writes, “Saigon has been called the ‘Pearl of the Orient.’ In the war it was overcrowded with refugees, crime, and inflation. Forty years later the city has been transformed; the wonderful Indochine architecture has been revitalized, the refugees are gone, and everyone has a cell phone and motor scooter. What had been a tropical city with buildings maybe eight stories tall, like the Caravelle, where we stayed, now has many 40-plus story buildings. One highlight was our last night there: we went to the famed Majestic Hotel along the Saigon River for drinks. As luck would have it, there was a Filipino band playing and we convinced them to play Proud Mary, the archetypal song from the war years. I sang and watched the traffic along the river and thought wistfully of time there as a young man.” Thank you, Jim, for sharing your experiences. • Charlie and Sally Ray Bennett have their suitcases perpetually packed as they travel the world. While Sally and Charlie were in Florida this spring, their home state of Rhode Island hosted the great flood of 2010. Sally and Charlie returned home to find their valued neighbors had pumped out the swimming pool that had developed in their cellar. • Jean Ridering Goldfine celebrated her 65th birthday with a walk in England. She spent four days “rambling” in the Cotswolds with her cousin. They carried their belongings in backpacks and stayed in B&Bs. It rained every day and even spit snow and sleet. That’s nothing for Mainer! Back at home Jean works part time as an LCSW in private practice and spends as much time as she can with her horses. Future travel plans include a riding trip to Iceland in August. • Richard and Leanne Davidson Kaslow happily lead two lives: one very part time in DC, where they see their “kids” and keep up with significant relationships from their 15 years there; another in Birmingham (for 15 more years!), where Leanne is active on several boards of organizations concerned with women’s issues. Dick continues to work on HIV/AIDS. Travels still a passion with recent trips to Africa, Galapagos, Machu Picchu, and rafting the Grand Canyon. • Jeanne Philson Sommers retired from Milliman in Pennsylvania in March and bought a home in Debary, Fla. She still has her RV and now has more time to relax and explore. Enjoy retirement, Jeanne. You’re gonna love it!

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Arthur Brennan writes, “Our daughter, Mary Kathryn ’02, will be married in July. She’s an attorney working for Maine Legal Services for the Elderly, where Martha and I hope she will look after us in our rapidly approaching dotage.” • Betty Savicki Carvalles writes: “John ’66 and I spent six weeks in St. Augustine, Fla., this year, escaping the Vermont winter but finding ‘cold’ weather there as well. But there was no snow, no ice, and very few days without sunshine! We stopped on the Outer Banks on the way home with students ‘Carol Jones O’Brien. We walked and biked with her and her husband before returning to cold rainy weather. I’m excited to be going to Oslo in June for the International Polar Year conference and will be heading out in July for one more ‘last trip’ (I’ve said that a few times before) to the Bering Sea and the Arctic Ocean with the scientists with whom I’ve worked several times in the past. Although I’m working part time, I still wake up every morning and am thrilled that I’m retired, sleeping past 5:45 a.m., and finding time to do what I want on my own schedule.” • Peter Roy says: “Still working. Still skiing. Having a great time. Everyone is healthy. Finally a grandfather. Not going to AA. Can’t ask for much more.” Except perhaps for a few more e-mails from our classmates. Hope to hear from you all.

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Happy summer everyone! Bill Lyons will celebrate his 30th year on the University of Nebraska faculty this coming academic year (2010-11). Bill says he’s been through two professional rites of passage—becoming a partner in his old law firm and becoming a tenured full professor at Nebraska—and now can accept that a third rite of passage, retirement, is coming. He and Karen both love teaching and have mixed feelings about when to retire. They also continue to enjoy opportunities to teach overseas. Bill again taught at the University of Leiden in April and May. Karen has taken student groups to England, Ireland, and France and has twice been invited to present papers at the Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at Oxford University. Bill may also be back at Boston College Law School during the spring 2011 semester. • Eddie Woodin remains active in the Scarborough and Portland area and managed to keep up with Colby sports by attending Bowdoin-Colbybaseball games this spring. • Don Caouette and his family have been busy. His daughter, Jenny, got married in September and purchased a house in Framingham, Mass. His son, Brian, graduated in May from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, and his wife, Teri, continues to work as a librarian at Lincoln Middle School in Portland. Don is semi-retired, is doing volunteer work at the Southern Maine Agency on Aging, and hopes to get back to Colby for a visit this year for homecoming or some other special weekend. • Pam and I continue to enjoy our full-time life in Maine and look forward to a wonderful summer. I hope to see and hear from many of you in the months ahead. Feel free to contact me anytime!

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Greetings from New England, where we had the most peculiar wet and early-blossoming spring I can ever remember. Thousands of people were affected by torrential rains in March. My hope is that none of our friends and colleagues were adversely affected. • Having retired from the Nantes Graduate School of Management, Jacques Hermant has visited his grandsons in cognac country in France. Jacques was awarded the title of professor emeritus for excellence in teaching and academic achievement in strategic management. Recently he traveled to Hanoi for a seminar on strategic management for the Central Bank of Vietnam. Jacques volunteers in a Paris hospital for terminally ill patients and will teach next year in the M.B.A. program at Tonji University in Shanghai. • Harking back to our childhoods, Bill Simons and I keep reminding each other about our grammar school experiences in Swampscott, Mass. Bill’s son and his family now live there, and Bill gets frequent updates that spark our recollections. Last week we were recalling the names of all our grammar school teachers. • Nancy Hammar Austin was recently and proudly inducted into the educator’s honor society KDP (a 100-year-old international organization) at Fitchburg State College. She admits that going to school at our age is no easy feat! Nancy and I have been recounts our anxiety-provoked dreams that began during our Colby years and recur even now! • Jeanie Lerner, a classmate our freshman year, is eager to know what has happened to some of her friends from 1967-68. Write to Jeanie at wordwizzard@bscgloball.net. She can’t remember anyone’s last name, but she’ll be thrilled to hear from any of you. • The number of Jon Stone’s grandchildren is increasing. He never thought that grand-children would outweigh parenthood, but for him it has. His youngest son is getting married this year, too. • Nick Nash has been coaching high school basketball in Maine for 20 seasons and loves it. Across the court
recently he spied Jay Reiter and his family. • College tours keep Bill Hladky busy as he accompanies his son, most recently to California. They’ve visited campuses that were created after World War II and Bill has been impressed. • Nancy Neckes Dumart announces with pride and relief that her son, Clark, will attend Endicott College this fall hoping to pursue a career in athletic training, sports management, or premed. • After a wonderful spring journey to the south of France, Leslie Anderson writes of her adventures in a little village there. Earlier this year she spent a weekend with Jan Blatchford Gordon, Debbie Messer Zlatny, Mary Jukes Howard, Karen Hoerner Neel, and Pat Trow Parent playing cards and laughing by candlelight (no power). Leslie continues her painting and preparing for shows. As spring approached Leslie’s biggest complaint was that winter was too short. I agree! • Leslie shared the sad news that our classmate, Emily Eaton Moore, passed away suddenly March 22. We send our condolences to her family. • My sidekick, Clementine (my 10-year-old yellow Lab), and I were disappointed with how little snow we got this winter. I continue to keep busy with various singing activities. My own a cappella group has been busy this winter, and I will be traveling again with the Yale Alumni Chorus at the end of June, this time to Cuba. This should prove to be another life-altering experience. • Having visited Southern California and Joshua Tree National Park and having gone whale watching, Fred Copithorn now knows why so many people moved to California in the ’70s. But he’s going to stay on the “right coast” to continue improving his pottery. • Hope all is well with the rest of you.

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Susan Hurwitz Tatelbaum became a psychic and medium. She was a guest speaker at Colby last June, where she was well received. She wrote a book titled Morph in a Minute, Magic in the Moment, Ravings of a Medium under the pen name Susan Bellwether. • Alice Osmer Olson teaches second grade. She and her husband have two sons and are thinking of retiring in about two years. They love the outdoors, traveling, and the many activities that go with living in rural Maine. They hope to begin volunteering. • Anne Howard Cottow has never written before and, even though she didn’t graduate from Colby, she has fond memories. (She actually went to Bowdoin, married her high school sweetheart, and headed off to NYC.) Anne and her husband, Lee, have four children and have lived in New Canaan, Conn., for 34 years, where Anne has been in residential real estate and served on the parks and recreation commission. Her latest achievement is becoming a grandmother! She stays in touch with Cathy Kelley, who lives in Harpswell, Maine, where the Cottows have a summer home. • Bob and Judy Moreland Spitz traveled to Montreal for the Jazz Festival to celebrate Judy’s 60th. Judy has taught secular subjects at Solomon Schechter Academy for the past 15 years, mostly first grade. She sings with the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Chorus, is on the board of directors, and has been pastel painting for five years. She and her husband began horseback riding a couple of years ago and now volunteer at a local Morgan horse farm. Her only previous experience with horses came at Colby when she took riding lessons junior and senior years with her roommate Pam Mouse Vose. • Janet Holm Gerber had a wedding shower at her home May 2 for Jennifer Withnell ’04, daughter of David and Elizabeth Ross Withnell. Jenn and her fiancé will marry in Maine in July, and there are three Colby graduates in the wedding party. • Marilyn McDougal Meyerhans writes from Fairfield, Maine, that the lives of their three children are pretty full with two farms, 100 acres of apple orchards, vegetable gardens, blueberries, a bakery, and two retail stores. Their kids, Noah and Kate ’01, are westerners now, so they must travel to see each other. They’re planning a wedding at the farm for Kate this summer. • Friends talk of retirement, but that is a bit distant still for us farmers! • And from Sheil Ball, “Bach, Beethoven, Vivaldi, Telemann, and their ilk are my NPR joy. Fond thanks to my Colby roommate Joyce “Barney” Bekam Hanes, with whom mornings began with music.” • John Martland writes, “Hard to believe we turn 60 this year! Semi-retirement is great. My golf game is better, we get to travel a little more, and there is so little stress.” Maybe next year he’ll talk his wife, Janet (Shreve), into leaving her sixth grade reading/teaching job in Quincy, Mass., so that they can do more trips. Last July they spent 10 days in southwest England on a walking tour, staying in B&Bs. In February they spent a week in Maui, and in August they’ll visit their son, Charles, in the Kenai Peninsula, Alaska, following his return from a tour of duty in Afghanistan. • Bill Alfond says that 2010 has been a great year for him and his wife, Joni. Their daughter, Kenden, had their first granddaughter, Yaël Alfond-Vincent, in Geneva, Switzerland. Their eldest son, Justin, is getting married this summer, and their other son, Reis, and his wife continue to prosper in the Big Apple. • Rick Leslie retired June 1 from his pilot position at American Airlines after 31-plus years. He looks forward to more golf and drinking all the great Italian wines he has been lucky to procure from friends in Rome. His wife planned two big parties for him in June: a retirement party and a 60th birthday party June 16, Lisa (Kehler) ’73 and James Bubar planned to attend both parties.

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Peter Rinaldi looked forward to son Tom’s graduation from law school in Tampa this May (by the time we read this, it is a wonderful memory!). Peter continues to enjoy playing soccer weekly with the Natchez Gamblers. • Francesca Gates Demgen writes that things are good in California. She welcomed her second grandchild (Gabriella, joining brother Landon, 2), while enjoying knitting, sewing quilts, and making wetlands grow. She’s president of Friends of San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge. She and her husband look forward to meeting Merrilee Bonney and her husband for a safari in Kenya and Tanzania this summer. • Sue Schink’s interim assignment at St. Agnes Episcopal Church in Little Falls, N.J., concluded at the end of April, and she looks forward to a “real summer vacation” until she begins at her new long church. She’ll relocate from Ridgewood (her home since early childhood) to an inherited home in Ramsey, N.J. She and Rosie, her goldendoodle, are already enjoying their lovely new yard. • Ward Briggs’s message is not to be tampered with—he writes: “I am joyful and blessed to share with you and my class that I have retired and have moved to Hot Sulphur Springs, population 512, on the Colorado River here in Grand County, Colo. I don’t remember John and Stuart’s dogs, however, I am happy to be the owner of my first dog, Pete, a year-old pit bull terrier mixed breed that I got from the local shelter. Life is good!” That’s okay, Ward—no one owns up to remembering the dog’s names. • Alex Wilson continues to generously give time to Colby. He attended the CAN alumni weekend this spring, where alumni meet with students to discuss their career experiences, answer questions, and help build a career network for the students’ upcoming job searches. He had a chance to catch up with Bob Diamond, who was busy chairing the Board of Trustees meetings. Bob’s son Charlie ’12 was busy with rehearsals for the big spring Powder and Wig production. Alex eagerly awaits the annual Lambda Chi Alpha Chopper Confab, a weekend of golf, poker, and catching up with friends that is well attended by several ’70s classmatess. We hope to hear more about this gathering for the next column, Alex. Thanks to Jon Fink (who’ll visit his old Coburn dormmate Thane Pratt in Hawaii), we now have a trivia question for the next column.

1974
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We didn’t have a big response this time. Vicki and I have enjoyed our first year as class co-correspondents and look forward to four more. Keep the news coming! When you write, please give us details like where you live, what you do for work or retirement activities, classmates you’ve seen or heard from, family news, and anything else. Don’t be afraid to write a lot—we’ll edit as needed.

• Tom Gill writes from Livermore, Calif., wine country that, “I have my own little CPA practice and I enjoy being my own boss.” His wife, Deborah, died in 2008 after a long battle with cancer. He was then lucky enough to meet Beverly in a bereavement support group, and they will be married this summer. Tom and his wife-to-be feel lucky to have found each other and are grateful for every day and good health. Congratulations on starting your new life together!

• Brian MacQuarrie was supposed to play in an ice hockey tournament at Rangeley with Artie Bell on an over-50 team called DNR (do not resuscitate), but instead was sent by the Boston Globe to Haiti, where for two weeks he reported on the devastation there. He’s covered Katrina, Iraq, Afghanistan, and 9/11, but has never seen anything like the horrors in Haiti. Brian was presented the Master Reporter Award for 2009 by the New England Society of Newspaper Editors. Well done, Brian! • Martha Bernard Welsh heads up a nonprofit called Christopher’s Haven (www christophershaven.org), which provides apartment housing to families who bring their children to Boston’s Mass General Hospital for Children for multiple weeks of daily outpatient cancer treatment. They’ve gone from start-up to being fully operational in just three years and will soon welcome the 100th family. This spring Martha’s oldest daughter graduated from Barnard College and her twin daughters graduated from high school. Martha keeps in touch with Candace Burnett and Larry Cappiello. • Judy Sidell Westerlund has lived in Sweden since 1974 and writes, “Needless to say, I don’t meet up with very many other Colby grads.” Judy began her
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Boston Globe reporter Brian MacQuarrie ’74 received the Master Reporter Award for 2009 from the New England Society of Newspaper Editors. “MacQuarrie’s a lyrical writer with a storyteller’s gift for elevating the commonplace to a higher plane.” MacQuarrie also won a prize for Writing and Reporting from the National Headliner Awards and was an embedded reporter in Iraq in 2003. • Martin Hubbe ’76 was named one of nine TAPPI Fellows for 2010. The Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry cited Hubbe as providing “exemplary service in the areas of education, research, and technical guidance.” Hubbe, a professor in the department of wood and paper science at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, has nearly 120 publications to his credit and holds five patents.

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e-mail with “Greetings from out and under the ash.” She saw firsthand the ash clouds and all of the disruption that ensued. Her eldest daughter spent five days on trains and busses trying to get home from Venice, but got to visit their AFS daughter’s family in Switzerland along the way. “Sometimes the most unexpected is the most appreciated,” Judy said. She concluded, “Now we are off to take a bike ride along the Baltic. The ice has finally gone out!” • Have a great summer doing what you love most, and let us know what you’re up to.

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Peter Guilbault, a first-time responder, lives in Rhode Island with his wife and two kids. He built their log cabin 25 years ago on nine acres of land. His wife works for the oldest store in the U.S., sunny Sonny’s is a fireman and sports nut, and daughter Katie is an art student at Rhode Island College with a semester abroad in Florence lined up for the fall. Peter is a production manager for a manufacturing company in RI, but manages to play lots of golf. He also loves to cut and split firewood. • Breck Arzen is proud that his daughter, Emme ’13, was a freshman at Colby this year and loved it. She went to Salamanca last fall and it was a tremendous learning experience. • Alan ’73 and Deb Morrell Polackwich live in Vero Beach, Fla. Deb is a partner in an art gallery and makes jewelry. Alan is the county attorney. Their daughter is a law professor and lives with her family in Virginia. Their son is a second-year urology resident in Oregon. Now with an empty nest, Deb and Alan have downsized to a new condo. • Curtis Brown lives in Blanchburg, N.J., with a son, 7, and a daughter, 11. He has been flying since 1975 and most recently is the manager of the corporate flight department for his airline. • Dave Bright has continued swimming since Colby and this year had a top-10 ranking in the world in masters swimming in one of his events. He also enjoys open-water swims. Some recent favorites were around the Statue of Liberty, the Yamba Surf Club in Australia, and a local Maine tradition—Peak’s Island to Portland. • Flo Gutowski Harlor planned to travel to Eugene, Ore., by way of San Francisco to visit her oldest son before attending her daughter’s graduation from the University of Oregon. Flo and her husband have two other children in college, a daughter at Luther College and a son at the University of Colorado. They enjoyed all the seasons in Colorado this year with skiing and hiking in Breckinridge and biking and jogging in Denver city trails. • This is my last article with a new correspondent to be elected at reunion. Thank you all who have written and shared your news over the last five years.

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I hope you’re having a terrific summer! Starting with some older news: Craig Spencer continues to teach biology at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D. In recent years he’s led a January course to Guatemala and Belize. Last January a Colby Jan Plan overlapped with Craig’s course for a week at a marine biology lab in Belize. Turns out the Jan Plan co-leader was Craig’s former biology professor Dave Firmage, who started at Colby the year we graduated—small world! • Craig was not the only ’76er who headed south last January. For the ninth year Frank Malinoski was part of a medical mission to Nicaragua. Each day the team traveled to a different site to set up a one-day clinic—sometimes in a large church, a small school, or outside under a tent. Each year they saw between 1,000 and 1,500 patients, providing basic testing, diagnosis, and care while dispensing vitamins, antibiotics, over-the-counter pain medications, and even toothpaste. • David Mc Kay Wilson is president of the Bike Walk Alliance of Westchester & Putnam, a bike advocacy group, and president of the Westchester Cycle Club, a recreational club in upstate New York. As a freelance journalist, he keeps giving us terrific articles, including his interview with Rocco Landesman ’69, chair of the National Endowment for the Arts, that appeared in the spring 2010 Colby magazine. • Mark Janes lives in North Hampton, N.H., practices law in Newburyport, Mass., and has been married for 25 years. His oldest son, Emmanuel, finished his first year at Suffolk Law; Louie graduated from University of New Hampshire in May, where youngest son Jimmy finished his second year. Mark traveled to Zurich last October and February to visit his sister. Mark stays in touch with Morgan Murphy and Dave Scudder. (Morgan and Dave—send some updates!) • Rob Anderson is bringing a dormant old farm back to life in Wilbraham, Mass., bucking intense overdevelopment. He writes that Gerry McDowell got married last December. • Carolyn (Anderson ’75) and Dana Pope are in Westwood, Mass. Dana is a principal for the Dolben Company, which manages/owns 11,000 apartments throughout the Northeast. Carolyn is president of the Westwood Cultural Council and active in her clothing business, Very Vivace. Their Thai daughter, who came to live with them 12 years ago on a cultural exchange and never left, has made them grandparents. This spring daughter Lindsay studied choral conducting at Westminster in Princeton, N.J., Ceilee lived at home, and Laurian, a Mt. Holyoke student, spent a semester abroad at St. Andrews. • Okay, folks, we’re up next for reunion—June 2–5, 2011. Get out your planners and mark the dates. If you can help, contact Paul Boghossian at paulboghossian@gmail.com. That also means thinking about your reunion gift to the Colby Fund. • Keep the news coming.

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It has been an interesting few months. First, I received an e-mail from Jeff Stafford saying, “Who the hell is Jeff Olmstead?” Well, I think I’ll let them resolve that confusion between themselves. • Alan MacEwan sent me some very exciting Colby-related news: “Our youngest, Louisa, 12, just got her second pair of Colby shorts as she finally outgrew the pair she got in first grade. The elastic broke.” • Joan Young, who transferred to Bryn Mawr in the middle of sophomore year, ended up going to Harvard Law School, practiced law and was an investment banker in New York, and is now in Portland, Ore. She still has her family farm in Maine and sends warm thoughts. • Ina-Lee Toll Block and her husband, Larry (who went to Bates, she admits), reached a milestone: they’ve paid their last undergraduate education tuition payment—to Colby, where their son, Aaron ’10, graduated in May. Colby won! • Sandy Pardee is excited about the reunion of the Colby band Pearl, which also features RP Higgins and Sara Frolo O’Leary ’79. The modern, expanded edition of Pearl adds in Geoff Becker ’80, John Stivers ’81, and Tom Stratton ’81. Pearl has now played at two consecutive Colby reunions and looks forward to continuing that new tradition. • Brett Thacker contacted me from Canton, N.Y. He and his wife, Pamela, (associate professor of psychology at St. Lawrence University) are busy raising their boys, 11, Charles, 8, and Samuel, 6. Brett manages their rental properties. Recently the boys experienced the big city, Boston, where they had breakfast with Jonathan Smith. Brett says, “It was a kick bringing our country kids to the big city with its subway trains and multitudes.” • Michael Rieck attended a week-long conference in Angers, France, in May, and planned to vacation while he was there. He keeps saying he’s going to come to New England sometime soon, maybe in early July, to see if I (his Colby roommate for two years) or anyone else is around. • As for me … Dale and I are gardening. So, if Mike or anyone else pulls into our Pomfret, Conn., driveway and you don’t see anyone around, just walk down the hill and you’ll find us tending veggies, plucking weeds, spreading compost, clipping, mowing, harvesting, or whatever!
dents who inspire her with their journeys. Kim lives in the Blue Ridge Mountains with husband Don and son Robbie, 17. They live in a great place to visit and in recent years Doug Maffucci and Elizabeth Patton have visited. Kim stays in touch with Ronda Falone, Sue Jacke Littlefield, and Mary Arthur ’79. • Theanna Poulos Pateropoulos is completing a master’s in somatic psychology in San Francisco. This psychotherapy incorporates the latest and cutting-edge neuroscience research showing that PTSD, trauma, and other emotional issues are largely located in the body as well as the mind. The body and the mind are engaged in the healing techniques, and the results are quite profound. • Betsey Judd Butler and her husband moved to Durango, Colo., last July and have not had a spare minute since! Betsey says retirement is great! She skied 49 days this year, including volunteering with Adaptive Sports teaching skiing to disabled. She also found a new love for backcountry skiing and snowshoeing. Hiking season is approaching and they plan to tackle some “14ers.” Daughter Claire teaches seventh-grade English in NYC, and son Brett graduated from Colgate in May and is headed to Princeton Theological Seminary this fall. • Tom Gilligan went to the Chopper Open in May, the 26th year that the Lambda Chi fraternity brothers gathered for a golf outing in Stowe, Vt. Tom expects to see Jim Crook, Charlie Beckett, Scott Hamilton, Jim Gagne, and 25 or 30 other Colby buddies from various classes. This gathering continues to be the Tom’s best Colby connection. Tom and Anne recently connected with daughters Sarah and Becca in New York City. Their son, Andrew, is in Asheville, N.C. The Gilligans still live in Columbia, S.C., where all is well for Tom and Anne. They plan a trip to Japan in July with Liz’s sister, Midori ’82, and Barry’s sister, Sue Horwitz Kerr ’80. • Cal Cooper has lived in Prospect, Maine, since 1985. Married with two children in college, Cal teaches special education and has a full and satisfying life. • Carl Lovejoy’s youngest son, Nick, graduated from Deerfield Academy in May and heads to Dartmouth in September. Carl spent spring weekends traveling to see his middle son, Matt, play lacrosse for the University of Virginia. • Amy Burdan Schissler lives outside Houston, where she moved in 2007. Amy’s husband, Phil, is director of Mercy Response, part of the American Vineyard Churches. Her son, Phillip, 22, lives and works in Iowa. Daughter Hope, 21, is a junior at Simpson College and was awarded a research internship in biology at LSU this summer. Amy’s 13-year-old, Kelly, is an honor student in seventh grade. Amy saw Barbara Bullock, who moved to Austin to be a full professor at the University of Texas. • Writing from northern New York, Emily Grout Sprague still teaches senior English and oversees the yearbook at Watertown High School. Emily and husband Phil enjoy traveling and boating. Their youngest, Julia, is a junior at St. Lawrence and plans to do a summer term in Ireland. Caroline, her oldest, graduated with honors last May from Hamilton and now works in the admissions office at Colgate. Emily can’t wait to see some of the Colby gang at the wedding of Stacey Cox Skolin’s son, Stephen in June! • Tenley Joseph Baxter is excited about the July wedding in Lorimer Chapel of her niece, Sarah Eustis ’96, and Andy Meeks ’96. Last time Tenley attended a wedding in Lorimer was her own, with Sarah in attendance at 7! Two years ago Tenley and husband Kristopher moved from Atherton, Calif., to Dana Point, Calif. Since then they’ve had visits from Alicia Rodriguez ’78, Julie Sydow Palmason, and Jan Raiha. Jan, now a veterinary orthopedic surgeon in Finland, was visiting while at a conference. Tenley says it was amazing to see her. • Lynne Graybeal still practices law and lives in Seattle with her husband, Scott Harron, and their son, Trevor, a high school senior. Last summer they did a whirlwind tour of New England colleges, but Colby was not one of them. In October Lynne had dinner with Carol Miller Donnelly in Boston. Last summer Lynne competed in her fourth triathlon with other members of her bicycling group. • Our class president, Betsy Bucklin Reddy, is in her eighth year as a realtor in Rutland, Vt. She was the 2009 president of the Rutland County Board of Realtors. Daughter Emily is a junior at Middlebury, and daughter Maggie works and lives in Burlington but hopes to get accepted at Sanctua Art Academy. Betsy runs and plays tennis and is in her third year captaining a USTA senior (50+) women’s 3.5 team. 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being ready to join AARP, and actually doing so.” – Christian Melby "... calling tech support only to find your warranty has expired.” – Alexander Jones "... a no-brainer, considering the alternative is NOT turning 50!!" – Harvey Coce "... opening a book with blank pages and realizing we can write whatever we want for the remaining chapters.” – Paula Hinckley "... any other birthday, except this one comes with a colonoscopy!” – Jack Gondella and Robin King "welcomed their first flock of chickens: 26 newborns arrived in mid-May. They converted the old "shack" (where they lived while building their house) into a coop. Last year they hosted Susie Macrae and Eric Broadwent '84, whose son, Jack '13, is a sophomore at Colby this fall. ” – The Geoff Ballottis made the rounds to colleges down South trying to identify where the first of the four Ballotti girls would land. Try as Geoff did to get his eldest interested in Waterville, all her years in Rome's Mediterranean temperate climes had her deciding between Roanoke, Tampa, and Rollins, leaning toward Rollins. Geoff and Barry "Holt" Thrasher went to Andy Hanson's surprise 50th, which his wife, Bobbie, threw for him. "In addition to running her store in Needham, Deb Fanton took on another job working for RDK Inc., representing designers to boutiques in New England. At a recent show she found herself sitting opposite Betsy Santry Hancock—and they figured out the connection pretty quickly. Betsy works for Irresistibles as a buyer on the North Shore. Deb's new job took her to Maine in April to see her son, George Manley '13. "Ken Wong lives in Brooklyn and is the founder and director of a nonprofit dealing with HIV and poverty in Malawi and Cambodia. He's been a regular guest lecturer and mentor for a Colby student group called LuziCare, which hosts educational and fundraising events that support a rural community in Malawi that his nonprofit, Face-to-Face AIDS, is responsible for. Ken also works with Colby interns and communicates with Sandy Maisel often. Ken feels "old among the students, but it's nice to be back." His blog about their work in Malawi is regularly featured in The Huffington Post. Ken says he "still drinks too much with classmates Susan (Hamano '84) and Tom Ahern." – Peter Conn has lived in Olympia, Wash., since 1984 and has been building commercial structures since 1985. He and Kate live on five acres and "embraced gardening long before the Obama made it popular." Last year they nearly went all summer without buying a vegetable. "I'm sorry to report the tragic passing of Matthew Smith, who was killed in an auto accident June 3 with members of his family. His obituary appears in this issue."
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The communication can originate anywhere in the world. “In Campus Life, we have to think globally,” Klawunn said. “Our students and faculty are studying or doing research all over the world, and that means we need to be prepared to respond to any situation that occurs anywhere.” If there is a crisis in another country, Klawunn’s staff checks to see if Brown students or faculty members are there. If so, they offer assistance. Depending on the nature of the situation, Campus Life might offer an on-campus educational program, memorial service, or fundraiser.

“Some of my work is responding to a crisis or bad moment, but it’s all with the aim of helping students realize everything they want out of their time at Brown,” she said.

—Lori Douglas Clark ’82

Students First | Margaret Klawunn ’86

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The communication can originate anywhere in the world. “In Campus Life, we have to think globally,” Klawunn said. “Our students and faculty are studying or doing research all over the world, and that means we need to be prepared to respond to any situation that occurs anywhere.” If there is a crisis in another country, Klawunn’s staff checks to see if Brown students or faculty members are there. If so, they offer assistance. Depending on the nature of the situation, Campus Life might offer an on-campus educational program, memorial service, or fundraiser.

“Some of my work is responding to a crisis or bad moment, but it’s all with the aim of helping students realize everything they want out of their time at Brown,” she said.

—Lori Douglas Clark ’82

1984

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Hope everyone is having a great summer. My apologies if I missed anyone’s news. I’m working way past deadline, so if I missed anything send it again for the fall column.

- Tim Holt writes from Vancouver to thank Andy Brown ’85 and Ogden White for their hospitality during his stay in Boston and Maine during our 25th reunion. What a great experience it was to play golf at the country club with Ogden, Bobby McLaughlin, Andrew, and Dan Toomey—thanks for the memories! Tim and his family had a great time during the Olympics and says “sorry” to the U.S.A. for Canada kicking butt in the gold medal hockey game! His chances of getting back to Colby are probably slim, but hopefully some of the crew can make it out his way for a vacation. - Congratulations to Maura Cassidy, who adopted a baby boy from Russia. Mikhail James Cassidy, 3 1/2, is adorable, funny, and has Maura going full

1985

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Well, I tried and failed to solicit information from those of you who did not plan to attend the 25th reunion in June, and while I’m tempted to make up some fascinating stories, journalistic ethics prevent me from putting that plan into play. Instead, in the fall issue, I plan to update one and all on everything I learned at the event. In the meantime, don’t hesitate to e-mail me tales of your exciting summer adventures, and feel free to send photos that I can post on our class Facebook site. Happy trails.

1986

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Do Brian and Laurie Clark Cornwall win the prize for first legacy in our class? Yes, daughter Caitlin will join the Colby Class of 2014! After high school spent in northern Maine, I guess she was ready to head south again! - Deb Pernice Duffy’s daughter Hannah decided Waterville is too cold—she’ll head to the College of Charleston, S.C., this fall. Deb and hubby Rick are happy to still have Joe, 16, Caroline, 13, and Maggie, 12, home for awhile. Deb loves her second career as a preschool teacher. She and fellow geo major Ann Thayer occasionally exchange ideas for teaching geology to kids. Deb had a great trip to England (with a day in Paris) last summer when heading-to-Colby.

- Speaking of jolly old England, Jay Allen organized a reunion of London School of Economics grads and was hoping some Colbyites would attend. Jay just took his daughter to visit Colby... perhaps the next legacy? - Teacher Eve Ermer headed to Europe in late April for a school trip. The group planned to walk a portion of the Camino de Santiago, from Puente la Reina to Burgos. Judging by the photos, they had a magnificent time. - Geoff Alexander will reach a milestone this summer when all three sons head to Birch Rock Camp in Waterford, Maine. No worries, Geoff—camp director Richard Deering will be there to keep an eye on Garrett, 9, Curtis, 13, and counselor-in-training Will, 16. - Susan Rosenthal has lived in a co-housing community in a suburb of Portland, Ore., for more than 10 years. This cooperative housing model includes private living units and shared common space. Susan has a 9-year-old son and was in the process of adopting another child when she wrote. More from the West Coast: Craig and Alison Capstick Carlson and Matthew, 10, Hayden, 8, and Sydney, 7, live in Santa Barbara, Calif., where Craig is a bio professor at UCSB and Alison works in sales for SBParent.com. This summer they’ll head to Bermuda and Boston/Maine to visit family and friends, including Karen Mitchell Brandvold. - Michael Dobbs made a more permanent trip east, having left Arkansas and Walmart to begin a position with Brookstone as its new CMO. Wife Amy and daughter Julia will join him in New Hampshire once school lets out. - Marian Huntington Schinske
published a book called *An's Asylum*, about her friendship with a Tibetan refugee seeking political asylum in the U.S. Marian worked with the woman for five years as she struggled to gain asylum for herself and the young daughter she'd had to leave behind. Learn more at Marian's website [www.marianschinske.com](http://www.marianschinske.com).

- **Heather Freeman Black** is "semi-retired" from life as a photographer on the World Cup ski circuit. This year's Olympics were the first she didn't attend since 1988. Heather keeps busy now with local photo jobs and taking pictures of junior racers as she travels around on daughter Lexi's ski racing circuit! For one race, Heather's Colby roommate Karen True Winslow, husband John, and stepdaughter Hayley were on hand. The coaches let Hayley jump in and forerun the race, earning many cheers. Check out Heather's photos at www.hblackphoto.com.

- I must end on a very sad note, having received the news that our classmate [Jay Rings Prefontaine](http://classnews1987@alum.colby.edu) passed away April 9 at his parents' home in Kittery, Maine. Jay was a professor in the English department at Eastern Illinois University and had his own work published in many journals and magazines such as the *Alabama Literary Review*, *The Chattahoochee Review*, *The Laurel Review*, and the *Georgetown Review*. He will be missed. Do stop and take time to smell the roses, my friends, and to hug your loved ones. Hope to have the chance to hug many of you in June 2011 at our reunion.

1987

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Lots of news, so hardly room for personal notes. All I can say is I finally lost my virginity... oops, out of space. **Cliff Dow** waxed: "One of the best times in my life was spending first semester in Florence with 30 fellow freshmen. I can still taste that calamari! I've been a financial advisor for 20 years, starting the Dow Investment Group (dows.com) with my three brothers in 2005. We have an office in Sarasota and plan one in Sarasota. We also spent the last 10 years in New Gloucester, Maine, building a home complete with FAA-approved runway (54ME). Check youtube.com and type CDOGJR for neat videos shot from my airplane. I'm raising my son, Travis, 2 1/2, on my own. I don't know how my mom was able to take care of four kids! Oftentimes things come from bad. My bond with my son is stronger than ever, and I look forward to taking him airplane camping this summer. **Jeff Russell** introduced me to flying, and I've met many wonderful people in aviation."

- **Keith O'Leary** moved his clan into the new Thornton Academy international student dormitory. "My wife, Nichol, son Baker, and daughter Harlow have opened our lives to eager students learning a new language and customs. It's especially fun for my kids who hang with seven other "faculty brats." (I hang with our television.)

- **Steve Runge** is at Northeastern teaching writing, soon pursuing a master's in library and information science at Simmons College. "My huge novel set in India, titled *The Begging Bowl*, has begun a diet and will be slim enough to mail to agents by then. Did I mention I'm looking for representation? My wife, Whitney Kelsing '88, teaches Eastern religions at Northeastern and published two books on Oxford Press. She's also coaching our son Read's little-league team. We live in Newton, sort of a Colby satellite campus."

- **Karen Hutchinson Jagolizer** resides in Cumberland, Maine, "with husband Bruce and sons, Ben, 13, and Sam, 10. Bruce is an electrical engineer in Augusta. I teach fifth grade and spend lots of time renovating our house or running kids to activities. I'd love to hear from old Colby friends who drifted off my radar."

- **Steve Sanborn** will be a Fulbright teacher again, living in Kerala, India. "I'll be at the Trivandrum International School from August through December with my wife and two daughters, while a Trivandrum teacher takes my place at Andover High. During my first Fulbright (you had two??), I taught in Hungary. I'm also finishing my second year in a science education doctorate program at UMass-Lowell. We're eager to squeeze in camping this summer. (I'm officially a loser.)"

- **Aimee Good** lives in Boreum Hill Brooklyn with husband Josh and daughter Matilda, 7. "I'm the director of education and community programs at The Drawing Center, teaching and giving gallery tours to NYC students, families, and teens. I curate and produce for The Drawing Center an artist-led event called *The Big Draw* that's part of the River-to-River festival. I'm also growing garlic, transitioning to organic certification, with my dad in Aroostook County. Any chef in NYC area or a farmer looking for German Extra Hardy garlic seed for next year, let's talk. (agoodtater@hotmail.com; gooddirgart.com.) I also see [Todd Bishop](http://www.musanet.com) and [Hannah Howland Judson](http://www.musanet.com) as much as possible."

- **Jane Nicol Manuel** is looking for opportunities. (Hire her while you can.) "I've always done sales and marketing. Any work I can do from Charleston? Boys and husband are well. Started looking at colleges with the eldest--fun but have you seen the prices lately? He's 6'4", but his lay-ups need some work!" (I just dunk, Jane. Doughnuts, mostly.)

1988

**Heidi Irving Naughton**

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I've hung my head in shame upon receiving the past few Colby magazines in the mail. BUT, it's not my fault. Really! You, my dear classmates, have sent me NO news for the past six months. I've only heard from one person and the rest of you I've had to stalk on Facebook to gather some meager news. Don't get too angry at me when you see that blank space where our interesting news should be—send me an e-mail and let me know what is going on in your life. In order to have something to fill our column with (besides the Viagra ads my classnews1988 e-mail seems to generate...), I've gleaned some tidbits of info from Facebook postings.

- **Betsy Lockhart Casey** lives in Sheboygan, Wis., with her husband, Pat, and their three beautiful children. She appears to have a fun group of friends and is keeping busy with her kids and training for a triathlon. She travels back East frequently and still spends time every summer on the Cape.

- **Matt '87 and Bevin Dockray Gove** live in Fairfield, Conn., with their three kids. Bevin works as an independent jewelry stylist for Stella and Dot. Remember that great vintage diesel Mercedes Bevin had at school? My one response in the past six months came from Josh Marx. Josh and wife Stacy Mendlsohn Marx live in Seattle, Wash. Judging from the pix on his page, Josh enjoys the beauty of the Washington area and does a lot of hiking and camping with his children. The Marx family travelled to Spain and France last summer and, judging by the smiles on their faces, they had a great time.

- **John McNinch** on Facebook. John is back in the Lenox, Mass., area where he grew up and is running the Eastover Resort. John and his wife have two boys who are active skiers. Also in that neck of the woods are Dave and Leslie Migliaccio Mitchell, who live in Great Barrington, Mass., with their daughters, Isabel, Eliza, and SammieKate. The Mitchells recently moved to a new home, which Leslie vows will be their last move for some time. I love to keep up with the adventures of [Paige Alexander Sato](http://www.musanet.com) via Facebook. Paige runs her own knitting store called Modern Yarn in Montclair, N.J., drives a Mini Cooper, and cares for her three children, dubbed Thing 1, Thing 2, and Thing 3. Lastly, our favorite biggest loser, Mark J. Wylie, is really one of our biggest winners. Mark continues to work for Best Buddies and is based in Miami, Fla., and still has that great Mark smile! As for me, your correspondent, my husband, Kevin Naughton, myself, and our kids (15, 13, and 13), travelled to Kenya last August for an incredible safari throughout Kenya. It was an amazing experience and we are already planning our next trip to Africa. We also went to Colby this winter to watch the men's and women's basketball teams in action. Both teams had great seasons but I felt really old when I had to leave the student section as it was just too loud! Really wish I had more news to include. Please take a few minutes to either post an update on my Facebook page or drop me a long, detailed e-mail. I would love to hear from you so that I have news for the next column. Your Colby friends want to know what's new with you!

1989

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Catherine Andrew Rogers and her husband and kids live in NY. They vacationed at Sugarloaf in February and stopped at Colby on the way home. Catherine says, "There was a distinct lack of snow on campus, so now my kids are very skeptical of my trudging-through-snow-to-class sob stories." Although it was mid-afternoon on a Sunday, the students were migrating towards the library having clearly just woken up. Those were the days, eh? **Kent Firkig** wrote from NYC with a change of e-mail but didn't follow up with any personal details. Let's hear it, Kent! **Congrats to Marcia and Jeremy Banks**, who welcomed Emma Grace March 3. Jeremy's band, *The Score*, continues to play gigs in Hartford. **Sonja Hall Morrison** still teaches French in Bellingham, Wash. She earned national board certification, teaches at a high school, and works with Western Washington University as well. Sonja's husband is a glass artist. See his work at www.morrisonclass.qwestoffice.net. This year her husband and sons will join her on her biannual trip to France, where Sonja will visit [Isabelle Rimbert Alvina](http://www.musanet.com) (Caen exchange student in 1986) in Normandy. Sonja and her family spend August in Maine and Vermont. She is still XC skis and bumps into Colby skiers on Mt. Baker. Sonja keeps in touch with [Pamela Woolley](http://www.musanet.com), who is in Belgium, and [Dayna Adams Milne](http://www.musanet.com), who lives in Denver.

- [HarpertCollins](http://www.musanet.com) will publish [Gerry Hadden's](http://www.musanet.com) memoir of his years covering Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean for NPR. Look for *Never the Hope Itself: Love and Ghosts* in the Adventures of [Paige Alexander Sato](http://www.musanet.com) via Facebook. Paige runs her own knitting store called Modern Yarn in Montclair, N.J., drives a Mini Cooper, and cares for her three children, dubbed Thing 1, Thing 2, and Thing 3. Lastly, our favorite biggest loser, Mark J. Wylie, is really one of our biggest winners. Mark continues to work for Best Buddies and is based in Miami, Fla., and still has that great Mark smile! As for me, your correspondent, my husband, Kevin Naughton, myself, and our kids (15, 13, and 13), travelled to Kenya last August for an incredible safari throughout Kenya. It was an amazing experience and we are already planning our next trip to Africa. We also went to Colby this winter to watch the men's and women's basketball teams in action. Both teams had great seasons but I felt really old when I had to leave the student section as it was just too loud! Really wish I had more news to include. Please take a few minutes to either post an update on my Facebook page or drop me a long, detailed e-mail. I would love to hear from you so that I have news for the next column. Your Colby friends want to know what's new with you!
In June Associated Press South regional editor Brian Carovillano ’95 was named Asia/Pacific editor for the AP. Carovillano, who joined the AP in 2001, will oversee news operations from India and Japan to Australia and the Pacific Islands. “In Brian Carovillano, the AP will have an energetic, decisive news leader well-versed in today’s challenges.” Nick Lambert ’96 was promoted to director of sales and marketing for Sunday River ski resort in Maine. Since 1996 Lambert has “made tremendous contributions to the sales and marketing department of Sunday River,” including bringing the Dumont Cup and a quarterpipe to the mountain. Bierbrier Development promoted Casey Piche ’98 to vice president of leasing and development. Piche “earned his promotion through his hard work and dedication” at Bierbrier, a developer and owner of shopping centers in eastern Massachusetts. Piche will be responsible for leasing negotiations and researching and evaluating new development opportunities.

MILESTONES

Marriages: Joe Corrigan ’97 to Molly Bottoms in Portland, Maine


Greetings classmates! classnews1990@alum.colby.edu

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Vegas weekend in August to celebrate their 40th birthdays with Sura DuBow Lennon, Jen Nehro Patriaccia, Lyz Makely Best, Amy Selinger Elefantje, Meg Ewing, Sarah Block Wallace, Kelly Wenger, Molly Bealle Constable, and Elaine Bueschen O'Grady. Have fun and win big.

Chris Frothingham and his family are moving back to Maine this summer after living in Portland, Ore., for four years. Starting in September Chris will be on the faculty at his alma mater, University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. He looks forward to reconnecting with Colby folks there, particularly all the other guys from After 8.

Sarah Haynes Cooney had a great ski season in Arizona. She's a senior director, C&P, at Honeywell, and she also teaches at Arizona Snowbowl, which received over 210 inches of snow and had 205,000 skier visits. Her kids, Tim, 13, and Erin, 8, had successful race seasons competing in Flagstaff, Durango, Colo., and Taos, N.M. Once their youngest is old enough, they intend to join the women in their orbit.

Krista Lundborg Dirico lives on the North River in North Marshfield, Mass. She's a lawyer who stays at home with her boys Jack, 12, Matthew, 10, and Cameron, 5. Her younger boys attend Derby Academy and the oldest is at Thayer Academy. They are quite active with boating, fishing, kayaking, and swimming. They ski at Killington, Vt., and spend time at Mayflower Beach in Dennis. Krista chaired the South Shore YMCA's Enchanted Evening for two years and helped raise more than $500,000 to help families in need. She began a talent show at Derby Academy, which she chaired for two years. The family celebrated her 40th birthday by exploring the British Virgin Islands. The highlight for her was swimming with dolphins. She wishes the rest of us a wonderful 40th with much health and happiness. I concur. See you next quarter.

1993
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So much news, so little space! Mark Radcliffe released his second album, The Sea Before Us, on iTunes. Mark's album was produced in Hollywood and mastered by Grammy-winner Gavin Lursken. Mark may be touring this fall so check out www.markradcliffe.net and give the album a "spin" on iTunes. Peter and Megan Winchester Caradonna live in Arlington, Mass., with their children, Maggie, 8, Joey, 6, and John, 5. After being home for eight years, she went back to work this year teaching preschool. Megan and the women in her family recently started a new business creating and marketing a gender-neutral baby doll called Baby GoGo. Details at www.babygogodoll.com.

Elizabeth Winslow Keegan also has a link to share: www.ellakdesignz.com is Liz's hand-stamped jewelry-making business. Ella's best-selling item is the "mommy tag." Liz's new business is based outside of San Francisco, where she lives with husband Tim and daughters Sophie, 7, Lily, 5, and Lexi, 1.

Mandy (Ball '97) and Peter Caruso welcomed their third daughter in September. Saydie Summer Caruso joins Saylor Colby, 5, and Savannah Dory, 3. Peter is a partner at Prince Lobel in the intellectual property and advertising group, advising media outlets, advertising agencies, artists, and museums. He also teaches a course at BU on arts administration. Peter notes that the After 8 (Mark Longso '92, Kris Boynton '92, Dave O'Shea, Jan Frothingham '93, Marc Winiecki '90, Jun Shiraharma '92, Eric Adams '94, Jonathan Howe '96, Mike Montgomery '96) make an annual appearance at Colby's reunion weekend to sing at class dinners.

After a year of teaching Spanish online, Michelle Addario Hackett is back teaching Spanish part time at Newburyport (Mass.) High School. Sibel Akbay lives in Istanbul with her son, Baran, 4, and works as a translator. Sibel visited Anne Griffin in Sofia, Bulgaria, late last year and welcomed Anne for a visit in Istanbul in April. Sibel also keeps in touch with Meredith Bradt, who lives in Maastricht, the Netherlands, with her husband, Perry, and son Jake, 3.

Suzie Girard made quick trip from San Francisco to Boston, where she and Kristin Ellinger Berndt, Kata Donovan O’Neill, Michele Kennedy Rainforth, Leslie Tane Hannuss, Mary Fitzgerald Olohan, Meghan Goughan, and Christen Herlihy Tabors got together for a girls’ night out. Suzie also completed her first (and maybe only, she says) marathon in Oakland in March. Erik '94 and Staci Strauss Mortenson welcomed a daughter, Anneliese, Feb. 19. Anneliese is a true joy and loved by big brother Anders, 4. Gary and Diantha Neskey Duvali welcomed a baby girl, Grace, in January.

Chris Thayer, wife Wendy, and son Tucker welcomed another soniley, Rorie, Oct. 28. All are enjoying the fun and chaos of two boys in the midst of the White Mountains of NH.

Chris Anderson lives in Boston with his wife, Amy Kiley, and son, Kevin, 1. Chris started his own market research and political consulting firm last year, Anderson Opinion Research, and is looking forward to a busy election year. Congratulations to Heather Hews Caponi, who was recently named headmaster of Brookfield Academy’s lower school. She and husband Chris ‘91 live in Milwaukee, Wis., with their kids CJ, 15, Caroline, 12, and Connor, 10.

Elizabeth Maclin wrote from Washington, D.C., where she works for Trout Unlimited (a conservation nonprofit) as the VP for eastern conservation. Kristen Suslowicz McCarthy, Sarah Longden Ulic, and Tricia Leyne Egger attended Elizabeth’s wedding last year to Damian Achilles. Annelise Bunger Fortier was a bridesmaid. Damian and Elizabeth recently welcomed their first child, Alexander Mateo Achilles.

And, last but not least, remember Patrick Robbins’ update from a year ago and a half ago, when he was unemployed and had no car, no agent, and no girlfriend? Since then he landed a position managing client records at a mental health facility, purchased a brand new Ford Focus (named “Hocus”), found an agency that was enthusiastic enough about his manuscript to sign him to a contract, and gotten engaged to be married. Nice! Send me your news and I’ll do my best to fit it in.

1994
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Our class had so much baby news that it doesn’t fit in the column, so please check “Milestones” for all the new mules-to-be.

Carolyn Read writes of a career change. After more than five years running a youth program at a large social service agency in Chicago, she started a nursing program that will lead to a degree as a family nurse practitioner.

Josh Lutton started a management consulting firm, Woodlawn Associates, focused on high-tech, telecom, and industrial sectors. They work in cable TV, mobile phones, wind power, and private equity, with offices in New York and Chicago.

Michelle Satterlee is excited to have left LA after 13 years to start a legal career helping the elderly at California Senior Legal Hotline, a nonprofit in Sacramento.

Laura Eanes Martin took a job as the director of admissions at Washington Montessori School—the school she attended and her children, Isabel, 7, Luke, 5, and Amelia, 3, currently attend. At Janet Powers’ wedding Laura saw Heather Eskey, Michelle Satterlee, and Jessie Newman. Jessie also had an unplanned meeting on the streets of Boston with Ana Maria Vaal da Silva, who was in town to see her family.

Alex Bicci and wife Danielle hosted a party for Staci (Strauss ’93) and Erik Mortenson in honor of their second child. Colby folks there included Zach and Kim Kessler Rubin, Cathy and Jared Morgan, Lizzie and Jim Lindstrom, Alice (Amstutz ‘95) and Greg McDonald, Justin ‘95 and Sarah Whitely D’Ercole, and Jim and Tiffany Hoyt Tinson.

Jef ‘93 and Connie Huffman Zlot have three boys. They see and keep in touch with Stacey Warner, who spends a lot of time in Asia for work. The Zlots also went skiing in Vail with Dave and Andie Sulak Bombard.

Billy Bush was with Peter and Sally Reis DelGreco when they adopted their little boy, Henry. Billy watched Vin change his first diaper, even videotaped it (hopefully that won’t hit the wires). Billy also reports that all is well in LA with his sweet wife, Syd, and their girls Lillie, Mary, and Josie.

John Utley lives in northern NJ with his wife, Jen, and their little girls, Lana and Mallah. He’s working for the family business outside of Manhattan and ran into Billy Goodman ‘91.

Elizabeth Labowitz Smith, Michelle Tadors Eidson, and Allison Guth Wells ran the Colorado Marathon in May. Annie Clougherty Emerson lives in Seattle, works as a physician’s assistant in a family practice, and expected her second child with husband Kevin ‘96 in May. Rebekah Freeman Schulze works as assistant director of academic advising at WPI and is working on her dissertation for her doctorate from BU. She sees Heather Lounsbury and Marley Hajon Borden the first Friday of every month—their official “ColbyGirl” night out. They also see Sara Ferry Gynan and Caroliny Hart, Sarah’s children, Hokebok, N.J., and works for Ames. Carolyn lives in Maine and works in Portland.

Caleb Winder travelled to Puerto Rico with family and friends, including Emily Gallagher Byrne ‘91. He also went to Park City with friends including Reed Bernhard ‘90 and Pete Richardson ‘92. Donna Bacchiocchi moved to Watertown, Mass., with her boyfriend and works at the Bentley University library as the manager of technical services (nine years)!. She sees Kelly Mohijian Barry and Emily Chapman.

Marina Netto Grande Campos lives in Sao Paulo, Brazil, with her husband, Rafael Campos, and their girls. They’ve travelled to New York, where they met up with Jocelyn Hiller Kane, and spent two weeks in Southeast Asia traveling to Bali, Thailand, Cambodia, and Singapore.

1995
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Brooke Lorenzen Frutos is expecting her second baby in June 2010.

Michael Rosenthal lives in the San Francisco area with his wife, Tina, but works for a company in New York and flies there monthly. He recently started www.foundhealth.com, a website geared toward helping people find solutions to their health problems. Last winter he went skiing near Lake Tahoe, Calif., with Marc Rubin, Chris Lohman, Josh Eckel ‘94, Greg Christopher ‘94, and their families.

Dan Polk founded an organization called the San Francisco Education Foundation, which supports underfunded San Francisco public schools. Colby alumni in the Bay Area can get involved with the foundation at www.sfedfoundation.org.

In September Ben Bartlett will marry
Wired | Alex Howard ’98

Alex Howard ’98 was on the move, between a Pennsylvania Avenue coffee shop with WiFi and his home office on Capitol Hill, where he’d work through a daily bushel of articles and blog entries. En route, he checked his Google Voice messages, made calls on an iPhone, and jumped onto Twitter to post his latest thoughts on the technology issues of the moment.

“IMHO, @jjx is full of win, @scottfinnie - she anticipates both privacy/compliance issues around biometric security data: http://mp/wGEYy” he tweeted during the short trip home from coffee-house to couch.

“I’m a big fan of time shifting,” said Howard, the Government 2.0 Washington Correspondent for tech publisher O’Reilly Media, based in California. “I’ll work anywhere, anytime, whatever it takes.”

He didn’t set out to be a tech know-it-all, but there were hints. A biology major at Colby, he also coded HTML on the College’s original alumni website during the summer of 1995. Howard then worked for big consulting firms like Sapient and Bain, traveled abroad, and even dabbled as a garde manger in an Italian restaurant.

He moved into tech journalism full time in 2006, joining the Boston-based business-to-business IT publisher TechTarget. There he spent almost four years tracking news and trends in technology and social media, which would soon explode out of Silicon Valley lofts into living rooms and cell phones worldwide, and updating a respected online guide to tech terminology called WhatIs.com. He had a front-row seat to the early stages of blogging, Google, Twitter, Facebook, and their ilk, and he wrote about them well before they went mainstream.

“Then I moved into something much more serious,” he said.

Howard was promoted and relocated (along with his pet greyhound) to Washington to focus on the vast array of legal issues and strategies related to data protection, privacy, and security.

He moved to O’Reilly Media in 2010 to write more deeply about the ways technology helps citizens, municipalities, and even national governments solve problems. His new beat takes in social media, policy, and public-access issues as well as the same privacy and security concerns he’d already been writing about.

So Howard writes daily on such topics as open government, cybersecurity, cloud computing, and the people behind new technologies connecting governments with citizens. He knows from hacking and security protocols, and he hobnobs with legendary techies like Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey, list-maker Craig Newmark, and Huffington Post creator Arianna Huffington.

“The tech world has become everyone’s world,” Howard said, “and that makes cybersecurity that much more dangerous, because it affects everyone now. It’s not just geeks hacking geeks.” —Paul Karr

YeldaMesbah of Berkeley, Calif., in Izmir, Turkey. Scott Giampetruzzi is planning to attend. Ben opened an espresso bar called Bartlett’s Organic Coffee. He recently joined Berkeley’s Zero Waste Commission and is working to increase minority representation in the renewable energy economy. • Lee Paprocki, an environmental consultant, and her husband went on a Caribbean cruise to St. Thomas, Dominica, Grenada, Bonaire, and Aruba. They swam, snorkeled, sailed in turquoise waters, hiked through rainforests to waterfalls, and enjoyed a tour of native spices during their hike. Lee recently had dinner with Knudsen Galson’s kids, Avery, 7, and Toby, 4, keep them on their toes. Scott coaches Avery’s soccer team and this summer the family is going to the Canadian Rockies in their new pop-up camper. They enjoy their lives as high school teachers in the Chicago area. They recently visited Jen Shatney and Erin Mansur at their new Vermont home. “Their children Owen, 7, Eli, 4, and Isla, 1, were delightful and full of energy,” writes Kerry. • Abe Rogers is taking a leave of absence from swim team coaching and graduate school at Boston University to deploy to Afghanistan with the Massachusetts Army National Guard, 181st Infantry Regiment. The one-year deployment will start August 1. • In April, my wife and some friends took a long overdue trip to Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, and Zion National Parks. We hiked from the south rim to the Colorado River at the bottom of the Grand Canyon and hiked up and out the next day. It is difficult to understand the sheer size and scale of this place until you see it for yourself, if even just from the rim. Walking among the hoodoos in gently falling snow made Bryce Canyon a very different but equally incredible experience.

1996

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I’m watching my word count, so I’ll refrain from witty banter of any kind. Here goes.

• Courtney Marum Robaczynski ran the Boston Marathon (3:10:56). Her husband, Marc, beat her (2:34:44). While running she saw Heather Gerry Kelly. Courtney and Marc bought a new puppy, Cocoa. • Susannah Kowal married Richard LaCroix.

• Woody ’97 and Anne Robinson Pollack moved to Clearwater, Fla., where they are lawyers. They brought their three kids with them. They saw BJ Sample there. • Adam Brown starts a doctoral program in social work at the University of Chicago soon.

• Erik and Michelle Torrens Gustavson are expecting their third son. • Brendan Gilligan graduates from Tufts Medical School soon, then he goes to Dartmouth for his residency. He saw Aaron Sigman in Boston. • Jennifer Anderson Freeman had a baby named Micah. She and hubby Ben live in Vermont. Ben is dean of students at the Putney School. Jennifer is involved with the Island School and Deep Creek Middle School in the Bahamas. • Megan Nicholson Walters is a geniartician at the Canandaigua VA Hospital. She is expecting a second baby soon.

• Sarah Eustis writes from Portland, Ore., that she runs a lot, loves drinking beers and eating burritos, and is marrying Andy Meeks in July. • I like pie and still work at MIT. • Send more class notes, please.

1997

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Doug Schultz started his own firm in Jackson, Wyo. Schultz Law Firm, LLC, is a general practice office assisting clients with litigation and transactional law needs. Doug also acts as the prosecuting attorney for the Town of Jackson. Over the winter he and Larry Benesh met up for a ski weekend
in Jackson Hole. Doug writes, “In December Backcountry Magazine published a story of mine in their 2009 Photo Annual issue. The tale addressed the dangers of allowing reformed ski bums to cook dinner on an overnight winter camping trip. Yes, somehow my friend and I cooked rice and beans with an unmarked bottle of bleach. The resulting meal wasn’t toxic, but definitely salty.”

Chad Card is working on a Ph.D. in Middle East studies at the University of Utah. He spent last summer in Egypt learning Arabic as well as traveling to Jordan and Israel.

Robin Pearge Ge is finishing her master’s in physical anthropology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She spent time with Alana Prills last summer in DC. Karen Biaisell Balman moved from Vermont to Lawrenceville, N.J., with her husband and two sons. After working on Cy Vance’s successful campaign for Manhattan district attorney, Erin Duggan now works as his director of communications.

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Brian Miller lives in Yuma, Ariz., and teaches English as a Second Language to seventh and eighth graders. He’s been teaching for 10 years, initially in MA and VT, moving to AZ in 2008. He wrote, “I’ve also worked both formally and informally for civil and human rights organizations since 2003. I’m currently working for an organization called Campesinos sin Fronteras, ‘Countryside Without Borders.’ Yuma and Imperial counties use the Colorado River to irrigate the desert and grow as much as 90 percent of the country’s lettuce during the winter. As a result, there are thousands of migrant workers employed here. This organization is a grassroots effort aimed at addressing economic and social injustice within the migrant population. I teach an English for Employment course at night, and my students are field workers learning English to move into higher-paying and more stable jobs.” Brian would love to network with other Colby teachers and activists living in the Southwest.

Kelsey Miller was named marketing director, Americas, for Pearson Language Tests. The flagship test, Pearson Test of English Academic, is offered around the world and has been recognized by more than 1,000 academic programs for admission of non-native English speakers. Kelsey’s worked for Pearson for three years and loves that her job is “helping people talk to one another.”

Wendy Brown welcomed daughter Cara Austen Oct. 10. Wendy works as an attorney at a Bangor law firm, where she concentrates on estate planning, probate, and elder law.

1998

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Congratulations to David ’97 and Jenna DeSimone McLaughlin, who had their third child March 22. Colin joins brother Ryan, 2, and sister Sydney, 3.

Jared Fine reports that he caught a 58-inch lake sturgeon on light tackle.

Harris Eisenstadt and Sara Schoenbeck celebrated son Owen’s first birthday June 13.

Andrew and Ashley Johnson Techet enjoy their boys: Holden, 7, Owen, 5, and Soren, 1. They’re excited about getting to Maine for a while this summer, out of the swirling heat of Raleigh. They send their best to everyone!

Jonathan Neil Foster made recent news in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., having become the youngest employee at RedSmith Foods, Inc. (www.redsmithfoods.com) to consume 500 pickled sausage in 12 months.

Emily Larsen lives in Chandler, Ariz., and works as a biology teacher at AAE, a charter/college prep school in Phoenix on the campus of South Mountain Community College. She’s been there since December and will teach there next year as well. She plays rugby for the Tempe Women’s Rugby Club and is currently the vice president of her club.

This season they went undefeated against division teams.

Katie Taylor Gerran still lives in San Diego with her husband and two children, Jake, 4, and Ellie, 2 1/2. She works part time as a licensed therapist working with children and adults with developmental disabilities in foster homes and group homes. She loves her work and her flexible schedule, which allows her to be home with her kids most of the time.

Dakila ’99 and Jennifer Johnson Clark welcomed their first child, Kalena Noelle Clark, March 29.

Sara Rigelhaupt enjoys life with her son, Ellis, 1 1/2. They have taken the plunge and started their own company: www.SocialMadeSimple.com.

Congratulations to Alex Sobel, and his wife, Melinda, who welcomed daughter Anya Adelle last December.

My wife, Kristelle Aherne Gill, and I (Brian) welcomed our third child, Hudson Matthew, March 9. His older siblings, Isabella and Jack, are enjoying their new brother.

Thanks again for all the exciting information and enjoy the summer!

1999

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Sarah and Peter Hans welcomed a baby girl, Lucia Grace, March 6. Peter celebrated with Michael Siegel and Ross Frankenstein in South Africa on safari, where they were often mistaken for Bruce Willis, Ben Affleck, and Hugh Grant.

Mike Hochanadel and Robin Ackley expected their first baby in June. Robin works in healthcare research in Manhattan.

Jeremy and Jennifer Delle Barron live in the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Jeremy is an assistant district attorney in New York.

Nicole Furek works in sales and event planning at the Four Seasons Hotel New York and will be moving to Tribeca. She says that Eric Wallach is moving to Williamsburg, Pa., “and no one knows why.”

Jessica Knoll lives near Times Square and counsels people with drug and alcohol addictions at Daytop.

James Spidle ’99 and Jenny O’Donnell were married May 8 in New Hampshire.

Jon Allen sadly reports that he won’t be at our 10th reunion. Instead he’ll be sailing in the South Pacific with his fiancée, Jenny. They’ll most likely be in the Tuamotu Atolls of French Polynesia in early June and plan to get married in Malorca, Spain, in 2012.

Craig and Maggie O’Brien White love living in South Carolina with their two dogs, but they look forward to moving to Paris for a year in September. Maggie received a fellowship to teach English to university students. She reconnected with Beth Haeussler Warren and enjoyed hearing about her adventures in Montana.

Tom and Mika Steffensen Reynolds adopted a baby boy, Christopher “Kip” Amanuel Koda Reynolds, from Ethiopia (born Aug. 16, 2009) and welcomed him home Jan. 27. They live in Pittsburgh, where Tom is doing a fellowship in child neurology, Mika, Kristyn Morrissey, Lauren Cooke, Lauren McCarthy, Amy Sokotch, Amelia Schultz, Caroline Nutt Linz, and

Maggie White spent a long weekend in May together.

Noah and Rebecca Solomon Letwin welcomed a baby girl, Samantha Gail, March 28. They’ll move to Seattle in June, where Noah will do a dental general practice residency.

Nick and Jessie Davis Keppeler and daughter Sloane, 5 months, recently traveled to Guatemala, where they explored Mayan villages and hiked volcanoes!

Ben Mackay lives in Dallas and works as a partner in a private equity firm. He earned his pilot’s license, is working on his tailwheel rating, and spends time sculpture welding, swimming, and working with the Nature Conservancy of Texas.

He went skiing in Europe at the Haute Route Traverse, and his next adventure is kayaking on the Mexican border.

Amy (Piasecznik ’99) and Tim McGee welcomed their new daughter, Kaia Lorelei, March 24. They’re well and enjoying the lovely spring in western Massachusetts.

Jason and Mary Larsol Gattin look forward to the summer with an active 3-year-old. They’ll go on a camping trip to Deception Pass, Wash., and on local trips around Oregon’s coast and mountains.

Dave Kirtley is the co-host of the “Geek’s Guide to the Galaxy” podcast at Tor.com, which covers fantasy and science fiction, movies, video games, graphic novels, and science and technology. He’s also written short stories that will appear in The Living Dead 2, The Way of the Wizard, and Light-speed, an online science-fiction magazine.

Scott Phillips and Beth Silberman were married last November. Chris ’99 and Amy Walker Brady ’99, Jill Wojcik Scott ’99, and Katie Whelan Karl ’99 were in attendance, along with Kelly Hike ’99, who did a phenomenal job as their photographer. Beth is now building a solo law practice in Rhode Island, specializing in elder law, estate planning, and consumer bankruptcy.

Jeff and Karen Hoch Jee expected their first child around April 28. Jason RI will start a three-year master’s program at Lesley this fall. He’ll study school counseling and clinical mental health.

Nick and Kamini Bhargava LaRusso live in Minneapolis, Minn., with their daughter, 2 1/2. Nick and Jared Woodward-Poor will attend a bachelor party in Boston for Michael Kleinman ’01. Jared and Megan Davis Poor have two kids, 3 and 1, and live in St. George, Ut.

Jason and Carolyn Massa Dietrich were married in the summer of 2009. Carolyn works as a dentist. After Caroline Nutt Linz’s second son was born, she left the legal profession to start a children’s clothing company with two friends. It’s called CPC Designs (www.cpcdesignsinc.com).

Ian Smith has been living it up in Xiamen, an island off the southeastern coast of China, teaching and getting his wood export operation underway. Ian spoke with Dave
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**Ferguson,** who has hung up his PR copywriting hat and is colonizing mushrooms in “some stranger’s dank Brooklyn basement for locavore restaurants. Go figure.” In Brooklyn Dave bumped into **Erik Bowie,** who is in good spirits and is getting married in August. **Alex Moskos** still works as a crime/intelligence analyst for the Boston police. He recently traveled to New Orleans with **James Mason,** **Jonah Rudman,** and **Chris Bonafide,** where they witnessed **James Mason** compete in a crawfish eating contest (http://www.ifoce.com/contexts.php?action=detail&eventID=353). While he was unable to finish in the top 10, they were proud of his effort. **Correction:** Kara and **Mark Edgar’s** daughter is Ruby Elizabeth (not Rud). Mark joined Nomura Securities as a managing director and head of convertible sales in NYC.

**2001**

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Hello class! It was a busy spring for me as my husband and I celebrated our daughter’s first birthday and I ran my first half marathon in NYC. **Chris** and **Lisa Mark McLean** proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Madeleine Weir McLean, born March 7. She is one happy baby and so are her parents. They already have a Colby onesi for her. **Ben Schreiner** and his fiancée, Amanda Gorman, are busy preparing for their Montauk, N.Y., wedding (which I’m excited about attending). **Zach Khan,** best man, and **Quinn Keating** are in the wedding party. **Rob Webb** is now managing technology development for **Evan Reese**’s Liftoopia.com. **Beth Monahan** is getting married April 24 to Paul Caruso ’98. **Pete Hanby** is graduating from UPenn this spring with degrees in architecture and landscape architecture. After a long application process **Jackie Johnson Mourot** made it into the U.S. Foreign Service! Not sure where her first assignment will be, but they’ll be relocating to DC for training in a few months. **Melanie Morin** is currently deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan, where she is a psychiatrist working with detainees and soldiers. It’s a very interesting job but the living conditions aren’t great, and she really misses her husband, Robert Small, and two wonderful dogs. **Asher Gherter** earned his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, in May. He’ll begin a tenure-track position in the department of geography and environment at the London School of Economics in September, where he’ll continue his research on urbanization and development in India. He and his wife, Preetha, will move to London in July. **Allyson Giard Downey** finished business school at Columbia and will start in the private bank at Credit Suisse in July. **Chad Creedman** was married May 1 to Michele Rihlmann-Burke. **Devin Beliveau** and his wife, Debbie, welcomed Ciara Chiyi Beliveau Jan. 29 in Portsmouth, N.H. **Isaac and Mary Beth Mary Wilhem** welcomed baby Colin Thomas to their family March 10. Big brother Ben, 2, is adjusting quite well. **Joel and Drew Hall Williams** and little Joel look forward to a trip to Montana this July to visit with **Mat Solso** and his wife, Kim, and daughter Maddy. **Kelsey Falsani** and his wife, Haley, and baby Sam; **Jon and Jenny Burburk Engel** and their son, Emmet; and **Dan Geary** and his wife, Alison. Pee Wee basement is back!

**Venolia Mason** just came back from a solo trip to Acapulco and, even though the drug cartel may be alive and thriving, she was really misses her husband, Robert Small, and a daughter, Toyba Lienes Hewitt. **Cindy DeLong**and his wife, Debbie, welcomed Ciara Chyi DeLong Jan. 29 in Portsmouth, N.H. Erik Bowie, who is in good spirits and is getting married in August. **Alex Moskos** still works as a crime/intelligence analyst for the Boston police. He recently traveled to New Orleans with **James Mason,** **Jonah Rudman,** and **Chris Bonafide,** where they witnessed **James Mason** compete in a crawfish eating contest (http://www.ifoce.com/contexts.php?action=detail&eventID=353). While he was unable to finish in the top 10, they were proud of his effort. **Correction:** Kara and **Mark Edgar’s** daughter is Ruby Elizabeth (not Rud). Mark joined Nomura Securities as a managing director and head of convertible sales in NYC.

**2002**

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**2003**

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A few first-time contributors for this column: **Josh Garfin** married Shannon Dodge July 5, 2009, in Estes Park, Colo. They have a son, Reed Mikah Garfin, 3, and another on the way in November! Josh is currently finishing his first year of medical school in Colorado at Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He and the family will spend two weeks in Maine this summer as well as a week in Idaho and a week in Costa Rica. **Pete Chapin** is working as a community manager at an online market research firm called Communispace, based in Watertown, Mass. He works alongside two Mules: Kaitlin McCafferty ’04 and Elisa Chiniara ’07. Pete lives in Cambridge, Mass., and recently got engaged to Seth Clarke. They plan on getting married next summer. Pete recently took a trip to LA with Etan Wenger to visit Evan McGee. They saw Jenny Grace, Jordan Finley ’02, and Micki Young Armor ’02. **After writing and performing in Boston and New York for seven years, Neil Reynolds** is moving to LA with his wife, Sarah, where he’ll be enrolling in the Peter Stark Producing M.F.A. program at USC and pursuing a career in writing/producing for film and television. **Justin Sukienik** graduated from University of Rochester with a doctorate in mathematic and is now working at the University of Minnesota as a postdoc. **Nat and Jessica Wyser Chamberlin** welcomed Molly Mae Chamberlin in early March. Molly is already trained as an up-and-coming Mule! **Justin Hedge** married Ashley Fields April 24 in Washington, D.C., where they reside. Among the A-list attendees was the Colby cohort of Mike Bernstein ’98, Alida Malcom, Ben Colice ’02, Brendan Fitzpatrick, Josh Christie, Chris Zeien, John McManigal, Matt and Courtney Hoffman Tsiaras, James Oh ’04, Chad Higgins ’97, Nate and Catherine Jessop Good. **Michelle Keady** married Jim Hadley (UNH) last spring. They met in middle school way back when. **Steph Hicks Hirst, Julia Boehm, Lauren Calmeris, Holly Niles Getty, Ellen Whitesides, and Lisa DeSouza** were there to help celebrate! **Hi’ilei Dye** and **Jake Hobart** are planning June wedding in South Hero, VT., with lots of Colby classmates attending. Hi’ilei will be starting her Ph.D. at NYU this fall in their food studies program. **Jee Guimont** got engaged Feb. 5 to Stephanie Flynn, who is a close friend of Allie Libby ’07. A May 7, 2011, wedding is planned. **Taylor Mayo** is attending Georgetown’s McDonough School of Business and will be interning at T. Rowe Price this summer in their retail marketing division. **Jeff Goldberg** is starting his residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of Kentucky in July. **Kaitlin McCafferty** started a new job at Communispace. She had a great time at the wedding of Maura Myers and Jared Bisogni, which was complete with cupcakes and Sweet Home Alabama. The wedding party included Jen Barrett Crocker, Kim Betz Kearns, Ashley Harris, Mike Clifford, and Josh McConnell. Other alumni who attended were: Allison Dwyer, Cate Young, Evan Kearns, Josh Zweig, Jackie Smith, Grace Becker, Ryan Lochhead, Benson Hyde, Kearney Shanahan, Margaret Siciliano, Casey McCarthy ’05, Liz Hamilton, Sam Owen, Parker Thompson, Kelly Thomas, and Meaghan Lane Couch. **Diane Nelson** graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry and is starting a general practice residency at Wake Forest University Baptist Hospital. **Kirsten Helmcke** graduated with her Ph.D. from Vanderbilt’s pharmacology department. She moved to Durham, N.C., and started a postdoctoral position at Duke in the Nicholas School of the Environment. **Tim Glew** graduated from Tulane University School of Medicine and started his residency in internal medicine at Cornell New York Presbyterian Hospital in New York City.
Mary Phelps has worked at Christie’s for five years and recently transferred into the postwar and contemporary art department. Erin Dube and her husband, Adam Greenman, had a daughter, Alexandra Iris, Aug. 6. They live in Pawtucket, R.I. Kate O’Neill married fellow rower Ted Farrell ’05 in West Dennis, Mass., in May. Erica Bauer was a bridesmaid and Steve Whelpley ’05 was best man. Others in attendance included Andrea Pleiarski, Katie Brown Kaufmann, Laurel Woodward, Laura Mistretta Kirk, Nathaniel Hulme ’05, Andrew Raser ’05, Park Ridill ’05, Robbie Mehlich ’05, Pete Morelli ’02, Carreau Mueller ’05, Rob Zondervan ’07, Tim Roberts ’05, Sam Gray ’05, Sarah Dunham ’05, Andy Warneck ’05, Todd Brooks ’03, Cameron Fisher, Caroline Andresen ’05, Becca Reisman ’06, and Dana Maglaris ’06. Kelly McGowan and Jason Grantham ’02 are engaged and will be married this summer at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis. Becky Evans graduated from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in May. She is starting a surgical internship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., before heading out to the University of Utah for her residency in anesthesiology. Melissa Rosales had a baby girl named Isabella Maria Rosales Neff. Brian and Kim Francesch Kittler currently live in Alexandria, Va., but have plans to move back out west soon. They both graduated from John Hopkins this past spring. Kim received her M.A. in communications and marketing and works for a patent/technology research company and a cancer foundation. Brian received his M.S. in environmental science and policy and works for a DC nonprofit on forest and energy policy issues. Anne Olmsted is currently starring as Logainne Schwartzandgribeniere in Metrotstage’s The 25th Annual Putnum County Spelling Bee in Cambridge, Mass. Emily Weiser finished her M.S. in wildlife biology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She’s spending the summer working on an island in Maine before starting a Ph.D. program in New Zealand. Ana Prokic-Kostic is working at Loyola University in finance. She married Vlade Kostic last October. Her Colby roommates Kate Heidemann and Elizabetha Gorgoska attended the wedding. Cynthia Davies is beginning a year of clinical rotations for a physician’s assistant program. She’ll spend the summer at hospitals in North Conway and Bar Harbor and will be in Belize for the month of October. Sarah Chapple-Sokol spent the fall and winter living in Israel doing community service, hiking, and picking pomegranates on a kibbutz. After some European travel, she moved back to Boston and is working in operations at a homeless services agency and hoping to start graduate school in the fall.

2005
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On Columbus Day weekend 2009, rich crowley married Jessica satter on Bald Head Island in North Carolina. In attendance were Maria Sanders, Alana McGe, Sean Baron, and Cat Pappas. Jess teaches middle school art in North Carolina while Rich is finishing up his master’s in energy policy and geospatial analysis at Duke. They plan to honeymoon in Ireland this summer. Kate campbell and Alex Telis were married June 27 in Vermont. Both recently completed their first year of graduate school: Alex as a medical student at George Washington University and Kate at George Mason’s School of Law. They’ll live in Montana this summer, along with their dog, Sadie, for their respective internships. Brian Footer works as an attorney at the Philadelphia office of Anderson Kill and Glick, P.C. Lisa reinhalter and justin burner were married in June in New Hampshire. They honeymooned in Greece then moved back to the Midwest, where Lisa is starting her Ph.D. in Latin American literature at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Claire Riley is in Mongolia for her second year with the Peace Corps. She teaches English language at an agricultural university and works on secondary projects in her town. In June John cole and Wendy sicard relocated to Burlington, Vt., where John started his residency in pediatrics at the University of Vermont. Nick bayley wrote a wonderful update about himself and some of his former teammates. Joel morash and Pat slipp graduated from Dalhousie Medical School in Halifax, Nova Scotia. They’ll both continue their residency training at Dalhousie, Joel in orthopedic surgery and Pat in radiology. Cory ernst graduated from Harvard Dental School and is doing a general practice residency at Brigham and Women’s Hospital next year. Cory is getting married this summer to Kelly Welch ’04. Noah hoffman and nick bayley graduated from Dartmouth Medical School. Noah matched for his residency in pediatrics at Penn and will train at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Nick will complete his residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of Toronto. Mihir and Nikki Patel expect a baby girl August 15. Nikki will graduate from Parker Chiropractic College.
Michael Bergan ’02, managing partner at Capitol Consulting Group, was appointed to the board of the Massachusetts Children’s Trust Fund by Governor Deval Patrick. Bergan serves on other boards including the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority and Young Professionals Preventing Child Abuse. • University of Connecticut Teaching Assistant Rebecca Nisietich ’05 won the 2010 Aetna Graduate Teaching Award. Nisietich, a Ph.D. student in English, teaches freshman English and wants her students to understand the “reciprocal relationship between the work we do in the classroom and the lives we live outside it.” • Bryan Gattis ’07 named his cross-country bicycle trip Crossing for Kenya to bring awareness to the HIV/AIDS pandemic in southwestern Kenya, where he lived and volunteered in 2009. Gattis left San Francisco in February and arrived in St. Petersburg, Fla., May 18. He raised $5,000 to send to a health clinic in Rusinga. • In 1995 Laura Kayeum ’10 and three friends put a message in a bottle and tossed it into the Atlantic from Yarmouth, Maine. This March three sisters found the bottle along the harbor in Cohasset, Mass. “I remember thinking, ‘Oh, it’d be cool to have a pen pal in another country,’” Kayeum told the Boston Globe in a story about rekindled friendships and young dreams.

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in August as a doctor of chiropractic. They’ll move back to the East Coast after the baby is born. • Jackie Dao is at Oxford University for a short summer course on Britain, the EU, and the challenge of globalization as she works toward her master’s in public policy at George Mason University. • After more than two years working in PR in Houston, Jeremy Little will spend his summer at Middlebury to begin work on his master’s at the Bread Loaf School of English. • John Fallon graduated June 6 from UMass medical school and will start his residency in surgery at Dartmouth. He spent some time in Ireland this spring completing a rotation in radiology. • Jake Colognesi finished his first year at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth and is working this summer at a software start-up company called RaffleMate, which provides web-based raffle tools for nonprofits during its slow season. • Kevin Yardi and Jackie Dao, who organized this spring’s Colby/Bates outing at the Virginia Gold Cup Steeplechase May 1, Brad Kasnet, who also joined the festivities in D.C., is spending the summer in Harlingen, Texas, where he’ll intern with the Rio Grande Valley WhiteWings as part of his master’s in broadcast journalism with a sports reporting concentration. • In closing Rich Downing in his final days at Darden’s M.B.A. program, has created a viral music video as part of Darden’s annual follies event. With over 20,000 views, it would surely be worth a dollar or two on YouTube. Search for “Rich Downing Darden” to see the former Mr. Colby in action. • Take care and please keep the news coming.

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Aine Seitz McCarthy lives in Minneapolis studying economic development at the University of Minnesota. There are a few other Colby grads there including James Thompson. Aine loved catching up with the Colby crew at weddings and reunions and hopes to be in DC this summer! • Francis Chapuredima still lives in NH, teaching math, and soon economics, at Holderness School. He will be in Zimbabwe and South Africa this summer volunteering as a fellow with Teach With Africa (www.teachwithafrica.org). He hopes to meet up with Demeke Wondmagegn, who is based in South Africa. • Dan Giuliani works as a sports broadcaster in Seattle, Wash. He is currently the play-by-play voice of Seattle University baseball and has recently launched a new website, www.dangiuliani.com. • Antonio Mendez received a Fulbright to Andorra and will defer for a year at Howard Law School. • Brandon Smithwood’s still at Tufts Fletcher School while still running the National Saving Energy Coalition for his former employer. At school Brandon routinely sees Caroline Andresen ’05 and Qamaddun Amry ’09 and he works with Patrick Roche ’09, who is the face of the coalition. • During spring break Caitlin Healey went to visit Abbi and Jenny Lathrop, who live in Park City, Utah. • Charlie Reed, Ryan Praskievicz ’07, Kyung Ko, Teague Dugan ’07, and Tom Goeth ’07 were also there. Abbi, Charlie, and Caitlin all amazingly survived a Chinese downhill from the top of Park City Mountain Resort. • Garry Bertholf is a Ph.D. candidate and William Fontaine Fellow of Africana Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was recently awarded a Critical Writing Teaching Fellowship for the 2010-11 academic year. In March Garry and Tu-Quyen Nguyen rendezvoused with Francis Chapuredima in the City of Brotherly Love. • John Wheelock had an AWESOME time in Peru, surfing and volunteering with Waves for Development. • His now back in New York City and recently bought Adrian Walter’s $50 birthday gift certificate to the South Beach Tanning Salon so he can stay golden bronze in Colorado. • Vincenzo and Sara Booth Petrocillo proudly announce the arrival of their baby girl, Olivia McKayPetrosillo, born March 21 in Ventura, Calif. Aya Costantino ’07 was present for Olivia’s first week of life and provided a great deal of support. The happy family will move in the fall for Sara to begin a Ph.D. program in English (concentrating on Italian and medieval literature) at the University of California, Davis. Sara met up with Emilia Tjernstrom at UC Davis, where Emilia is now a Ph.D. student. They were first-year roommates at Colby, and, through strange forces of the universe, find themselves attending the same university in pursuit of doctorates eight years later! • Dan Lake and Marcy Rolerson both graduated from law school this May, Dan from BU and Marcy from Suffolk. They plan to continue living and working in Boston. • Noah Balazs will move to Dakar, Senegal, in early August to teach first grade at the International School of Dakar. • Kim Devine will (sadly) be moving from Portland, Maine, to the University of Michigan School of Public Health. She’ll work toward a master’s in public health with a concentration in human nutrition/dietetics. She also plans to get certified as a registered dietitian. This is a field that Kim is not only deeply passionate about but one that is quickly evolving. • Taylor Snook is spending six months in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where she is volunteering as a science teacher through United Methodist Volunteers In Mission. She met up with Rachel Carr in Kenya for a two-week adventure around the country. This fall Taylor will begin her pursuit of a degree in international social work.

**2007**

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Katie Maland and Dan Schupack have raised over $14,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, due in large part to supporters from Colby. On June 13 they each participated in the South Maui Triathlon for Team and Training. • Jess Kaplan led outdoor trips for teenagers with Adventure Treks this summer in British Columbia. • Bayley Lawrence is attending language school in Monterrey, Calif., with her husband to learn Chinese. They’ll then live in Hangzhou, China, for two years on a scholarship. She recently spent a week with Emma Carlson ’08 in Surf City, N.C., soaking up the rays and enjoying the local culture. • Lauren Brown graduated in May from the University of Maine with a master’s of science in environmental engineering. • Mark Biggar spent three months this spring studying in Madrid and traveling around Europe. He graduated from Northwestern Law in May and is spending his summer in Cleveland studying for the bar exam before starting work. • Ross Kaplan graduated from New York Law School in May. He plans on practicing mental disability law but does not yet have any job offers. Any alumni assistance would be greatly appreciated. • Karl Gasteazoro graduated with her master’s of nursing from the University of Minnesota and now works as an oncology/hematology nurse at Georgetown University Hospital. • Katie Himmelmann began school in June at UCSF to become a pediatric nurse practitioner. She still loves living in San Francisco with Charlie Hale ’06, Mariah Whitney, and Adam Atkinson-Lewis ’06. • Weather Potdevin, Amanda McGarry, Annie Muir, and Kelly Benvenuto rendezvoused for a weekend in Kansas City, Mo., in early May. Kelly celebrated three years of working...
on the Middle East and North Africa team at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) in June. She and Ian Campbell are getting married June 27 in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. After a summer of travel, they’ll move to Boston, where Ian will start a Ph.D. program in history at Brandeis.

• Sarah Smiley will attend the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill after presenting her poster at the IAS conference in Vienna in July.

• Adrian Gilmore will leave Boston, where he lived with Mike Howard ’06, Greg LaShoito, and Justin Hayes, and head off to start his psychology Ph.D. this fall at Washington University in St. Louis.

• Hugh Murphy will attend the USC School of Dentistry as a member of the Class of 2014.

• Robin Respaite will begin earning her master’s this August at Columbia University’s School of Journalism in NYC. She was admitted into the Toni Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism concentrating in broadcast journalism.

• Amanda Victoria has a book known as Lady GayGay in the roller derby world. She continues to work as a sub and is LOVING the weird things kids say. She is excited to be attending TDO Colby weddings this summer and to have the Pit Crew reunited!

• Mindy Favreau is enjoying her job promotion at Mainebiz to news editor. Mindy married her high school sweetheart, Will Woeter (WPI ’03), June 12 in Maine with a six-day honeymoon in Aruba. Her sister, Lacey Favreau ’08, was her maid of honor with Allison Cogbill, Brianna Tufts, and Leslie Peterson in attendance. They plan to start house shopping in the Brunswick-Topsam area after the honeymoon.

• Erin Schlossman’s “Toad Ranch” home in northern Minnesota was featured in MTV’s Teen Cribs in April.

• Amy Pendoley lives in Jacksonville, Fla., and teaches Spanish at St. Johns Country Day School. She also coaches the school’s dance team. Her fiancé, Alvaro, proposed to her in Fenway last October!

• John McCormack, Chris Appel, Karl Gasteazoro, and Tammy Levin proudly suited up to represent the Class of 2007 at Colby/Bates Tent at the Virginia Gold Cup. Go Mules!

2008

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Here’s our column—full of classmates doing wonderful things! • Heidi Donahue and Jackson Parker Jr. ’07 were married in Chatham, Mass., in October 2009. • In April Wesley Miller started an editorial position with Little, Brown, part of the Hachette Book Group, at their brand-new suspense fiction imprint. He is assisting the lead editor and marketing manager of the imprint and is thrilled to be part of its initial team, particularly after two years publishing experience at the Jean V. Naggar Literary Agency, Inc., where he began work right after graduation.

Wes lives with Kat Brzozowski ’09. • Samuel Jones reported that Matthew Hirsch loves Jackson, Wyo., and was recently hiking in the mountains (as he frequently does) and came across an elk that had wandered free from the National Elk Refuge. Along with a member of ski patrol, they were able to nurse it back to health and Matt carried it all the way down the mountain over his shoulders! • Patrick Sanders, Dustin Hilt, and Esther Boyd ’09 enjoyed a delicious dinner in DC with Skylar Sutton when she came to town for a visit. Patrick occasionally has the pleasure of seeing Annie Feutz on his way walking to and from work and has also bumped into Suzanne Merkelson ’09. He also spoke with incoming first-year students at an event in DC and had a blast meeting the next generation of Mules! • Meredith Carden lives in Washington, D.C., and works at the White House in the Office of the First Lady. • David Stermesky has been working at OutCast Communications in San Francisco since March. He fully enjoys the experience of working with OutCast’s exciting client portfolio of high-tech companies. • Julia Gilstein took a break from her job as associate editor of social studies at Pearson Education to join numerous Colby alumni celebrating the wedding of Alicia Thibeaut and Greg Engel ’07.

• Emily Wagner graduated from Tufts with a six-month medical internship in northern Minnesota was featured in MTV’s Teen Cribs in April.

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Louise Dyer Hall ’32, March 8, 2010, in Augusta, Maine, at 98. She was a library assistant in Brooklyn, N.Y., and in Portland, Maine, where she worked until she was 79. Described as "a grand lady of wisdom and humor in speech and in action," she is survived by her children, Nancy Perkins and Daniel Hall, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Frederick G. Demers ’37, Feb. 8, 2010, in Owls Head, Maine, at 93. He earned degrees from John Marshall Law School and from Harvard’s School of Business Administration. He served with the Navy during World War II and then worked for the Department of Defense, serving in posts all around the Pacific and Indian oceans until he retired in 1974. He was a professional philatelist and was a class correspondent and class officer for Colby. Survivors include his children, Frederick Demers Jr., Sydney Radka, and Florence Donovan, six grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Alfred H. Wheeler ’37, April 24, 2010, in Waterville, Maine, at 94. After attending Cincinnati College of Embalming, he joined his father at Wheeler Funeral Home in Oakland, Maine, eventually becoming funeral director. He was proprietor of Wheeler’s Housekeeping Camps on Salmon Lake. He loved music and sang around the campfire, at the grange, and in church. Predeceased by his wife, Barbara Towle Wheeler ’40, survivors include his sister, Ruth Wheeler Wood ’35, two children, Marilyn and John ’66, and four grandchildren.

Gordon S. Young ’37, Jan. 24, 2010, in Bar Harbor, Maine, at 95. He earned a D.M.D. from Harvard Dental School in 1941 and served in the Dental Corps in both World War II and the Korean War. He practiced dentistry in Bar Harbor for more than 40 years and was president of the Maine Dental Association. He was active with his church, the Masons, and the Lions Club and enjoyed biking and gardening. Survivors include his brother, Craig, two children, and several grandchildren.

Virginia Wing Francis ’38, April 27, 2010, in Tallahassee, Fla., at 95. A dedicated mother and homemaker, she also volunteered at her local library and hospital and created handicrafts. Survivors include her children, Joan Hoffmann and Hal Francis, three grandsons, two great-grandsons, and nephews and nieces, including Joanne Sturtevant Stineford ’56.

Charles H. Rimpo ’38, March 22, 2010, in Salisbury, Md., at 94. He served in the Army during World War II and then worked as an office manager. He was predeceased by his brothers, Maurice ’41 and Edward ’49, and is survived by his wife of 51 years, Jeannette, and two stepsons.

Leroy N. Young ’38, Dec. 7, 2009, in Auburn, Maine, at 95. He served with the Air Force during World War II and the Korean War. He later taught school in Maine and then at the Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute. Along with his wife, Eileen, he raised two children.

Anne Simpson Miller Koch ’39, May 21, 2010, in New Harbor, Maine, at 93. She worked as a women's apparel buyer in New Jersey until she moved in 1952 to the Virgin Islands with her first husband. After his death she moved to an apple orchard in Walpole, Maine, with her second husband. Survivors include two stepchildren.

Elizabeth Sweetser Baxter ’41, April 27, 2010, in Bar Harbor, Maine, at 89. In Newington, Conn., her home for 60 years, she was a lay moderator and Sunday school teacher, active with the PTA and Cub Scouts, and served as town historian. She was instrumental in preserving the historic Kelsey House in Newington and wrote a weekly column for the Town Crier. Predeceased by her mother, Phyllis Sturdivant Sweetser ’19, she is survived by her husband, Elmer Baxter ’41, three sons, Ledyard ’67, David ’70, and Benjamin, four grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and a brother.

Priscilla Wyman Samways ’42, March 27, 2010, in Providence, R.I., at 90. She worked in libraries in Rhode Island and was an animal lover who belonged to the former Rhode Island Cat Protection League. Survivors include her daughter, Elisabeth, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Marilyn Ireland Stevens ’42, June 6, 2010, in Yarmouth, Maine, at 90. For 25 years she taught in public and private schools in Maine, California, and Massachusetts. She was active with the Unitarian Universalist church and served on the board of the Family Services Association of Greater Boston. She worked as a book reviewer, collected pewter, played the piano, was a voracious reader, and loved to knit and make bread. She was predeceased by her husband, Rev. Addison E. Stevens ’42. Survivors include three children, Sally, Ellen ’80, and Mark.

Robert S. Barton ’45, March 17, 2010, in Jensen Beach, Fla., at 87. He graduated from the Maine Maritime Academy and served with the U.S. Merchant Marine. He also attended the New England School of Mortuary Science and owned Barton Funeral Home in Lincoln, Maine, for 34 years. Survivors include his son, Bruce, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Norma "Jill" Taraldsen Billings ’46, June 3, 2010, in Augusta, Maine, at 85. She was a homemaker who gardened, journaled, and loved to dance. She supported the Augusta Mental Health Institute, where she worked for a period. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard W. Billings ’48, and is survived by her children, Cynthia Buftinis, John Billings, and Amy Billings, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Lester L. Soule ’47, March 20, 2010, in Augusta, Maine, at 85. He was an insurance underwriter for Great Northern Paper in East Millinocket, Maine, where he was also a baseball umpire. Survivors include three children, Joseph, John, Jean, Elvira, Martin, and Laughlin Jr., and 13 grandchildren.

Virginia Cole Daggett ’49, March 16, 2010, in Leeds, Mass., at 81. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from the University of Massachusetts and then worked as a coronary care nurse and a gerontological nurse. She taught classes at community colleges and health centers and belonged to several nursing associations. She loved classical music, gardening, snowshoeing, and walking. She was predeceased by her former husband, Robert B. Daggett ’51. She is survived by her sons, Timothy and Thomas, and a granddaughter.

Laughlin B. Jennings ’49, Nov. 24, 2009, in Williamsport, Pa., at 89. He served with the Army during World War II. He earned a master's in education from Bucknell and then for 31 years taught high school history and social studies in New Jersey, where he also was head basketball coach and assistant football coach. He was a devout Catholic and a devoted Notre Dame fan. Survivors include his six children, Joseph, John, Jean, Elvira, Martin, and Laughlin Jr., and 13 grandchildren.

Bertram E. Stritch ’49, May 23, 2010, in Albany, N.Y., at 87. He served in the Army during World War II, graduated from Colby, and then began a 30-year teaching career at Hoosick Falls (N.Y.) Central School. He earned his master's in education in 1962 from the University of Massachusetts. Survivors include his wife, Patricia, three children, 10 grandchildren, and five siblings.

Raymond F. Brackett ’50, May 2, 2010, in Londonderry, N.H., at 85. He served as a radioman with the Navy during World War II. He was an insurance underwriter for Liberty Mutual and also worked as a minor league baseball umpire. Survivors include three children, Pamela Matzek, Andrea Baldwin, and Edward Brackett, three grandchildren, and six siblings.

Earle R. Faye Jr. ’50, April 28, 2010, in Millinocket, Maine, at 88. He served in the Navy during World War II before attending Colby. He worked as an electrician for Great Northern Paper in East Millinocket for 35 years. He belonged to the American Legion, played cribbage, and loved to hunt and fish. Survivors include his wife, Margaret, four children, 11 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a sister.
Christine Winter Verrengia '50, June 18, 2010, in Farmington, Maine, at 83. She grew up in Kingfield, Maine, at Hill Holm, known later as The Inn on Winter’s Hill. Later she moved around the country with her husband, volunteering at museums and playing tennis. She returned to her childhood home in 2007, renting her former bedroom. She was preceded by her husband, Joseph Verrengia '50. Survivors include her cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Helen Ritcher Augusta ’51, March 31, 2010, in Newburyport, Mass., at 80. She taught special education and then worked in the travel industry, eventually owning Addison Travel Agency in Andover, Mass. She volunteered with her local theater and providing elder transport. Survivors include her husband, George, a brother, two children, four grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Robert A. Cooke ’53, Dec. 6, 2009, in Green Cove Springs, Fla., at 78. He served with the Coast Guard for two years and then became a certified public accountant, practicing at his own firms. He authored seven books on finance and never retired, continuing to give financial advice. He loved sailing and taught his children how to sail. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Carolyn, four children, two grandsons, and a brother.

Elaine Zervas Stamas ’53, May 10, 2010, in Scarsdale, N.Y., at 78. An original member of the Colbyettes, she sang with the Westminster Choral Society and served on the board of the Hoff-Barthelson Music School. She was a Colby overseer and, from 1992 to 2006, a trustee. She was a trustee emerita, and endowed the Elaine Stamas Scholarship. Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Stephen, two children, five grandchildren, and a brother.

Mary Owen Rutter ’54, May 9, 2010, in Bridport, Vt., at 77. For 40 years she and her husband bred Connemara ponies, first at Tower Hill Farm in New Hampshire and then at a family farm in Bridport. A music lover, she was choir director and played the organ at her church. Survivors include her daughter, Lisa Savage, two grandchildren, a great-grandchild, and two siblings.

Yvonne Pinette Young ’63, April 6, 2010, in Waterville, Maine, at 69. She served with the National Guard and then the Navy from 1947 to 1953. After Colby he worked as a wine salesman for Gallo and then joined his father’s music business in 1973. He belonged to the Lions Club and Kiwanis, and he loved gardening and the St. Lawrence River. Survivors include his wife, Pat, five children, and 12 grandchildren.

Joseph “Jay” Gallagher ’69, May 24, 2010, in Albany, N.Y., at 63. An award-winning journalist, he worked for newspapers in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York and was bureau chief for the Gannett News Service’s New York Capitol Bureau for two decades. He wrote the New York Angle weekly column, appeared on public radio and television, and wrote The Politics of Decline. He rooted for all the Boston sports teams, enjoyed biking, skiing, and kayaking, and played competitive tennis. He died from pancreatic cancer. Survivors include his wife, Emily (Kreinick) ’69, two daughters, and a brother.

Emily Eaton Moore ’71, March 22, 2010, in Portland, Maine, at 60. She earned a bachelor’s from the University of Southern Maine and an M.F.A. in fiction writing from Vermont College. She was director of admissions for Waynflete School and was also a writer. She supported the arts in Maine, was active with organizations in Portland, and was a skilled sailor. She was predeceased by her first husband, Richard Dow ’69. Survivors include her husband, Charles, a daughter, a grandson, and two siblings.

Alan H. Glass ’72, June 2, 2010, in Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J., at 60. He worked in the shoe industry and was an executive for Thom McAn for many years. He coached his son’s baseball and basketball teams and was an avid Red Sox fan. Survivors include his wife Laurie, a son, and four siblings.

Matthew J. Smith ’83, June 3, 2010, in Napa, Calif., at 48. He received a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Duke and worked as a sales engineer and marketing manager. He loved to travel and visited more than 25 countries, was a youth and adult soccer referee, and enjoyed hiking and camping. He lived in Ashland, Ore., but was killed, along with his daughter Laura, 19, and his parents, in a car accident in Napa. Survivors include his wife, Jennifer, three children, and a sister.

Jay R. Prefontaine ’86, April 9, 2010, in Kittery, Maine, at 46. He earned an M.F.A. in creative writing in 1993 and taught English at Eastern Illinois University. His poetry, fiction, and nonfiction appeared in journals and magazines and he received numerous awards for his writing. Survivors include his parents, Robert and Linda, and two brothers.
I was a lousy student at Colby. A slacker. I watched TV reruns on an enormous sofa and waited for the Roberts dining hall to open for lunch. I took courses from the most entertaining professors I could find; 1 dropped courses led by professors who talked tough about reserve readings and class participation. I met and passed my Colby years with people who, 25-plus years later, are still my best friends.

And I somehow passed enough English and history courses, begged for enough extensions on overdue papers, and, in one eventful night, wrote enough poetry between midnight and 9 a.m. to earn a Colby degree. I didn’t know I had made it until I was not pulled out of line at commencement.

I do still have very real nightmares about running into professors on the Colby campus (for some reason it’s usually Patrick Brancaccio appearing from around a corner to demand an overdue paper). But I was happy to be at Colby, if not academically engaged by Colby. At the end of my five years—including 18 credits and three gyms my last semester—I was grateful to have made it through.

And following 25-plus years of occasional reflection on this topic, below I offer a couple of the lessons I did learn, with kudos to some of the professors and administrators who taught them to me.

Lesson 1: Colby was committed to me. I gave the College plenty of academic reasons to get rid of me, but Colby remained steadfast in its commitment. I always got the sense from the deans (e.g., Earl Smith and Jim Gillespie) that the College was trying to find a way—any way, really—for me to succeed. Colby would not give up on me despite the fact that I appeared to have given up on myself.

Colby’s commitment has influenced the type of manager, husband, father, and friend I am today.

I try to be loyal when loyalty is due—but without strings, conditions, or caveats. This trait has been most useful in raising kids, where loyalty and support is so much the better strategy than continuous “helpful” criticism. The same has been true in the corporate world. When someone is not meeting my expectations, I feel the spirit of “Dean G” rise up in me, arguing for calm guidance, kindness, and humanity. I try to find out why there is a problem; I don’t give up on people.

Lesson 2: I was graded but not judged. My professors, when faced with my academic mediocrity, found things to like in my work, and in me, even when it was quite difficult to do so.

Grading an English exam on a book I had not bothered to read, covering ideas I had not bothered to attend class to discuss, Phyllis Mannocchi once wrote something like: “Next time please find time to read the book—I wouldn’t have assigned it if I didn’t think it was worth your time. But nevertheless I was highly entertained by your creative argument, although it was unrelated to the question I asked. Come talk to me about this.”

For Ira Sadoff I once submitted a semester’s portfolio of my original poetry, half of which had clearly been written in the wee hours prior to the deadline. I did not receive, nor did I deserve, a decent grade, but nevertheless Ira’s comments sought to point out and encourage things he liked in my writing.

“While your portfolio doesn’t show much progress from beginning to end (in fact, it regresses), in these last poems there are several strong images that need to be more fully developed. I like your Thelonious Monk poem, though it is really just an idea. You need to keep writing.” He could have blown me away with a single sentence, but instead he chose kindness.

In the end, Phyllis and Ira taught me to seek out what is good in people. A little bit further down the road, other people and institutions taught me the hard lessons I had deflected at Colby—the editor-in-chief of the magazine where I first worked comes to mind, as do several mentors from the management consulting world.

I do look for people like me in Colby, but I don’t find them. That’s understandable. By showcasing the College’s stars, this publication does a good job of advancing Colby’s distinctive brand in the hyper-competitive arena of higher education. But to accurately reflect the full Colby brand experience—and even to honor it—this magazine’s readers should know that tonight there will be a student on Mayflower Hill playing poker with friends until the first beams of morning light hit the Sloop Hero. He’s making a really smart decision to check and raise, as well as a really dumb decision to blow off studying for a history exam. Things will work out for him, as they have for many of us former slackers, thank you very much.

Chris Schmidt ‘83 is director of corporate communications for an international management consulting firm.
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