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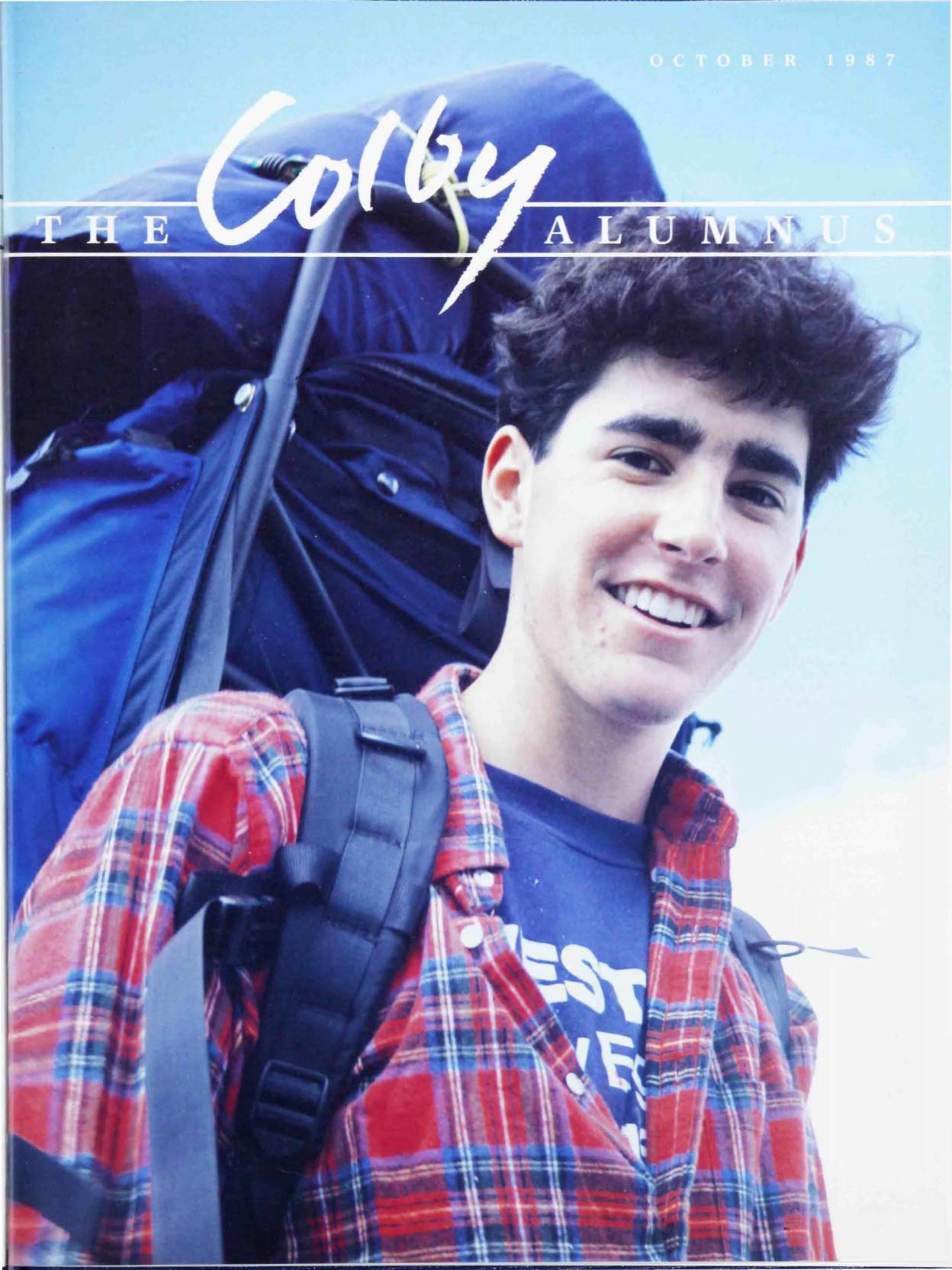
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# THE Colby ALUMNUS



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# C O M M E N T A R Y

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## Liberal Arts and Sports

Liberal arts colleges sit like cities, some on a hill, some not, awaiting each generation of young people. These venerable institutions, of which Bates, Bowdoin, and Colby are representative, maintain that a liberal arts education should be a preparation for life, not merely preparation for a job. For this reason, liberal arts colleges insist that the social life—the time students spend outside the classroom—is crucial to developing the best sort of graduate. Increasingly in the last 25 years, students have protested the colleges' control of campus social life; they have insisted on more freedom to create their own atmosphere outside the classroom, and, for the most part, they have won. This clash between freedom-seeking students and nervous college faculties and administrators is an important theme in the recent history of American education.

To understand this clash, one has to understand the tradition against which the students revolt. The tradition is old and deep. It conceives of an education as a total experience preparing the young, in the most general way, for life's tasks. John Milton in the seventeenth century wrote that "a complete and generous education [is] that which fits a man to perform justly, skillfully, and magnanimously all the offices both public and private, of peace and war." Much nearer our time Cardinal Newman hoped that education "would constitute a whole . . . embody a specific idea . . . present a doctrine . . . administer a code of conduct [and] furnish principles of thought and action." Such sweeping goals could not be achieved, or even seriously contemplated, at a college that drew a broad line between the academic and social program.

This tradition is alive but under increasing attack by the larger culture that creates generations of young people who, for a number of reasons, are hostile to the goals of a liberal arts education or who simply do not understand them. No one any longer sees education as preparing only a small percentage of the male population to occupy the key public and private stations in a society. In the general advance of democracy of the last two centuries, coeducation has produced students more sensitive to their rights and freedoms—which colleges ignore at their peril. The liberal arts tradition also often assumed that education was in part religious. In America especially, religion is conceived of as a personal matter to be freely decided by the individual, not inculcated by institutions or the state. Sexual equality, democracy, and secularism have all undermined the notion that a liberal education should seek to teach some vision of "character" or "virtue."

Yet while the modern student is democratized, secularized, and very interested in the opposite sex, another factor may be more important in undermining the holistic liberal arts tradition. The average student comes to college having learned to draw a clear line between work and play, work time and free time, the vocational and the social. Study has become analogous to work, and when the work is done it is time for play and leisure. Perhaps the most convincing evidence of this division in student life is the rise of sport to a dominating position on most campuses.

Colleges added sports to their programs ostensibly to build character and instill virtue, but by World War II sports for the most part had become a diversionary spectacle at the intercollegiate level and a safety-valve for dangerously pent-up energies on the intramural level. The result is that sport and study do not blend well on today's campuses. Students, assuming a strict division between athletics and play, often see sport and study as antagonistic; the classroom and the playing field both call to the student, who complains that time does not exist for both.

To a great degree, liberal arts colleges already have adapted to the modern notion that existence is bifurcated between work and leisure. Colleges set aside separate buildings for leisure (gyms, unions, student centers) that are clearly different in style and function from classroom buildings. The Colby College catalogue reflects the ease with which we accept this division of life on a campus into work and leisure. The catalogue has two main sections, one of which is "General Information" that among other things describes something called "campus life." It could also be called "leisure life." Section two is the "Academic Program," and one searches in vain for connections between this program and "campus life."

It would be very easy for colleges to simply go with the flow of twentieth-century American culture. This would amount to an admission that the ancient liberal arts tradition has no relevance as we approach the twenty-first century. Because so much was wrong with this tradition—basically, it was exclusionary—many would say let's junk the whole thing. I, for one, would like liberal arts colleges to defend the notion that life can be lived as a whole. I would like liberal arts schools, as part of their basic mission, to defend the concept that fragmentation of life into compartments drains us of our passion and makes us less than human.

*Richard Moss, Associate Professor of History*

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**On the cover:** Brian Lee '90 looked ahead to his first Colby Outdoor Orientation Trip. Back cover: COOT leader Julie Damico '87.



# EUSTIS MAIL ROOM

## End of a Myth

As an old Colby man, Class of 1917, I found much of interest to me in *The Colby Alumnus* of March.

I was rather astonished, however, to see a revival of the persistent myth of "Mount Hebron Academy" on page 42 in the profile of Nancy Briggs '82. It is true that Hebron and Hermon both begin with "He" but the former, Mt. Hermon School, is the Northfield Mount Hermon School in Massachusetts, while Hebron Academy is in Hebron, Maine, and one of Maine's oldest and most distinguished schools. Colbyites and Hebronites familiar with Ernest Marriner's *History of Colby College* surely know that Hebron Academy, older than the College, was a preparatory affiliate of Colby for many years. Also, Hebron Academy is the only surviving independent school of the former group of four academies. It has been my experience to be a member of the Hebron faculty 1948-1965 as instructor in German, French, and Spanish. After serving many years as alumni secretary and director of development, I became author of *History of Hebron Academy*, published in 1977.

I hope this will be the end, at least at Colby, of the persistent myth of "Mount Hebron."

Harold E. Hall '17  
Hebron, Maine

## Kicking "Kicking Football"

Having lived in Kansas City for most of 25 years, I have observed the "pro" football played by universities in the Big 8 and have always criticized it in contrast to the truly amateur college ball played at Colby and in New England. May amateur college ball survive! The players understand this.

P.S. If you can't win half of your games, your entrance requirements are out of touch.

Roger Olson '53  
Kansas City, Missouri

## What's in a Name?

I am perplexed by the use of "Scot's" in the article on Charmian Herd in the March issue. The lady could be true to her Scots background, to her Scottish background, or even to her Scotch background, but never to her Scot's background. You would not say "true to her French's background," would you?

In any case, I wonder about the validity about such racial generalizations. When they are intended to be complimentary, as in this case, we tend to let them slip past, but the same tendency can so easily go in the other direction, that, perhaps, it would be as well to avoid them completely.

Eric Binnie  
Associate Professor of English and Performing Arts.

## What's in Another Name?

Mary Low graduated from Colby College in 1871. She was the first woman to earn a degree from a liberal arts college in New England. It has recently come to our attention that the magazine that is published for all Colby graduates does not honor her in its title nor does it recognize any female Colby graduate in its title. Indeed, *The Colby Alumnus* in its name alone is blatantly sexist and hence discriminates against women. As the *American Heritage Dictionary* states, an "alumnus" is a "male graduate of a school, college, or university."

Quite obviously Colby is not a single-sex institution. It is unfair and hypocritical that a college that publicly adheres to a policy of nondiscrimination and diversity publishes a magazine that clearly discriminates against women in its title. As College editor, we feel that it is your responsibility to make the necessary changes in the name of the publication so that it respects all graduates of Colby. As long as *The Colby Alumnus* retains its present name, it is doing the College a grave disservice.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your support. Colby cannot truly live up to its creed until *The Colby Alumnus* in its name also recognizes Colby alumnae.

*The members of American Studies 274:  
The Female Experience in America  
Colby College*

The issue of the offensive nature of the title of *The Colby Alumnus* has been brought to the attention of those who have the power to make a change.

There should not need to be a massive outcry in order for the change to occur. The question should not be, "How many people favor a name change?" The question should be, "Is it right to leave the title as it is once its sexist meaning is known to all?"

To me, it is merely one more indication of Colby's true feelings on the value of the women it graduates and employs.

Karen Heck '74  
Waterville, Maine

I write this letter as a formal complaint. I think that the title of the Colby magazine, *The Colby Alumnus*, is inconsiderate of all women who graduated from Colby College. The ending on the word "alum" is the Latin ending for a singular masculine word. I do not understand why Colby, especially Colby as a liberal arts/nondiscriminating college, has chosen such a title. If it continues to use "Alumnus" as the title for the magazine, the College itself will be promoting sexism in a very overt form. If women continue to support the magazine, I will be very surprised. I hope to make more people aware of the sexist title and urge that it be changed immediately.

Brian K. Axel '89  
Colby

When I was young, my parents' favorite words of wisdom to me were, "You can't judge a book by the cover." To this day, when I first encounter any person or thing I endeavor to remember what I had been told about the deceptiveness of outward appearances.

Recently I had the opportunity to think again about my parents' advice while looking at *The Colby Alumnus*, a magazine with a blatantly sexist title (an alumnus is a male college graduate). I had to ask myself whether a publication that discriminates in its name might also discriminate within. Should such a publication then be worthy of my attention?

Fortunately, the recent March 1987 issue contained an article about women's cross-country by Priscilla Phinney '87 and the December 1986 *Alumnus* had an article by Associate Professor Marilyn Mavrinac about Mary Low and other early alumnae of the College. However, it is a shame that the preeminent publication for graduates should be so initially offensive.

I find it hard to believe that the College widely circulates a magazine that directly contradicts the policy of nondiscrimination printed in all other College materials. While the discrimination expressed in a magazine title is subtle, it is nevertheless discrimination. *The Colby Alumnus* may not exclude women in its pages but it certainly does on its cover. One should not have to "judge a book by its cover" or a magazine by the title, yet when the title is of a repressive nature it is difficult not to.

Mike Diamond '87

Co-editor-in-chief, *The Colby Echo*

### All Mixed Up

My March issue of the *Alumnus* arrived with several of its pages mixed up, one section missing altogether, and the middle section a duplicate of another part of the magazine. I want to draw this situation to your attention and ask you to please send me another copy. Thank you very much.

Janet Grout Williams '60

Swarthmore, Pa.

*The Alumnus* urges readers who have a similar problem to let us hear of it so that we may talk with our printer.

## Good Ol' Sports



"Colby athletics continues after graduation, even if we are has-beens," say the Colby Women's Alumnae Soccer Team. Indoors at Wheaton College are (front) Carol Simon '85, (second row) Patrice Galvin '86, Carolyn Parsley, Charmaine Twigg '87, Debbie Brooks '86, (third row) Julie Bruce '83, Mary Needham '86, Laura Shaver '87, Lesley Melcher '85, Martha Landau '84, Jen Estes '86.



On the weekend of May 1, the Colby Alumni Blues Hockey Club in Montreal entered the Pointe-Claire Youngtimer's Tournament in Pointe-Claire, Quebec. The competition included 48 teams from Canada and the United States. Several Colby alumni sharpened up their skates for a great weekend of hockey and fun. (Left to right) Paul Marleau '85, John Siletto '85, Mark Ciarallo '82, Paul "Ike" Eichelroth '82, and Mark "Skeets" Kelley '80 led the club to a 2-1 record. CABHC promises to be back for the Youngtimer's next year.

# NEWS FROM THE HILL

## Fall Crop on the Rise

Colby harvested another bumper crop this fall, as the acceptance rate by students admitted to the College exceeded the usual target number of 430 set by the Admissions Office. The entering freshman class of 510 students demonstrates Colby's steady rise on the list of the nation's most preferred colleges. The numbers, Assistant to the Dean of Admissions Gretchen R. Bean '85 said, are "a good sign. Colby is a hot school." Other good signs include the increasing number of inquiries, campus visits, and interviews as well as the exceptional academic quality and diversity of this year's applicant pool, which topped 3,300.

## Carried Away by Spring

Colby students were delighted to return from spring break to find a virtually snowless campus. Not so amusing, however, was the destruction caused on April Fool's Day by Central Maine's worst flooding in over 50 years. The state was declared a federal disaster area as heavy rains combined with runoff from last winter's deep snow to wash out roads and bridges and destroy homes and businesses.

News of the flooding prompted several Colby students to come back from vacation early to assist families and local authorities in cleaning up the estimated \$63 million in damage. Said Scott Bates '87, "The guy I helped had four kids, just lost his job, and had bought a new trailer home and furniture three months ago. He lost everything in the flood and had no insurance because it's not available for trailers since they have no foundation." Water poured over the three bridges in Fairfield and came within a couple of feet of carrying off the Two Cent Bridge at the foot of Temple Street in Waterville. Flood damage was particularly severe around Lithgow Street in Winslow, where seven houses and historic landmark Fort Halifax, the 233-year-old wooden blockhouse and last remaining structure of its kind in the United States, were swept down the Kennebec River.

## The Kennedys as History

"I couldn't allow myself to imagine 'What will the Kennedys think?' when I began writing. I couldn't pick and choose material . . . whatever influenced their public life went into the book. . . . I think they're glad now that someone took the time and trouble to pore over, sort, and document their lives. Many of the facts I uncovered the family didn't know. . . ." Doris Kearns Goodwin '64, speaking on May 7 to a large, affectionate audience in Given Auditorium, talked nonstop for an hour, flashing a quick smile and "speaking" with her expressive hands, obviously delighted to be back with old friends and admirers. Earlier she had signed copies of her book, *The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys*, at Seaverns Bookstore.

Goodwin described the historian's

obligation to set the scene and fill it with authentic color and accurate detail. Her bestseller took 10 years to write, and research for its 1,000 pages took her to the rare book room of the Boston Public Library for floor plans of 1860s tenements in East Boston and to medical journals for the context of the times, to the Roman Catholic Archdiocese archives for details of church festivals, and through more than 150 cartons of Kennedy family letters, checks, theater stubs, and other memorabilia.

She took special pleasure in discovering the dimensions of buildings the early Fitzgeralds lived in. For the historian who immerses herself in another time, she said, "History is yours." The book that emerged "really wrote itself" and convinced her that "the intensity of the Kennedys' lives made up for the tragedy." Quoting Francis



*How to celebrate your 90th birthday? When M. Lucile Kidder '20, of Fairfield, Maine, hoped for her first motorcycle ride, Paul Irgang, husband of Colby psychotherapist Janet Irgang, offered his Harley-Davidson. With sparkling cider, President Cotter and others toasted the cyclist after her 30-mph three-mile loop around the campus.*

Bacon—"Anyone who gives love is a hostage to fortune"—Goodwin said that living with the story for so long has made her deeply aware of one's vulnerability, more appreciative of her own children, more concerned "to lead a balanced life."

During a short question period after the talk, she speculated on subject matter for her next book. She would like to write about a woman, the subject yet unknown, in an earlier era. Lack of personal knowledge of the background and no chance of face-to-face interviews with eyewitnesses, she said, would test her powers as a traditional historian.

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### Colby-in-Perth in New York

In early May, the New York Colby Club held a reception for Tom Whidden '70, tactician of the yacht *Stars and Stripes* in last winter's America's Cup sailing competition in Perth, Australia. During the 4-0 American victory over Australia's *Kookaburra III*, Whidden, of Essex, Conn., was described by the Associated Press as "the eyes, ears, companion brain, and guiding light" to skipper Dennis Conner because of his tactical skills in sailing. Being a tactician requires quick thinking and a cool head. Whidden kept a constant eye on the opposition, noted wind shifts and sea conditions, and functioned as relief helmsman and racing rules expert.

During the Colby Club reception in New York, Whidden made a slide presentation of his experiences in Australia as the crew prepared for the competition. Whidden tried out different types of hulls and keels and sails as well as different sailing tactics to test those they would use in the race. Whidden once said of the yacht's sails, "I know them better than my own children." Each race day he was responsible for choosing—from an inventory of 50—the 13 sails that fitted aboard *Stars and Stripes*. Four years of preparation since the last cup race paid off for the Americans as they regained the cup after having lost it in 1983 for the first time in the 132-year history of the race.

Before a crowd of over 100 people, Whidden spoke graciously of his Colby experience and how it had prepared him for later challenges. He was honored, he said, to be honored by the reception. Even though he didn't receive

as much public attention as skipper Dennis Conner, Whidden hasn't gone unrecognized. Founder and president of his own sailmaking business, Sobstad Sails, which he recently sold, he has been hired to be president of the worldwide sailmaking firm North Sails.

### Problem or Solution?

Randall Robinson, director of the anti-apartheid lobbying group Transafrica, spoke to an audience of some 50 students and faculty in the Student Center on April 22. His message in the opening address of this year's Ralph J. Bunche Symposium, "In the Name of Peace and Human Rights," was clear: the United States can choose to be "either a part of a solution" to apartheid in South Africa "or part of the problem."

Robinson believes that the United States "holds the key" to dismantling the apartheid system in South Africa yet has not used it due to the ignorance of the American public about what goes on in countries outside of their own. By and large, Americans concern themselves with domestic issues, while four-and-a-half million white South Africans constitutionally deny rights to 27 million blacks. Robinson recommended that we "develop some minimal level of public awareness on these issues in order to get mobilized." He supports proposals that colleges should require courses that give students an understanding of "what's going on in the world."

Apartheid is not merely a violation of civil rights, however, said Robinson. It is also a struggle for power. "Whites," he pointed out, "won't give up power unless they have no choice but to do so. . . . The powerful always seek to defend their position." Robinson feels that the U. S. must take a firm stand against apartheid by using its economic and political clout to pressure white South Africans into negotiations to relinquish their monopolization of power. The divestiture of American businesses from the South African economy, a positive step, is indicative of how serious the problem has become. "When trouble comes, money leaves," he quipped, adding that only when the cost-benefit relationship changes will whites in South Africa negotiate.

Although he cautioned against any arming of the African National Congress, Robinson said that "There is no

commitment on the part of the ANC to nationalize South Africa. Land reform would be necessary, however, to make up for the present inequity: 72 percent of the population lives on only 13 percent of the land, much of it located in remote areas. Americans nevertheless must work to make the ANC's resort to armed violence less necessary. "If it blows up, it's our fault," he warned. Robinson finished with the reminder that these are not "black issues" only. "These are global issues, human issues."

PJP

### Trustees Divest

Time was when the Board of Trustees meeting in May was mostly perfunctory, signing off on the senior list and electing officers and new trustees. Not so this year. When the board determined that "significant progress has not been made toward the goals set out in the board resolution of October 1985," the vote to divest from companies doing business in South Africa was unanimous. Complete divestment should conclude by December 31.

Reporting for the faculty, Professor of Government Sandy Maisel noted the adoption of the Freshman Seminar (on a two-year experimental basis) as a requirement for all new students; explained that the faculty had worked out a new method of selecting members for the Committee on Promotion and Tenure; and spoke about the division of sentiment among faculty on the issue of merit pay. A staff report following room draw in the spring informed the board that 46 percent of the students chose to remain in their Commons this fall. And the Planning Committee agreed to form a special task force to continue investigation of methods of financing a Colby education.

In other developments, three veteran faculty members received promotion to full professor: Roger Bowen in government and East Asian studies, Arthur Champlin in biology, and Paul Machlin in music. The trustees also re-elected Ridgely Bullock '55, Lawrence R. Pugh '56, and Sidney Farr '55 as chair, vice chair, and secretary of the board. Emeritus status was granted to Professor of Biology Thomas Easton and to retiring board members Anne Lawrence Bondy '46, Philip Hussey, Jr. '53, Robert Lee '51, and Robert Burke '61.

## Colby Cycling

The end of the 1987 spring season marked the beginning of a new sport at Colby. The Colby cycling club, which was recognized as an official club sport last January, finished its first season with the First Annual Colby College Road Race on May 3. The 22-mile race cut through the middle of campus and included teams from the University of Maine-Farmington, Harvard, and the University of Maine-Orono, as well as individual racers from Bates, Bowdoin, and the Waterville area. Lane Wilkinson '89, Mike Salvador '87, and Scott Bates '87 finished 16th, 17th, and 18th, respectively, in a field of about 50 racers. A 16.5-mile race was also held for women. Colby racers Megan Flaherty '89 and Sonya Hall '89 placed fifth and seventh.

The Colby race was the culmination of a student-initiated effort that began in the 1985-86 school year with the enthusiastic interest of John Nelson '86. Dave Longcope '89, Lane Wilkinson, and Mike Salvador took charge of the group this year and were responsible for the attainment of full club status. Visiting geology instructor Keith Bruger also helped out the team on training rides and during the race, and the athletic department provided some funds.

Wilkinson has "several goals for the team—to put on our race again, to send a men's and women's team to the East Coast Cycling Federation championships, to get some points for Colby in those championships, and to get the Colby name on the college circuit." Under the leadership of Dave Longcope, next year's club will explore all of these opportunities.

## New Faculty

**Anthropology**—Jeffrey Ehrenreich, assistant professor, is a graduate of the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut and earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the New School of Social Research in New York. He has taught at the University of Northern Iowa and the New School of Liberal Arts, Brooklyn College of CUNY. He has conducted research and field work among the Coaiquer Indians of Ecuador and also among the Piaroa Indians of Venezuela.

Suzanne Falgout, assistant professor, graduated from the University of New Orleans and earned an M.A. and Ph.D.

from the University of Oregon. A former teacher at the University of Hawaii-Hilo and Idaho State University, she is a specialist in linguistic and psychological anthropology with a particular interest in the Acadian French of Maine and Louisiana.

**Art**—David Sensabaugh, visiting instructor in East Asian art.

**Biology**—Paul Greenwood, assistant professor, with a B.A. degree from Knox College and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Florida State University, has a special interest in how cellular events affect an organism in its environment and in the cellular basis for defense mechanisms in a type of invertebrate animal.

**Chemistry**—Carol Baker Libby, assistant professor of biochemistry, earned a B.S. and Ph.D. from the Pennsylvania State University. She has taught at Oberlin, Kenyon, and Skidmore colleges and the University of Maine-Farmington. She is married to Daniel Libby '68, assistant professor of chemistry at the College.

**Classics**—J. Anthony Podlecki, visiting professor and acting chair of the department, earned his A.B. degree from College of the Holy Cross and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Toronto. He was formerly chair of classics at the Pennsylvania State University and the University of British Columbia. He has also taught at Northwestern and served as a visiting fellow at Oxford, Strasbourg, University of London, and the University of Wellington, New Zealand.

Henry John Walker, Taylor Lecturer in Classics, received a B.A. degree from Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, and an M.A. from Cornell University. Currently working on his doctoral dissertation, *Politics in Greek Tragedy: The Case of Theseus*, his special interests include tragedy, epic, and Roman lyric poetry.

**Economics**—Clifford Reid, associate professor, with a B.A. degree from George Washington University and Ph.D. from Princeton, has been teaching economics at Grinnell College in Iowa since 1973. He has published extensively on housing market and labor market discrimination. A former Brookings Economic Policy Fellow, he was selected by the American Economic Association to be a member of its committee on the

status of minority groups in the economics profession.

**English**—Lisa Elaine Low, visiting assistant professor of British literature, earned her B.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She has taught at the latter school, at Cornell College in Iowa, and at Boston University.

Heidi Jon Schmidt, visiting assistant professor, has a B.A. from Bennington College and an M.F.A. from the University of Iowa and has taught at that university and at Chaffey College in California. She has published fiction, articles, and reviews in such periodicals as *The Boston Globe* magazine, *Ms.* magazine, and *The Atlantic*.

Patricia A. Young, visiting assistant professor.

**Government**—Rita D. Moore, visiting instructor.

Paul H. Zernicke, visiting instructor, earned a B.S. from the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh and an M.A. at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, where he is completing his Ph.D. degree in political science. He will be teaching in the Freshman Seminar Program as well as in government.

**History**—Irina Livezeanu, assistant professor of Russian history, was born in Romania and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Swarthmore College, where she majored in Greek. She earned both an M.A. and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan. Proficient in nine languages, including Russian, Romanian, and Polish, she comes to Colby from the University of California at Berkeley, where she holds a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship.

John A. Murphy, visiting exchange professor from University College Cork, holds two degrees from that college. A member of the Senate of Ireland and a popular public figure, he is a controversial historian and a politically non-aligned commentator on current affairs as a member of the Broadcasting Complaints Commission.

**Mathematics**—Kevin J. Farrell, visiting instructor, holds a B.S. degree from Nasjon College and an M.S. from the University of Vermont. He has previously taught at the universities of Vermont, Rhode Island, and Maine-Farmington,



and at Rhode Island College and Williams College. He is a candidate for a Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of Rhode Island.

*Modern Languages*—Manuel Alvarez, visiting instructor in Spanish.

Monique Fecteau, visiting instructor in French and resident director of the Colby in Dijon Program, is a 1979 Colby Graduate. She has taught English as a second language and French at the International Center for Language Studies in Washington, D.C. During the past year she taught English in Togo, West Africa, as a Peace Corps volunteer.

Blanca Rivera-Melendez, visiting instructor in Spanish, is a native of Puerto Rico. She received her B.A. from Princeton University and her M.A. from Cornell, where she will finish her Ph.D. this year. She has taught at Wake Forest University during the past year.

Sylvie C. Witkin, visiting assistant professor of French, was born and educated in France. She received her M.A. from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee and her Ph.D. from Wisconsin at Madison, where for several years she was director of the French House. She studied theater in France and performs and directs both classical and modern French plays.

*Music*—Norman David, director of band activities.

*Performing Arts*—Ruth Brancaccio, visiting adjunct lecturer, earned a B.A. from Brooklyn College and an M.A. from Holloway College, University of London. She has taught drama and filmmaking at Colby during the January Plan in 1981, 1982, and 1983, and has also directed and acted in plays at the College and the University of London. In 1986 she was chosen for a National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar in Greek tragedy at Stanford.

*Philosophy and Religion*—Ernest William Saunders, visiting assistant professor, earned a B.S. and S.T.B. from Boston University and a Ph.D. from Duke University. He was both teacher and administrator for 28 years at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and he has also taught at Northwestern and Southern Methodist University.

*Physics*—Douglas W. Forbes, visiting assistant professor in astronomy, comes from Trent University, Ontario, where

he has taught for three years. He received a B.S. from Lyndon State College in Vermont, an M.S. from St. Mary's University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Victoria in British Columbia.

*Psychology*—Eileen England, visiting instructor, earned a B.A. from Florida State University and an M.S. from Villanova. For four years she has taught at Lehigh University, where she will receive her Ph.D. this year.

Linda L. Hoopes, assistant professor of psychology and administrative science, earned an A.B. from Davidson College in North Carolina and is a candidate for a Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee, where she has been a graduate teaching assistant for four years. At Resource Associates at the University of Tennessee, she was a consultant to several industries during the same period.

### Cotter Is Honored

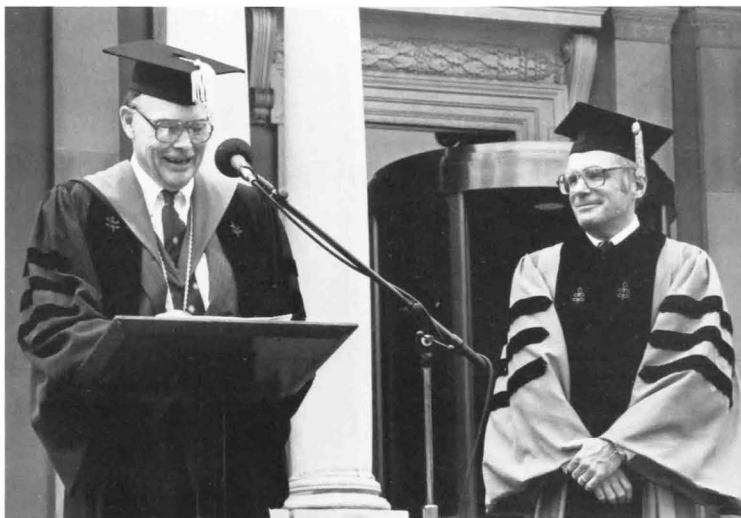
President Cotter not only bestows honorary degrees on others, he receives them, too. A week before he conducted Colby's 166th Commencement ceremonies, Cotter was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by Bowdoin College. Recognizing Colby's president as "Teacher, lawyer, public servant, son of Harvard, and champion of learning," Bowdoin cited Cotter's "long and exem-

plary career devoted to . . . the common good." The citation testified to Cotter's "dedication to furthering human understanding across the barriers of culture and race" and noted the continuation of this quest at the College with the establishment of the Ralph J. Bunche Scholarship Program to bring minority students to Colby.

To Colby students Cotter "sets an example," the Bowdoin citation said "of how a career dedicated to the life of the mind can also encompass the life of politics and action." Pointing out that the Colby president has "shared with us at Bowdoin the heartaches and joys of defending the cause of the small liberal arts college, in a world that seems to grow ever larger, more specialized, and less free," the Bowdoin citation praised the "courage and farsightedness" that Cotter has brought to this task.

### Space Politics

Russell Schweikardt, former NASA astronaut speaking at Colby May 6 on "The Commons of Space: A Question of Governance," warned that the use of space in the future must be carefully planned and executed without political dominance by any nation. From the perspective of his space flights, Schweikardt views the earth without political boundaries, and he views space in the same way. The proliferation of space satellites and discussions about space-



Bowdoin's President A. LeRoy Greason honors President Cotter.

based weapons are only two of the ways that governments have already begun to politicize space, he said.

Schweikardt, who holds a master's degree from MIT and speaks fluent Russian, was the Apollo 9 pilot of the first manned earth-orbital flight of a lunar module in March 1969. When he left NASA he served as environmental and energy advisor to California Governor Jerry Brown. Today he is president of the Association of Space Explorers (ASE), a group of former astronauts and Russian cosmonauts dedicated to the peaceful exploration of space. ASE is particularly concerned with a possible joint Soviet-American mission to Mars.

### Actions Speak Louder than Klarsfeld

"She looks like an ordinary housewife," one student lamented. "Housewifing's commendable work, too, isn't it?" a friend answered her, then added, "But you're right—I'd like to know what makes her tick." To many of the large audience in the Page Commons Room on April 29 for the annual Lipman Lecture, famed "Nazi hunter" Beate Klarsfeld seemed remote and unimpassioned—a far cry from the vibrant woman they expected after seeing Farrah Fawcett as Klarsfeld in last fall's television drama about the native Berliner's successful hunt for former SS officer Klaus Barbie.

Giving a general chronicle of her anti-Nazi projects, Klarsfeld spoke of the need for Germany's "moral rehabilitation" after the Hitlerian era. Because the Nazis attempted to destroy the Jewish identity, Klarsfeld is driven by the specter of their suffering to resuscitate the victims, to discover and publish the names and nationalities of the deported Jews in order to give each a history and a personality. Assuming a permanent moral responsibility for the German people, she hopes to "build a solid rampart against Nazism" by providing documents for historians to record the truth of the Nazi extermination program. Many of the audience, eager to hear of the passions that compel this 48-year-old Christian woman to hunt Nazis around the world, hoped to learn less about her general aims and more about her feelings after the events she set in motion.

But, said a third student, maybe audiences simply expect too much of a show from speakers, as if the show

were a measure of the effectiveness of the lecturer's cause. Klarsfeld herself remarked that she preferred "to act on the spot rather than express beautiful ideas in a meeting hall." For years, after all, she has been a player not in meeting halls or in television dramas but in a real-life drama acted out in the newspapers and courts of the world. She has been arrested and expelled from several countries for her activities. Her car was bombed, an event she passed off coolly, saying that one has to face mortal risks to do the work. President Carter said it best in his introductory remarks to the lecture: the fact is that justice, history, and the future have all been changed by Beate Klarsfeld. That is hardly an ordinary life. Any lecture hall chronicle of the life, including Klarsfeld's own account, pales beside it.

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### "Privatization" of the Public Space

On April 9, Craig D. Little '66 delivered the fifth annual Kingsley H. Birge Lecture, honoring the former sociology professor who taught at Colby from 1948 to 1979. The lecture is unique in that it is funded by donations from friends, former students, and colleagues of Birge. A former Birge student himself, Little is head of the sociology department at the State University of New York at Cortland.

Little's speech, "The Erosion of Public Space in American Life," discussed "privatization" in the United States, a phenomenon whereby economic, demographic, and technological areas of the public sphere have now become part of the private sphere. In the economic area, he said, the rise of the suburban shopping mall has decreased the availability of public space. Little described the shopping centers as "single-minded spaces" because they exist for a single purpose: the buying and selling of goods. Other public activities such as leafletting and speechmaking are prohibited in these private spaces. By contrast, in "open-minded spaces" such as parks and plazas, Americans have the opportunity to carry out a wider range of activities and to interact with people of different backgrounds, classes, and opinions.

Demographically, the phenomenon of privatization is seen in the increasing number of people who live in self-

contained apartment complexes or condominiums. Essential services and local government are provided privately. Within these safe, independently-operated environments exists a homogeneous population of people from a similar class and racial background. Residents see "only people like themselves," according to Little. There is little impetus for them to concern themselves with opinions and problems outside their isolated community.

Little also pointed to technological advances that contribute to the trend of privatization. Owning an automobile is now part of the American way of life while public transportation is considered to be a hassle. And the development of personal computers has allowed people to work in isolated units in the workplace or in their own residences. Television further encourages privatization as advice counselors and religion are broadcast into viewers' homes. Americans do not need to leave their houses and interact with one another.

Little sees the growing trend towards privatization in American life as a negative development. A successful democracy requires forums for public debate, Little maintains, and thus public space must be available as a place where all people can interact. American democracy truly functions only when people have the opportunity to come together to air public issues, formulate options, debate alternatives, and elect courses of action.

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### A Playful, Youthful Building

Two recent articles in *The Boston Globe* and the magazine *Architecture* by Robert Campbell laud the personality of Colby's new Student Center—or, more precisely, its multiple personalities. Calling the structure "one of the most engaging and delightful new buildings in New England," Campbell, in high good humor, points out its "stagestruck inventiveness" and "tongue-in-cheek pomposity." The building, which reminds Campbell of a country house, then a villa, then a castle, impresses with its "playful, youthful feeling." Pointing to the Student Center's significant position on the campus, Campbell believes that the building responds in lively fashion to the geometrics of the two parts of the campus. He notes that the path run-



*The Student Center: a country house, a villa, a castle. The Page Commons Room: outdoors indoors.*



ning between both campuses, the one behind and above the building, the other below and in front, enters the building itself, which "seems simply to arch its back over the path and let it through."

Emphasizing the attractive variation from room to room and the versatility of the Student Center, Campbell claims that the inside is "endlessly complicated, endlessly explorable. . . . But within the overall clarity of the plan there are changes of level, layering of spaces, angling of walls, colors, textures, natural light—all used to create a variety almost like that of a hill town within the walls of this small building." Space, "filled with color—royal blue, Pompeian red, off-white—and with little inventions . . . never stands still but climbs twists, and layers."

Most appealing are the different moods of the different eating places, from the "sinfully dim poolroom" to the Spa's "cascade of little booths, each a private crow's nest or trysting eyrie," to the airy dining room that looks out over a terrace and lawn. "As a student choosing among these different eating places," Campbell remarks, "you can pick your spot to serve your mood or the role you choose to play; and perhaps even, at some level, you are helped to perform the primary work of youth—the choosing and shaping of an identity."

Whereas the cafeteria offers "choices of roles and images," the Page Commons Room "tries to be all things at once." Walls "are mock housefronts, fully gabled, with windows and chimneys. At the ground floor of the housefronts is an arcade, and in front of them is a row of streetlights. Thus, when you stand in the Commons you feel you are simultaneously in an indoor room and an outdoor piazza." The Commons room is also "an Elizabethan theater." Its house-front wall curves before an open stage, and balcony spaces transform to individual meeting or dining rooms. Campbell applauds the adaptable character of the room, which can be used for parties, dinners, musical events, plays, lectures—even a Ping-Pong tournament. "You could explore it for your whole four years of school," he says of the Student Center, "and still find it surprising." Campbell concludes: "as new generations of students arrive at Colby they will surely welcome what is one of the best—and one of the most student-sensitive—buildings of its kind anywhere."

# EX LIBRIS

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## Municipal Bonds

by Robert Lamb and  
Stephen P. Rappaport '72  
McGraw Hill, 1987  
327 pages

Most of us live in towns or cities whose political systems are held responsible for the orderly growth in municipal services and revenues. Town and school budgets, for instance, are yearly news items in our media. According to Robert Lamb and Stephen P. Rappaport's book *Municipal Bonds*, the market for municipal securities, which help finance state and local public services through the issuance of debt, remains "The most dynamic area of the investment industry today." Now in its second edition, this work reveals the authors' immense specialized knowledge and their ability to explain every type of "muni bond," from general obligation bonds to large highway and sewer projects.

The explosion in the birth rate following World War II created an increased demand for schools, hospitals, sanitation services, and transportation facilities during the 1960s and '70s. To provide these facilities, state and local

governments more and more have foregone "pay-as-you-go financing" and substituted a method of financing by "public debt and bonds," borrowing now and paying back over the life of the asset. In some states—Maine, for example—legislatures often raise these funds by establishing government agencies called Bond Bank or Health and Higher Education authorities. The agencies pool requests by colleges, hospitals, and nursing homes, and the syndicates raise money at lower interest rates for several facilities all in one bond issue. According to Lamb and Rappaport, this significant change in how we finance our institutions will become even more pronounced in the future. For the investor seeking clearer understanding of these many tax-exempt income projects of state, city, power, hospital, education, industrial development, or transportation revenue bonds, *Municipal Bonds* is a well-written textbook. For the scholar, too, the authors present an excellent history of the various bond issues, explaining their purpose and needs throughout the states and communities.

This book gives clear explanations of legal issues, methods of rating that are vital to the investor, how the Tax Reform Act of 1986 will affect tax-exempt municipals for the investor, and detailed explanations of the risks inherent in munis. While these bonds generally are considered safe because they are government paper, massive growth in sophistication and complexity has come about in the way that municipalities are using them. *Municipal Bonds* will make investors aware that default of a municipality, delayed payments, or delinquency are all potential hazards.

When the New York City crisis hit in 1975 and bankruptcy became a possibility, investors quickly learned about credit analysis homework. The chapters of *Municipal Bonds* dealing with methods of credit analysis should be fruitful reading for any buyer seeking detailed explanations of these bonds prior to investing. The book's approach to the analysis of the debt structure and its explanation of outstanding debt and security behind the obligations also provide

sound advice for those investors contemplating municipal investing for the first time. The authors explain what to look for in areas of legal protection, liability, and disclosure, invaluable advice particularly as potential investors read preliminary official statements of proposed offerings. In any event, municipal bonds as a component of personal financial wealth have increased from 2.9 percent in 1981 to approximately 6.4 percent in 1986. Hence, for those who do purchase munis, this updated book is a must.

Municipal debt, according to figures provided by Lamb and Rappaport, is almost five times what it was in 1960, and in the 16-year period from 1970 twice as much municipal debt as corporate debt was issued—just the opposite of circumstances prior to World War II. *Municipal Bonds* is therefore a book about something quite new and very big in the world of finance. Citizens will improve their knowledge of debt liabilities by a thorough reading of this very important analysis of municipal bond markets and their place in the debt structure of our homes, communities, and states, but any investor who is serious about doing homework before putting money down will find *Municipal Bonds* a valuable resource. Both the technician and the educated reader can understand this comprehensive, plain-English book that deals with issues of real importance in public finance today.

Robert M. Tonge '49

President of his own investment company in Waterville, R. M. Tonge has been serving clients in New England for the past 30 years.

## Other Noteworthy Books by Alumni and Faculty

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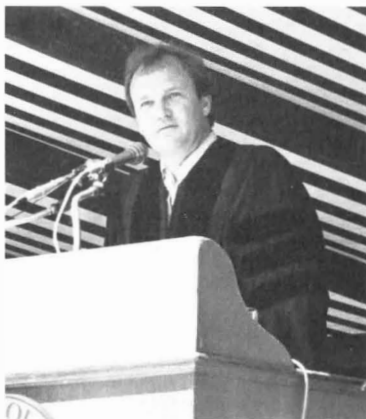
# Commencement Wonderful and Warm

**T**he 1987 Colby Commencement was certainly the largest, perhaps the warmest, and maybe one of the best as hundreds of parents and family gathered in the cauldron in front of Miller Library to celebrate the graduation of 479 seniors. To set the tone of the festival, a quartet of trumpeters, rehearsed by music-maker Adrian Lo, sent out a soaring trio of brass fanfares from the highest balcony of the library tower.

Friendliness as well as Fahrenheit measured the warmth of the occasion. While the temperature in the sun flirted with 100 degrees, George Padula, introducing the senior speaker, paid special tribute to Cal Mackenzie, vice president for development and alumni relations, who paved the way for a fun-filled senior week. Director of Student Activities John Farkas, who managed Commencement from the Class of '87 side and is forever pulling the fat out of the fire for students, also was applauded warmly. A dean of students, by nature of the responsibilities of the position, is always much beloved, and Dean Janice Seitzinger came in for special praise, too.



*Clockwise: Mike Barnicle of The Boston Globe; Kristine Davidson, Vinalhaven, Maine; Adrian Lo and the band on the steps of Lovejoy; seniors singing "Hail, Colby, Hail" at Commencement's end.*



Seitzinger read the senior names in record-breaking time, flawlessly reciting at a rate that sometimes reached 16 names a minute, completing her part of the ceremonies in just over three quarters of an hour. The English department's Phyllis Mannocchi, who had predicted a time of 46 minutes, won the faculty pool, nosing out Pete Moss of the history department, who won last year and thought he had the formula. Things slowed just a bit when Administrative Vice President Stan Nicholson made some commotion opening the diploma that pranksters glued shut.

Applause broke out when Mitzi Archibald, wife of Dean of the Faculty Doug Archibald, graduated four seconds before the Archibalds' son, Mike—the

first Colby mother-child duo ever to cross the platform on graduation day. Pamela Sherbondy, wife of Professor of Government Charles Hauss, also got her degree. Maine natives proudly pointed out that five of the nine seniors graduating *summa cum laude*, including the valedictorian, Jennifer A. Cole of Augusta, were from their state. In all, 26 percent of the Latin honors went to Maine students, twice their relative number in the class. Seniors voted a Groton, Mass., native, Louisa P. Bell, the Condon Medal for good citizenship and significant contributions to the College's academic and social life.

The night before graduation, Dr. Mathilde Krim, who was to receive an honorary doctor of science degree,

called to say she could not accept because she had to attend a dinner with President Reagan on the eve of the Third Annual International Conference on AIDS. A renowned cytogeneticist, Dr. Krim is a leading expert on the disease. While lamenting Krim's absence, Dean of the College Earl Smith also observed that all the honorary degree recipients would make excellent Commencement speakers. Vartan Gregorian, president of the New York City Public Library, was especially eloquent at the Saturday night dinner that preceded the Sunday morning ceremonies, and Bishop Donald Pelotte moved at least a couple of his hometown audience literally to tears as he spoke of the important avenues that education opened to



*Clockwise: Hats off to the graduates, Senior Marshal Jennifer A. Cole, Augusta Maine; Class Speaker Scott Lainer, West Boylston, Mass.; Kristine Zabriskie, Gillette, N.J., and Alex Wu, Ludlow, Mass., in a place in the sun.*



him and his family as they were growing up in poverty in Waterville. Other honorary degree recipients were Congressman William Gray and Anthony J. Lukas, twice a Pulitzer Prize winner.

The graduates, warm as they were on Commencement day in their black robes, delighted in the remarks of Class Speaker Scott Lainer and the principal address by *Boston Globe* columnist Mike Barnicle, who delivered a verbal knuckle-rapping with the same hectoring humor that he delivers in his column. Announcing the demise of the dream of equality and freedom, at least as we knew it in the 1960s, Barnicle said that the world in the last 20 years has changed around us and we haven't even noticed because we believed that "every-

thing was on the level." Barnicle catalogued incidents of scandal, contradiction, and economic depression that show how we are "victimized by two things that you should perhaps always be on guard against: politics and privilege."

Lainer earlier drew frequent laughs—he carried on admirably as the public address system suffered a case of heat-stroke—but he, too, turned earnest when he said that the decision to abolish fraternities, made during the seniors' freshman year, "has proved indeed to be positive, as all campus housing is now open to women as well as men, social problems have radically decreased, and the student body is, generally, more tolerant." With the going of fraternities,

however, said Lainer, "a certain enthusiasm" is lacking. Continuing a theme of his popular *Echo* column, Lainer said that he generally does not support the Commons system "as I feel that Colby is too small to be divided into sections. I will not fondly remember my Commons when I leave, but I will surely remember Colby. . . . School spirit needs to be reinvigorated." Seniors applauded Lainer's remarks.

On that hot Sunday morning, however, good cheer might have resulted as much from cool water as from the speeches. Dining services dispensed some 300 gallons of the stuff during the bright proceedings. Nothing all weekend, not even the wonderful food they served, went down more welcomingly.

# "Politics and Privilege"

*The following remarks are excerpted from the Commencement address by Mike Barnicle. The full text is available from the College editor.*

When I was in your place . . . the commencement speakers almost always told us that we were part of the greatest, the most powerful nation on earth. And maybe we were . . . we truly believed that the torch had been passed and that we should *never* ask what our country could do for us but rather what we could do for our country.

*We believed.*

We didn't see a whole race of people held back because of the color of their skin. We didn't see hunger, didn't really acknowledge poverty or the disease of racism or the terrible poison of class distinctions that divided us then and divide us still merely on the basis of what school we attended or what country our parents came from.

No, we believed. We believed in the dream. We believed that everything was on the level. . . .

A piece of our dream, of our beliefs, really died half a world away in South Vietnam. It died along with more than 55,000 men . . . sent off to a war that not one president could fully explain and few soldiers wanted to fight. . . .

They were victims, and so are we: the survivors.

They were victimized by two things that you should perhaps always be on guard against: politics and privilege.

The politics of the war in Vietnam were obscene. The ingredients were lying, official dereliction of duty, neglect of the common good, the use of the blood and bones of the children of this country as cannon fodder on behalf of the reputations of men named Johnson, Bundy, Rostow, Kissinger, Nixon, and others. . . .

Privilege played its own role. The war began to wind down when another Mother for Peace bumper sticker started to appear on the back of Volvo station wagons in the suburbs. When the fighting and dying was being handled by kids whose fathers came out of firehouses or Local 114 or the MBTA. Whose mothers worked as waitresses, if they worked at all. There were no marches on the Pentagon; very few

doves and peace signs floating across the landscape. . . .

If you don't believe me about that distant time, let me tell you something. I called to ask how many Colby graduates died in the war, and the answer was not surprising—none, zero.

Harvard, with its larger student body, lost *one* student in Vietnam—one casualty. Yale lost two.

The Ivy League body count was minimal.

Yet there is a school, the same school that [honorary degree recipient] Tony Lukas wrote about so perceptively, so movingly. It's called South Boston High School.

Twenty-six kids from Southie were killed in Vietnam. Twenty-six.

Privilege indeed has its rank.

. . . Dallas . . . Memphis . . . Los Angeles . . . Watts, Woodstock, and Watergate. . . . Through all of it, because of it, we paid the price by burying our illusions and grimly accepting the new reality of the seventies and the eighties.

We were no longer number one.

Yet, maybe, we are starting to learn from all that.

And maybe you can help us continue to learn, to learn a little faster. . . . Maybe you are going to be better equipped to deal with all of it than we have been.

First of all, you're coming out of the starting blocks fully aware of the fact that a lot of people older and supposedly wiser are playing catch-up baseball with the life around us. You're coming out of the world of ideas, and maybe you have already figured out that an idea, the power of a single thought, has more capability than an army, a stronger thrust than a B-1 bomber, a bigger payload than a hundred cruise missiles, a stronger defense against evil than any preposterous Star Wars system.

. . . You have already racked up a considerable achievement—you have a college degree. Your lives, your world, your outlook, is considerably more open than a lot of people around you. You've experienced what it is like to know people from other places, other cultures, other countries, other races. You're probably a lot less parochial than I was when I was where you are. You know more, you have access to a lot more knowledge.

Anyway, I would not want to leave here today without dispensing some free advice. Not necessarily anything you'll be tested on tomorrow.

One: look around you today. Look at the person sitting next to you or the person who has been your best friend these last few years. Remember the face and remember the friendship. Friendship is a valuable commodity. Twenty years from now, if you have a truly good friend for every finger on your right hand, you'll be way ahead of the game.

Two: beware of hypocrisy. Fight it. Stand against it. Oppose it each chance you get.

Three: don't be afraid to be kind.

Four: ask a lot of questions. You've had to provide a lot of answers in order to get here today. But now, the rules have changed. You're the ones who get to ask the questions.

Five: oppose privilege and rank and pretension. That will certainly keep you busy because it is certainly a full-time job in a country where the only real glee of the last 10 years arrived on the day that mortgage rates dipped below 10 percent. Remember that most people don't have second homes and that for most people their principal investment is not real estate or tax exempt bonds, it is their children. Remember the children.

Six: forget every test you have ever taken. . . . They are literally history. Forget how you scored or where you rank. And remember, there has never been a test given that truly measures courage, determination, the size of your heart, the inventiveness of your mind, your sense of humor, or your sense of compassion. Those are the items that will be your strongest allies, your most valuable resources in the years ahead.

Nobody will ever ask you again what mark you got in history or biology. They will ask you what you think and what you feel, and those answers come from inside your soul and your head, not from a textbook.

And, lastly, have fun. But be careful—we need you. After all, we are the ones who have a proven track record of screwing up. We are Triple Crown winners when it comes to leaving bad news on the doorstep. Now it is your turn.

# Taking a Stand

*Excerpted from President Cotter's Baccalaureate address, the following remarks commend Dr. Mathilde Krim, who was to have received an honorary degree but was unable to attend the Commencement exercises. The full text of the talk is available from the College editor.*

In years to come, I hope that many of you will achieve the special rewards and satisfactions of simultaneous self-fulfillment and of service to society. But to do so, you must take a stand: an open and vigorous stand on behalf of those issues that you find compelling. I was reminded of this when I read the words of Elie Wiesel, who moved us all when he spoke at Colby last year, and who subsequently received the Nobel Peace Prize. In accepting the prize in Oslo, he said, "We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."

Tomorrow morning we will confer honorary degrees upon a number of distinguished Americans [who] especially exemplify unique service to society. They have grappled with some of the most important issues confronting us all. . . .

Dr. Mathilde Krim . . . is an eminent virologist and cytogeneticist who was one of the founders of the AIDS Medical Foundation. She has given countless television and other interviews and written extensively to reassure readers and viewers that AIDS cannot be spread

through casual contact. She is the co-chairman of the American Foundation for AIDS Research and has, for more than four years, advocated the kind of public education campaign that is only now getting underway. Mathilde Krim has spent her life—both as a scientist and as a private individual—working for humane causes in this country and abroad and has always taken her stand on the side of those who are least able to help themselves.

AIDS is a plague, the true dimensions of which are not currently known, and the potential for further spread can only be described as terrifying. Steven Jay Gould of Harvard wrote recently in *The New York Times Magazine* to warn us that we must redouble our AIDS education program, as Dr. Krim has urged, if we are to have any chance of avoiding a further catastrophic growth of the disease. Gould called the AIDS pandemic "an issue that may rank with nuclear weaponry as the greatest danger of our era." His arithmetic is indeed devastating. He wrote, "We are all susceptible to AIDS, and the disease has been spreading in a simple, exponential manner. Exponential growth is a geometric increase. Remember the old kid-dy problem: If you place a penny on square one of a checkerboard and double the number of coins in each subsequent square—two, four, eight, sixteen, thirty-two . . . —how big is the stack by the sixty-fourth square? The answer: About as high as the universe is wide. . . . AIDS still has far to spread," Gould

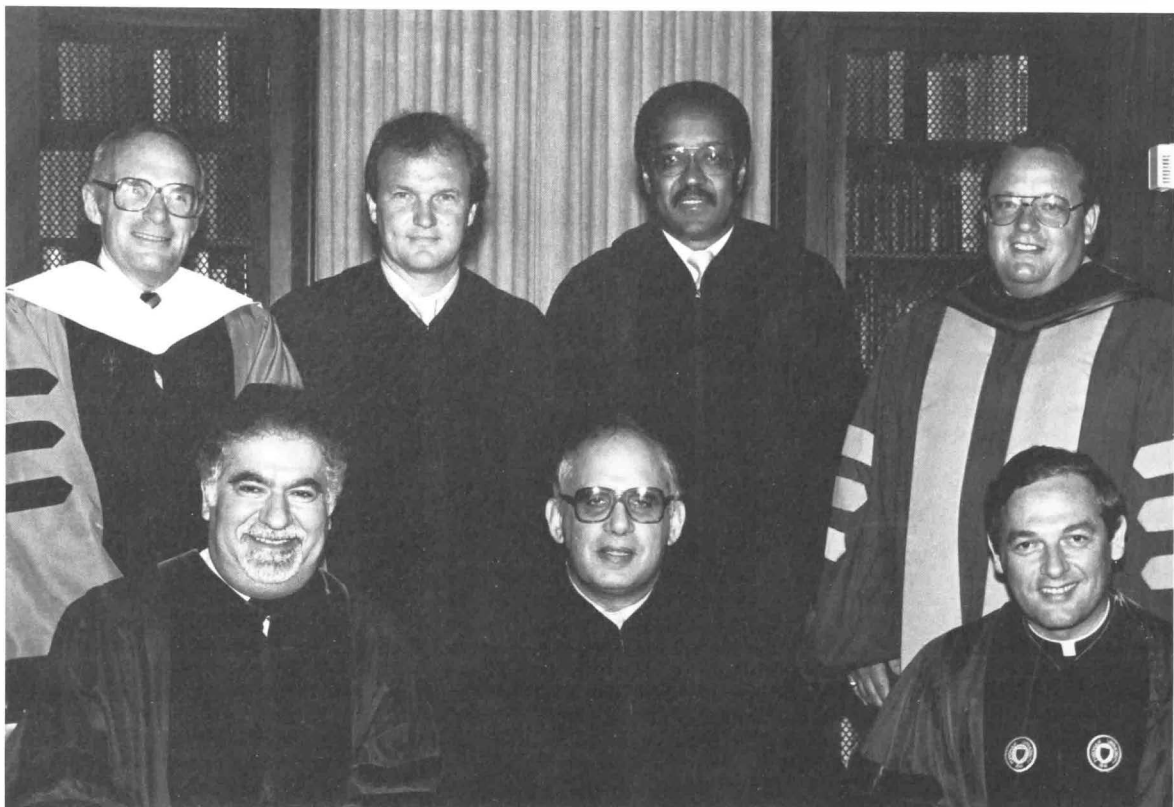
writes, "and may be moving exponentially through the rest of the world. We have learned enough about the cause of AIDS to slow its spread, if we can make rapid and fundamental changes in our handling of our most powerful part of human biology—our own sexuality—but medicine, as yet, has nothing to offer as a cure and precious little even for palliation. . . . AIDS must be viewed as a virulent expression of an ordinary natural phenomenon. Yes, AIDS is a natural phenomenon . . . [which] may run through the entire population, and may carry off a quarter or more of us. . . . AIDS is both a natural phenomenon and, potentially, the greatest natural tragedy in human history."

Mathilde Krim sounded that alarm four years ago. Perhaps we could have arrested the exponential growth or discovered a real cure or vaccine by now had we listened earlier to her clarion call. I am not sure that American colleges reacted quickly enough, either. I fear that high schools and even elementary schools may be doing a better job educating their students about AIDS than colleges, and perhaps that is why I have dwelt on this issue this morning.

. . . As your classmate, Jennifer Cole, reminded us in the responsive reading by Kahlil Gibran that she selected, "For the vision of one man lends not its wings to another man." You can no longer leave these problems for others to solve. You are now joining the "others." You must take your own stand.



# A Degree of Pride



Bottom row, left to right: Vartan Gregorian, J. Anthony Lukas, Bishop Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S. Top row: President William R. Cotter, Michael Barnicle, William H. Gray III, Board of Trustees Chairman H. Ridgely Bullock '55.

## Michael Barnicle

### Doctor of Letters

Populist extraordinaire. You are the friend of the common man and the bane of politicians, bureaucrats, the social elite, yuppies, and other privileged folk. Your columns for *The Boston Globe* and service on WCVB-TV's *Chronicle* have earned you public esteem, such as an Emmy, and public ire, as demonstrated in letters to your newspaper. Truly the public man, you have lent your writing talents to Maine's own Edmund Muskie, as well as to Robert Ken-

nedy, Hubert Humphrey, and George McGovern. You also assisted in writing the screenplays for Robert Redford's *The Candidate* and for *All the President's Men*. After graduating from Boston University in 1965, you served in the Marines, moved to Washington, and found work as an elevator boy, a parking attendant, and a policeman. Then, in 1973, you landed a \$75-per-column job with *The Boston Globe*. For the past fifteen years, as a native son, you have written your twice-weekly columns as the conscience of Boston. Always controversial and provocative—some would say inflammatory—you have made your-

self the public defender for the common person and the public prosecutor of elitism. Not a man to make angry, and frequently angry yourself, your social satire and moral outrage are consistently marshaled for the cause of social justice. Whether by exposing venal, self-serving politicians, the hypocrisy of some religious institutions, the sorry state of education, or the scams of bureaucrats, your writings reflect the insights of I.F. Stone, the bluntness of Jimmy Breslin, and the passion of Tom Paine. Colby honors you because our regional capital, Boston, and your readers are the better for your work.



## William H. Gray III

### Doctor of Laws

Congressional leader, clergyman, outspoken champion of the disadvantaged. You have demonstrated that public policy can respond to moral imperatives. A graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Drew Theological Seminary, and Princeton Theological Seminary, you followed your father and grandfather into the pulpit of the 4,000-member Bright Hope Baptist Church in Philadelphia. First elected the U.S. Congressman from the 2nd District in Pennsylvania in 1978, you led in advancing the human rights of black South Africans by securing passage of the South African sanctions bill despite a presidential veto. You were selected by your colleagues to be the Chairman of the House Budget Committee where you have established a reputation as a shrewd strategist who can forge effective, yet compassionate, budget compromises. In particular, you have shown that it is possible to reduce the budget deficit without placing the most vulnerable members of society in jeopardy. For your efforts to reduce the large debt burden which succeeding generations must pay, and for providing effective moral leadership in domestic and international affairs, Colby is particularly proud to salute you today.

## Vartan Gregorian

### Doctor of Humane Letters

Educator in a universal sense. As president of the New York Public Library, you have understood the importance of your library, its 28 million volumes and 88 miles of shelf space, in the largest and most dignified terms. To you it is a repository of civilization, the home of a million memories, a sacred place of education. Education has been important to you since your boyhood in Tabriz, Iran. Master of seven languages, you came from Tabriz to Stanford as an undergraduate in 1962 and you stayed to earn a B.A. and Ph.D. in history. After having taught at San Francisco State, UCLA, and the universities of Texas and Pennsylvania, you became provost at Penn, a position you held until you

were selected head of the New York Public Library. There you met a great challenge. The library's funds and hours had been curtailed. Its collections were inaccessible. Its branch system was deteriorating. Its main building, the great Beaux-Arts landmark on Fifth Avenue, was in dire need of repair. You put the library in the spotlight, rekindled the city's affection for it. Your passion for the preservation and dissemination of its treasury of knowledge helped raise the millions necessary not merely for the library's renovation but for the restoration of its former glory. As a sister educational institution which shares and applauds your vision, Colby is pleased to honor you and to recognize your remarkable spirit.

## J. Anthony Lukas

### Doctor of Letters

Pulitzer historian, teacher, perceptive social critic. For over 30 years, you have been an active journalist, interspersing periods of teaching and research with writing. You have attained distinction in all that you have undertaken. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Harvard, you began your reportorial career with *The Baltimore Sun* after postgraduate study in Berlin and a stint in the army. You then moved to *The New York Times*, where assignments took you to the Congo for three years in the mid-sixties, followed by two years in India. You received your first Pulitzer Prize in 1968 for "special local reporting," focusing on the lives of college-age members of the counterculture. You have held Nieman, Kennedy, and Guggenheim fellowships, and you have taught at Yale, Boston University's School of Public Communication, and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. You have also found time to contribute to leading magazines, and to write books with such intriguing titles as *The Barnyard Epithet and Other Obscenities*, and *Nightmare: The Underside of the Nixon Years*. Your second Pulitzer was awarded in 1986 for your highly-acclaimed book, *Common Ground*. Your elucidation of the desegregation of Boston's schools is a masterful analysis of such abstractions as community and equality; race, social class, and ethnicity;

public interest vs. private interest; territoriality and gentrification. You have made these compellingly concrete through the lives of the participants, both the powerful and the ordinary, who become extraordinary through your skilled portrayal. Your analysis of the three families who held such very different views was always empathetic; never judgmental. We are pleased that a tiny portion of the immensely rich historical detail of *Common Ground* refers to Kennebec County, Maine, and we hope that your new ties with Colby College will bring you here often.

## Bishop Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S.

### Doctor of Divinity

Religious pioneer; distinguished Waterville ambassador. In a gesture symbolic of the spirit of your ministry, you selected the motto, "Strengthen One Another," for the occasion of your consecration in 1986 as a bishop of the Catholic Church. Throughout your years of service you have sought to promote understanding and cooperation among people of diverse backgrounds. You have fostered relationships marked by peace and tolerance, as much by the example of your life as by your more formal leadership as a priest, a major superior, and a bishop. Born in Waterville, a descendant of the Abenaki tribe of the Algonquin nation, at the age of 41 you became the first Native American and one of the youngest priests ever to be elevated to the rank of bishop in the Roman Catholic Church, thus bringing special honor upon yourself and upon American Indians throughout the nation. The thousands who attended your consecration service last year represented many races, cultures, and nations. On that day your ability to interchange your episcopal mitre with the feathered headdress presented to you became a powerful symbol of your acceptance as both a leader of your own people and the people of God. We of the Colby College community join with citizens of the City of Waterville to welcome home a native son. Colby is pleased to honor you, both for your achievements in the past and for your continuing commitment to justice and reconciliation among all people.

# "A Truly Gifted Teacher"

*The Alumnus is saddened to report that while the following article was in press, Professor Easton died after a very brief illness. A memorial service was held July 17 in Lorimer Chapel. In his memory, his wife, Janet, has established the Thomas W. Easton Memorial Scholarship Fund for the advancement of teaching in the biological sciences. Friends may make donations through the development office.*

When asked what is the most important thing he has done as a biologist, Professor Thomas Easton, who retired in May, replied, "I've turned out some good science students." Over the past 27 years at Colby, Easton has taught histology, comparative anatomy, embryology, ecology, human evolution, invertebrate zoology, and the omnipresent challenge, freshman biology. Before coming to the College, Easton taught anatomy at Johns Hopkins Medical School and spent five years doing classified research for the U.S. Government.

In introductory remarks at the faculty-trustee dinner on Commencement Weekend, Professor Arthur Champlin hailed the Bridgton, Maine, native as "a teacher, a scholar, a biologist, and a people-lover who happens to have more common sense than most of us put together." Easton, Champlin said, is often called on not only by a line of students waiting to talk but by people outside the Colby community. Easton told his audience, "When I joined the faculty of Colby College, I knew the subjects I expected to teach very well; I knew how to test and grade students," but no one had prepared him for the community service that often intruded on the classroom. "I now know the life of a faculty member is full of surprises," Easton said, recounting an anecdote about "an agitated lady who asked me to come and mend her snake." As substitute veterinarian, he did what he could for Henry, the injured boa, and counseled the agitated lady to keep hunting for a vet who liked reptiles. Even though Henry subsequently perished—of an unrelated ailment—Easton said, "I had not realized that a professorship might entail mending snakes, but to tell the whole truth, I enjoyed it." This will-



ingness to use his knowledge and skill outside the classroom has led him over the years to answer questions on everything from salamanders to poisonous insects.

Not all of his students have been so taken with Easton's interests. Champlin particularly cited Easton's multicolored chalk drawings of his lecture topic while talking. "Rumor has it that he draws on the chalk board with his right hand while lecturing," said Champlin, "and erases continuously with his left hand," a habit that led one student to grumble, "I really felt I was in Art 122, not Biology 122." Another student evaluation commented, "his detailed drawings were a great help."

Easton talked on the value of student evaluations of classroom teaching. He read several examples, demonstrating that in most cases a positive was balanced exactly by a negative, leading him to conclude, "I doubt that such evaluations respond to the teacher's quality as a teacher. I think instead they indicate the interactions between personalities of teacher and students. . . . Some will find the teacher the sort to whom they can not respond. Sometimes reactions will be neutral, as with the in-

ert spirit who said, 'No comment. I'm indifferent.'"

The most significant evaluations of a teacher sometimes are made years later, and Champlin quoted from a letter written by a former Easton student who has gone on to an academic career of teaching and research in anatomy and cell biology. Easton, the writer said, "has all the right stuff: sincerity, interest in the students, responsiveness, knowledge, common sense, and humor."

Tom Easton is also an accomplished weaver, and he plans to repair and reproduce old spinning wheels and looms in a home workshop that he and his sons built. He is as intrigued with the inner workings of things as he is with living organisms, a quality that has helped make him a good handyman as well as scientist and teacher all these years. "It is important to know how the world works," he said: "if you don't, you can't fit into it properly." Complimenting his department and the College community for 27 years "of mutual trust, interdependence, and liking," Easton said, "Colby has been a comfortable place to work, with interesting and likeable people to do that work with. I am glad that I was privileged to be here."

# Colby IN MOTION

Exploding past the University of Massachusetts-Boston 19-2 in the final match of the season, the men's lacrosse team took a measure of revenge on weeks of foul weather, injury, and illness, finishing with a 3-7 mark. Beating the climate, the 14-12 baseball Mules also captured the CBB title (4-1), posted the best NESCAC record (9-4), and went 10 innings in the ECAC Division III championship game with Salem State before going down 5-4. In other spring action, the Colby softballers, taking second place in the state tournament, finished the season at 7-7. Pamela Hoyt '87, Kittery Point, Maine, led the club in doubles with five, went six for six in steals, and had seven runs batted in.



*Even though seven seniors graduated, Kevin Plummer '89, Aurora, Colo., one of the best midfielders in New England, has high hopes for next season.*



*Softball's senior infielder Pamela Hoyt.*



*Co-captain-to-be Doug Calandrella '88, Acton, Mass., who batted .357 with six home runs and 28 RBIs, shows a picture-book stance and swing against Williams College.*

# Born To Do the Story

Which Hollywood star will play the role of Don J. Snyder '72 in the Paramount Pictures film of Snyder's new book? The studio already has a completed script of *A Soldier's Disgrace*, Snyder's recently published non-fiction account of his involvement in the case of Major Ronald Alley, the only American officer in this century to be court-martialed and found guilty of collaborating with the enemy. If all goes well, the movie will star William Hurt as the young writer and newspaper editor gradually drawn into investigative journalism by evidence of injustice and cover-up in the Pentagon. If the movie is as good as the book, it'll be riveting.

Like most exposé stories, Snyder's *A Soldier's Disgrace* begins innocently enough. In Bar Harbor, Maine, on a snowy day in January 1978, Major Alley called on the young editor of the *Bar Harbor Times* in the hope that publicity might help him to reopen his case. Other reporters had done stories on the affair before, but Alley tried a reporter again, Snyder writes, because he felt he was running out of time. Two days later Alley was dead in the snow of a heart attack. Despite Snyder's initial reluctance to pursue the story, Alley's widow, Erna, eventually induced him to help clear her husband's name. Even then, as Snyder tells it, he was about to give up the story several times, but a phone call or a letter would set him off again: "fate" or "providence" seemed to be at work to make him a believer. The relentlessly mounting evidence that drives him from a reluctant participant

to a committed writer obsessed with finding out the truth recalls other dramatic narratives of reporters getting caught up in their stories, most notably Woodward and Bernstein's *All the President's Men*. Woodward, who helped Snyder obtain documents, once told him, "Doing this story about Alley, you must feel the way I felt during Watergate, that somehow you were born to do it."

At Colby last year, where he taught journalism and fiction writing, Snyder talked about the factors that compelled him to take on another man's obsession. They seem as complex as those that Snyder ultimately found went into the making of Alley himself. Like Alley, Snyder's own father had gone off to World War II. Alley's son, Gary, who is Snyder's age, never really knew his father; Snyder knew Alley only from a single meeting. Neither did Snyder know his own mother, who died at 18, two weeks after he and his twin brother were born. "When someone dies so that you can be born," Snyder said, "you feel you have to justify your existence." He understood how Gary Alley felt, wondering what a parent he never knew was like, what he stood for. "There's a great mystery attached to them," Snyder said, "and you'd like to be able to supply those answers." Part of his obsession with the Alley case also stems from the fact that in 1978 Snyder considered himself "a believer in American institutions." He had not been caught up in the campus protests of the 1960s and early '70s, he said, and even after he was well

into the story he felt "politically innocent." No more than Major Alley could Snyder believe that the army would frame an innocent man and send him to prison.

Only when he decided that he had enough questions about the conduct of the Alley case—if not answers—did Snyder decide to write the book. Erna Alley hoped would establish her husband's innocence and restore his honor. Twenty-seven years after the court-martial, by dint of countless phone calls, a couple of cross-country trips, dozens of interviews with Korean veterans, several meetings in Washington with Maine's Congressman David Emery and Senator William Cohen, a grant from the Fund for Investigative Journalism, unidentified "Deep Throat"-like night callers, tapped phones and tampered-with mail, missing tapes and empty files, the tracking down of a retired general on a golf course, and even a pulse-pounding furtive slip into the Pentagon itself, the weight of Snyder's evidence finally pressured the Army Board for the Correction of Military Records to convene a new hearing.

*A Soldier's Disgrace*, then, is the story of Major Alley, but it's also the story of Snyder's dogged persistence with "the story": it's a book about coming of age, the discovery, through initial doubt and growing commitment to a cause, of his own convictions and of himself as a writer. In the long run, his own honor is at stake. Maybe that's what Woodward meant about Snyder being born to do this story. *A Soldier's Disgrace* is the

significant work that Snyder needed to justify his existence. The book is Snyder's proof that he can push through the muddle of self-doubt and conflicting testimony to the truth of the Alley case, proof that justification comes to a writer by his commitment to the task and his cherishing of the craft. The truth exists, Snyder decided, and he would find it.

Such doubts might already have been laid to rest, since Snyder earlier this year published *Veterans Park*, the first novel of a trilogy (the second, *From the Point*, also published by Franklin Watts, is due out next March). Fittingly for a writer who came to Colby as a scholar-athlete—Snyder was an All-State wide receiver at Bangor High School and captain of the baseball team—*Veterans Park* is about a fictional farm league team in Maine. Actually it's "about America" in the crucial summer of 1969, as anger and distraction loosed by the war in Vietnam set the various characters free to find or lose themselves. "It's strange how so much in the big world has gotten caught in the web of this small place," says 23-year-old Bobbi Ann Mullens, referring not only to baseball but to the B-52 bombers from Loring Air Force Base booming overhead, the protests and hippies and gurus, the moon landing, her illegitimate daughter and her disillusionment at having been "tricked" by a shortstop rushing on to the big leagues, her search for her runaway mother and for ways to keep her father's depressed farm from foreclosure. At one point pitcher Brad Schaffer, Bobbi's ballplayer beau, thinks, "The world is so precariously balanced . . . no wonder there's a place for baseball, for its irresistible order."

Baseball provides Snyder with some of the best moments of the book—too few, sports fans will say—and with a metaphor. Veterans Park, the stadium, represents hope, the possibility of change. Bobbi's father, Page, can look ahead because "Everything is possible again at the beginning of a new season." Bad times are "like a slump" but you can "Turn the whole game around on one swing of the bat!" Bad "scores against you" but you're going to have some "good innings," too. If the world were more like a baseball game on a perfectly maintained field, Bobbi muses, the ball would take no bad hops and players could rely on instinct and reflex alone. Snyder's ability to turn the lingo of the game into emblems of hope and

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order in American life turns the national game of baseball into the national game of dreaming.

Each character hopes that something will change for the better, come back, or get lost. All the characters are philosophers—and too wonderfully articulate as a result of their losses—because Snyder believes that their lives can be understood only by letting them examine the dreams that compel them, dreams of "a bigger, better, more uncommon life." Almost as if it were a team effort, the several characters teach each other that betrayal of another is self-betrayal. Trying to save each other from their failures, they save themselves. Baseball offers a player a chance to become the best picture of himself, but it's also a way for the characters to control their own destinies and thus to confer grace on their lives. The things we behold may save us, Snyder tells us, and such simple perceptions redeem the world from loss and anguish. As Bobbi says, "The earth provides us what we need, or a way at least to compensate." A wise and lovely book, *Veterans Park* is major league fiction. Fawcett Books will bring out the paperback next May.

Given similar themes of betrayal and the search for order and for truth, did these two books cross-pollinate? In fiction, Snyder said, you know the essential truth before you begin, and the writer's job is to reveal it steadily. He doesn't know which scenes he'll eventually write or leave out, but "you know something and you create a lie to reveal that truth." In non-fiction, "you truly do

not know the truth as you go." But Snyder said that he had long been committed to the notion that things work a certain way until "you wake up one day and find it's not so—you've been betrayed." As he got into the Alley story, he became more certain that Alley was a man to whom this had happened. Alley, he learned, would drift away in conversation, as if called back to that point or moment of betrayal, and in his novels Snyder has conceived characters who struggle to free themselves from a similar moment. That's the point at which they become philosophers. "Disillusionment can kill you," he said, thinking again of Alley. "Real heroes may be people who get beyond, who recover from betrayal and disillusionment."

Much of what makes *A Soldier's Disgrace* compelling is that it represents this disillusionment and desperation so sparsely and tautly. Alley's letters of love for his wife and family and his unshakeable loyalty to the army are starkly juxtaposed with the court-martial and interviews with an array of military people. Even though minor figures complicate the portrayal of Alley as they mirror him or serve as catalysts for the action, the book turns on a simple conflict. Alley believed in his own innocence and honor, believed to the end that some mistake had been made and that the army would set it right. In his blind, incorruptible faith in the army that condemned him to 39 months in Fort Leavenworth—despite military regulations to the contrary, he was buried in his uniform—Alley came to be-



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lieve in the existence of two armies: the army of men who take orders and do their duty and the Pentagon army that makes policy—"and they," said his widow, "were never to be trusted." Although Snyder's book has parallels not only with *All the President's Men* but with William Bradford Huie's *The Execution of Private Slovik* and C.D.B. Bryan's *Friendly Fire*, the most striking parallel is with the French writer Émile Zola's famous letter "J'accuse," published in *Aurore*. In the case of Captain Dreyfus, who was court-martialed and sentenced to prison for treason in the 1890s, Zola accused the French military of anti-Semitism and conspiracy, charges that eventually led to Dreyfus's release and acquittal. How Snyder's book do something similar for Alley?

An important theme of *A Soldier's Disgrace* is that Korea was a "different" war, what Alley called "the first Vietnam." Back in 1963 and 1964, Americans were reading Robert Leckie's *Conflict* and T. R. Fehrenbach's *This Kind of War*, which stressed that Korea was a war that had "new rules." We learned about "Frozen Chosin," where even machine guns froze, learned about "Chinese hordes" pouring over the Yalu River, their bugles blaring frighteningly in the night. We learned that North Korea didn't recognize the regulation of the Geneva Convention that name, rank, and serial number were all the information a captive had to give his captors. "Brainwashing" entered the language as prisoners were forced into "reeducation classes" and harangued to sign anti-American petitions. Starving

American prisoners received little medical attention and often were kept in unheated holes in the ground. Sometimes, forced to construct their own compounds, they tossed rice into the concrete, planning at breakout simply to push over the posts as if they'd been set in Rice Krispies. The breakouts never happened, for how could those American faces blend in with the North Koreans? Many such scenes of mental torture were discarded in *A Soldier's Disgrace*, Snyder acknowledged, because when he wrote them, they "read so much like fiction that they'd cast in doubt the rest of the book." He's holding his breath now, apprehensive that reviewers will say a novelist used his fictional powers to create the prison camp episodes that do appear in the book.

The movie of *A Soldier's Disgrace*, however, will flash back dramatically to North Korean compound scenes. Hesper Anderson, daughter of playwright Maxwell Anderson and screenwriter of the Academy Award-winning *Children of a Lesser God*, spent 15 months on the script and 10 days working with Snyder himself, and he's hopeful that the movie will represent the prison camp scenes tellingly and accurately. To be credible, the movie will have to dramatize brainwashing and the lack of food and shelter. It'll have to dramatize the separation of men and officers, which was their captors' way of breaking down military decorum and discipline and inducing betrayal. Both the men and the officers understood that you did what you had to do to stay alive, and Major Alley,

who was a tough, take-charge sort in any event, took charge. Playing along with the North Korean captors didn't mean buying their arguments; it meant survival for all of the men. For his efforts Alley was suspected by some fellow prisoners of collaboration, and, later, made to take the rap by the Pentagon that made an example of him. At his court-martial he never said that he'd been threatened and tortured, never said that the men spied on each other, never spoke about the depression men feel as they worry whether their wives will wait for them. He thought the army would find him innocent.

A trait of the non-fiction investigation story appears to be the discovery of a principal figure with "multiple personalities," and as the 1982 review hearing drew closer, Snyder found that the men he spoke with saw at least three Alleys. As he went over their 1955 testimony, wondering why so many of these officers and men testified against Alley in the first place, he found that some just assumed Alley was guilty and said so. Another Alley was the man who simply wasn't well-liked—his "personality," his "abrasive manner," his stubbornness got him in trouble. Alley made enemies with his assertion that he'd voted for the communists in the last election or that socialism was preferable to the American way—a frivolous claim, Snyder's researches suggest, but hardly a hanging offense. Given that Alley grew up in Bar Harbor in a house without plumbing and that he was the oldest son and partner-to-be of a caretaker for the wealthy summer residents, such remarks might be written off as bravado or anger directed against privilege.

Perhaps they were simply foolish remarks. When another witness confided that Alley "went his own boneheaded way," he also commented that Alley was "a typical martinet" but didn't have West Point to save him. He was "a rube," a retired colonel told Snyder. Because no one was out to save Alley, says this third theory, the conspiracy theory, somebody was out to get him. Was Alley the goat for the army, which thought it had to blame somebody for its failure to win the war in Korea? Was he a fall guy to show Senator McCarthy that the army wasn't "soft on communism"? Was somebody, trying to save his own hide in the army-McCarthy hearings, out to make the army look good to the senator, with the result that Alley was railroaded? In 1955 the charges appeared

serious enough to send Alley to those 39 months in Leavenworth. Snyder pinned his hope in this new hearing on the belief that because the 1955 "trial had been deeply and dramatically shaped by the political atmosphere," a new perspective would lead to a new examination of the facts and would strip away the prejudices of that earlier time – and the verdict.

"Ron Alley hadn't done anything the rest didn't do," one colonel told Snyder. A POW in Korea who also worked secretly for the CIA said in Alley's defense, "They were all collaborators." Even the prosecutor in the original trial admitted to Snyder in an astonishing phone conversation that Alley was treated "unequally"; he was not treated unjustly, "but there was an inequality." Nevertheless, Snyder writes, he discovered that there is simply no way to reverse a dishonorable discharge. He thinks that the army couldn't afford to change the Alley verdict because petitioners would line up at the Pentagon's doors claiming back pay and benefits if it did. That is why the court of last resort is public opinion. If the "times and the American people" demanded that Alley go to prison in 1955, only the American people, with greater knowledge of the affair, can ask the Congress to exonerate him now.

Although that finding isn't in yet, Snyder's book does demonstrate conclusively that the Alley case already affects military justice and history. The landmark Alley decision in 1955, which defined what a prisoner could and could not do, was carefully considered by a commission that effectively abolished that code after Vietnam, a Pentagon officer told Snyder. POWs no longer will be expected to abide by "the myth" of giving only name, rank, and serial number: "From now on, prisoners are expected to just do their best, *period*. Future POWs will be expected to help each other as best they can." A veteran of Vietnam told Snyder that if Alley had been in that war, "he would have come home a hero" instead of the scapegoat that the Pentagon hoped would get them out from under Korea and "get old Joe McCarthy off their back."

Perhaps the most striking discovery that turned up in Snyder's investigation is that the army was about to prosecute POWs returning from Vietnam in the mid-1970s. At the last moment, Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird decided that what the army needed was heroes,

not convicted collaborators, and he ordered the men to be honored instead. Snyder finds all of this chillingly arbitrary. The irony of using the same files to make heroes instead of villains is not lost on him, especially in a time when Central America could become another "this kind of war."

Snyder made other sorts of discoveries in this recent year at Colby. It was a real treat to be around professors who were his own teachers, he said, but he was particularly impressed with his students. One is already following Snyder at the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop and another has collected his first paycheck from *Yankee* magazine for a story assignment. Remembering his own realization while he was a student at Colby that "You really could call yourself a writer in this world," Snyder spoke strongly in favor of the College's policy of bringing in "people who are committed writers, because it's a great experience for the students at an impressionable age." Also putting in a plug for the faculty residence program – Snyder lived in the Mary Low faculty apartment with his wife, Colleen, and their two young daughters, Erin and Nell – he said, "the best thing Colby can offer is accessible faculty."

Surprisingly, though, he doesn't see a great deal of difference between students today and students when he was in school. Contrary to the popular notion that this is an age of personal gain and that students are only interested in money and condos, Snyder said that

those he knew in class and in the residence hall "have every bit as much a social conscience as we did. They're young people in a difficult age. I'll miss them very much." This fall, after a promotional tour to Chicago, New York, and Washington, including interviews with *The Washington Post* and National Public Radio, Snyder and his family will be off to the south of France for the year.

Ever since he began to think of himself as a writer during his senior year at Colby, Snyder wanted to write books that were important. As one who never bought into the protests against the war in Vietnam in the 1960s and early '70s, he might appear to be making up for time lost in his investigations into the theme of betrayal and his dedication to finding the truth. Or perhaps he's learned that the steady pursuit of truth, especially when it's safer not to do it, may make for a life that is as recovered from disillusionment as it is justified. In the meantime, he's keeping his fingers crossed that if Paramount starts filming in Bar Harbor in January, it will all lead to a special act of Congress restoring honor to the name of Ronald Alley.

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*A Soldier's Disgrace* is available in bookstores or may be ordered from *Yankee Books, Depot Square, Peterborough, N.H. 03458*. *Veterans Park* is available in bookstores or from *Franklin Watts, 387 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10016*.

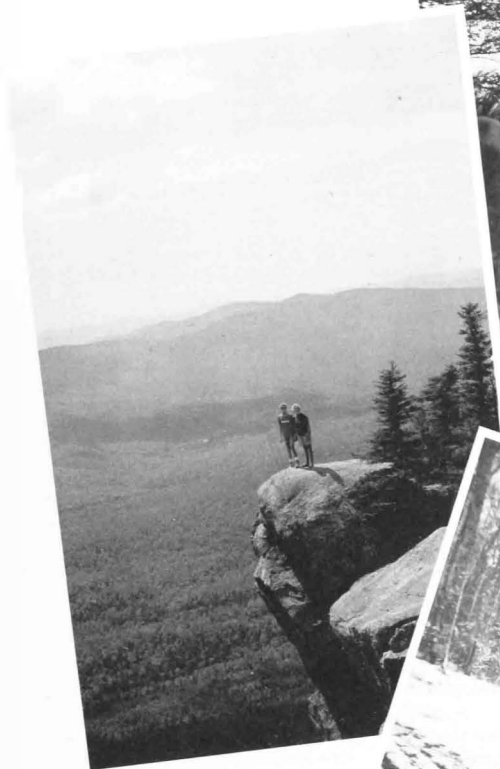


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# "Harambee": By the Power of the Pen

by Judith Fishel '87

As I traveled by mini-bus along the roads of Kenya, the smiles of children were something I didn't have to try very hard to get.

In the United States a parent might let a child of 13 watch the younger children; in Kenya, five-year-olds watch over herds of goats or cattle, a stick in one hand and a defiant look of maturity on their young faces. The children know that they are guarding the family wealth, that it is a grave responsibility, that if anything happens to a herd the family will have nothing. As we drove by barefoot children carrying jugs of water in the scorching sun, I wouldn't have been surprised to learn that they traveled distances of many miles. But despite the heat and the hardship—despite the fact that many Kenyan children die very young—whenever we drove by, the children waved at us. If we answered, huge grins spread across their faces as if we had brightened their whole day simply by acknowledging them. When they smiled, the Kenyan children finally looked to me like children.

I had never studied this country in eastern Africa, and the little I knew came from the guide books I read before our Jan Plan group of 21 students reached Nairobi. The books and pictures prepared me for the beauty of

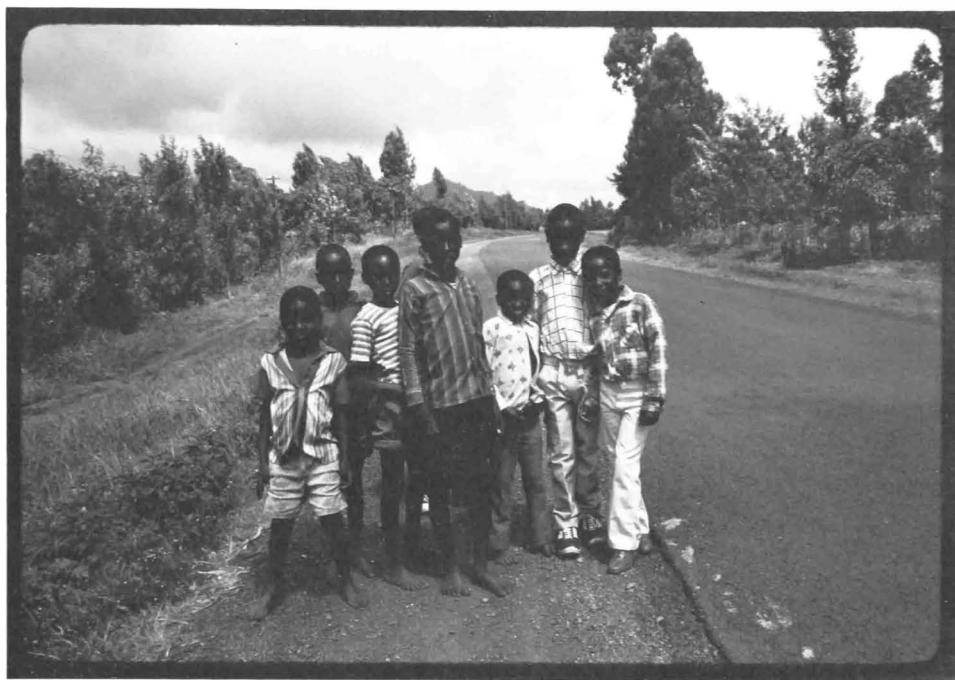
Kenya's countryside, the volcanic mountains in the Great Rift Valley, the majesty of giraffes running along the roadside, the friendliness of the people, but I was overwhelmed by my own feelings of joy, amusement, frustration, and sadness because of the many contrasts or contradictions I saw between the natural beauty of the country and the physical hardships many of the people face.

For all the economic difficulties that many Kenyans confront, I found them a pleasant and curious people, always anxious to talk or help out. In Kisumu, when I was sitting on the sidewalk resting from the heat, 19-year-old Ezina Khasungu Ludda sat down beside me to see if something was wrong. Ezina did not want anything other than to make sure I was alright. As we chatted, she was as curious about my life as I was about hers. I told her that our Jan Plan group had come to Kenya for several reasons—some of us to learn about the economy, some to better understand the government, some to see the birds, animals, and scenery, most to learn about all of these. A requirement of the course was that each of us would give a talk about our trip, and since I was going to give my talk to an elementary school I decided to try to set up a penpal connection so that Kenyan students and students in the United States could

learn about each others' lives. When Ezina and I ended our talk after the better part of an hour, she gave me her address for a correspondent—as well as for a job in the United States if one were possible.

Frequently I found the gift of a pen, even more than the pen-pal proposal, the way to receive a smile from the young Kenyans I'd hoped to reach. Because pens aren't easy to come by in the country, I had brought quite a lot of them with me. When 13-year-old Hamisi Juma came up to me on a car ferry on the way to Milindi and asked me for a pen as I was writing in my journal, I told him of my project, and he happily gave me a picture and his address in return for the present. Each person I spoke to about pen pals was excited. The children really want to communicate with people in the United States.

Yet the most powerful experiences I had in Kenya involved children somewhat more indirectly. I learned more about Kenya—about different Kenyans—in my day with "the Smiths" (to protect them I'll call them the Smiths) than I learned during the rest of the trip. The Smiths, whom I met through relatives and who have lived in Kenya for a long time, work for the NCKC (the National Council of Churches of Kenya), the only remaining organization whose members



*New friends alongside the road in Kenya.*

can speak out against the government without being put in jail.

Over the entrance to the parliament building in Nairobi is the national motto of Kenya, "Harambee," which means "unite," or work together, not against one another, to accomplish goals. Inside is the inscription, "For the Welfare of Society and Just Government of Man." Officially a democracy established in 1963 when the country received much of its parliamentary system along with independence from England, the government of Kenya, according to the Smiths, is becoming a dictatorship. People who talk against this new trend of government are disappearing. While tracking down these people to get them out of prison or wherever else they are being held, the Smiths have found that their phones are tapped. Their mail, coming and going, is opened.

The Smiths told me that the present government opposes Kenya's democratic secret ballot. In some communities, instead of voting privately for the candidate of their choice, Kenyans are told to line up behind the person. For the first time I realized how voters can be intimidated if it appears that they are going against the majority or that an election might not turn out the way the government wants. Even when they line up behind their choice, the Kenyans'

votes sometimes are "counted" by government officials. In one community, although most people stood in line behind a certain candidate, the officials said that he received only five votes (the man had five members in his family). The people of the community, furious, said they would never again participate in another election.

Later the Smiths drove me around the Mithari Valley in Nairobi. No photographs are allowed of this seven-mile stretch of slums, where over 300,000 people live with little sanitation or sewerage systems. In Bombay, India, which I visited while on a Semester at Sea program, people live in cardboard shacks or on the streets, and I saw children intentionally maimed by their parents or someone who wanted to use them in order to earn sympathy—and money—from begging. I am thankful that I didn't see any such treatment of children in Kenya, although the Smiths did tell me about the children who live at the Nairobi garbage dump. Orphaned, abandoned, homeless, or runaway, these children have developed their own leaders and a hierarchical system in which each child has a specific job such as constructing shelter out of dumped plastic or cardboard. Drivers who toss out airline food often try to put it in a cleaner spot for those whose task is to

pick the food the children eat. The system these children have devised, like the national motto "Harambee," seems to be one of "working together" to accomplish their goal, which appears to be simply to survive.

As we drove along the roads, I noticed some of the differences between Kenyan men and women that children can expect to live with and learn as they grow up. The women carried branches, water, or the children, or they worked in the fields. Very rarely did we see a man doing physical labor. Most of the men sat talking in groups, smoking or possibly chewing Miraa (a drug grown in Meru). A woman in Kenya does about 90 percent of the work. Even if she has just had a baby, she doesn't rest. In the maternity ward of the Maua Methodist Hospital, where there are sometimes as many as three to a bed, one woman, who just a few minutes before we arrived had given birth, walked behind a nurse into another room. The nurse told us that if the mother had been at her own home she probably would have gotten up and started cooking dinner. When I thought about it, although the hospital may have been primitive judged by my experience, it was, after all, a hospital. This mother and her child were lucky to have this much.



Wildlife in Masai Mara.

Other Kenyans and their children are more fortunate still, including several Colby alumni whom we met. Charles Angwenyi '64, currently chair of the Kenya National Bank, entertained us the first day we arrived in the country. Driving along the two-lane road that leads out of Nairobi, I didn't anticipate the life Mr. Angwenyi leads. On Karen Estate—named for Baroness Karen Blixen-Finecke, the Danish author of *Out of Africa* who published under the name Isak Dinesen—his beautiful home is surrounded by trees and flowers. It is also surrounded by a fence and watched over by security guards and guard dogs because Mr. Angwenyi, as a wealthy man of high position, requires protection. During lunch with Mr. Angwenyi we were treated to a bar and catered to by servants, and we enjoyed different types of meat including a pig roasted on spits. Fourteen-year-old Anne Angwenyi, who later sent me the names of some of her friends who would like to be pen pals, urged me to encourage the children of Colby alumni and friends to write.

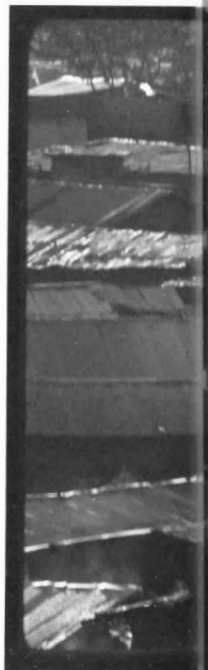
William Mayaka '73 stopped by Mr. Angwenyi's home to say hello when he heard we were going to be there. Now in the Ministry of Finance, Mr. Mayaka is the last Kenyan to attend Colby. The

College, he said, is too expensive for Kenyans even if they receive aid. One of our group, Louisa Bell '87, hopes to set up an exchange program that will enable Kenyan students to pay the price of going to a university in Kenya while attending Colby and enable Colby students to pay the price of going to Kenya while attending a university in Kenya. Perhaps in the future, Kenyans will be able to come to Colby again.

And perhaps Colby students will have the chance to experience some of the cultural contrasts that have kept Eric Ridgway '82 enthusiastically living and working in Kenya for several months. Mr. Ridgway, an American from Bryn Mawr, Pa., teaches at a Harambee school outside of Kakamega. His home is a hut made of dried cow dung in the village where he works for an organization called World Teach, he's part of the community, and he's treated as a family member. After we met in Kisumu, Mr. Ridgway traveled with our group for the next 10 days. Even though he had never been to many of the places we visited, his own time in Kenya apparently has been eye-opening, to judge by the insights he gave us into Kenyan customs and attitudes as well as his help in expanding our limited vocabulary of Swahili.

A second Colby alumnus with penpal age children, Eric Levi '64, is chief engineer at Bambori Portland Cement Company, the largest producer of cement in Africa and the fifth largest in the world. Mr. Levi gave us a tour of the company plant, most of which was automated, perhaps because the hot, dusty air is so difficult to work in. The company also has contributed to another of Kenya's major industries, tourism, by converting an area of desolate land into the Bambori Nature Trail, a small game-park where many of the animals roam free. Little monkeys tried to steal our cameras, and birds, four and five feet tall, snapped if we got too close to them. Behind fences lurked dangerous alligators.

Part of the beauty of Kenya, of course, is the animals, so we were all eager to get to one of Kenya's famous game parks. In the Masai Mara, which contains giraffe, water buffalo, zebra, hyena, ostrich, gazelle, and elephant, we were able to photograph lions and lionesses. When I show my pictures to friends, however, they see one thing while I see another. The pictures are beautiful—a lioness licking a paw, or two lions sunning themselves on a rock—but I also remember a lioness surrounded by 17 safari vans and mini-







*From a train: crowded housing in Nairobi.*

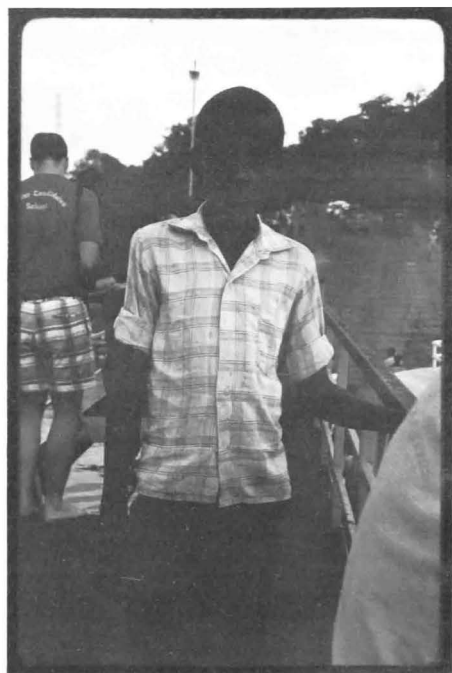
buses or two lions ringed by eight vehicles jockeying to get the best picture. I felt strange to be a part of this. Giraffes running alongside the road, out in "the wild," I thought were far more beautiful than giraffes in a game preserve.

My trip involved many such contrasts between freedoms and confinements, between beauty and squalor, majesty and hardship, but it was first and last a trip of smiles, and as such it had its light moments. For anyone who has traveled abroad, these words spoken by a street vendor should bring a smile: "For you, special deal." I think the street vendors of the world have a conspiracy going. The vendors in Kenya even take it one step further. When you decide that you do not want to buy a Kenya bag or wood animal carving or piece of malachite jewelry, or want to think it over, the vendor will ask you your name and ask if you will come back later. Being the polite person you are, you will no doubt say, "Possibly." When the vendor sees you again that day or two days later, he will say, "Judy, you remember me? You promised you would come to my shop today. Please do not break your promise to me." The first time this happened to me, I argued that I never promised I would do any such thing, but since that simply does not

work, the next time I just laughed and went along with him. The street vendors of Kenya are in a class of their own.

Kenya is a majestic land whose people are just as friendly as any other group in the world, just as happy to meet other people, and I hope to go back some day soon, as I went back to the street vendor. I would like the chance to learn more about this land and these people—perhaps to get to know them in a way similar to my meeting in the corridor of the train to Kisumu with a group of five or six children. When we asked them into our compartment, the eldest two pulled the other children along, but all of the youngsters sat politely quiet. We would try a word of Swahili here and a word of English there. Nothing seemed to get them to talk. Then I remembered the balloons I had in my bag. Soon everyone was laughing and tumbling after balloons. They were just what was needed to break the ice. Not only did the children open up to us, but soon they were poking their heads into other compartments, playing with the other members of the group, trying on the walkman and anything else they could get their hands on.

The children of Kenya seemed to



*Eager pen pal Hamisi Juma.*

me to live a life between young and old; they have so many responsibilities and pressures at such an early age that they seem not to have much fun. But once they opened up and accepted us—once they smiled—we were able to see that they were simply children. It was good to be part of this transition. That's a reason why I intend to keep writing to my pen pals. More than that, I hope to go back to Kenya again, not to pass through in a couple of weeks but to teach or work—as a member of the Peace Corps if I'm fortunate enough to be assigned there. I know that I'll have to try harder for children's smiles, have to offer more than pens and balloons, because of the economic differences and hardships I saw, but those are compelling and substantial reasons to be there. "Harambee," after all, is a good motto. I would like to help children—especially those who are, quite literally, in the dumps—if only to receive again the gift of their smiles.

*Judy Fishel obtained the names and ages of several children in Kenya who are interested in communicating with American pen pals. Please contact the Office of Alumni Relations if you or your children would like more information.*

# The Balloon Is Up: Reunion 1987

Balloons, clowns, a parade of the classes led by kilted Professor Nick Rohrman playing bagpipes, and a lobster bake and barbecues under the striped tents on the lawn of Lovejoy Commons created a carnival atmosphere for Alumni Reunion Weekend 1987. Over 1,300 alumni, spouses, friends, and family joined in the good times, which for the second year in a row included warm early summer sun.

At the awards banquet on Friday night, several alumni were recognized for years of volunteer service to the College. The Colby Distinguished Alum-



*The classes gather together for the lobster bake.*



*Reunioners relax, catch up, look ahead.*



nus Award went to William C. Carter '38 and the Distinguished Service Award to Nissie Grossman '32. Colby Bricks were presented to Stanley F. Frolio '47, Tina Thompson Poulin '32, and Robert S. Rice '42.

Buoyed by generous reunion class gifts, the Alumni Fund rose over \$812,000 for the fund year, reflecting a 34 percent increase in giving by reunion classes over the previous year. Special thanks for the all-time records go to Vic Scalise '54, chair of the Alumni Fund, and to hard-working class agents. Thanks for the record number of reunioners are also due to those who worked so long planning the reunion activities. It was all record fun.



*The record reunion turnout included Peter Krakoff '72, Tom Sidar '72, and Ellen Woods Sidar '72.*



*The Saturday morning parade of classes begins to form.*



*Nissie Grossman '32 delights Jerry Goldberg '60 and the packed house at the alumni awards banquet.*

# CLASS CORRESPONDENCE

## Fifty Plus Club Reunion

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It was agreed among those dauntless 50+ Club members that this year's Alumni Reunion Weekend was the best ever! Perhaps the exciting, diversified schedule of events Colby offered was part of this feeling. Even though many of us live in Maine, it would have been fun to "Cruise Casco Bay" along with the Class of '62, and a bus trip to Greenville with the Class of '37 was an attraction some of our members wanted to take in. However, for us there was never a dull moment.

Jim and I so enjoyed Saturday, when the Class of '32 came out to our East Pond camp. With that big Colby banner again on our fireplace wall, letters from our class members on the table to be read by each and every one, and last year's pictures of our class, the hours passed too quickly.

Dana Hall is our favorite dining place for the 50+ Club. It's home to us now, and we enjoyed a delightful social hour as well as a delicious roast beef dinner. Roderick E. Farnham '31 gave the invocation. Laurence E. Dow '35 was a most popular and capable president and zipped through the proceedings. President and Mrs. Cotter joined us, and in his talk he told us of Colby's high ratings in the list of our nation's best colleges and how difficult it is to select only a few of the many capable, gifted applicants. (Weren't we the lucky ones to walk in with a high school diploma and a few hundred bucks!) President and Mrs. Cotter have earned the respect and admiration of us all. We are lucky to have them!

Officers for next year will be President Kay Caswell MacDonald '36, Vice President Gordon Steve Young '37, and Secretary/Treasurer Ann Trimble Hilton '35. Elected to a three-year term as 50+ Club representative to the Alumni Council was J. Warren Bishop '35.

But for Nissie Grossman '32, who was awarded the Marriner Distinguished Service Award, and for me, who received the Colby Brick Award, the Friday awards banquet was the most wonderful evening of the whole Colby Alumni Weekend.

*Tina Thompson Poulin '32*



This is a "fish story." But it's for "reel!" The hero is **George E. Fletcher '29** of Strong, Maine. George achieved distinction in two ways: He caught the first Atlantic salmon of the year (15 1/4 lbs.) on the second day of the 1987 season, and he presented it to President Reagan at the White House five days later in the presence of company that included Governor John P. McKernan and the Maine Congressional delegation.

• **William H. Millett '34** wrote from Winston-Salem, N.C., "We are well established here in this part of the country, and what a lovely section it is!" He is a past president of the American Society of Lubrication Engineers and a 50-year emeritus member of the American Chemical Society. Bill is very involved in community and church work • A note from Houston, Tex.: **George Mann '34** and his wife are enthusiastic about Elderhostel classes after attending them at Texas A & M and Lynchburg College in Virginia. In September they plan to combine programs in England, Scotland, and Wales with extensive traveling and sightseeing. George was recently in touch with **Harold Plotkin '34** of Boston, Mass. • Our deepest condolences go out to Colonel **John J. Leno '34** whose wife passed away March 9. John is spending some time with friends in Florida and New York before returning to his home in San Diego, Calif. • **William T. "Bill" Bryant '34**, Luray, Va., first taught physics at the University of Rhode Island and the University of Maryland and then distinguished himself in World War II as a captain in offensives at Iwo Jima and the Battle of Japan. Then followed employment as a physicist with the National Bureau of Standards and as a physical scientist with the Department of the Army. His work involved the research, development, and production of sophisticated components for all weapons systems including some space programs. He retired in 1975 to a 10-acre patch in Luray and restored an old brick house. "We have a 30-mile view of the Blue Ridge Mountains to the East," he said. The Bryants have traveled extensively and are planning a trip to Alaska and the Canadian Northwest this August. Bill wrote: "My lovely and devoted wife of 43 years, Mary Lee (of the Robert E. Lee family), and I have three beautiful daughters and a granddaughter. I tell people when they ask me if we like it here, and if we enjoy our retirement, that it is wonderful to be in heaven without having to die first" • **Annie Tuck Russell '34** and husband Frank have lived in Orlando, Fla., since 1960. They enjoy golf, bridge, and traveling and are regular 10-week summer visitors to Maine • **Eleanor Wheelwright Ness '34**, Auburn, Maine, mentioned a get-together of six classmates last July at John Martin's Manor in Auburn. After lunch they went to Eleanor's house for what one of the ladies present said was a delicious dessert and a great afternoon of visiting. Present were **Portia Pendleton Rideout**, Bethlehem, Conn.; **BZ White Morse**, Springvale, Maine; **Harriet Pease**

## 50th Reunion: Class of 1937

Patrick, Saco, Maine; Elizabeth Weeks Claremont, Calif.; Annie Tuck Russell; and hostess Eleanor. Plans are afoot to meet again next summer • Portia Pendleton Rideout has chatted recently on the phone with Madelyn Higgins Stanley '34, Hallowell, Maine; Evelyn Hall Spaulding '33, Waterville, Maine; and Peg Salmund Matheson '34, who has moved into her new condo in Winslow, Maine. Portia wrote: "Sorry I'll not be around at reunion time again as I'm flying to Oregon for a three-week visit with my daughter and then to Olympia, Wash., for a visit with son Ralph and family; then I'll drive to Vancouver, B.C., for a few days with some of Frank's family there" • Eleanor Rowell Dorsett '33, Lakeville, Conn., was a guest at Portia's house at Webber Pond last August. Eleanor has moved from the old family home in Lime Rock, Conn., to a new "little mother's home" built onto the house of her son in Bethlehem, Conn. • *Looking Back*, a reprint of the *Aroostook Republican* and *News of Caribou*, Maine, of 50 years ago, notes that the late Rupert Irvine '29 had been named manager of the Bath, Maine, telephone office • Ada Cram Wadsworth '31, Hiram, Maine, has been named to a five-year term on the Hiram Library Board of Trustees • Howard F. Hill '18, Belgrade Lakes, Maine, in a special letter to this column wrote: "I retired from surgery at age 80 but continued my main hobby of world travel. I visited 57 countries in all, my last to Spain at 85 to visit old friends. This year Florida was as far as my 91½ years would permit me to travel alone" • A biography of R. Leon Williams '33, Clifton, Maine, was recently published in the magazine *Maine Today* • Alice Paul Allen '29, East Providence, R.I., suffered the loss of her husband, J. Drisko Allen '29, in December and was severely burned in a fire in her apartment in January. She wrote that she is recovering nicely, and thanks her friends for their letters and cards • Edwin Merry '29, North Edgemont, Maine, alerts us to look for three of his stories which will be appearing soon in *Down East Magazine* • Muriel Sanborn Armstrong '29, Dryden, Maine, reported that her son, Jim, recently staged the musical production *Noah's Flood* in Cambridge, Mass. • A. Keith Littlefield '29, West Peru, Maine, attended the wedding of his grandson in San Francisco, Calif., at Christmastime and vacationed with his family there • Frank Norvish '34, Needham, Mass., and Paul E. Feldman '34, Endfield, Conn., represented the Alumni Council at the awards committee meeting in Cambridge, Mass. • Frances M. Palmer '34, Pittsfield, Maine, recently made a tour of Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Amish country • Martin J. Burns '36, Skowhegan, Maine, has been retired from Kennedy Crane Company since 1985 • Dr. John W. Brush '20, Newton Center, Mass., recently celebrated his 88th birthday • Henry C. Bubar '31, Northampton, Mass., explained his "retailing" of history at a booth on the University of Massachusetts campus as an attempt to upgrade a perceived "rather poor knowledge of history" on the part of students—very dangerous in a democracy • Florence Carll Jones '12, Brattleboro, Vt., has finally disclosed that she and Jeremiah Roberts were cousins, and neither disclosed it while she was in college! • Ford A. Grant '34 of Waterville has been awarded a plaque by the Waterville Camera Club in recognition of his pursuits and promotion of photography.

Class correspondent: ERNEST E. MILLER, 218 Pickett District Rd., New Milford, Conn. 06776.

The years really faded away as the members of the Class of '37 met for our 50th reunion celebration. Several activities were planned for all alumni but the best were those occasions just for us. Thursday evening we were entertained at the new Student Center with a social hour and dinner followed by a program by a local group called the "Occasional Chorale." Initiated by Mary Walker Wheeler '69, the group contains many Colby graduates. They knew their audience and sang selections from our era and medleys of college songs. When they sang "Halls of Ivy," I really expected Lewis Stone to walk on stage!

Friday morning 37 of us met at 8:00 for a bus that took us to Greenville and Moosehead Lake for a two-and-one-half hour sail on the steamship *Katahdin*. The original *Katahdin*, commissioned in 1892, was rebuilt in 1913 and hauled freight and passengers until 1975. Only last year she was refurbished as a passenger steamer and operates daily during the summer. She was "our" boat for the day. The young captain and crew pointed out interesting places as we sailed, and the College sent box lunches and beverages, so we enjoyed a delightful trip. No moose swimming around, however.

The reunion dinner at the Millett Alumni House was for us the major event of the weekend. About 60 people attended. President and Mrs. Cotter were our dinner guests. The president welcomed us and recalled some of the events and personalities of our college days. David '55 and Ruth McDonald Roberts '35 and Frances Thayer '30 were also our invited guests. Dave, the director of planned giving, congratulated our class for its generosity in support of the College. Frances Thayer, sister of Marble Thayer '38, was for many years a secretary to the deans in the transition years from deans of men and deans of women to the dean of students. Her mother was the secretary to the late Dean Ernest Marriner '13 during our college years. The prayer before dinner was offered by our classmate, Reverend David Eaton.

Following an excellent buffet, your class president recalled items from our four years at Colby as found in the Colby *Echo*. Many events and personalities were cited from the famous "Plotter's" column—names and "dates" that many people had forgotten—interspersed with reminders of the many things we managed to survive without: nylons, Scotch tape, television, credit cards, etc. Vice president Marjorie Gould Murphy read greetings sent by several of our classmates who could not attend. She also presented me, as reunion chairman, with a huge greeting card from those present as well as two beautiful rhododendron plants, an unnecessary but much appreciated gesture.

The Class of '37 was again honored when Reverend Winthrop E. Jackson was invited to give the sermon at the Annual Boardman Memorial Service in Lorimer Chapel on Sunday morning.

Lucille "Kye" Pinette Zukowski '37



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Class secretary: LAWRENCE W. DWYER, 286 Church St., Berlin, N.H. 03570.

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Fletcher Eaton hopes somebody else remembers a joint glee club concert with Bowdoin and Westbrook that was pretty much of a disaster. Bowdoin's Tillotson conducted, and Fletcher, having missed the rehearsal with him, was the only one of the hundred or so singers to boom out a drawn-out note as John Thomas had trained the Colby club to do. Fletcher was highly visible on the stage, and among the people who turned to look at him after his faux pas, he especially recalls Tony DeMarinis '37. Fletcher has done some writing since he retired from Polaroid five years ago and does the class notes for his Class of '49 column at MIT. He lives in Needham, Mass., with his wife of 31 years, Nell, a recovery-room nurse at Mass General • Trying to keep up with Dwight Sargent's continuing honors in journalism keeps us busy and proud. He was guest speaker at the spring conference of the Maine Press Association and is now vice president of the Overseas Press Club of America. His daughter, Janet, is a copy editor for the *Bangor Daily News* • Elizabeth "Ippy" Solie Howard and her botanist husband traveled to the Dominican Republic this year, where they had collected plants 41 years ago. Transportation

by Jeep this time was some improvement over the mules of the earlier trip. Ippy still sings in a large chorus, takes square-dancing lessons, and works part time in a career counseling office • Arline Bamber Veracka is in Scotland as I write, on a vacation trip around Britain • Evelyn Short Merrill sent a clipping about her Reader's Theatre section of the AAUW, with a picture of herself in 1910 costume for a production. She edits plays, sings in a trio, and chairs the Whittier, Calif., annual awards to distinguished women • Virginia Kingsley Jones may be our only member taking tap-dancing lessons at present—or maybe not? She visited Ruth Pike Berry last year. Ginny lives next door to Ruth Yeaton McKee '37, in one of Maine's prettiest places, East Boothbay • The last I heard, Leila Ross Hyman was planning her sixth trip to Europe • The Reverend Nat Guptill claimed to be "unemployed" at the time he wrote, but over the summer he probably conducted services somewhere he was needed. He said Helen Carter continues in "abundant good works," and added, "I shot 93 in eighteen holes on my seventieth birthday. If I'm ever to 'shoot my age' I've either got to improve my golf radically (which is unlikely) or live to be 93, so I've decided to do the latter!"

Class secretary: SALLY ALDRICH ADAMS, 22 Miller St., Medfield, Mass. 02052.

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Class secretary: ELEANOR THOMAS CURTIS, 4607 W. Alabama, Houston, Tex. 77027.

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Classmates, you will be saddened to learn of the death on April 11 of Prudence Piper Marriner. I know several of us knew at our 45th reunion last year that Pru had cancer and didn't expect to live many more months. She and Ernest were living in North Monmouth, Maine. Also let me make sure that you know that on November 11, 1986, Sarah Winnifred Odlin died in Portland, Maine, of injuries from an auto accident. We shall surely miss them both • Your correspondent rejoiced at the number of responses to the questionnaire sent to all of you. Many thanks. There are several "old faithfuls" and how I appreciate their keeping in touch! But DO let me hear from some more of you • It was great to hear from Wendell Starr who is still active as a consultant for his own company, jogging five miles every other day, and vacationing with his wife, Anna, in Greece. He has been associated with activist churches, worked in Schenectady's inner city, and continues to be concerned about how we deal with our neighbors in our own hemisphere. No rocking chair for him. He said he's been lucky and people won't let him sit down • Lubov Leonovich Waltz wrote that although she never dreamed when she left Colby that she would go into the music field, as an organist and instructor, over these many years it has given her much satisfaction, and even now, though retired, she often substitutes as organist. She and her husband, Maynard, enjoy traveling in their trailer • Priscilla Patterson Salgo is another music-oriented classmate, as a choral

## ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

The Alumni Council awards committee seeks nominations for three awards on a continual basis. The *Colby Brick* is awarded each Reunion Weekend to a few individuals who have served Colby in a variety of roles, and the *Marriner Distinguished Service Award* is given to alumni or friends of Colby who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the College. The *Distinguished Alumnus Award* annually recognizes one Colby graduate for outstanding professional achievement.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_, Class of 19\_\_\_\_,

for the \_\_\_\_\_ Award.

My recommendation is based on the nominee's activities listed below:

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

Sign and mail to:

Alumni Council Awards Committee, c/o Office of Alumni Relations  
Colby College, Waterville, Maine 04901

Thank you!



## 45th Reunion: Class of 1942

Blessed with a sparkling "Maine Day," approximately 50 members of the Class of '42 – that class noted for "coming in with a hurricane and going out with the draft" (a phrase credited to Betty Ann Royal Speigel) – gathered for registration amidst effusive and joyous recognition and greetings.

Friday evening highlight: the alumni awards banquet at Wadsworth Gymnasium, preceded by a gala social hour in the lobby. Superb attention to every detail by the planning committee and the food service throughout the whole weekend. Many thanks! There was a proud moment when Bob Rice, "one of our own," received a Colby Brick. Then the grand finale when many members of the Class of '42 danced 'til midnight to the great sounds of Al Corey's Big Band.

Saturday morning under bright skies, all 12 reunion classes held a parade – and what a parade! To the accompaniment of bagpipes we marched from Roberts to Lorimer Chapel. Balloons, straw hats, banners, and our "Class of '42" caps added color to this gala event. From the Alumni Association meeting, listening to the reports from alumni members and President Cotter's review of plans for Colby's future, we came away confident that our College has excellent leadership.

Saturday evening, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at a party co-hosted by Sue Rose and Earl Bessey and Anita Pooler and Alton Laliberte at the Bessey home. Class pictures were taken on the lawn midst great hilarity, especially when Lew Weeks appeared wearing his freshman beanie! Then on to the Heights community room for dinner and more fun. We reminisced over a collage of photos and memorabilia collected and arranged by Martha Rogers Beach.

Professors Marjorie and Phil Bither '30 and Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Archibald were our guests, and President and Mrs. Cotter joined us later. Dr. Archibald compared the Colby we knew with Colby today. Some statistics he cited: 239 freshmen in the Class of '38 were mostly from Maine and Massachusetts; the Class of '87 had 479 members, from 35 states and several foreign countries. He also reminded us that 11 of our classmates died in World War II.

Martha Beach read an article telling us what things were not invented or heard of in our time. (Did you know that we were in college before television, credit cards, pantyhose, and drip-dry clothes?) Oren Shiro read an amusing letter from one of our outstanding football players, Jack Stevens, who reported that he was trying to do "as little as possible."

Thank you to Marlee Bragdon Monroe, chair for our reunion. Your new officers are: Linwood Palmer, president; Martha Rogers Beach, vice president; Marie Merrill Wysor, secretary/treasurer; and Alton Laliberte, Alumni Council representative.

*Marie Merrill Wysor*



conductor as is her husband Sandor an orchestral conductor. They are still too busy with music to be considered retired. Priscilla has enjoyed being a mother and wife too, and feels successful in these areas as well as in music • **Alta Estabrook Yelle** has found success in working with young people as a teacher for 23 years and as a librarian for 21 years and in a happy marriage. She and her husband, Henri, are proud of their daughter, Henrietta, who graduated from Colby in May 1986 • **Sidney Brick** considers that he has met with success by staying well-walking four miles daily and weighing the same as he did 45 years ago. Bravo Sid! He is a semi-retired dentist planning to fully retire at the end of this year • **Allan Knight** has several reasons to feel successful. By the way, he believes success is "using your talents and giving 100 percent effort in whatever you are doing for yourself for others a group, a team or society to attain desired objectives." Allan served in the air force during World War II as a bombardier flying missions over Germany and Austria. Until his recent retirement, he worked as an application engineer for a temperature control company and for an air-conditioning contractor. He also built his own 25-foot sailboat in which he and his family did a lot of sailing. He just recently purchased a 22-foot sailboat and plans to sail in Casco Bay (he lives in Portland, Maine) with his wife, Norma • **Linwood Potter** has certainly been successful in many areas. He served as an army chaplain for 21 years, as a youth leader in several youth camps and churches, as pastor in several churches, as a Boy Scout leader, as promoter of several patriotic organizations as well as the Masons and Eastern Star. He has also enjoyed his efforts in the field of photography, especially of nature. He keeps out of the rocking chair by bicycling in Florida and hiking and mountain climbing in New Hampshire • Last, but by no means least, there is updated news from our delightful president **Norris Dibble**. Far from spending time rocking, Norris, just this last January, formed a new law partnership of Dibble, Campbell and Barba. Now, wouldn't you say that our classmates are doing one fine job of keeping well, alert, and productive in their sixties? Come on now. What are some of the rest of you doing with your "free" time? We'd like to have you share with the rest of us.

**Class secretary: RUTH "BONNIE" ROBERTS HATHAWAY** (Mrs. Henry), 25 Graham St., Fitchburg, Mass. 04120.

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Since our reunion of June is reported elsewhere, there is very little to add. I had a most satisfactory letter from **Mary Elizabeth Jones**, who intends to be on hand for the Big 50. Her first winter in Greensboro, N.C., saw the most snow in years, and only God removes it. She was pleased with a visit from roomie **Ruth Sanderson Rudisill** and spouse. Mary's love and best wishes to all • I have enjoyed being in touch with my classmates this past five years and thank you all. Ave atque vale.

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



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By the time you read this column the results of the 1987 Alumni Fund drive will be history. I hope we find that we exceeded our \$6,000 goal • We all received **Kathleen Monaghan Corey's** good letter, and I trust it inspired you. Kaye is in the process of making the decision between retirement and continuing her interesting work. She and Nels are really enjoying living in Maine close to both Colby and Bowdoin • **Elizabeth Beale Clancy** wrote that she became involved in politics in 1986 and had joined a group on the capital steps in Carson City, Nev., to protest Nevada's low payment to welfare mothers. Keeping involved keeps one young! Elizabeth had been traveling to visit family members in the United States but didn't get to see her sister who was teaching in China • Several of you spoke about our 45th reunion, which is next year. Those of you who enjoyed our 40th—due mostly to the scintillating classmates who were there and *not* the weather—please encourage others to try to make the 45th. If you have suggestions, do let me know and at the same time send along any news • **Priscilla Moldenke Drake** sent news of her family at Christmas. Her husband, Bill, had retired and they had treated themselves to a trip to England and Scotland. Daughter Judy, who was in Maine, is now living at home • I really enjoyed **Sidney Rauch's** answer to "Spouse's Occupation." He wrote, "companionship and best friend, also responsible for my well-being!" Sid and Dorothy's son, Marvin, is not only a stock analyst but also a life master at bridge. Sid has completed 41 years of teaching, and Book 6 of his *World of Vocabulary* was published early this year • **Ruth Graves Montgomery** describes herself as a retired volunteer. She is treasurer for the Plymouth County Retired Teachers Association and regent of the Scituate chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. **Harriet Rex Feeney** visited Ruth last summer, and they reminisced about Mary Low—the "old" one, that is • **Fred and Hilda Niehoff True** took what Hilda described as a "True Tour." Fred did the whole thing, to England, Wales, and Scotland last September. They found it very dangerous to be American pedestrians in London! • **Elizabeth Tobey Choate** was well occupied last summer trying to bring order out of chaos, which she described as "every shrub, flowering tree, climbers, etc., known to man . . . planted in 1920 and neglected ever since." This was at a home in Chestnut Hill, which their son, Tobey, had bought. No doubt it is a show place this year as Tobey has a gift for gardening • As for me, I continue my part-paid/part-volunteer work at the local library between frequent trips to Waterville, necessitated by the family health situation. We hope to have the library fully automated by this fall with the completion of the computer labeling of the children's collection. I was in Waterville for the April 29 snowstorm, and there was still a small patch left on May 6. The joy of the changing climate of Maine. Please send news and plan now for the 45th reunion.

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

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**Class secretary: NANCY CURTIS LAWRENCE** (Mrs. Watson A.), 185 Wildwood Terrace, Jackson, Miss. 39212.

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As I write these notes in late May, I find I'm not alone in looking forward to summer. **Connie Daviau Bollinger** wrote that her plans include becoming a "passable" tennis player—in Portland, where this mother of four, grandmother of 12, lives. Connie works at "The Tennis Racket," which should enhance her chances of conquering the court • **Donald and Barbara Soule Hoover** are going to retire and move in September from Lansdale, Pa., to Savannah, Ga. • **Polly Callard Guild**, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Lexington, Mass., will spend some time this summer in Boothbay Harbor. She and Ted enjoy travel—they spent three months last year in Adelaide, Australia, where Polly served a church and explored other parts of the country. They also went to New Zealand's two islands, to the Kingdom of Tonga, and Japan • **Bill Whittemore**, who said he won't retire "until my work ceases to be fun," travels extensively as a nuclear scientist. Take 1986, when he covered all of France as the French government's guest; Bangladesh (commissioning a nuclear research facility); the Himalayas (didn't say why, but who needs a reason); and Tokyo (on a lecture tour). So far this year, he and Alice have been to Geneva (to present a paper, on invitation, before a UN symposium) and to Ghana • **Louise Groves Holton**, who along with Hans is retired, lives summers in Smithfield, Maine, and winters in their mobile home in St. Pete, Fla. Louise said she'd enjoy hearing from classmates • **Joan Gay Kent** told me her creative services agency work hits a peak in the summer and a vacation then isn't in the cards. She and I had a recent lovely day together touring the Sands Point Preserve in Long Island • **Helen Strauss** often steals a march on Europe in summer and this very month is revisiting France • **Grace Keefer Parker** reported a trip in January with her husband to visit their daughter, Debby, and family aboard their sailboat home (a Tahiti Ketch) in Isla Mujeres, off Cancun, Mexico. In January, the Parkers traveled to Nicaragua, where their belief was confirmed that the United States "must end contra terrorism and leave that nation in peace. Dick and others later met with Lt. Col. Oliver North, who described his regular briefings of the president" • **Ronald Roy** said he's planning to retire in August as chief counsel for the State Claims Board but will continue his private practice • **Laura Tapia Aitken** teaches at William Paterson College of New Jersey. Last year, she and Hugh spent seven weeks touring Spain. He's a musician/composer. Last year, his concert was premiered in New York, and this February, songs of his were sung at Tully Hall, Lincoln Center. Their second grandchild is due this month • **Barbara Kelly Morell** wrote to say hi—she and Charlie are retired and living in Center Harbor, N.H. • My husband and I look forward to our annual trek in August to the wonderful beach

at Watch Hill, R.I. I've been getting to Boston fairly often, where it's always a joy to visit Mort and Rae Gale Backer '44—they are presently touring Italy.

**Class secretary: NAOMI COLLETT PAGANELLI** 2 Horatio St., New York, N.Y. 10014.

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When I agreed to serve as class secretary, I didn't realize what a treat it would be to hear from college friends whom I haven't seen for many, many years! The last questionnaire produced a terrific response, and I thank all of you who wrote such warm, informative comments. As for the rest of you, I'll be watching anxiously for the mailman during the next three months • **Laura Dean Field** (known to us as "Cricket" Higgins) lives in South Freeport, Maine. Formerly an R.N., she became an emergency medical technician after her husband's death. As she put it, "I climbed into my ambulance . . . and have found it very rewarding." Cricket has traveled extensively and hopes to add a trip to Australia and New Zealand by freighter next • **Mary "Dixie" Roundy Bebee**, who lives in Crystal River, Fla., does volunteer work in hospitals and nursing homes and enjoyed a wonderful week in Columbia, S.C., where her daughter, Carol, was married on January 10 • **Norma Taraldsen Billings** is a psychiatric social worker and manages to get to Colby three or four times each year since she lives in Augusta. She and Dick '48 are proud of their four children and four grandchildren • Retired from his position as Atlantic City school principal, **Lauchlin "Locky" MacKinnon** looks back on his career as "a most productive and rewarding experience." He particularly enjoyed "helping kids in their formative years." He's active now in Kiwanis, especially in Special Olympics for handicapped children, and in programs for senior citizens. He asks all of you to call him (Ventnor, N.J.) when you go to the casinos in Atlantic City! • **Fred Le Shane** is retired, but he still works part time as a clergyman. He volunteers his services to the World Federalist Association, the Miami Peace Coalition, and the Interfaith Retreat Center. His wife, Phyllis, is director of the South Miami After School House • It was an interesting coincidence to learn that both **Nancy Parsons Ferguson** and **Jean O'Brien Perkins** are involved with Heifer Project International. Nancy, who lives in Holden, Mass., has retired from teaching and recently vacationed in Hawaii. She and her husband, Robert, have five children and five grandchildren. Jean and Cy '48 just completed a "fabulous Insight III" seminar. They have taken trips to see their three children who live in San Francisco and also have two other children • **Fred Sontag** ran the gamut during the past months, from being the victim of an assault/robbery to being cited by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for "outstanding performance." Fred and his wife, Edith, live in South Orange, N.J., where Fred is engaged in public affairs and research • **Elizabeth Scalise Kilham** (Betty to us) said she'll be broadcasting until they "pull the mike from my hand." She recently enjoyed attending the wedding of her son, Chris, who is advertising manager of the "Bread and Circus" stores and

## 40th Reunion: Class of 1947

Everyone who was there said it was the best 1947 reunion ever – so far. Fifty-four people came, including 14 spouses. Perhaps, as Shirley Lloyd Thorne put it, “No one has to *prove* anything anymore”; we could just enjoy one another’s company.

The reunioneers gathered late Friday afternoon at the open house hosted by Dick and Dorie Meyer Hawkes and Ray and Mary Alice “Tossie” Campbell Kozen at the Hawkes’s home. Each new arrival was greeted with a second’s hesitation, then sudden recognition, cries of delight, and, *mirabile dictu!*, we all looked just the same as we did 40 years ago – sort of. On to the alumni awards banquet in Wadsworth Gymnasium where Stan Frolio, our class agent, was awarded a Colby Brick. Then to the Page Commons Room in the new Student Center where Al Corey entertained with his Big Band. Then back to class headquarters at Goddard – Hodgkins Hall (the former ATO house) for conviviality and conversation.

On Saturday morning, we took part in the parade of the classes. Cal Dolan, our new class president, led 1947, with Tom Burke on hand to keep us in step as we sang “Roll On Kennebec.” The rendition may have made composer Bud Schlesinger wince, but he tactfully refrained from saying so. We enjoyed campus tours until noon and the traditional lobster bake on Dana Lawn. Another highlight was an audio-slide show, prepared by Cloyd Aarseth for the 1946 reunion last year, which vividly evoked the Colby of the 1940s – complete with the “Blue Beetle” and its driver, Rowena Nugent.

Saturday afternoon we went out to Alden Camps for serious talk, serious croquet, and horseshoes. Dinner was as elegant as promised. Class election results were: Cal Dolan, president; Dorie Hawkes, vice president; June Chipman Coalson, secretary/treasurer; and Ray Kozen, Alumni Council representative. (Incidentally, June warned us that if we do not send news to her, she will make up stories about us for her column in the *Alumnus*.) Stan Frolio reported that our Reunion Fund gift exceeded our \$10,000 goal, with 58 percent of us giving. Professor Miriam Bennett and Mary Roy from the Office of Alumni Relations joined us for dinner. We had an informal round of reminiscences of our Colby days with personal recollection and anecdotes about all those marvelous teachers we remember with affection and gratitude.

On Sunday, a leisurely class brunch at Roberts Union was followed by the Boardman Service at Lorimer Chapel, and then by departures and goodbyes and “See you in five years!” It was indeed the best reunion of all.

*Helen Jacobs Eddy*



does their radio commercials in Boston. Betty said he is continuing the family tradition. And speaking of weddings, Mike and I recently attended the wedding of 45er Marie Kraeler Lowenstein’s daughter, Nancy. We were able to enjoy being with both Marie and Helen Strauss 45 at the beautiful occasion. • Well that’s all the news for now. . . . It’s been just great hearing from so many of you!

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**Class secretary: ELIZABETH WADE DRUM** (Mrs. John J.), 44 Country Village Lane Sudbury, Mass. 01776.

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Glad to be back home after five weeks in Honduras and a week on Andres Island in the Bahamas. Many thanks for all the news. • Did you see the photo of the dynamic duo David Marson and daughter Marsha (a Lehigh alumna) in an article on father/daughter business teams (May 87 *Good Housekeeping*)? • **Frances Hyde Stephan** lists her occupation as part-time sales/part-time fun and that sounds like a good balance. Her eight grandchildren range in age from 2 to 16, and she skis with them – cross-country and downhill! • **Eugene Hunter** of Cape Elizabeth is now the executive director of the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. Gene is way ahead with 13 grandchildren. • Did you know that **Phil Shulman** studies and collects Japanese woodblock prints from the Tokugama era? Phil also does volunteer work at the Asian Art Museum and International Visitors’ Center. • **Ray Webster** and his wife, Marge, live in Wiscasset, Maine, where he finds his work as a contractor creative and challenging and life still fun at age 62. • **Ruth Barron Lunder** wrote from Swampscott, Mass., that her three offspring – Susan, Ellen, and Michael – are pediatric nurse, elementary school teacher, and shoe manufacturer, respectively, and that she has two lovely grandchildren. She met **Carol Silverstein Stoll Baker** and her cousin, **Hanna Levine Schussheim**, for dinner on a cold February evening. Ruthie is looking forward to a trip to Bangkok and Hong Kong this fall. • **Everett Rockwell** lives in Boynton Beach, Fla., in the winter and Wolfboro, N.H., in the summer. He spent April of this year in New Zealand. • **Richard Billings**, executive director of the Maine Association of Life Underwriters, said his definition of success is “to be captain of my own ship with a talented crew and go where nobody has ever been and get there!” • **Russell 49** and **Helen Moore Phillips** live in Walpole, Mass., and although Helen is starting to wind down from an administrative career, she is still a full-time teacher and director of the secretarial office management programs at Mt. Ida College. • **Gordon Miller**, Shrewsbury,

Mass., travels and exercises more, drinks and weighs less, and does photography now! He and other members of the reunion committee are making plans for our 40th—June 10-12, 1988. Save that weekend and plan to come • **Margaret Clark Atkins**, who continues to work hard as our class agent (Peg keeps our class stats looking good), sent news of several classmates: **Anne Fraser Baer** and husband "Bugs" now retired in Punta Gorda, Fla., do a lot of traveling—recently to Alaska and the Amazon. They lived in the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, and Tanzania • **Bertha Graves Bagby**, in Salt Lake City where her husband is a nursing home patient, enjoys gardening, traveling, and cultural events in the city and works for Mountain Bell • **Beverly Bailey Beaulieu** has retired and enjoys having all her children and six grandsons in Maine • **Shirley Smith Chellquist** said that ever since Carl retired they've been in the jet stream and on the road • **Marie Machell Miliken** is an associate professor at Loretto Heights College in Denver, Colo. She commented on how much ivy is on the Colby buildings now and how large the trees are. (Perhaps we planted them on Arbor Day.) • **Helen Knox Elliott** of Plymouth, Mass., taught high school English for six years and is literary chairperson, State of Massachusetts Mothers Organization • **Norice Mahoney Smith**, after raising four children and living in many cities, now resides in Pompano Beach, Fla., and loves it. Physical disability has forced her to retire early from a grant-writing career in the social services • **Phil Peterson**, Ballston Lake, N.Y., retired after 39 years with General Electric, said it's great to be gainfully unemployed and his 200-year-old home provides him many projects. Phil and Louise frequently see Phyllis and Art Parsons who live 10 minutes away • **Lowell B. Haynes** and his wife, Josephine, live in Colchester, Conn. Lowell is a college music history teacher and was especially saddened by Dr. Bixler's death last year. He spent three of his Colby years at the Bixler's College Avenue residence. Lowell and I go back a long way—to North Grammar School in Waterville when he brought me chewing gum! • **Katharine Weisman Jaffe** is trying to cut back on all her other activities to be a writer after many years helping other writers as a reference librarian. Kay and Mike live in Mill River, Mass., and have "wonderful grandchildren, so we must have been right somewhere with our children." She added, "Colby helped give me certain life attitudes, and I'm grateful" • **The Reverend Everett S. Bauer** was recently honored at his 25th anniversary as pastor of Lime Rock Baptist Church in Lincoln, R.I., where he and **Mildred Hammond Bauer** live. They have a son and a daughter • I have recently seen **Phyllis O'Connell Murray** and **Kitty and Jack Marsh** • Keep the mail coming—warm regards.

Class secretary: **VIRGINIA BREWER FOLINO**, RR 1, Box 613, Grand Isle, Vt. 05458.

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**Ray Deltz** retired after 30 years with IBM, the last 22 in Raleigh, N.C., where he and his wife of 36 years plan to remain because "The location is great with the colleges, arts, and sports." In addition to co-owning a small condo at North

Myrtle Beach, S.C., he and his wife, **Ronnie**, purchased a very small used R.V. and plan a 50- to 60-day trip around the United States and Canada via Banff, Calgary, and back down into the states via Travers City, Mich. How's this for hospitality? Ray and Ronnie would be pleased to put up any classmates traveling through the area, including those classes just ahead or behind us since "we knew almost everyone in those days of 600 or so students. Our house is empty except for the two of us and the only 'cost' would be having to listen me talk." Ray and Ronnie would like to hear from anyone who lives in Florida or other southern climes since they'll be on the go again this winter • **Fran Nourse Johnston**, formerly a teacher in Concord, N.H., is enjoying a second retirement, this time from the travel agency she and her husband, **Gunnard**, have recently sold. Future plans involve a trip south to visit her sister and brother-in-law, **Dana '47** and **Harriet Nourse Robinson '47**. Upon returning they'll be building a new home in Stowe, Vt. • Ever busy, **Skippy Carter**, serving on the board of the American Apparel Manufacturers Association, was elected to fill a vacancy on the board of directors of Associated Industries of Massachusetts • **Sid McKen**, humorist, and recently retired after a full career in newspaper work, was a panelist at the NEPA winter conference. His assignment? What else? To help others learn to write humor • Short trips so far have taken me to the White Mountains in mud time, the Kancamagus Highway beautiful after the rain; to Biddeford Pool, Maine, and the wide rain-swept beach at Fortunes Rock; and to Syracuse, N.Y., along the Cherry Valley Turnpike under omnipresent rain showers. On the return trip, however, I had all of Route 20 to myself, including a sunrise and a deer.

Class secretary: **MARY HATHAWAY CHERRY**, 63 Indian Pond Rd., Kingston, Mass. 02364

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Class president: **NELSON T. EVERTS**, 121 Richardson Drive, Needham, Mass. 02192.

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A nice note from **Bob Brotherlin** brought news about a reunion in Florida this past April. **Ernie Harnden**, an attorney in Sarasota, arranged a lunch that included **Ned Stuart**, **Bob Cannell**, and **Carl Wright '47** in addition to himself. This gathering of (silver) eagles could turn into an annual affair so perhaps we'd better set up a Southeast winter reunion committee... **VOLUNTEERS?** • **Peter Valli** is chief executive of a Borg-Warner spin-off, Industrial Products, based in Long Beach, Calif. I'll see if I can get more news for the next issue before Pete becomes an inaccessible tycoon • **Bob Lee**, after a dozen years as a Colby trustee, stepped down in June. Bob's dedicated service to your College development efforts have produced new highs in annual funds and in the endowment. I am told that he will now fearlessly pursue his new avocation,

playing the piano • If you're traveling to the big island of Hawaii, check to see if the **Harry Lyons** who publishes a tourist magazine is our old classmate • How's this for divided loyalties? **Kershaw Powell**, an avid Colby roofer, has a stepson, **Scott**, who is a star basketball player for Amherst. When Colby played them last winter he destroyed the Mules. Now dad enjoys a good family performance but he really wants to see Colby win the game • I had a pleasant time last fall in Sturbridge Village as **Sherwin "Sonny" Wilson** bought me lunch. He looks great, is enjoying a successful real estate venture, and plays a lot of golf. We're supposed to get together again in Boston when I can round up **Marty Kress** and **Teddy Parker**. Do you suppose they're setting me up to enlist my help in starting a new underground Tau Delta fraternity? • If you've concluded this column and you're asking yourself, "What about the women in our class?"—you've paid attention. O.K., ladies, send me some news! This autumn.

Class secretary: **WARREN FINEGAN**, White Pine Knoll Rd., Wayland, Mass. 01778.

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Well, for those of us who made it to the reunion, it was a great time. The weather was gorgeous, and a lot of years melted away in a hurry • **Janice Vaughan Crump** and husband **Jim** are living in Wisconsin, where he is the president of Nekoosa Paper Company. Their four children are growing and have recently given them two grandchildren • **Nita Hale Barbour** is associate professor of education and chairman of the education department at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She works with her husband, **Chandler**, who also is at the university. Nita was lucky to travel to China last year and has written *Early Childhood Education: An Introduction*. She is a busy lady • **Nancy Copeland** wrote that she is administrative assistant in the Harvard College Library • **Al and Joan Martin Lamont** are very proud of their two sons. Gary is vice president of the First Interstate Bank of Los Angeles, and Jeffrey is a resident surgeon at the University Hospital in Boston • **Dave Crockett** wrote that all is well and he cannot wait until the next reunion • This will be my last article as secretary/treasurer. It has been great fun, and I know that **Barbara Bone Leavitt** will keep us all up on the news.

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

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News is sparse again this time with the exception of a brief note forwarded by the alumni office from **Barbara "Brooksie" Easterbrooks Mailey** about her reunion after 30 years with former roommate and member of the Class of '54, **Diane Chamberlin Starcher**. Brooksie reported that there was much to talk about and many years to fill in, especially since Diane has lived most of her married life in France while Brook-

## 35th Reunion: Class of 1952

It is hard to believe that 35 years have passed. Forty-four of our classmates and an equal number of spouses spent a wonderful weekend on Mayflower Hill. The weather was delightful and the hospitality great. We even had at least four '52ers who returned for the first time ever.

We elected Caroline Wilkins McDonough as president for the next five years. Arnold "Jesse" James as vice president, Barbara Bone Leavitt as secretary/treasurer, and Ben Sears as the Alumni Council representative. We had a gourmet dinner Saturday night at the beautiful Bixler Art and Music Center. It is certainly a spectacular place to dine, especially with a very talented harpist playing background music. Caroline was justly proud to announce that our class had almost reached our reunion gift goal of \$25,000. All we need is a few more participants to put us over the top. Sid Farr '55, alumni secretary, and Warren Finegan '51, a trustee, were our dinner guests, and they gave us very positive news about Colby and its ever-increasing endowment.

One of the pleasantest surprises was that most of us stayed in the renovated D.U. and Deke houses, which brought back many pleasant memories. Colby has given many of us happy thoughts over the years and I must say that the weather, the memories, and the old friends made for a weekend that won't be forgotten.

*Don Hailer*



she has lived in Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, and New York. • A personal note here . . . our library was the recipient of a 1987 John Cotton Dana national library public relations award which in libraryland is something akin to receiving an Oscar. This award was given for a slide show and PR campaign that resulted in a four to one town meeting vote in favor of a building expansion program and meant a trip to San Francisco for my boss and me to receive one of 12 awards given to public libraries nationwide. • And finally, class president Marty Friedlander reminds everyone to clear the calendars next June for (are you ready for this?) our 35th reunion! No weddings, graduations, or trips to Europe, please. Ask anyone who has attended our last few reunions if you need a good excuse to attend. We have FUN! • Meanwhile . . . guess it's time for another questionnaire as it seems the only surefire way to get class news. I look forward to hearing from all of you.

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The news you are reading now was received in August and September of 1986, so it may be slightly outdated. The system has a built-in time lag, particularly when you canvass all class members at the same time. • **Ed Eisen** is a lawyer in New York and his wife Elaine keeps busy as owner of Decorator Showrooms. Their son Marc attends the Horace Mann School. • **Jan Stevenson Squier** lives in Boulder, Colo., and lists her occupation as piano teacher and potter. Her husband Charles is a professor of English at the University of Colorado. They have two children: Charles, who recently graduated from the Kansas City Art Institute and Alison. Both are artists and musicians. Charles taught in Tianjin, China, in 1981-82, and they continue to maintain liaison with their Chinese colleagues. • Thank you **Karl Decker** for your contribution. Since I am heavily "left brained" I wouldn't attempt to paraphrase your response to this questionnaire. Perhaps the philosophy majors and right brain heavies can interpret Karl's message for themselves. Karl wrote: "I have been tortured by hope, doubted the truth, relinquished self, made love in the rain, and deleted several chapters. I have learned pain is joy, order is chaos, explanation is useless. Professor Carl J. Weber was wrong and Thornton Wilder was right and that life's paths are, as Hamsun says, 'strewn with blossoms and blood, blossoms and blood.'" • In contrast to Karl's deep thoughts, **William "Super" Ganem** wrote a nearly unintelligible letter and threatens my life if I print any of it. Sounds as if he has been into the green lobster again. If Super invites you to play doubles against a couple of his cronies in Plymouth, Mass., be cautious. Playing tennis with an albatross around your neck will certainly make you believe "order is chaos" and "explanation is useless". • **Abbott Rice** is the director of Co-op Education and Placement in Hudson, N.H., and his wife Annie is a nurse. They have four children: James, Beverly '85, Abbott Jr., and David who is now a sophomore at Wentworth Institute of Technology. Abbott began a second career when

he was elected to a new model town council in Hudson. They hope to buy a travel trailer soon and see the US • **Diane Chamberlin Starcher** wrote from Chambéry, France, and lists her occupation as management consultant. She and her husband, George, have two sons, Loren and Bruce. Loren is an engineer with Texaco in Houston, Tex., and Bruce is enrolled in a two-year M.B.A. program at Cornell after having served four years as an officer in the U.S. Navy. Diane and George took a three-and-a-half-week trip to China and Hong Kong in September 1986 • **Frank '53 and Judy Jenkins Totman** live in Lexington, Mass., and have a second home in Kittery, Maine. Judy is a corporate education specialist, and Frank is regional sales manager for Williamson Company. They have three children, Tasha, Frank, and Thomas, who have provided them with three grandchildren who live nearby. Judy said the grandchildren yield great satisfaction and her move from traditional higher education to consulting work gives her greater independence. They have traveled to Mexico, the Caribbean, Europe, and England, and planned to go to Hawaii in 1987. I have exactly six questionnaires left so all you folks who lost the first request for information can expect a follow-up letter soon!

**Class secretary: ROBERT F. THURSTON**, P.O. Box 414, Bucksport, Maine 04416.

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Classmates: Many thanks to the 20 or so classmates who returned their questionnaires. Could the rest of you look in those piles of mail (if your paper work is like mine), see if the questionnaire is there, and mail it to me? • The Class of 1955 seems to be on the move. Our class president, **Lou Zambello**, wrote that he and his wife, Kathy McConaughy '56, have been living in Wiltonville, Oreg., since January 1987. Lou said they are "discovering the Northwest." Kathy has also renewed ties with her freshman and sophomore roommate, Liz Russell '56, who lives in Salem, Oreg. Liz runs a ski-bus program for Mt. Hood, and both Kathy and Lou have enjoyed the opportunity to ski. Lou is now a vice president for Avia Group International • **Tony Leone**, who is a welfare worker, has recently moved to Somerville, Mass. Tony wrote that he could retire this April but had not yet made up his mind • Of those classmates who wrote, many talked of retirement plans, but not too many of us have been fortunate enough to do so yet. **Brenda "Taffy" Mahoney Beckman** also wrote with a new address. She and her family have moved to their summer home on Lake Sunapee permanently. Far from retiring, Taffy's husband has started his own company in New Hampshire. Taffy's oldest, Christine, starts in September at Plymouth State in New Hampshire, and her son, Scott, will be entering Holderness as a junior • **Jo Bailey Anderson** has also moved recently. She is in a new apartment in Waterville. Jo had also written me a long letter at Christmas. It is always good to hear from you, Jo • **Ruth Kesner Osborn** is now living in Windsor, Calif., after living in Arizona for many years. She and her husband are in Sonoma Wine Country and are selling grapes to Ernest and Julio Gallo. Her daughter, Karen, is a model and was a stand-in

for Michelle Phillips in *American Anthem*. Her two grandchildren, Brooke and Bryan, can be seen in the movie, *Raising Arizona* • Some classmates who have not moved, but did write (thank you, too!) were **Ethel Shirlaw Parsons, John Reisman, Don Hoagland, and John Dutton**. It was good to hear from you, and I'll include your news next issue.

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

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I can't begin to tell you how much your response means to me as well as to all your classmates. If you have been saving your questionnaire for just the right moment—the time is NOW! • For those of you who thought the only kind of farming was in the ground, one of our peers is proving otherwise! **Peter Pierce** is president of Ocean Products Inc. in Eastport, Maine. Salmon farming is rapidly becoming big business in this state, and Maine aquaculturists are hoping to compete with the imports by getting their fish to market fresher and faster and at lower costs. Ocean Products, with 95 acres of salmon-raising area in Cobscook Bay, is the pioneer of Atlantic salmon farming in Maine. Funded with millions in venture capital and some government loans, Peter's company expects to raise and sell 500,000 pounds of salmon this year and 8 million pounds by the year 1991. The company, which has been in business since 1982, began with wooden pens and cages that were not able to withstand weather, storms, and 18-foot tides and was thus nearly wiped out in 1983. Revising their system, using steel pens secured by thousands of pounds of cement weights to keep the elements at bay, Ocean Farms has demonstrated its ability to rebound from the tremendous losses suffered in 1983 and 1984 and has encouraged others to pursue salmon farming. A real success story, Peter! I bet there are others of you who could share with us—how 'bout it! • **Kathy McConaughy Zambello** wrote that she and Lou '55 have just moved to the Portland, Oreg., area for the next five to six years, where Lou is vice president of sales for AVIA Group International. They look forward to exploring the Great Northwest but plan to return to Amherst, Mass., for retirement. Kathy recently enjoyed an evening with **Julie Brush Wheeler** and husband. Having retired after nine years as a paralegal, Kathy is pursuing a childhood dream—taking riding lessons and has even leased her own horse. Sounds great, Kathy! • **Don Vollmer**, another "West-coaster" living on Mercer Island, Wash., was married in May 1986. He has recently formed his own company, Banc Research Inc., which has partnered banking surveys with Louis Harris, the public opinion firm. Good luck, Don—sounds both challenging and exciting! Don mentioned seeing Bob Jacobs '54 while he was head of the Citicorp Office in Seattle and before he was promoted to San Francisco • Guess I'd better save some questionnaires for next time. They are such fun to read—love keeping in touch and appreciate the kind words from so many. Thanks!

**Class secretary: HOPE PALMER BRAM-HALL** (Mrs. Peter TC.), 1 Meadow Creek Lane, Falmouth Foreside, Maine 04105.

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**Class secretary: BRIAN F. OLSEN**, 46 Washington Drive, Acton, Mass. 01720.

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Have you arranged family weddings, college graduations, and your golf games so you can attend your 30th reunion this coming June 10 to 12 weekend? Those of us who have shared other reunions urge you to plan for it—especially if you haven't returned in years! • **Karen Breen Krasnigor** was recently back from a cruise that included Aruba, the Panama Canal, and even Acapulco as a bonus. Karen, who works as an office administrator for a dentist near her home in Marshfield, Mass., said the important aspect of the trip was sharing it with her parents and two sisters . . . a family affair. She and Dick '57 saw **Peter Doran** and his wife, Lois, when they attended their daughter's University of Vermont basketball game versus University of New Hampshire. The Doran's daughter was playing in UNH's band at the game • Just happened to catch **Judy Levine Brody** on the day she was leaving to attend her son Ronald's graduation from the law school at the University of Chicago. The Brodys will be happy to have him a bit closer to Maine as he will now be in New York City. Their daughter, Liz, was married last November but they have a son just completing eighth grade and he had "the best English teacher ever—Judy Hince Squire" • *Philadelphia Magazine* reports that a poll, the "Hardworking Women Project," lists our own **Helen Payson Seager** as one of the top 25 most industrious females in the state. Says Helen, who resides in Pittsburgh, "I'm really thrilled about this." Keep up the good work! • Can you believe some of our classmates are into retirement? **Lynne D'Amico McKee's** husband, Bob, evidently planned ahead. Now the McKees are having the enjoyment that comes with designing a new home they plan to build "somewhere within a 50-mile radius of Ashville, N.C." They'll be moving from Morris Plains, N.J., where their house has just gone on the market. And even our class president, **Bruce Blanchard**, has retired from his present position. He and Coleen, who has the summer off from her teaching, hope to really enjoy the summer • I recently attended a Portland area Colby dinner at which President Cotter enlightened us on Colby happenings. Once again Colby is being rewarded with overallocations from the ever-depleting supply of 18-year-old college applicants. Looks as though they'll be looking for space for about 50 extra freshmen in the fall! The Colbyettes are still a delightful group who entertained us well. As an indication of Colby's present geographic representation—would it surprise you, as it did me, that not one member of the Colbyettes was from New England! We're beginning the planning for your 30th so come back and see what's attracting these students.

**Class secretary: LOIS MUNSON MEGATHLIN**, 20 Ledgewood Lane, Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107.

## 30th Reunion: Class of 1957

How do you make 30 years disappear? Try this. Drive around Johnson Pond onto the Colby campus, pull up in front of the chapel, get out of the car, and join in a conversation with Mac Blanchard. Believe me, it was that easy, and the 30 years stayed vanished for two days, as our largest reunion turnout ever spent a delightful weekend together, catching up with each other's lives and just plain reminiscing. This column is only a brief recap, and the roster of those attending will find its way into future columns, but let me pass on to you the essence of our two days together.

Most of our group arrived by Friday afternoon, and we made our way to the cocktail hour preceding the alumni awards banquet. It was at the banquet that the catching up began in earnest, as talk of weddings, college graduations, and yes, even grandchildren, became the focus of our conversations. The evening dwindled down after the dance in the beautiful Student Center, with all of us gathering in the lobby of Williams residence hall where most of the class was staying. Conversations were quiet, the tone was subdued, but the feeling was one of warmth as we headed off to bed.

A Maine early summer day was made even more perfect by the arrival of the rest of our '57 contingent on Saturday. Unfortunately, they had missed the parade of classes, of which the highlight for '57 was Jim Marchbank leading us on his motorcycle! The rest of that day seems to run together in a wonderful kaleidoscope of events, all framed by the beauty of the campus and colored by each person's own thoughts and memories. From lobster on the lawn, to cocktails in the gallery of the Bixler Art Center, to our class dinner with Bob Pettegrew playing piano 'til 10:30, to more visiting together at the Alumni House, to a wonderful get-away brunch on Sunday morning, each turn rolled another memory into view.

Congrats to our new class officers: President Eleanor Shorey Harris, Vice President Eleanor Ewing Vigue, and Alumni Council representative John Conkling. They and all the rest of us who enjoyed the reunion are hoping for an even bigger turnout for our 35th, a scant five years away. Come join us—we missed you.

Bo Olsen



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Class secretary: KAY GERMAN DEAN 295  
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Although he has taught physics on the college level, **Bob Littlefield** has spent the last 10 years teaching high school physics in Maine. He believes teaching high school provides an important service to society. Problem solving rather than descriptive teaching is his personal preference. His brother **Ron**, also a physicist, works for NASA • **Ralph Nelson** was in Princeton for a conference last June, but I didn't see him since I was on Mayflower Hill for Tony's (Class of '57) reunion • **Mike Silverberg** had an article "Managing Financial Risks," and his picture in *Mathog & Moniello's* magazine, *Update* • **Janet Grout Williams'** husband, Tim, who is a Swarthmore biology professor, was on the committee to review Colby's biology department • Since many of you are out when I call or are too busy to answer my postcards, I assume you are all doing something. So before this column shrinks further, let me hear from you about your "busy-ness."

Class secretary: BEVERLY JACKSON  
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Joseph and **Brenda Ehl Gavin** designed and general contracted their new 10-room home in North Reading, Mass. Brenda does some interior decorating part time and enjoys the challenge of raising their three children—Joe III, 20, Andrea, 16, Erica, 5—and helping her husband. Joseph is a marketing and sales manager for General Electric • **David and Patricia Houghton Marr** live in South Natick, Mass. David is an attorney in private practice and Patricia is M.I.S. director at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston • **Edward M. Ruscitti** and wife Carole live in Milford, Mass. Ed has a successful chiropractic practice in Hopedale, Mass., and never anticipated being a doctor of chiropractic medicine. He received his training at Palmer College in Davenport, Iowa. Carole is an artist • **Diane Sadler Martin** and spouse Alfred call Halifax, Va., home. Diane is an activity consultant and public relations director for a long-term care facility, and Alfred is an Episcopal priest. They have nine "uniquely great" offspring—four girls and five boys—from ages 24 to 10. (You can guess what Diane never anticipated.) She'd like to be painting, writing, and illustrating children's books but finds life "mostly glorious" despite the overwhelming workload • Jack and **Nancy Schneider Schoonover** live in Fairfield, Conn. Jack (president) and Nancy (vice president) started their own business, PR Data Systems. 22 years

ago, and it is still keeping them busy. Nancy wishes they had more time for traveling and sailing • **Winthrop S. Smith, Sr.** and spouse Carol call Milford, Conn. home. Winthrop is president of George J. Smith & Son. He never anticipated being elected to the Connecticut State Senate. Carol is a legal administrator • **George and Cynthia Knott Steinhauer** are living now in Reston, Va. Cyndy is the volunteer coordinator for the Reston Home Owners Association. George is director/civilian personnel programs division C.N.O. They have had several moves—China Lake, Calif.; Doylestown, Pa.; Reston, Va.; and will be moving to Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1988 • **Peter J. Stevenson** and wife Judy live in Haverford, Pa., where Peter is a management consultant, and Judy is a marketing director. Peter said they recently moved from a sensibly sized house to a huge 50-year-old Pennsylvania house where they can't even find each other • **Penelope Dietz Sullivan** lives in Springfield, Va., and is an advisory marketing representative for IBM. Penny had a year of travel, highlighted by a fantastic trip to Tokyo, Hong Kong, and Australia in the fall • **Frauke and William Swornstedt** moved from Nashua to Merrimack, N.H. Bill added more commuting miles to his very enjoyable job in Needham, Mass., where he is senior buyer for MRO Facilities GTE-GTD. But the family is much happier with the country and small-town environment. The Swornstedts have a son, Eric, 13, and daughter, Kimberly 10 • **Ann Weir Ventre** calls Arnold, Md., home after 12 years. Her husband, Thomas, is a researcher and writer for the National Association of Home Builders. Ann's current occupations are "general all purpose" mother and part-time stock options trader. Ann never anticipated teaching in a college business department, trading stock options, traveling through South America, and adopting a daughter from El Salvador. While teaching at the local community college, Ann joined a class action law suit in which female instructors sued the college because of sex-based salary discrimination. The suit was settled in favor of the teachers, but within a year all non-tenured faculty members involved in the suit lost their teaching positions. Ann was left unemployed, needing money and a challenge, yet wanting time for her youngsters. A broker friend suggested stock options. She thoroughly enjoys it, and said she is now able to make a reasonably steady, moderate income at it • **A. Franklin Wheat** lives in Yarmouth, Maine, with wife Susanne and their three daughters. Frank is president of his own independent insurance agency and coach of the girls' fourth to sixth grade basketball and softball teams. Frank wishes he were coaching at the high school level. Susanne is a teacher for a new prekindergarten program for children who are chronologically, but not developmentally, five years old. She also sings in the local Sweet Adelines Barbershop Chorus • **Henry K. Wingate** is assistant principal, Ardsley Public Schools, and lives in Scarsdale, N.Y., with his wife, Margo, and two sons. Hank and Margo have kept up their interest in tennis and play in local tournaments. Hank never anticipated staying in public education as an administrator. He sent along a political ad from the Waterville *Morning Sentinel* in which **David Buston** was running for Kennebec County Treasurer last November. David did not win that one but he has been active in state politics. He was in the governor's cabinet for eight years and in the Maine Legislature for eight years • **William D. Wooldredge** is living in Hudson, Ohio.

Bill is the chief financial officer for Belden & Blake, Belden & Blake Energy Company, and Belden & Blake International—all involved in the exploration, development, distribution, and marketing of oil and gas. Bill and Brenda Lewison '62 were divorced this past fall after 24 years of marriage • **Yours truly, Ned Gow**, retired from the air force to quiet Canaan in 1982. His wife, Toby, started working as a therapeutic recreation director in a nursing home. Ned is now the housewife and became the town fire marshal—on the streets between loads of laundry. Once again, thanks for all the news. Those who haven't responded, let us hear from you.

**Class secretary: EDWIN "NED" GOW.**  
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Before reporting on the 25th reunion of our class, I would like to take some space to thank **Patricia "Patch" Jack Mosher** for writing this column as class correspondent for the past five years. The Mosher family, husband Bud, sons Jeffrey, 22, Chris, 20, Brendan, 18, daughter Tiffany, 16, and son Erik, 13, were described in a February 1987 *Pembroke Reporter* article as having "established their own mini-dynasty in Silver Lake sports over the last decade." Their oldest two sons have attended Annapolis contributing to the sports programs there, while Brendan and Tiffany continue the all-star winning ways at Silver Lake Regional High School. Erik is waiting in the wings while finishing seventh grade. Patch has also instilled a love and talent for musical instruments in her talented quintet while teaching Spanish as a full-time high school teacher. Thanks for somehow getting out those quarterly class letters and keeping your classmates posted • When I began this column I was given a list of classmates who definitely were going to attend the 25th, and I will list them and hope they all actually do make the June 5 to June 6 "quarter-of-a-century" affair. Spouses and children are not listed because of the June 8 deadline but many also attended. Familiar faces included **Bill Barnett, Pat Berger, Judy Hoagland Bristol, Garth Chandler, John Chapman, Bill Chase** (thanks to our outgoing president for keeping us posted on alumni fund raising and getting us to this wonderful reunion), **Terry Corder, Janet Cole Courant, Linda Nicholson Goodman, Brenda Wrobleksi Elwell, Jay French, David Gallin, Mary Ballantyne Gentle, Gail Smith Gerrish, Bill Green, John Grieco, Janice Griffith, Henry Hansen, Janet "Kathy" Hertzberg, Ruth Viet Hodum, Nancy Record Howell, Sandra K. Hunter, Hope Hutchins Blackburn, and James Johnson** (Lt. Col. Johnson, commander of the U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations, was admitted as an attorney to the Massachusetts Bar, according to a December 1986 article in the Lowell *Sunday Sun*. Congratulations to you, Jimmy!) • Others who attended were **Lynn Kimball, Tony Kramer, Jane Germer Krebs, Brenda Lewison, Terry MacLean, Mike McCabe, Anne Ticknor McNeece, Al Neigher, Rich Nobman, Diane Hilton O'Connor, Brenda Bertorelli Pates, Art Pickman, Brenda Philipps Ryan, Dick Schmaltz, Lin-**

**da Laughlin Seeley, Judy Dupras Stanford, Margot Ettinger Tartak, Pam Taylor, Gerry Tays, Dave Thaxter, Connie Fournier Thomas, J. Alice Webb, John and Sue Keith Webster, Eleanor "Gordy" Weigle, and Allie Weller** • Although the following class members were not registered by May 22, they attended all or part of the reunion and helped to swell the final tally of Class of '62 to 71. **Sumner Bryant, Henderson Colley, Ed Cragin, Bruce Ferguson, Arthur "Bucky" Lawton, John McHale, Dave Norman, Hank Sargent, Rich Simkins, Jan Thompson Smith, Lael Swinney Stegall, Pat Farnham Russell, Dick and Jeanne Banks Vacco, and Chris and Joan Tinker Wood**—all came prepared to peer at the year-book name tags of ourselves circa '62 • One final news item on a classmate, **Shelley D. Vincent**, who is a practicing attorney and president of the Boston law firm of Tyler and Reynolds Professional Corporation. *The Milford Daily News* reported in January that Shelley had been named president of the Milford National Bank and Trust Company following the death of his father on January 22. The elder Vincent had been president from 1959 until his death • More details and happenings of the 25th are in a special report in this *Alumnus* and will be followed by a longer class letter after your new correspondent gets her act together.

**Class secretary: LINDA NICHOLSON GOODMAN**, 96 Lynch Hill Rd., Oakdale, Conn. 06370.

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**Class secretary: KAREN BEGANNY BRYAN** (Mrs. William L.), RFD 2, Box 662, East Holden, Maine 04429.

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Greetings classmates! Believe it or not, our 25th reunion will be happening less than two years from now! **Judy Fassett Aydelott**, our class president, has started some great plans for this event • Many of you have probably seen the already well-received book, *The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys*, by **Doris Kearns Goodwin**. Congratulations, Doris, for producing such a fine historical document • **John Dyson** has been appointed vice president and chief underwriting officer of the brokerage and special operations group of Continental Insurance. He has been with this company for eight years and doing insurance work since graduation • The chair of the Westbrook, Maine, High School social studies department, **Larry Dyhrberg**, spent six weeks in Egypt last summer as a Fulbright fellow. He was one of 19 United States educators and studied at the American University in Cairo. He has been teaching at Westbrook High since 1973 • **Phil Choate** has a new position as the vice president for support services at the Central Maine Medical Center. He recently retired as a lieutenant colonel from the army. He and his wife, **Jany**, live in Lewiston and have two



## 25th Reunion: Class of 1962

From Houlton, Houston, and Hawaii:

**Thursday**—A small group meets at the Sonesta Hotel, Portland, in cold, rainy weather. We warm up at a floating restaurant, DiMillo's, thanks to Judy Cronk Liberty.

**Friday**—Boarding the Casco Bay boat in early morning fog, we notice that our numbers have increased. The hubbub of chatter—"How old are your kids?"—fills the air. Raincoats are discarded as the sun appears over the beautiful bay area. After a quick group photo, we're off to Colby—for some, the first return since June 1962. Moving into the attractive Hillside Complex, we begin to appreciate the great job that our reunion chair, Bill Chase, has done. With our '62 faces on our name-tags, we enter the crush at the athletic complex and encounter more faces from the past. Wadsworth Gymnasium is transformed into the alumni reunion awards banquet; Connie Fournier Thomas, our Hawaiian, almost wins the "farthest traveled" award. Strains of Al Corey's Big Band provide the background for our reminiscing until the wee hours.

**Saturday**—The kind of beautiful Maine morning one dreams of, and impressions of the "new" architecture so perfectly snuggled into the rolling landscape—changed but unchanged. Scottish bagpipes call us to the reunion parade. Now let's count our group: 132 with spouses, kids, and 75 members of our class. Sitting in the sun outside the Student Center, we feel as though we never left. No words can describe the lobster bake on the sprawling lawns of the Lovejoy Commons—you have to be here. The softball game looks like a Tau Delt pickup game; others tour the campus or sleep in the sun. A reception at the Cotters', a mass photo on the library steps, and cocktails at Roberts Union with our honored faculty guests. After dinner and a round of applause for outgoing President Chase, we hear remarks from Professor Hank Gemery and our own Dick Schmaltz, newly reappointed to the Board of Trustees. Dick reports that our class raised over \$30,000 for our 25th reunion class gift, a record high. Congratulations to new officers Jay Webster, president; Peter Leofanti, vice president; Linda Nicholson Goodman, secretary/treasurer; and Jeannie Banks Vacco, Alumni Council representative. Reunion booklets and tote bags are distributed to everyone. A late-hour party with piano player back at the Hillside delays letting go until the last minute.

**Sunday**—More gorgeous weather. Time to pack up the silver memories and start for home. Heard again and again: "I'll never miss one of these again; we'll be back for sure!" and "This campus is so beautiful!" Congratulations to Dave Thaxter, Jay and Sue Keith Webster, and Pat Farnham Russell, whose children have just completed their college careers at Colby... a special place, a place worth returning to.

Linda Goodman



children in college. (See his profile in June issue) • In New York City **John Kelleter** has joined Columbia Pictures Publications as executive vice president of marketing and sales. He got his M.B.A. from Harvard in 1966 • **Louise Brown Smith** lives in Watertown, N.Y., with her husband an Episcopal priest and their four children, ages 8 to 16. She is swimming competitively in the Empire State Games and has started her own private physical therapy practice working with disabled children • **Dick Gellman** published an article in the journal *Industrial Development*, titled "A New Business Mood in the U.S.—What Can We Expect." He is staff director of the Committee on Economic Development and Technical Innovation of the National Governors Association • **Barbara Gordon Schoeneweis** has been appointed to the position of vice president of Amicus Inc., a healthcare market development consulting firm in Radnor, Pa. She and her husband are proud of their soccer-loving son.

Class secretary: **BARBARA WALTON DARLING**, One Buttolph Drive, Middlebury Vt 05753.

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**F. Dana Abbott** is an air force colonel stationed at Hanscom AFB in Massachusetts. He recently returned from spending five years in Europe—three in Germany and two in England. His wife Claire, is an accountant and his daughters Andrea and Marianne, are now 17 and 15. Dana mentioned that he had eventually expected to teach English after he left Colby and has ended up in radar, computers, communications and military command • **Jonathan Moody** is the college chaplain at Whittier College, Whittier, Calif. He has recently become associate director of the Whittier Scholars Program, a self-design program within the college, and so now splits his time. His wife, Jane Peterson 68, is a teacher; their son Jonathan is now 13 • **Gayle Lenz Mitchell** was "unemployed" at the time she wrote. By now she has probably landed a job, most likely through the efforts of **Betsy Fraser Eck** who works for a management recruiting firm near Gayle's home in Northboro, Mass. In the past, Gayle has worked for her husband, Chad Mitchell '64, at his Chevrolet dealership in Waltham. Gayle's daughters, Kim and Julie, are now 18 and 15. Gayle had recently seen **Nancy Gay Cottrell** in North Carolina, where she and husband Gene '64 own a stained glass company that is becoming quite well known in the area • **Betsy Lyman Rachal** is now the busy mother of five children. Her second son, Travis, is about a year old • **Susan Brown Musche** is also a new mother. Her son Steven, was born on March 14, 1986. She has three daughters, Allison, 15, Sandra, 12, and Jessica, 9. Husband Frank '66 is a physician, Susie is also the owner of a retail store in her hometown of Rumford, R.I. • **Nancy Godley Wilson** teaches French at Walnut Hill School of Performing Arts in Natick, Mass. She recently began her master's degree in French at Middlebury and will be involved with that for the next three summers. Her husband, John 63, teaches French at Belmont Hill School. The Wilsons live in Lexington with their two teenage sons • **Eric Beaverstock**

works for Hastech in Manchester, N.H., as a group leader in business systems programming. Eric travels quite a bit with his business—most recently to Texas, Idaho, Washington State and D.C., and West Virginia. He and his family (wife Betty and daughter Holly, 14) spend their summers at Ogunquit and York beaches. They try to get back to Colby annually for the Family Winter Weekend • **Nancy Kendig Montagna** lives in Silver Spring, Md., where she is a clinical psychologist in private practice. Her husband, Donald, is a clergyman and leader of the Washington Ethical Society. They have a daughter Maryasha (eight), and a son Daniel (five), who were both adopted from India • I recently had dinner in Boston with **Alison "Sunny" Coady and Helen "Stoney" Wilson Wilson**. It had been 22 years since I had seen Stoney! She has recently moved to Chicago after spending the majority of her life in Milwaukee. Her son, Sam, recently graduated from Hamilton College and was looking forward to working in sales for IBM in New York City. Her daughter, Katy, just completed her freshman year at Mount Vernon College in Washington, D.C. • I know it may seem absolutely eons away, but before we know it our 25th reunion will be here. Before too long, plans will be starting for the "event"—so any and all suggestions will be more than welcome! And do keep sending me news of what you and yours are doing!

**Class secretary: MARCIA HARDING ANDERSON**, 15 Brechin Terrace, Andover, Mass. 01810.

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Congratulations to **Toni Russell Merrick** on her election to the board of trustees of North Yarmouth Academy. Toni is a business consultant living in Freeport, Maine • And to **Jack Suitor**, who has been appointed headmaster of the Storm King School in Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.

• In our summer newsletter, we learned that the Class of '66 is also well represented in the field of education by the following classmates: **Ruth Kelleher Shacter** teaches English at Livermore Falls High School • **Bob Thompson** teaches Problems of Democracy at Wiscasset High School • **Anne Ruggles Gere** is an English professor at the University of Washington • **Geoff Quadland** is a technical school instructor of offset and flexographic printing in Greenville, Wisc. • **Brian Shacter** teaches behavior-disordered adolescents in Lewiston, Maine • **Linda Johnson Van Dine** is a school social worker in Connecticut, and **Terry Saunders Lane** is director of continuing education at Boston University's School of Social Work • **Mary Gourley Mastin** is a teacher from Winthrop, Maine, and **Gayle Jobson Poinsett** is a teacher, anthropologist, and potter from Sharon, Vt. • **Craig Little**, chairman of the department of sociology/anthropology at the State University of New York, Cortland, gave the Birge Memorial Lecture at Colby on April 9, 1987. (See "News from the Hill") • '66ers on the move include **Dave Wooley**, whose promotion by Boise Cascade Corporation recently brought him from Portland, Oreg., to Portland, Maine: **Art Woodbury**, whose love of New England is bringing him, his family, and his company, Lumen Technology, home to Boxford,

## 20th Reunion: Class of 1967

If you were unable to attend our 20th reunion, you can be sure you were thought of and missed! Forty-seven alumni attended—many with *patient* spouses and children. Conversations focused on the activities of mutual friends and the sharing of experiences. Some highlights: Lou Richardson McGinity has short hair; Barry Botelho came to the reunion from his home in Italy; and Chuck Kittrell (of Silver Dollar fame) is a campus policeman. Please plan to meet old friends at our 25th. If you wait much longer you won't recognize anyone!

Natalie Furlong Graceffa, Francie Colmes Davis, Ruth Seagull Sinton, and Irv Faunce did a wonderful job of orchestrating our reunion weekend. The lobster bake was great. Our class dinner was Saturday night in the new Student Center. Irv, our new Alumni Council representative, again awarded his tongue-in-cheek "Colby Rocks." Paul Cronin repeated as recipient of a Rock for "person who changed the least but should have changed the most." Irv and old friend Dave Watterson spent hours choosing the 1987 winners. Fortunately, they found no one deserving the "came the farthest but should have stayed home" award. Phil Kay had the terrific idea of bringing a speaker phone and his "800" number, allowing us to call several classmates and ask, "Why aren't you here?"

Past class officers Natalie Graceffa, Kurt Swenson, Ruth Sinton, and Sally Bennett each did an excellent job for us. Kurt, our new president, has passed vice presidential responsibilities to Doug Schair. Kudos to Kurt for his outstanding fund raising results. He would like, in turn, to thank each of you. I will be your new class secretary. Please write!

*Susan Daggett Dean*



Mass., from Bellaire, Tex., this fall; and **Susan Nutter**, whose new position as director of libraries at North Carolina State University took her from Cambridge, Mass., to Durham, N.C., in August • What do **Louise Reburn McDowell**, **Frank Musche**, **Sue Turner**, and **Rod Small** have in common? Little ones! Louise's son, Clint, is two and a half. Frank's son Steven arrived in March of 1986. Sue's Alissa is three, and Rod and his wife, Patricia, are the parents of adopted siblings ages five, four, and three. Are there any 1966 grandparents out there yet? • Need a lawyer? See **Nat Pitnof** of Kessler, Kessler, & Pitnof in Worcester, Mass., or, if you're on the West Coast, **Barry Willdorf** of Willdorf & Stevens in San Francisco • And in the field of health—**Joanne Richmond Shideler** is a health consultant and counselor for wellness who specializes in the area of eating disorders. She expressed the hope that there is ample support for students with eating disorders on the Colby campus now. Joanne lives in Colorado • **Frank Musche** is a radiologist in Rhode Island • **Harrison Monk** is a veterinarian in Maryland • **Peter Lax** is a pediatric dentist for the handicapped in Oregon • And **Deborah Wilson Van Atta** is a speech pathologist in California • Lots more news at Christmastime.

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John '64 and **Diana Walsh Lockwood** live in Kailua, Hawaii, where John is an attorney and Diana is a fiber artist/teacher. Their two children are in college, and Diana participates in "too many volunteer activities" while continuing as director of lay education for the Episcopal Church in Hawaii and teaching weaving in international conventions • **Leanne Davidson Kaslow**, her husband, Richard, and two children live in Chevy Chase, Md. Leanne is a clinical social worker for Georgetown University Medical Group, and her husband works at the National Institutes of Health, specializing in the epidemiology of infectious diseases. "Two active kids, an old house, and three soccer schedules (Leanne's included)" take up any "spare time" • **Barry Botelho** and his wife, Lena, continue to live in Italy, where Barry is the director of administration and control of an Italian food company. They have traveled to Hong Kong and India in addition to motorcycling through Sicily, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, and France. Barry noted that "by law, all Italian workers have six weeks holiday a year!" • **Philip Bromwell**, his wife, Mary, and their two children live in Norwood, Mass., where they both work at Polaroid Corporation. Trips, outings, camping, and church fellowship occupy their "spare time" • **Ledyard Baxter** and his wife, Nancy, are both ministers in Ludlow, Mass., where they live with their two boys, Joshua and Jonathan. They recently traveled to the Soviet Union with Bridges for Peace—"one more way to overcome 'enemy images' and stereotypes and work toward reducing the threat of nuclear war" • **Chuck Levin** and his wife, Jo Ellen, live in Needham, Mass., with their two boys. Chuck is an attorney and also keeps busy as a Little League and youth basketball coach in addition to being chairman of the Temple Reli-

gious School Committee • **Patty Whittemore Jenkins**, her husband, and two children live in Braintree, Mass. Patty is assistant vice president in commercial lending at State Street Bank in Boston • **Sue Barden Johnson** lives in Hastings, Minn., with her husband, Mark, and two boys. She is a project coordinator; the latest job involved testing the use of lithium in treating both depressed and nondepressed alcoholics. They have been traveling, too: the latest trip was to India • **Bob Jackman** lives in Marshfield Hills, Mass., where he teaches chemistry and has turned his hobby of collecting bird decoys into a full-fledged antique business, including Sheraton furniture, Windsor chairs, artwork, and rare books • **Caroline Kresky** continues to live in Atlanta, Ga., where she has changed law firms and her field, from corporate law to trial work • **Phil Kay** and his wife, Barbara, continue to live in Topsfield, Mass. Phil is director of marketing at Ziel in Wilmington. Besides his traditional participation in marathons, Phil has begun to tackle triathlons! • That's all of the news that I have from the last set of questionnaires. I will be turning over my secretarial duties to **Susan Daggett Dean** at our 20th Reunion TOMORROW. Ten years of reporting has been fun, entertaining and frustrating at times (deadlines). Thanks for your support, and "keep the news flowing." Ns to Zs out there, you'll have your chance on the next questionnaire mailing.

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**Class secretary: JANN SEMONIAN**, Box 109, Sandwich, Mass. 02563.

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Newsflash . . . even as I write, our class president is in the final days of his bachelorhood. Yes, it's true. **Bob Anthony** is marrying Ann Walsh on June 27. I'm sure you join me in sending congratulations and best wishes to him. I know **Mark Jones** will be happy to hear that news as he was asking about Bob's marital status. Mark wrote to me from Rochester, Minn., where he is a financial planner for IDS American Express and president and general manager of the United States Hockey League's Rochester Mustangs Club. He is also a proud husband and father of two bright young stars. Mark and **Bill Antonucci** have much in common. Bill coaches and is president of the Wolfeboro, N.H., youth hockey league. In the off-season Bill is breaking records at the golf club. Bill and Mary have two young boys, and Bill is vice president of A.D. Davis Insurance • After bugging **Craig Stevens** for some news I mysteriously began receiving brochures to travel the world and learn photography. Craig is a professional photographer and apparently a well-known teacher, writer, and artist. Craig and Carol, his wife, are the directors of Image Tours, a company that provides quality travel opportunities for photographers • You might want to put your classmate Larry Nelson

on your mailing list, too. Craig, Larry is also a professional photographer and is president/owner of Global Odyssey Design. Larry lives in Southboro, Mass., travels a lot and is fortunate in loving his work. Larry's notecards are sold all over the country in card and bookstores and the one I received was terrific • I was very happy to hear from **Carol Hayward Olson** whom I remember as one of the nicest people I knew at Colby. Carol and her husband live in Chatham, Mass., where Carol is a fourth grade teacher and Carl is a real estate broker. They have two young daughters who love to swim, sail and ice skate • **Robert Greene** is an avid snow skier and lives in the perfect place for it . . . Boulder, Colo. Bob is a correctional specialist for the National Institute of Corrections, and he and Debby have two preschoolers. Unfortunately an early ski season injury kept him off the slopes this year, but he enjoys the more sedentary pleasure of gazing out his living room window at a herd of Rocky Mountain mule deer as well. Not too tough but let's hope for a better season next year—no injuries and more snow in the Rockies • I let the deadline get a bit too close this time and find myself burning some midnight oil. Not a popular thing to someone who is undoubtedly one of a very few who never had even one all-nighter at Colby. So I'll sign off until next time with thanks for being in touch and greetings to all.

**Class secretary: DONNA MASSEY SYKES** 228 Spring St., Shrewsbury, Mass. 01545.

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Jeff Silverstein called when he noticed a lack of class news before all the responses from the questionnaires started pouring in. He was eager to share his news about a burgeoning new (actually three-year-old) business called Marathon Development in Fairfax County, Va. Jeff enjoyed parlaying his legal expertise into the real estate development and construction business and, although it's a "struggle," likes being the "chief cook and bottle washer." He and his wife, Gail, are the parents of a son and a daughter. It was a nice surprise to hear from him • A number of our classmates are in the New York City area. Among those I heard from were **Alice Ryan Jean Blatt Flores**, **Ilan Hadani**, and **Leslie Seaman Zema**. Alice and her husband are both attorneys with two children and have recently renovated a 100-year-old house in Brooklyn. Jean, also in Brooklyn, after seven years in Latin America as an English teacher and part-time foreign correspondent, is now in charge of a computerized inquiry service and has a son. Ilan, a first vice president of Israel Discount Bank of New York, is married to an opera singer. They boast two theatrical and dancing daughters and do a great deal of travel resulting from their dual careers. Leslie, a dance teacher at a New York City public high school, and her husband, Gary, a computer programmer and musician, enjoy being surrounded by parks in their co-op in upper Manhattan • **Roslyn Schwarz Promisloff** reported enjoying life in Center City Philadelphia with husband Robert, a physician, and two children, Daniel and Sarah. At the time of writing she was planning a visit with **Gail Robinson Hyland** in California • **Jane Alexander**

**Haines**, another proud at-home mother, joked that with four active children she really spends more time behind the wheel and at meetings. She is involved in the LeLeche league and natural childbirth organizations, scouts, and historical preservation. She and her husband, a teacher and professional trumpet player, live in East Bridgewater, Mass., in an 1826 cape with their two daughters and two sons • **Charles "Skip" Wood** and his wife, **Monika**, have only been married since 1982 but already have three children that include a set of twins born in 1985. They are happily settled in West Newton, Mass. Skip is an account manager at Digital, and his wife is a biochemist • It was good to hear from **Buddy Earle** in Falmouth, Maine, who is doing administrative work in grades 4, 5, and 6 as well as teaching full time and raising two children with wife **Kathy**. Congratulations on his master's degree in school administration earned in 1980 • From the *Cape Cod Times* comes word of **Don Bates**, an avid daily runner who believes running should be fun. Having participated in many a race, including the Boston Marathon, Don has also been instrumental in organizing races including his town's Cranberry Harvest Festival race, which he won in 1986. Never envisioning himself as an athlete, Don finds fulfillment not only in running the race himself but in volunteering his time coaching others and raising funds • Good to hear from all of you. More news of other classmates next time.

**Class secretary: LAURA STRUCKHOFF CLINE** (Mrs. Steven D.), 6602 Loch Hill Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21239.

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**Ann Lake Bryant Wycarver** wrote from Washington, D.C., where she and husband Roy reside. After starting law school at age 30, she's practicing immigration law. Other big news involved a projected trip to Chile this past winter to pick up their newly adopted son • **Susan Cooper** took time out to let us know that "I now have an assistant professor's job in the physics department at MIT and will be splitting my time between teaching one semester a year in Boston and spending the rest of the year on an experiment at CERN in Switzerland" • **Stephen** and **Elizabeth Allen Cain** are residing in Chelmsford, Mass., with daughters **Lisa** and **Deborah** and new (born January 11, 1986) son **Jeffery**. Stephen wrote that "as of January 1, 1986, I am a 50-percent partner of Sprague, Cain, and Cullen" • **Lin Cotton** of Lawrence, Mass., checked in with the following information: "In September 1986 I assumed the position of assistant director of family day care at the Office for Children (OFC) for the State of Massachusetts. OFC is the state agency responsible for licensing all day care in Massachusetts. Currently there are just under 10,000 licensed family day care providers." As busy as this schedule sounds, Lin found time for vacations last year in Bermuda and Hawaii • From Athens, Ga., came news from **Harry Dickerson** that he was able to take time out from work there as a research veterinarian to travel to South Africa last Christmas to visit family with wife **Mapelon**, son **Ryan**, and daughter **Carlyn** • And finally, **Marianne Perry** has been making news at Nyack College in New

## 15th Reunion: Class of 1972

Our 15th has come and gone. Soon it will be time to plan for the 20th! This was the first reunion that I have been able to attend and I hope that all of you who were there enjoyed it as much as I did. About a third of our class, many of whom traveled great distances, returned to Colby for the reunion.

The weather was perfect all weekend. Reunion activities began with a social hour and an open house. The Saturday morning Caen brunch, with Professor Bundy, was a special reunion for those of us who had spent our junior year at the Université de Caen. The lobster bake was followed by a softball game. I found the tour of the campus particularly interesting, not only seeing the new buildings and renovations of older buildings but hearing about other changes: the Commons system, the use of computers to prepare English papers, etc.

Saturday night, there was a cocktail hour, dinner, and then a choice of two different dances. Approximately 130 people were present at the dinner, including professors **Easton**, **Mizner**, **Brancaccio**, and **Bundy**. President and Mrs. **Cotter** dropped by to welcome our class back to Colby. After dinner, Class President **Swift Tarbell** presented gifts to the outgoing officers—**Bruce Haas**, vice president and class agent; **Chris Pinkham**, Alumni Council representative, and **Ann Bonner Vidor**, secretary/treasurer—and thanked them for all their hard work during the past five years. Swift also expressed appreciation to everyone who made calls to help organize the reunion. Our class exceeded its fund raising goal, a tribute to **Bruce** and all of our classmates who assisted him with the phone calls.

The entire weekend was well planned and organized, thanks to the efforts of the alumni office and Swift. According to all reports, the child care activities and programs were excellent.

Class officers for the next five years are: **Swift Tarbell**, president; **Bruce Haas**, vice president; **Janet Holm Gerber**, secretary/treasurer; and **Pam Mause Vose**, Alumni Council representative. **Dick** and **Fred Valone** will share the responsibilities of the class agent position.

We missed all of you who could not come to this reunion and we hope to see you at our 20th!

*Ann Bonner Vidor*



York, where an exhibit of her artwork was on display this past spring. After Colby, Marianne earned a master of fine arts degree with a major in printmaking from Brooklyn College and then studied under professional artists at the Arts Students League of New York. Her work (which often depicts the New York City subway environment) was reproduced in the September 1986 issue of *American Artist Magazine*.

**Class secretary:** LINDA CHESTER, 46  
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This is my last column as class correspondent. It's difficult for me to believe that I have been doing it for 10 years! I have enjoyed hearing from so many of you • **Henry Ogilby** and **Anne Phillips** were planning to be married last spring. Anne is an associate with the firm of Ropes and Gray in Boston. Henry received his master's degree in business administration from Babson College and served in the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands as a lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard. He spent six years in Switzerland working for Digital Equipment Corp. He is employed by Digital in its international marketing division • **Cathie Joslyn** has been promoted to the rank of associate professor of art at Clarion (Pa.) University • **Bill Goldstein** is the university legal counsel and assistant professor of law and government at Maharishi International University in Fairfield, Iowa. He and **Leslee Failer** were married in 1981, and when he wrote they were expecting their first child • **Bob and Patri Godfrey McKinley** have moved from Reno, Nev., to Pittsford, N.Y. Bob is a financial planner for Kodak. Patri spends her time taking care of their four children • **Kathe Ottersen Cintavey** and her family have moved to North Olmsted, Ohio. Kathe teaches high school English and French. She reported the following news: **Robert Christopher** is an architect in San Francisco. **Ellen Muzzy Farnham** and her family are also living in San Francisco. **Nathaniel Smith** is a comptroller at a toy company in Hudson, Ohio. **George and Frannie Birkinbine Welch** are living in Cheshire, Conn. She has her master's degree in special education and hopes to return to teaching after her children are in school. She enjoys staying at home now with their three children • **Carol Beaumier** had been employed by the Comptroller of the Currency until last year when she became a partner and senior vice president of The Secura Group, a financial institution's consulting firm with offices in Washington and Dallas. Her home is in Washington, and she travels regularly throughout the United States. She wrote that **Betsey Rogers McComiskey** is a nurse and lives in Amesbury, Mass., with her husband and three children • **Barbara Weldon and Eddie Morin** are married and living in Houston • **Larry and Donna Huff Davis** and their two daughters are living in Hallowell, Maine • **Allen and Faith Bushell Friedman** are living in the Baltimore area. They have two children. Faith met Allen in Chicago when he was completing his residency. Faith has taught first and second grades for seven years in Chicago and Baltimore.

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As this column finishes the news from our questionnaire of over a year ago, I hope the news will not be too out-of-date. **Laurie Williams Woodfin** hails from Mendon, Mass. In June 1986, Laurie had a mini-reunion at her home with **Cindy Sanders Ingalls** (in from Tacoma, Wash.) **Anne Douglas Stanek**, and **Gretchen Van Tassel Williams**. In the "small world" category Laurie ran into **Peggy Horrigan Coleman** and her husband in the Bermuda airport that same summer • **Stephen Parsons** lives in Southington, Conn., and is assistant general manager of Parsons Buick. He is active in local and professional groups and echoes a complaint of many Colby classmates—not enough free time • **Martha Wetmore Scott** is busy as an artist, college art instructor, and mother. During the summer of 1986, Martha and her husband, Howard, participated in an archaeology dig on their property in Pembroke, Mass. Last summer they visited classmate **Janet Carpenter** in Penobscot, Maine, where Janet lives in a new home that she helped to design and build. Janet had attended **Patience Stoddard Gruber's** wedding. Patience is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School and is a minister in Hartland, Vt. • **Anne Huff Jordan** lives in Medfield, Mass., and has seen classmates **Doug and Cheryl Booker Gorman** 74 around town in Medfield. And speaking of the Gormans **Ken Gorman** is manager of business investigative services at Coopers and Lybrand • **Eric Rolfson** continues at Colby as director of leadership programs. He and his wife, Becky, have spent the last four years building a 200-year-old farmhouse from the ground up. Eric wrote that **Andy Koss** is working for the state department in Peking and that **Rob Schiller** is working too hard with a computer firm in Cambridge • **Chris Hall Salazar** wrote, "We are a military family 'on the move'—we spent three years on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi before the (present) Arkansas assignment" • **Matthew Livingston** works as a management consultant/senior vice president • **Bruce Cummings** recently "abandoned the pastoral life of Vassalboro for city" living in Waterville." Bruce works as vice president of strategic planning, marketing, and corporate development at the Mid-Maine Medical Center • **Susan Alling** works at inside sales and customer service for Floral Glass and Mirror on Long Island • **Joe Mattos** wrote of "mid-life changes—just married, first child, adjustment period" • **Gail Andrews McCarthy** lives in Vienna, Va., where she is director of the CONSERN Loan Program. She was expecting her third child last September.

**Class secretary:** JANET PERETHIAN  
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It's amazing how sending out a questionnaire always results in a full mailbox! **Ken Hardigan** wrote from New Castle, N.H., where he and his wife built a house in 1985-86. I hope their house was completed before the twins were born (identical twin boys) in July 1986! • **Leo Clayton Bowers** and his wife also built a home, in Hampton, Va., where they live with their three children • **Judy Bradeen** is a homemaker, mother,

and part-time accounting consultant in Oak Park, Ill. • The baby boomers are having babies—**Arthur Bell** and his wife had their first in January 1987. **Cynthia Vietor Kahle** lives in Houston, Tex., with her husband and two children. **Claudia Krachling**, an artist wrote from Minneapolis, Minn., that she and her husband had their second child in March 1987 • **Gail Howard** was scheduled to move from Minnesota in May to the milder San Francisco area as the result of a promotion in her job with Elizabeth Arden. Others on the West Coast include **Beverly Kraut**, a specialty food broker in Oakland, Calif., and **John Hawes, Jr.**, who is an international export specialist in Sacramento, Calif. • **Howard Lazar** wrote from Anchorage, Alaska, where he has been working as an attorney for a private firm since leaving the air force in January 1986 • **Phyllis Hasegawa Auger** is in Tigard, Ore., where she works as a graphic artist for an exhibit firm. She and her husband are expecting to be proud parents for the second time in early September. If there are any other alumni in or around Portland, Ore., Phyllis would like to hear from you • And in San Anselmo, Calif., **Anita Dillon** is the manager of Old Mill Travel and lives with her partner and three children • Back on the East Coast, **Steve Etzel** is an appraisal officer with Maine Savings Bank in Portland, Maine. He and his wife and two children moved in the summer of 1986 from their condo in Florida back to the North Country. Steve (I'll always think of him as Xtral wants to know: When the snow melts, where does the white go? Some things don't change. Other Mainiacs are **Ann LeBlanc**, who is a clinical neuropsychologist with a private practice in Waterville and Bangor, and **Mark Curtis**, the southern division vice president of Central Maine Power Company in Portland. Mark and his wife also built a new house • **David Bailey** is a music teacher, performer, and instrument repairman in Nashua, N.H., where he lives with his wife, a violinist and music teacher • **Chris Germer** was starting a private practice in clinical psychology in Cambridge, Mass., at the time he wrote. Chris has visited India seven times, pursuing his fascination with Indian philosophy. Until next time . . .

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Well, this is it—I've finally hit the end of the questionnaires I sent out two years ago. A new one is on the way, so be prepared. And I'm on the way to San Diego in two days with my husband for our first "trip away from home," sans children, since my oldest was born six-and-one-half years ago! So if this article appears incoherent, please understand why! • **Joe Alex** wrote that he and wife, **Joanne Defilipp** 76, founded the Stillwater Montessori School in Maine. He is the owner and administrator of the school, and his wife teaches there. They have a seven-year-old and a one-year-old to keep them busy at home. In between times they enjoy sports, particularly skating at the UMO campus. Alex is president of the Maine Montessori Association. He also obtained an M.B.A. from Husson in 1985 • **Ted Snyder** is on the faculty at the University of Michigan. He

enjoys watching basketball there and continues to participate in the sport • **David Mann** is an architect in the Big Apple. His wife, Lori, also works there in interior design • **Carolyn Anderson Pope**, married to Dana Pope '76, lives in Westwood, Mass. After working for nine years she is enjoying her baby, Lindsay. However, she still does a lot of singing for concerts and churches • **Sarah Rosenberg** is residing in Washington, D.C., and besides taking care of baby Jacob, she's a law student • **From Westbrook, Maine, Gail Dixon Tewhey** wrote that she is a registered nurse. She is also writing her second novel and embarking on an M.B.A. • **Finally, Laurie White** is living out in San Francisco. She is an artist, and current projects encompass graphic design and T-shirt and record album cover design • If you haven't yet appeared in this column and have a yearning to, please either write to me, courtesy of the address below, or answer the upcoming questionnaire. Next edition of this news coming up in three months!

**Class secretary: BARBARA CARROLL PETERSON**, 921 Dolphin Drive, Malvern, Pa. 19355.

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And now all the news that is fit to print or all the news that fits. Happily, I've received a number of questionnaires so I'll do my best to cover everyone • **Lynn Leavitt Morrison** and husband Chad, an insurance broker, have a daughter, Sarah Tucker. Lynn is enjoying her part-time teaching assistant job, which allows her time with Tucker • **Patti Arnold Mills** wrote from Panama, where she and her husband are working for the U.S. Government. After three years away from home, the family, including the children, Tina, 11, Brian, 8, and Karen, 5, are planning a trip to New England • **Nancy Bengis Friedman** is a publishing poet and freshman English teacher at Wagner College in Staten Island, New York. She and her husband, Robert, an architectural lighting designer, have a four-year-old son, Jedediah • **O. James Morgan** is also an English teacher, at Baylor School. He received his M.T.S. degree from Harvard University Divinity School in 1985. This summer James will direct the Tennessee Camp for Diabetic Children. Recent trips include a canoeing trip with 10 students through the lower canyons of the Rio Grande and a summer climb of Mt. Rainier and Mt. Stuart • **Karl Methven** is a consultant at Numeier and Hogle, Energy Engineers. He and his wife, Randi Numeier, will be, at the time of this writing, proud parents. A month-long canoe trip down the Noatak River in Alaska is also in their plans • **Riki Ott** is president of O.C. Inc., a commercial fishing business in Alaska. After completing her Ph.D. in fisheries at the University of Washington, she became somewhat disillusioned with scientists. So she and her business partner Danny Carpenter now fish from April to October for five species of Salmon. Riki is doing some free-lance writing on marine science, including fishery articles for children and marine science education for adults • **Julie Stewart** is director of communication for Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center in Philadelphia. This is a new field for Julie with lots to learn. She recently founded Colby's Gay, Lesbian, and

## 10th Reunion: Class of 1977

Over 70 members of our graduating class returned to Colby for our 10-year reunion. But it didn't seem possible that 10 years could have gone by already. Reflections of the class reunion bring to mind phrases like "Do you remember the time when . . . ?" and "Back when we were here we used to . . ." and "Have you seen . . . ?" As people arrived for the traditional Dana barbecue, these same phrases were overheard, most often followed by a recapping of a memory that really did seem like yesterday. Our Saturday afternoon softball game behind Roberts seemed like old times. We were spurred on by the cheering crowd. Only this time instead of carrying dinner trays, we were carrying babies!

Dinner in the Joseph Spa in the new Student Center Saturday evening was especially enjoyable. As people arrived for cocktails before dinner, echoes of "Have you seen . . . ?" were heard again and the recapping of memories continued throughout the evening. Dean of Students Janice Seitzinger and Administrative Vice President Stan Nicholson brought us up to date on the changes in Colby over the past 10 years. Also present were our newly elected class officers: Bob Keefe, president; John Einsiedler, vice president (present in spirit!); Deborah Cohen, secretary/treasurer; and Steve Roy, Alumni Council representative.

Before we knew it, Sunday morning had arrived, cars were packed, and good-byes were exchanged. Sweatshirts, baseball caps, and other Colby memorabilia were all carefully packed away as a reminder of the good old days. There just wasn't enough time . . . but Colby is still everything we remembered it to be!

*Bob McCaughey*





Bisexual Alumni Association (CGLBAA) in case you missed her letter in the January *Alumnus*. • **Vincent O'Hara** is an attorney and has formed his own law firm of Holm, Krisel, Fried, Kessner and O'Hara. Vincent and his wife, Rosemary, have three children, Jesse, Vincent, and Brendan. • **Diane Lockwood Wendorf** is a minister for two churches. One is an inner-city mission church and the other is the United Church of Christ where she is the pastor. Diane also serves on several national boards, most recently as area coordinator for a national project on Faith and Sexuality. • **James Mullarkey** writes from Ottawa, Ill., where he is a geological engineer. He and wife Leah Jean took a Colorado ski trip in February. • **Sharon Walsh McNally** and husband Brian have increased their family by two since last writing. They now have three children under the age of 6. Recent travels include a trip to Hilton Head with the children over Easter week. I noticed the word "vacation" was not used in the description. Sharon asked, "Are we crazy?" I'll let you be the judge.

**Class secretary: PAMELA M. CAME**, 2540 Overlook Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44106.

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This is it . . . my last column before you direct your correspondence to **Deb Cohen** at the University of Kansas. Deb is a graduate teaching assistant there in the Spanish department. • **Kevin Leddy** was promoted to senior director of marketing for Warner Cable Communications. Kevin started working for Warner in 1980 as an intern in franchise operations. • **Mike Bolduc** has returned to teaching and has started the lacrosse club at Nashua (N.H.) High School. He wrote that the team is looking good! • **Pete Garrambone**, **Richard Clam-pitt**, and **Eric Schmidt** are also looking good and doing well in their professions. They recently popped in as surprise guests at a dinner party of mine in New York City. The past years have calmed them down. . . . I have no trash-the-room stories to report. Seems like I could describe our 10th reunion in a similar way: the last 10 years have quieted down even the ol' rowdy boys. It seemed to me that there was a large contingent of DU brothers on campus as well as classmates living in Maine. I must say that we really didn't need our name tags. . . . **Chris McKeown Barry** wrote me from Spain to say that she was not able to attend our reunion because she and her husband are aboard *Plover*, their 41-foot sailboat, until June 1988. They took leaves of absence from their jobs and left Annapolis in June 1986. Chris expected to have a small Colby reunion with **Carolyn Frazier de Palop** in Spain. Well, I guess this is my final sign off. It's all yours, Deb!

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Mike Scott sent a gem of a letter that tells of his times and experiences since graduation. Presently, Mike is "a policy analyst in the Fed-

eral Home Loan Bank System," one of the people who "regulate institutions that abuse your savings and loan money and try to manage a bankrupt insurance fund known as the FSLIC." He added, "I have to warn you that all of this may come as a shock to those who were convinced during my college days that I was an inveterate and politically correct liberal." Mike told of his first indecision about his future after graduation: "I walked away from a law school scholarship and became a beach bum in Sarasota, Florida." Later, Mike entered a Ph.D. program in political science at the University of Michigan but found that "after one year of teaching political theory to Valley Girls, I decided that 'marketability' was not such an abhorrent concept after all. Thus, I transferred into the master's degree program in public policy in order to make a difference. The only significant difference that occurred was my ability to escape the Midwest in only three years as opposed to six!" In closing, Mike warned: "I will see you at our upcoming 10th reunion in which all of these emotions will resurface in a completely unproductive and antisocial manner. I cannot wait!" • With reunion just around the corner, I'm sure that many others of you have made tentative plans to attend also. I attended parts of reunion '87, including the Class of '77 dinner, took some notes, and began collecting ideas for our 10th. • **John Devine** already has the wheels rolling on next June's gathering. He reported that two committees are being formed, one to plan activities for our class during the weekend and a fund-raising committee to work on our 10th reunion class gifts. Volunteers and ideas are welcome! John sent a letter he received from **Bill Sawyer**. Bill has a year or so left before finishing a Ph.D. thesis in solid state physics at the Max Planck Institute in Stuttgart, Germany. Bill and his wife, Helena, are the parents of Maija Ilone, just over a year old. • Other classmates in the news include **Jim Crook**, who works for Interpretive Data Systems, a South Burlington, Vt., computer software firm specializing in programs for the medical industry. • **Al Wilson** has been named assistant vice president of commercial banking at Meritor Financial Markets in Philadelphia. Prior to that, Al was a senior commercial banking officer. • I also received news that **Dotti Farrell** was married on May 23. She and her husband, Stanley Shelton, plan to live in Hong Kong. • Finally, I pulled some questionnaires from the file and came up with the names of **Janice Phillips**, **Susan Jacke Littlefield**, **Stuart Alex**, and **Jeanne Greiter Fine**. Janice is a psychologist and lives in Wellsboro, Pa. When asked "What do you do in your spare time?" she responded, "What spare time? It can be hectic working full time and being a parent." Her daughter, Lauren, is nearly two. Sue runs a fishing and lobstering business on Block Island with her husband, Christopher. They also keep bees and sell honey and beeswax candles. Stu lives in West Hartford, Conn., and is an underwriter. He wants to hear from **Courtney Grimes** and **Rick Tonge '80**. Jeanne works as a software specialist for a hospital computer company in Dallas, Tex. She and her husband, Howard, are the parents of Kristin, nearly two. • I'm looking for some addresses. Please send a note to me or to the alumni office if you know the whereabouts of **Sandra Walcott**, **Robert Sundberg**, **Nancy Seeds**, **Alice Langer**, **Lyn Hildebrandt**, or **Kathy Hastings**.

**Class secretary: JAMES S. COOK, JR.**, RFD 1, Box 3470, Albion, Maine 04910.

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When asked what changes have occurred in his life since we last heard from him, **Rick Levasseur** responded with an emphatic "Rien!" and "Pas du tout!" and later lamented about his receding hairline! But there is something to tell. Rick is a feature writer for the *Bangor Daily News* spends his spare time camping, playing soccer and racquetball and was married in August. Congrats! He now lives in Brewer, Maine and asks classmates to drop him a line. • In Calais **Ernestine Ochs Reisman** directs the Frank N. Beckett Center which employs workers referred by the bureau of vocational rehabilitation. Although the center produces goods, its primary purpose is to teach valuable work skills that will help workers move into other jobs in the community. • **Tyler Kolbe**, who attended Colby with our class but graduated from Trinity College, has joined the law firm of Berman, Simmons, and Goldberg and now lives in the Lewiston area. • In Biddeford Pool, Maine, **Kristin Whittier-Lorenz** is busy finishing her last year at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. She's been traveling all over the nation doing clinical clerkships and, when at home with hubby Donald, she finds time to run, knit, read, and go camping. Also in Biddeford Pool, **Linda Frechette** works in public relations for the Portland Design Team, an architectural and interior design firm. Her other activities include membership on the Maine Public Relations Council and the 1987 position of scholarship chairperson for Maine Media Women. Linda also wrote that she hopes all classmates will attend our 10th reunion in 1989! • Not so long ago, David and **Mary Zukowski Hurd**, armed with hammers and nails, built a home in Freeport, where Mary is a circulation analyst for L.L. Bean, and David is a self-employed data processing consultant. • And further down the road in South Portland, **Jane Gair** celebrated her graduation from the northern New England branch of the University of Connecticut's School of Social Work. She's thrilled to have found a field in which her fascination with human relationships and personal growth can be channeled and focused. Did you know that in addition to her "people fascination" Jane secretly loves to fill out sweepstakes entry forms in hopes of becoming independently wealthy? • Also in social work and in Maine, **Daisy Dore Janell** and husband Jeffrey work as psychotherapists with the Bath-Brunswick Area Mental Health Center. They both earned their master's degrees in Massachusetts, Daisy's from Simmons Graduate School of Social Work and Jeff's from Tufts University. Daisy's other major accomplishment before returning to Maine was quitting her smoking habit after 10 years! She also wrote that she's seen **Chris Bliss** who is doing some "fascinating and wonderful educational work in the Far East." Chris had returned to the United States briefly for some further education but is now back in the Far East. • **Cal Cooper** and his wife, Carol, are also teaching. Cal teaches fifth grade in Searsport, Maine, and Carol teaches at the junior-high level in Bucksport. When not teaching, they manage their 40-acre woodlot and work on their 140-year-old cape-style home. Cal mentioned in his letter that **Carol Neidig White** now lives in Farmington, Conn., with her husband, Phil, and two-year-old son Parker. Carol is an alcohol counselor, and Phil is a minister at the



United Church of Christ there • After completing the physician's assistant program at Rutgers University, **Julia Jacobsohn** has been working as a physician extender at the Augusta Mental Health Institute in the admissions unit. During her time off, Julia plays softball for the hospital team and does some acting with **Meg Matheison** at the Gaslight Theater in Hallowell • **Sarah MacColl** is also involved in performances of sorts. After leaving Union Mutual, Sarah started her own business, Health Benefits, which provides employee benefit communications via improvisational comedy performances. She's also a health insurance consultant and has returned to school for her master's in health psychology. Sarah's husband, Ed, is an attorney in Cape Elizabeth, and together they enjoy running, swimming, and taking care of their bunny, "Gardner," named for Carol Gardner Sly '80. At the end of her letter, Sarah asked classmates, "Do you feel old?" Well... do you???

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**Stacey duBell** and her husband, Robert Mileti (married October 18, 1986), recently moved their home and business from Stamford to Torrington, Conn. Bob is owner and president, while Stacey is director of marketing and advertising for TRLBY PRODUCTS, manufacturer of toys and novelties, the most famous of which is the TRLBY stunt kite. Their spare time is spent renovating their 29,000-square foot factory and three-family house. Stacy asked what has happened to **Kelley Keefe**, **Robin MacLeod**, **Susan Miller**, **Town Burns '81**, and **Bonnie Roy '78** • **Jamie Hansman '79** has been a broker with Smith Barney in Boston for over two years (Josh Burns '81 also works there); in his spare time, Jamie plays soccer with other Colby alums, such as **Elliott Pratt** • **Lydia Mason** finished her M.A. in comparative literature at the University of Washington in the spring of 1986. She works at *The Weekly*, Seattle's newsmagazine, while also assisting (in such areas as production, scriptwriting, editing, and acting) friends who started an educational video production company • **Adrienne Reynolds** and **Paul Kudlich** married September 21, 1985, and now live in Waltham, Mass. Paul's sales representative for ZEP Manufacturing, and Adrienne was finishing up her electrical engineering degree with honors at Northeastern this past June • **Mark Dalton** is a senior environmental planner in Anchorage, Alaska, and his wife, Cami, teaches elementary school. He recently finished 15th out of 50 in a 210-mile cross-country ski race • **Chris and Kelley Osgood Platt** moved to Portland, Oreg., in 1985. Chris is getting his M.B.A. while working as a sales engineer for TemPress Measurement & Control, and Kelley has her own small-business consulting practice (they formerly resided in Connecticut, where Chris was in the navy and Kelley was an assistant vice president with Chemical Bank). Their son, Andrew Philip, was born April 10, 1985 • **Alice Domar** received her Ph.D. in health psychology in June 1986 and has since been doing a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard Medical School (research at Beth Israel Hospital and behavior therapy at

Children's Hospital, mostly concentrating on behavior treatment to reduce the trauma of surgery). She bicycles in her spare time • **Dahl Hansen** got his LL.M. in taxation at Washington University, St. Louis, in May 1986, and now works in the tax department at Steptoe & Johnson in Washington, D.C. • **John Veilleux** was finishing up law school in June, where he had such achievements as being editor-in-chief of the *Georgetown Law Journal*. He planned to take his Maine Bar Exam over the summer and then clerk for a U.S. District Court Judge (Thomas Flannery) in D.C. He reported that **Sonia Turcotte Fois** has resumed her law studies at Georgetown in the evening division.

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Dear classmates: I am still sorting through the questionnaire responses to prepare my class column, and I thank you all for generously contributing. Keep the letters coming! **Barbra Cooper Comunale** and her husband, Dr. Mark Comunale, are living in Wakefield, Mass. Barbra is a senior research technician for The Center for Blood Research in Boston and has co-authored a paper published in the *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences* • **Patrick Murphy** is busy as a firefighter in Boston, and he and his wife, Barbara, are also busy as parents to Courtney Rene • **Mary Brooks Theberge** is teaching high school math on Orr's Island, Maine. She and husband David have two daughters, Ashleigh and Amanda • **Martha D. MacMillin**, who received a master's degree in medical genetics from the University of Wisconsin, is a genetic counselor at George Washington University Medical Center. Her husband, George Plesko, is an economist • **David Bolger** has returned from the Peace Corps and continues to be active politically. He is dealing with the issues of urban housing and the Massachusetts pro-choice campaign • **Darlene Howland** is living in Waltham, Mass., working as the director of a pre-school program. She wed Jeffrey Currier on May 17, 1987. As always, Darlene remains active in the theater and was recently elected president of the Wellesley Players • **Beth Pniewski Wilson** and husband Phil are living in Wayland, Mass. They purchased an old home, circa 1770, which was used as a tavern during the revolution. A restoration project they have started is keeping them very busy • **Michele Andrea** and new husband Greg Haley are both attorneys, practicing in Richmond, Va. • **Karen L. Pfeiffer** has graduated from Simmons School of Library Science, Boston, and has just started a job at the Conference Boards Library in New York City. She plans to move to Long Island shortly • **Serge Sondak** is living in Queens, N.Y., with his wife, Raphaelle Camille Sondak '84. He is a bank officer and Raphaelle is an assistant faculty administrator for Rockefeller University • **Tony Snoff** graduated from The Restaurant School in Philadelphia. After traveling through Europe and managing a Vermont country inn, she has settled in Virginia and is managing a restaurant there. She attended **Toni Ciota's** wedding in May 1986 and had a chance to reunite with many Colbyites • **Wayne "Wayno" Cobleigh** is manager for

project development NEPCO-IT. He and his group, The Whales, cut an album on March 1, 1986, entitled "Whales Rock" • **Kelley Kash** is an air force captain who is working as a hospital administrator. He has a master's in that field. He and wife, Ann Nichols Kash '80, are parents to Jason and Emily • **Tim Springer** is a private contractor in conference planning. He was elected chairman for the Minnesota Renewable Energy Society and has been accepted in a master's program at the University of California, Berkeley, called "Energy and Resources Group." This program represents, in his words, "an interdisciplinary approach to energy issues" • **Dani Nemec Micsan** and husband James are still living in Kinshasa, Zaire. Some new experiences for her have been eating antelope, manioc, and fried caterpillars. She and her husband have recently enjoyed a trip across the ocean to Rio • **Dale Oak** is living in Sherman Oaks, Calif., while attending graduate school at UCLA. His wife, Janet Allen Oak, is a management consultant • **Bill McCully** has enriched the University of Maine at Farmington's dance troupe by developing a new dance for them. Bill maintains the busy schedule of a professional choreographer • **Linda Clifford** and fiancé William Hadley are both attorneys who received law degrees from Boston College in 1984. They are planning a September wedding • **Kathy Marcarielle** has joined Charles M. Bailey Public Library in Winthrop, Maine, as adult service librarian. She previously worked as reference librarian for the Catholic Medical Center in Lewiston and is enjoying public librarianship once again.

**Class secretary: PAULA HINCKLEY BURROUGHS** (Mrs. Jack), 55 N. Reading St., Manchester, N.H. 03104.

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This is my final column for the *Alumnus*. . . I hope you all enjoy reading what Emily has to say for the next five years! I have several wedding-related items to report. **Kim Haynes** and **David Znamierowski** were married in August. Kim received her M.B.A. from Boston University and is employed as a financial analyst by Endowment Management. David received his M.B.A. from Dartmouth and is employed by Salomon Brothers • **Peter Barnes** was married April 25th to June Lockhart • **Jim Sullivan** was married to Barbara Russell in August. He is director of planning and zoning for the town of Manchester, Vt. Barbara is employed by Eagle Development Corporation, also in Manchester • **Jean Appello** is engaged to be married this September. Her fiancé, Robert Segal, is a mortgage officer at Baybanks Mortgage Corporation. Jean is assistant branch manager with Patriot Bank, Boston • **Seth Medalie** is engaged to be married in November. Seth is director of education and training for Northwestern Associates of Boston. His fiancée, Leslie Leary, is the public relations director of Leary and Associates, public relations • And one final non-wedding note . . . Mark Plummer has earned a Ph.D. in organic chemistry at Rensselaer Poly Tech. Mark is now doing postdoctoral studies at Rensselaer and is looking forward to a career as a research scientist.

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## 5th Reunion: Class of 1982

From the Friday night cocktail party through brunch on Sunday (where is Page Commons?), talking, laughing, and catching up were the preferred activities. By Saturday's noontime lobster bake most of the 100+ classmates attending had arrived and, staking out a corner of Dana Lawn, were busy hailing old friends and cracking open lobsters with bare hands. New hairstyles (and hairlines), spouses, and at least one baby were on display. Margaret, who left her post at the door to Roberts Dining Hall in 1982, was making her way through the crowd greeting people by name. We lost our softball field to a more senior class that afternoon but no one really minded.

Saturday night we all sat down for a somewhat chilly open-air meal under a tent on, yet again, Dana Lawn. (Older and presumably less hearty alumni merited real dishes and four walls in the Student Center, Heights, etc.) Not to complain, however—the food and, of course, the company were good. Outgoing President Jeff Brown introduced our new class officers: President Meg Torrey, Vice President Matthew Schofield, Secretary Emily Cummings, and Alumni Council representative Donna Curran Stock. Jeff wished them the best in organizing our 10th reunion.

Class treasurer Donna Stock put us over the \$6,000 mark by passing an envelope. (The alumni office reports that this is the largest sum ever given by a fifth reunion class.) Sandy Maisel spoke about the changes that have taken place at Colby over the past five years, from the new buildings and the elimination of fraternities to the creation of more interdepartmental and team-taught courses, and the metamorphoses that these changes have wrought. Colby College is not exactly the same school we left five years ago, but neither are we quite the same people. Other faculty attending the dinner were Joyce McPhetres Maisel, Professor and Mrs. Roger Metz, and Professor and Mrs. William Miller who were also marking five years since their departure from Colby.

After dinner people separated to get together with friends who aren't seen often enough and to head to the disco at Foss Hall, now known as Mary Low Commons. For many of us, however, the best time of the evening was spent sitting in the second floor hall of Mary Low (our dorm for the weekend) talking, laughing, passing champagne bottles, and just plain having a warm and wonderful time. Apologies to those who had hoped to get to sleep before 3 a.m.

Sunday brought brunch and trips to Bonnie's, then the farewells. The general consensus was that everyone looked fantastic and, as one classmate put it, "more together." Thanks to Jeff Brown for his work in organizing our fifth reunion. Those of you who didn't come were missed. Until 1992, when we'll be even better. . . .

*Sarah J. LickDyke*



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Greetings to all! I received a note from **John Chapin** who is now working with the U.S. Information Agency. John is currently serving a two-year foreign service assignment in the U.S.S.R. with a U.S. exhibit titled "Information, U.S.A." The exhibit is part of the cultural exchange initiative signed by President Reagan and Communist Party Leader Gorbachev at Geneva in 1985. If anyone is planning a trip to the Soviet Union in the next two years give John a call! • **Karen Wall** wrote that she is currently employed by Consumers Mortgage of Nashua, N.H., as their training coordinator. She plans to enter Rivier College's M.B.A. program this coming fall. • **Nancy Raynor** is working for SNET Company as a service consultant. • **Gregory Marco** is a physics and chemistry teacher at Cony High School in Augusta, Maine. • Also working in Maine is **Scott Footman**. He is a real estate broker in Bangor and is planning to open his own real estate firm. • Congratulations are in order for **Burr Johnson**, ad copywriter of Cahill Dittich Advertising, who has been named Rookie of the Year by *Ad East Magazine*. *Ad East* presents the award annually to deserving copywriters and art directors in New England advertising with less than three years of experience. • **David Niles** wrote that he is a graduate student in physics at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. • **Scott Russell** is also a graduate student, but in French studies at Brown University. • **Karin Foster Palmer** is employed as a programmer analyst at the Bank of New England. She is also enrolled in the M.B.A. program at Babson College. • Ensign **Peter Reif** has completed the Basic Surface Warfare Officer's Course with the U.S. Navy. • **Barrie "Holt" Thrasher** was recently promoted to associate in the corporate finance department of Smith Barney in New York City. • Also residing in New York City are **Kathy Kaufman**, **Frederick "Rick" Hauser**, and **Ed Higham**. Kathy is employed as a technical research coordinator for The Harris Poll. Rick works for Salomon Brothers in international accounting. Ed graduated from Columbia's business school and is now working as a corporate finance associate for Chase Investment Bank. • **Brenda Segota** graduated from Northeastern University's Graduate School of Professional Accounting in August 1985. She is now employed with Price Waterhouse in Boston as a staff accountant. • **Kelly Burke** is also working for one of the Big Eight. She is a CPA for Coopers & Lybrand in New York City. • That's all for now! Please keep me posted on any new events.

**Class secretary: DELISA A. LATERZO**, 4887 White Rock Circle, #E, Boulder, Colo. 80301.

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Wedding bells rang for many classmates this summer. Others pursued unique endeavors. Skip '82 and **Melissa Rihm Thimbault** moved into a house they built in Boca Raton, Fla., this past spring. They recently had twins, Gloria Elizabeth and Daniel Alan. This isn't too surprising seeing as Missy always did things 120 percent! Melissa and Skip have hopes of getting together with

**Sarah Jordan**, who is an instructor at a marine institute in the Keys • **Charles Tenney** returned to the United States in September of last year, and then returned home in February, after traveling through China and Pakistan and a bit of England. Charles had a two-month archaeology job in Pakistan • I recently met with **Parris Pelletier** and **Jim Cruikshank** in Copley Place, Boston. Parris works at State Street Bank in Boston. Jim remarked that he is aspiring for his M.B.A. at Suffolk University in the evenings while working at John Hancock during the day • **Tracy Sotir** was married this past June to David Ramsey. Tracy had been working as a sales rep with Mony in Boston and plans to attend law school this fall. The couple live in Cambridge • **Todd Palmer** married Lynn Marie McDevitt this past August. Todd is a school-master and coach at The Rectory School in Pomfret, Conn. • **Steve Michaud** married Denise Morin in June. The couple resides in New Hampshire and Steve is employed as an emergency medical technician for Star Care, Inc. in Manchester. His wife is a nurse at Concord Hospital • **Kathryn Nickerson** and Brian Russell '82 celebrated their wedding in July. Kathryn is employed as a senior genetic technician at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Brian recently completed his final year at the Wharton School of Business in Philadelphia and works as a financial analyst in the financial development program at Digital • In August, **Daire Fontaine** married Kevin Starr '85. Daire is pursuing a master's degree in business administration from Boston University while employed as a business analyst at Digital Equipment Corporation. Her husband is working for his master's degree in finance from Boston College • **Michelle LeBlanc** tied the knot this past June to William Murphy. Michelle works for Imaging Technology Inc. in Woburn • Other news... **Andy Dubino** was named sales representative for the southern Vermont and northwestern Massachusetts areas for ADCO, a leader in the health care industry • **Lawrence Niemann** lives in Bedminster, N.J. He is assistant cashier at First Fidelity Bank, N.A. in Newark, N.J., where he serves in the national division • **Dana Hanley** was appointed last January to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary for the 113th Maine Legislature. The house minority leader said of Hanley, "His background and education place him in a good position on the committee as it begins discussion of the many vital issues facing this session" • Stay in touch, you're all wonderful!

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I know of three recent engagements. **Kim Glendon** is engaged to Greg Getschow '86, and they will marry this fall. **Beth Garcia** will marry William "Hoolie" Wiese '84 this fall as well. **Kathryn Clarke** and **Rick Anderson** will wed in the spring • **Rick Anderson** and **Sean Padgett** just bought a house in Grafton, Mass. Steve Langlois is their boarder. Steve is still working hard at Digital with Stacey Kessel, Betsy Holt, Kevin Starr, Joan Ray, and Cindy Smith • On Beacon Hill in Boston, you may run into

**Keith Turley**, **T. Ashley Morgan**, or **Kathy Hughes**. Keith and Ashley work for the Bank of New England; Kathy is with the Bank of Boston • **John Prorok** and **Chris Lebherz** are also on Beacon Hill, studying law at Suffolk University • Down in D.C. you may run into some classmates. Living down there are **Marcie Campbell**, **Bruce Hickey**, **Linda Carroll**, **Julie Sands**, **Jim Meltser**, **Kate Lucier**, **Meg Wimmer**, and **Dave Resnicoff**. Many of these people won't be there for long. Kate and Dave are moving up to Boston for grad school, Kate at Harvard Business and Dave at BC Law. Julie will be getting her M.B.A. at Wharton. Meg is going south and getting her master's in public policy at Duke • Further south in New Orleans, **Lynn Williams** was married to Howard Nelson on March 22, 1987. **Mary Beth Boland** and **Kathy Kamm** were in her wedding • Up north in Portland, **Shireen Shahawy Stinneford** is a co-op specialist with WCSH TV; her husband, **Ryan Stinneford**, is finishing up his third year at the University of Maine Law School • Also in Portland, **Kelly Keenan** is an analytical chemist and plans to start a master's program in chemistry, maybe in Australia • **Carol Eisenberg**, who is a researcher for community dental health on Peaks Island, Maine, married David Simpson '86 this past May • In New Hampshire, **Jennifer Kirk** is a marketing executive with A.D. Davis • **Chris Murphy** is the manager of residential appraisal at the Finlay Company • **Alicia Bevin** is now working for the Mt. Cranmore Association in advertising • Up at our own Colby College, **Gretchen Bean** was recently promoted to assistant dean of admissions, and **David Beers** is working for the development office in charge of phonathons • **George Bamfo** is a first-year student at the M.B.A. program at Penn State • That's all the room I have for now. By the time you read this you will have received a questionnaire. Please send it back full of information!

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**David Simpson** and **Carol Eisenberg** '85, **Melissa Rustia** and **Paul Groshek**, **Barb Falcone** and **Lars Smith**, **Jay Church** and **Imogen Mintzer** '85, **Greg Getschow** and **Kim Glendon** '85, **James D. Campbell**, and **Ann Raible** are the most recent married classmates, while **Tim Kas-trinelis**, **Cindy Kelly**, **Beth Peters**, **Rick Tolstrup**, and **Wendy Lapham** have announced their engagements • **Heidi Arnao** is a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines as is **Sue Whitney**, who is busy teaching, coaching, and working on a renovation project in Malawi, Central Africa • **Diane Smith** is spending one to two years in Kenya working for WorldTeach Organization • Foreign travel seems to have kept quite a few of our classmates busy over the past year. **Jeanne Choquette** is a student of Japanese in Kyoto, Japan, and **Marc DeRosa** and **John Nelson** are studying in Taiwan • **Grant Rice** is finding his Watson Fellowship an extraordinary experience and has enjoyed travels through New Zealand, Australia, and Nepal • **Yasser Alwan** took a camel trip across the desert in Cairo, Egypt, as part of his Watson travels •

**Doug Scalise** saw Bishop Desmond Tutu speak at Westminster Abbey during a visit to England last March • **Valerie Claff** had a teaching internship at Walnut Hill School of Performing Arts prior to her painting program in Samos, Greece, during the summer • **Bill Kules** is a computer systems engineer in Washington, D.C., but found time to spend four weeks in Sierra Leone, West Africa, last June • **Alec Murray** took an exciting trip to Australia, where he and **Kelly McPhail** cheered Dennis Conner to victory in Perth • **Iлона Naery** returned to Israel last summer for her third season of archaeology study there • **Lucia Stainton** was teaching at Spring-side School in Philadelphia before traveling to the South Pacific for a scuba diving expedition • **Rodney Southworth** is a credit analyst for Irving Trust in New York but managed a trip to Brazil and Barbados • **Eric Pendleton** spent the past year teaching French and Spanish at Proctor Academy and then went to Europe for a nice six-week summer vacation • **Deb Spieker** and **Paul Martin** reportedly are back from Sri Lanka, while **Karl Ruping** was last seen in Japan • Back in the working world, a number of other classmates seem to be very busy. **Kelly Chopus** is a program coordinator for the Leukemia Society • **Molly Couch** was anticipating a move to Gulf Stream, Fla., at last writing, to teach at a private school there • **Rich Deering** and **Geoff Alexander** are living in the Old Port, where Rich was recently transferred by the Sheraton TARA Hotel chain • **Eve-Lynne Ermer** and her husband, **Scott Russell** '83, are teaching at the Salisbury School in Connecticut and having lots of fun with one-year-old Erik (Colby 2008?) • **Leslie Greenslet** finished her first year at Parsons School of Design, which she loves, and spent the summer working for a design firm • **Mike Hipson** is enjoying the Boston city life with classmates **Mark Needham** and **Mike Lalikos** • **Henrietta Yelle** had quite a scare earlier this year when she was burned out of her Somerville, Mass., apartment. Luckily nobody was hurt, and Henrietta is now happily settled in Medford and working in fund raising/development for Tufts University, where she sees **Colette Cote** • **Jill Myerow** was promoted to professional sales rep and bought a new condo to celebrate! • **Robert Cummings** joined the staff of *The Lakeville* (Conn.) *Journal* and *The Millerton News* as editor of the "At Your Pleasure" section • **Suzanne Stahl** has joined the staff at C-SPAN cable channel, where she is a production assistant in programming • **Scott Baxter** has been working on Maine Senator George Mitchell's campaign, operating out of headquarters in Portland • **Brigid Hoffman** is working for a Wall Street securities firm and helps keep me updated on the New York City nightlife! Thanks to all of you for being such great correspondents. Your newsletters are always welcome. Best wishes to everyone for a happy fall!

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**Class secretary: LUCY T. LENNON**, 8014 Flourtown Ave., Wyndmoor, Pa. 19118.

# MILESTONES

## MARRIAGES

**Joan Katz '70** to Arthur Aframe, March 22 1987.

**Olen Kalkus '76** to Kimberly Jones, March 1987, in Morristown N.J.

**Charles J. Burch III '77** to Miriam K. Myers December 20, 1986, Ogunquit Maine.

**Michael E. A. O'Malley '78** to Karen F. DePasquale Newton Mass.

**Herbert P. Perry '81** to Kathryn J. Bowman July 12 1986 New Durham N.H.

**Nancy E. Welsh '81** to Frederick M. Isbell October 18 1986. Newton Lower Falls Mass.

**Bruce W. Anderson '82** to Leslie Perkins '84 September 20 1986, Old Lyme Conn.

**Christine Marshall '83** to James Gaudette '84 September 6 1986.

**Sally Lovegren '83** to Wayne Merchant August 16 1986 Mount Desert Maine.

## BIRTHS

A son Patrick Eric Giesler Stephenson to Suzanne and Frank P. Stephenson '62 April 25, 1987.

A daughter Katrin Elise Hendricksen to Clifford and Bonnie Zimmermann Hendricksen '66 December 16 1986.

A daughter Christina Anne Leef to William and Carolyn Dusty Leef '74 March 4 1987.

A daughter Lauren Allison MacVane to Kim and Thomas H. MacVane '74 February 25 1987.

A son David Herrick Drake to Mary Jo and Herrick A. Drake '75 April 16, 1987.

A daughter Katherine Anne Evans to Robert W. '75 and Ann Carlaw Evans '75 February 7 1987.

A daughter Emma Fitts Loosigian to Wayne V. Loosigian and Laurie B. Fitts '75 June 12 1987.

A son Christopher Phillips Federici to Louis and Carolyn Miller Federici '76 May 16, 1987.

A son Ian Gillingham Black to Monica and Paul G. Black, Jr. '77, May 27 1987.

A daughter Courtney Joy Smith to Kenneth and Karen Sawyer Smith '77 January 5 1987.

A daughter Anna Lee Geismar to John W. '78 and Susan Raymond Geismar '79 June 7 1987.

A daughter Enrica Elizabeth Maffucci to Barbara Patten and Douglas C. Maffucci '78 March 28 1987.

A daughter Caroline Johnson Morrissey to Christopher C. '78 and Lea Jackson Morrissey '78, April 12 1987.

A daughter Hannah Elizabeth Perkins-Smith to Sean Smith '79 and Debra Perkins-Smith '77 December 27, 1986.

A son, Benjamin John Sedlins, to John and Elizabeth Udd Sedlins '80, December 17, 1986.

A son, Morgan Goss Harris, to Talie and Joel Harris '81, May 20, 1987.



**Marshall/Gaudette Wedding September 6, 1986**

Front Row: John Tawa '84, Jemy Knoll '83, Page Bouchard, Therese Langlois '85, Nipper McLeod '84, Beth Coates '83, Roy Dow '84. Back Row: Tony Perkins '82, Dede Arruda '83, Christine Marshall Gaudette '83, James Gaudette '84, Tina Padur '83, Stephen Hunt, Jan McDonnell '83, Tim Trafecant.



**Lovegren/Merchant Wedding August 16, 1986**

Front: Norma Delaney '86, Maureen Hagerty Polimeno '84, Barbara Leonard '83. 2nd Row: Janet MacPherson Younker '77, Laurie MacPherson Gardner '81, Wayne Merchant, Sarah Lovegren Merchant '83, Ben Sears '52, Rebecca Sears '87, Nancy Ricker Sears '50, Joe Lovegren '55. 3rd Row: Bill Younker '76, Bruce MacPherson '62, Jay Polimeno '81, Dan Marra '83.

## DEATHS

**Florence Cross Cleveland** '12, March 28, 1981, Hackettstown, N.J., at age 90. A native of New Hampshire, she attended Colebrook Academy before coming to Colby, where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She did post-graduate work in education at New Jersey State College and New York University and in social work at the New York School of Social Work. She was subsequently employed as guidance counselor and social worker at various institutions in New Jersey. She was also a member of AAUW and the American Red Cross. Her husband, Irvin Cleveland '13, died in 1979. Survivors include a sister, Myra Cross Doe '17, a son, and four grandchildren.

**Margaret Holbrook Titcomb** '12, June 1973, at age 80. She was born in Vanceboro, Maine, and attended Vanceboro High School. While at Colby, she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She received a B.S. from Simmons College in 1920 and taught for several years in Limestone, Maine, and Ludlow, Vt. She is survived by a son, Lee.

**Irvin L. Cleveland** '13, April 11, 1979, in Hackettstown, N.J., at age 88. He was born in Bradford, Mass., and attended Colby Academy in New London, N.H., before entering the College, where he was a member of Delta Upsilon. He studied at Columbia University and in 1938 received his M.A. degree in education from New York University. He taught school in Connecticut and New Jersey. He was a dedicated barber shop quartet singer, a lifetime hobby begun at Colby where he was active in several musical clubs. His wife, Florence Cross Cleveland '12, died in 1981. He is survived by a son, Irvin M. Cleveland, a sister-in-law, Myra Cross Doe '17, and four grandchildren.

**Edith C. Robinson** '16, April 17, 1987, in Lewiston, Maine, at age 91. She was born in Lewiston and attended high school there. After graduating from Colby she studied at Bates College and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her career of teaching mathematics spanned 33 years at Hebron Academy and the high schools of Rumford, Maine, and Brockton, Mass. She is survived by two cousins.

**Frederick Albert Pottle** '17, M.A. '32, Litt.D. '41, May 16, 1987, in New Haven, Conn., at age 89. Sterling Professor of English, Emeritus, at Yale University, where he taught for 41 years, he was one of Colby's most brilliant sons. An eminent scholar and chief editor of the *Yale Boswell Papers*, he and his staff, including his wife, Marion Starbird Pottle '18, produced 13 volumes of James Boswell's journals, four annotated volumes, and plans for 30 to 35 additional volumes. At the time of his death, he held the title of chairman emeritus of the editorial committee of the *Yale Boswell Papers*, but he had been an active researcher of the 18th century biographer of Samuel Johnson for more than 60 years.



Frederick Albert Pottle '17

Pottle was born in Center Lovell, Maine, and was a graduate of Oxford High School nearby. At Colby, he majored in chemistry, receiving his degree *summa cum laude*. A member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa and distinguished himself in public speaking, acting, and debating competitions. He taught history and English at Hebron Academy, and history and chemistry at Deering High School, both in Maine, and was later assistant professor of English at the University of New Hampshire. He served in France from 1917 to 1919 in an army evacuation hospital and later published a book, *Stretchers: The Story of a Hospital on the Western Front*, based on his experiences.

Arriving at Yale in 1920, he began graduate work in English, receiving a master's degree in 1921 and a Ph.D. in 1925. That same year, he joined the Yale faculty as instructor in English. A full professor of English by 1930, he continued a long career in teaching and scholarship well beyond his formal retirement in 1966. He was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1945 and again in 1952 for his work on Boswell, and he received honorary degrees from the University of Glasgow, Rutgers University, and Northwestern University, as well as Colby.

Pottle, his wife, and two brothers, John Kemp Pottle '18 and Albanus Moulton Pottle '22, both deceased, as well as his two sisters, Nellie Pottle Hankins '25 and Estelle Pottle Stone '28, were a loyal Colby family. Pottle served the College in many capacities for nearly 70 years. He was made a trustee in 1932, served for nearly three decades, and was named honorary life trustee on his retirement in 1966. In 1949, he was awarded a Colby Brick, and in 1977, at his 60th class reunion, he became the first recipient of the College's Distinguished Alumnus Award. He was the founder of the Colby Library Associates in 1935 and its president for 25 years. Ernest C. Marriner, describing Colby Library Associates in his *History of Colby College*, said, "[it was] the ingenious conception of Frederick A. Pottle . . . who recruited its membership personally. His method was the kind that President

Arthur Roberts once described as the best plan for evangelism, 'hook and line rather than net.' The avowed purpose of the Associates was to use all the fees to purchase for the library valuable items not afforded by the general budget . . ." The Associates also supported several lectures annually for many years. Pottle was a frequent contributor of articles to *The Colby Alumnus* as well. He is survived by his wife, two sisters, and a son, Christopher. He was predeceased by a daughter, Annette, and a son, Samuel.

**Aubert N. Sylvester** '17, June 16, 1980, in St. Petersburg, Fla., at age 89. He is survived by two brothers, Forrest Sylvester and Charlie Sylvester, both of Ashland, Maine.

**Leila M. Washburn** '18, March 30, 1987, in Marblehead, Mass., at age 90. Born in Caribou, Maine, she attended Caribou High School before attending Colby, where she was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority. She then went on to study at Columbia University, the University of Maine, and Boston University. She taught mathematics in Marblehead, Mass., for many years. She was a member of the Old North Congregational Church and the Marblehead Historical Society and was a volunteer at the Lee Mansion. Surviving is a niece, Helen Miller.

**Pauline Higginbotham Blair** '20, February 24, 1987, in Quincy City, Mass., at age 89. Born in Stockport, England, she resided in Quincy, Mass., for over 70 years of her life. Before entering Colby, where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, she attended Dorchester High School in Dorchester, Mass. She was a member of the Wollaston Women's Club, the Woman's Guild, and the Marsten Class of the First Baptist Church of Wollaston. Surviving is her husband, Ernest, a son, Ernest R., a daughter, Dorothy Anthony, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

**Hazel Peck Holt** '21, February 12, 1987, in Augusta, Maine, at age 88. Born in Winthrop, Maine, she attended local schools and was a member of Chi Omega sorority while at Colby. She taught chemistry for 37 years at Everett, Mass., High School, and was a member of the DAR, the Glass Club, the Literary Club, the Nature Club, the Garden Club, and the Cecelia Club. She served the College as class agent in 1952-53 and was co-chair with her husband, Daniel Ray Holt '21, of the College's first geographical solicitation. Her husband and a niece survive.

**Kenneth C. Dolbeare** '22, February 27, 1987, in Southbury, Conn., at age 86. Born in New London, Conn., and educated at Bulkeley High School, he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity while at Colby. He received his M.A. from Teachers College-Columbia University and then taught at Westminster School in Simsbury, Conn., as well as at the St. Paul's School in

Garden City, N.Y., from which he retired as headmaster. He was a past commander of the Nassau Commandery of Hempstead, Long Island, N.Y., president of the Templar Knights Commanders Association, preceptor for the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, member of the Fraternal Union of Anointed High Priests, and member of the Kismet Temple and the Royal Order of Jesters. Surviving are two sons, Kenneth and Raymond, a sister, and four grandchildren.

**Mary Anne Sweeney '22**, April 25, 1987, in Waterville, Maine, at age 87. Born and educated in Waterville, she studied at the University of Maine, Bates, Hyannis Teachers College, and Columbia University after graduating from Colby. She taught English and French in Canaan, Conn., for a year, and then returned to Waterville to teach English in the senior and junior high schools for 46 years until her retirement. She was a Sacred Heart Catholic Church communicant. Surviving is a sister, Elizabeth Sweeney.

**Ethel Alley Baxter '23**, March 18, 1987, in Southampton, N.Y., at age 86. She was born in China, Maine, and was a member and president of Chi Omega sorority. After graduating from Colby as a member of Phi Beta Kappa, she went on to receive her M.A. from Columbia University, and she later taught at schools in Maine and Massachusetts. Surviving are several nephews, including Brian Alley '56 and John Baxter '58, and a niece.

**Arlene Ringrose Brown '23**, February 17, 1987, in West Long Branch, N.J., at age 84. She was born in Freeport, Maine, and attended area schools. After receiving her degree from Colby, she went on to study at New York University, Columbia University, and Rutgers University. She taught mathematics for a number of years at Presque Isle High School and Deering High School and in the junior and senior high schools in Long Branch, N.J. She was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Phi Mu national sorority, the auxiliary of the Long Branch Health Nursing Association, and the Long Branch Woman's Club. She was an advisor of the Tri-Hi-Y and was active in the YMCA Auxiliary. Surviving is her husband, Charles, a son, Robert H. Brown '61, a sister, and four grandchildren.

**Margaret Gilmour Norton '24**, April 14, 1987, in Machias, Maine, at age 84. A native of Lubec, Maine, she attended schools there and graduated *summa cum laude* from Colby, where she majored in Latin and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She taught Latin and social science in Lubec High School for 20 years, and was also a member of the Congregational Christian Church there and a life member of the Quoddy Light Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. She was an active worker for many years with young people at her church in Lubec and at the Congregational Church in East Weymouth, Mass., where she lived for over 25

years. Survivors include her husband Robert cousins, and a nephew.

**Ronald W. Sturtevant '24**, February 22, 1987, in Livermore, Maine, at age 84. He was born in Livermore Falls and attended public high school there before coming to Colby, where he was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity. He was employed at Lombard Shoe Company in Auburn, Maine, and during World War II he worked at Bath Iron Works Shipyard in Bath, Maine. He retired in 1963 from his position as a store room manager at International Paper Company. He was the son of Chester H. Sturtevant, Class of 1892, and brother of the late Reginald H. Sturtevant '21. He is survived by his wife, Alma, and numerous nieces and nephews, including Arnold H. Sturtevant '51 and Joanne Sturtevant Stineford '56.

**Verne Everett Reynolds '25**, March 28, 1987, in Groton, Conn., at age 87. Born in Sidney, Maine, he graduated from Oakland High School. At Colby he was a charter member of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity and was president of Kappa Phi Kappa. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Later he received an M.A. from Boston University. After teaching in Maine and Massachusetts, he was head of the English department at Robert E. Fitch High School in Groton, Conn., for 30 years, retiring in 1959. He then taught at Mitchell College in New London, Conn., retiring in 1966. He is survived by his wife, Rosalie Mosher Reynolds '29, and by daughters Bethia Reynolds Morris '57 and Dorothy Reynolds Gay '59, a son-in-law, William Gay, Jr. '59, six grandchildren, and a sister.

**Esther Lord Bennett '26**, January 21, 1987, in Penobscot, Maine, at age 88. She was born in Glenburn, Maine, and attended the Castine Normal School and Bangor High School. After leaving Colby, she attended the University of West Virginia, University of New Mexico, and Oxford University in England. She taught school for many years and was a member of the Hancock County Literacy Volunteers, the Bucksport Historical Society, the October Club, and the Senior Citizens. She helped to open the Bucksport Senior Citizen Center and served as director of activities for seven years. She was a driver for Sen-Cit Transportation and WHCA Transportation for many years. She also was well known for her weekly news column for the *Bucksport Free Press*. Predeceased by two husbands, she is survived by a friend, Marion Brown.

**Idora Beatty Merrill '27**, June 1984, in Venice, Fla., where she lived until the time of her death. Her husband, Bert L. Merrill '24, died in 1986. She is survived by two sons and four grandchildren, including Benjamin B. Merrill, Jr. '81.

**Bernice Green Pinkham '27**, February 16, 1987, in Pittsfield, Maine, at age 82. She was born

in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, and attended Foxcroft Academy before entering Colby. She received many honors in public speaking while at Colby; then went on to teach in Sangerville and Kingfield and at Waterville High. Lee Academy and Corinna Union Academy. In each school she was an outstanding coach for public speaking contests. She is survived by a sister, Verna Green Taylor '30.

**Emily Randall Rhoades '28**, July 17, 1986, in Sarasota, Fla. She is survived by her husband O. Corwin Rhoades.

**Harold B. Grand '29**, March 17, 1987, of Brooklyn Heights, N.Y., at age 79. A native of New York City, he was an optician during his professional career and the owner of Grand Opticians of Brooklyn, N.Y. He was also president of the New York State Optical Retailers Association and a member and fellow of both national and international academies of opticianry. He was a generous and loyal supporter of Colby, particularly its athletic programs, for many years. He is survived by his wife, Anne, two daughters, including Helen Grand '65, one grandchild, a sister, and a cousin.

**Floyd M. Mason '29**, April 10, 1987 in Berlin, N.H., at age 80. He was born in Rumford, Maine, and went to the West Bethel Grammar School and Gould Academy before attending Colby where he received a B.S. Self-employed as a horticulturist with his own market garden and greenhouse, he operated an apple orchard in Gilead for over 40 years. He served for 30 years and was chair of the board for 25 years of the Gilead board of selectmen. He was also a member of the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel, a life member of the Bethel Lodge, a past district deputy grandmaster of the 16th Masonic District, a life member of the Kora Temple Shrine of Lewiston, member of the Strath Class Commandery of Rumford, and a life member of the Purity Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Bethel. He is survived by a niece and two nephews.

**Pauline Smith Mayhew '30**, February 2, 1987, in Westfield, N.J., at age 79. Born in Bellows Falls, Vt., she attended Winslow High School before matriculating at Colby, where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi. She went on to earn her master's degree in journalism from the Columbia School of Journalism. She was a teacher at the Kent Place School for 12 years before her retirement. She was also a social reporter for the *Elizabeth Daily Journal* for four years. She was a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, a member of the Garden Club, chairman of the Elizabeth Bird Sanctuary, a worker for St. John's Episcopal Church, and a former member of the Dramatic Club. Several members of her family, including her mother, aunt, and two sisters, attended the College. Surviving her are two daughters, Paula H. Mayhew and Susan W. Mayhew, and four grandchildren.

**Germaine C. Archambault '33**, March 9, 1987, in Lewiston, Maine. She was born in Fort Kent, Maine, and after Colby was employed as a statistician for the federal government until her retirement. She is survived by a brother, Philip Archambault, and a sister, Alene Archambault.

**Arthur R. Austin '33**, March 6, 1987, in Waterville, Maine, at age 75. Born in Waterville, he was educated at Waterville High School before coming to Colby, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. After leaving Colby, he attended Eccles College for one year, and he graduated from Temple University. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army 63rd Battalion. He was a proprietor of Redington Furniture Company in Waterville for many years, and he served as district coordinator in the Maine Department of Economic Development. He was also a former Waterville city counselor. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and of the Waterville Elks Club. Brother of the late Kenneth G. Austin '30, he is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and by several nieces and nephews.

**Hilda Wood Jude '35**, February 3, 1987, in Ellsworth Falls, Maine, at age 72. Born in Winslow, Maine, she lived for most of her adult life in the Ellsworth area, where she was a social worker and district director for the Maine Department of Social Services. She worked in Hancock and Washington counties and helped to plan a retirement home in Ellsworth. She was also active in Hancock County Extension. She is survived by a son, Richard L. Jude '68, two daughters, one brother, one sister, eight grandchildren, and a cousin, Deane Hodges '35.

**Marjorie Berry Brink '40**, May 6, 1986, in Laconia, N.H., at age 67. Born in Manchester, N.H., she attended Waterville High School and was a member of Phi Mu sorority at Colby. For over 30 years, she was employed as a secretary in the law firm of Nightswander, Martin & Mitchell in Laconia. There are no known survivors.

**Prudence Piper Marriner '41**, April 11, 1987, in Augusta, Maine, at age 67. She was born in Caribou, Maine, and attended the high school there. Following her graduation from Colby, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Chi Omega sorority, she studied at the graduate school of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., and she was employed by the department until 1945. A California resident for 31 years, she and her husband, Ernest C. Marriner, Jr. '40, moved in 1983 to Wayne, Maine, where they were living at the time of her death. She was a member of the Wayne-North Wayne Community Church, the Wayne Friday Club, and the Wayne Garden Club. She is survived by her husband, two sons, John P. Marriner '70 and James C. Marriner, a daughter, Martha Marriner Voyles, her mother, Clara Collins Piper '14, two brothers, including Wilson C. Piper '39, and six grandchildren.

**Shirley A. Thompson '42**, March 22, 1987, in Washington, D.C., at age 66. A native of Waterville, she was a graduate of Waterville High School. In 1950 she joined the staff of Senator Margaret Chase Smith in Washington. Later she was a secretary at Southern Railway and assistant to the economic counselor at the Turkish embassy. She moved on to a career in banking and was executive assistant at the D.C. National Bank, the Diplomatic Bank, the National Savings and Trust Co., and the Women's National Bank, where she was vice president when she retired in 1986. She is survived by a niece, Ann Higgins Mansfield, two nephews, and several grand nieces and nephews.

**Alden D. "Rip" Ridley '44**, September 23, 1986, in Tucson, Ariz., at age 63. He was born in North Dighton, Mass., and attended Hebron Academy before coming to Colby. He completed two months of military training at Union College and one month at Siena University before entering the armed forces. He was awarded the Navy Air Medal in 1945 "for meritorious acts while participating in aerial flight as pilot of a carrier-based night torpedo plane. . . ." He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, three children, and nine grandchildren.



*Nichols Ray Lindquist '48*

**Nichols Ray Lindquist '48**, April 11, 1987, in Hyannis, Mass., at age 65. Born in Bourne, Mass., he attended Bourne High School before entering Colby, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He was a U.S. Marine Corps fighter pilot during World War II with the 4th Aircraft Fighter Wing. He later worked as a steel company salesman in the Boston area until his retirement in 1963. Survivors include a brother, Robert Lindquist, a sister-in-law, Doris Koshina Lindquist '49, and two daughters.

**Clare Burns Drinkwater '59**, December 3, 1986, in Kinnelon, N.J., at age 49. Born in Concord, Mass., she studied at the Cambridge School of Weston in Weston, Mass., before entering Colby. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority. She worked as a secretary and assistant media buyer for the J. Walter Thompson advertising firm and the Sachel-Jackson Company. Interested in sailing, she spent many vacations sailing and racing at various points on the East Coast, and she also did part-time work for O'Day, a boat manufacturing company. She spent time in her later years on committees at the Everett School and the Browning School. She also worked part-time for various market-research panels. Surviving is her husband, Robert.

**Nancy Gail Famulari '68**, February 20, 1987, in New York, N.Y., at age 40. She was born in Lynn, Mass., and graduated from Lynn Classical High School. After attending Colby, she earned her Ph.D. in biochemistry from Cornell University. At the time of her death she was an assistant member in the program of molecular biology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and an assistant professor of molecular biology in the Cornell University Graduate School of Medical Sciences. Her research for the past 10 years had centered on studies of leukemogenesis. Surviving are her husband, Paul V. O'Donnell, three brothers, including David Famulari '74, and several nieces and nephews.

**Peter Merle-Smith '89**, April 26, 1987, of Princeton, N.J., at age 19. He was a graduate of Princeton Day School and an economics major at the College. During the fall of 1986 he attended the Colby-in-Cuernavaca program in Mexico. An enthusiastic lover of the outdoors in Maine and elsewhere, he particularly enjoyed skiing, mountain climbing, canoeing, and fishing, and spent his summers in the High Peaks of the Adirondacks. He is survived by his parents, Fowler and Annette Cottrell Merle-Smith, a sister, Margaret, and maternal grandparents.

## S T A F F

**Helen Rancourt Picard**, April 18, 1987, in Waterville, at age 70. She was born and educated in Waterville and was employed in a number of local businesses. She was office clerk at the Wyandotte Woolen Mill and secretary for the Boothby and Bartlett Co. insurance agency. She worked at Colby as accounts payable supervisor from 1967 to 1983. Her husband, Ronaldo Picard, who died in 1982, also worked for Colby in the physical plant. She is survived by a daughter, Mary Picard Goulet, a brother, Robert J. Rancourt '42, four grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. A second brother, Maurice Rancourt '39, died in 1962.

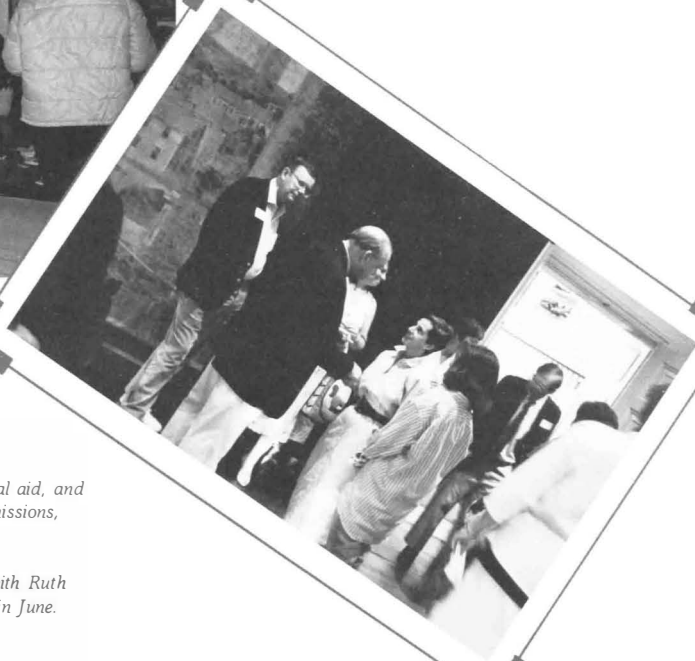


# ALUMNI CLUB NEWS



*Lisa Kehler Bubar '73, assistant director of financial aid, and Gretchen R. Bean '85, assistant to the dean of admissions, enjoyed the Waterville Club's February excursion to Sugarloaf/USA.*

*At right, Professor of Sociology Fred Geib talked with Ruth Seagull Sinton '67 at the Providence Club meeting in June.*



"What is the real Colby?" Or, "When was the real Colby?" Sociology Professor Fred Geib addressed these questions at a meeting of the Colby Club of **Providence** in June. Many former students have asked him about Colby today but really seemed to want to know that Colby was *best* when they were in school. In his talk, he noted that such memories are valid and worth cherishing, but the progress the College has made should be recognized, too • The **Boston Luncheon Group** welcomed Philosophy Professor Dan Cohen '75 for their final meeting of the year and learned about the Colby Outdoor Orientation Tips (COOT). Professor Cohen is faculty leader for COOT. About half of each freshman class participates in the program, which gives those "from away" a chance to see some of the outdoor spots that make Maine so special.

COOTers also get an opportunity to meet other freshmen while hiking, bicycling, sailing, or working together in other outdoor pursuits • At the **Penobscot Valley Club's** annual dinner meeting, alumni talked with Rob MacDonald, aquatics coach, about how alumni can participate in the recruitment process. He outlined a very positive trend among student-athletes and encouraged others to become involved • When you're new to a city, how do you meet people and learn your way around? In Washington, D.C., you can count on other alumni to show you the way. The **Washington Club** holds an annual reception in June to welcome recent grads and to help newcomers to the Capitol City. Over 60 people attended this year • Colby people in **New York** are as busy as ever. In May, Tom Whidden '70, tactician for the America's

Cup winner *Stars and Stripes*, showed slides from Down Under and regaled everyone with tales of the competition. Later in May, New Yorkers toured St. John the Divine Cathedral, and in June they enjoyed another sail aboard a paddle wheel boat. And 48 lucky people had tickets for the critically acclaimed show *Les Miserables* • In July, the **Southern Maine Club** also sponsored a boat cruise, on Casco Bay, replete with jazz band. In August, the club held their seventh annual freshman send-off picnic to give the Class of '91 a hearty welcome to Colby and the Alumni Association • Both the **South Central Massachusetts Alumnae Association** and **Southwestern Maine Alumnae Association** enjoyed end-of-the-year picnics in June • The fall is always a busy time and we'll have lots more to report in the next issue of Club News!

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