Colby on the Front Lines
From pilots to intelligence officers to infantry, Colby graduates find a liberal arts education can be excellent training for a military career.

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Ten years of participation in the Davis United World Scholars program has brought remarkable international students to Mayflower Hill. But what’s next?

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L.L.Bean’s Chris Vickers ’87 oversees creation of a new clothing line that gives the iconic Maine brand a new twist.

Keywords: Vickers

African drummer Messan Jordan Benissan (music) and four students have pre-released two songs that he says will be the basis of a full CD expected out this spring.

Keywords: Benissan
As always, check out insideColby.com for new podcasts, videos, blogs, and more. And if you want to be reminded when new stories are added, become a fan of insideColby on Facebook. 

And attention iPhone users: insideColby has an iPhone application (see page 9).
In the cynical view of newspaper reporters, a story is sometimes defined as something that happens to your editor. I may be proving that true, but still I want to add something to the obituary in this issue for Robert B. Parker ’54.

Parker, of course, was the best-selling writer known widely as the creator of the wise-cracking Boston P.I., Spenser. The author of more than 70 books, “Ace” Parker, as he was known at Colby, made his monumental mark in the world of crime fiction. He also kindly assisted another Colby alum, moi (more French later) to make a smaller mark.

I was a reporter some 20 years ago when I heard that Parker was speaking at Colby. I proceeded to ask him some carefully constructed hypothetical questions about a fledgling writer who had written a mystery novel. Parker, penetrating my smokescreen like Spenser sees through lying crooks, replied: “Don’t show your manuscript to your mother, your best friend, or your girlfriend. Get it to a professional who can tell you if it’s publishable.”

I did, the book was published, and a couple of years later, I was back. This time I sent Parker my second manuscript and said I was looking for a good literary agent. He wrote back a nice note with the name, address, and phone number of his agent. His message: “Tell her I sent you.” I did, was signed, and went on writing.

He was generous in addition to having a gift for witty dialogue. But don’t take my word for it.

I had an interesting conversation about Parker with French Professor Arthur Greenspan, who, in addition to teaching Colby students, knows American crime novels. It turns out Greenspan translates detective fiction for French publishers. “I’ve done a lot of [renowned noir writer] James M. Cain,” Greenspan said. He’s also translated a lot of Parker.

Greenspan talked about the challenge of translating American slang and the difficulty of translating the blackness of the dialogue of Spenser’s sidekick, Hawk. Rather than just translating, the translator has to look for new expressions to convey emotions and observations, and all with the goal of prose that is as seamless as the original. “It should just flow,” Greenspan said. And Parker?

“He’s quite easy to translate,” Greenspan said, “because the voices are so clear.”

One of the remarkable voices in 20th-century American crime fiction may be stilled, but the clear voices Robert B. Parker created will endure.

Gerry Boyle ’78, P’06
Managing Editor

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Aileen Evans ’12 (“In the Footsteps of the Holocaust,” P. 12) is a human development and French studies double major. Evans is involved with Colby Cares About Kids (CCAK) and is a research assistant for Assistant Professor of French Audrey Brunetaux. She is from San Francisco, Calif., and spent a semester in Dijon, France. Evans will study in Senegal next fall.
**Matthews is a Model for Artists**

I was delighted to see the profile of Professor of Art Harriett Matthews (Q&A, winter 2010 Colby).

When I read your piece on mentors (fall 2009 Colby), Harriett sprang to mind. I was reminded both of her long tenure and of the profound effect she has had on so many students. Some of us are in Maine, so we have the opportunity to periodically exhibit with Harriett. This past summer I participated in the annual University of New England Sculpture Invitational, which included Harriett as well as Ed Twilley ’84: two Colby graduates exhibiting with their former teacher.

Studying with Harriett at Colby definitely helped prepare me for my career. The discipline and rigor she expects from her students is clearly evident in the example as a sculptor and teacher. Harriett stresses the importance of curiosity and vision in an artist but also the necessity for persistence and hard work.

Harriett was adept at recognizing the individual strengths and unique qualities in her students and encouraged us to delve into them further. Over the years I’ve come to recognize how much Harriett has positively influenced my own work as a therapeutic art teacher in the mental health field.

Life as a working artist is not without its challenges, but I am forever grateful to Harriett for laying the foundation for that choice and for providing her own inspiring example.

Carolyn Treat ’82
Portland, Maine

**Essay Clarified Afghanistan**

Thank you for the essay by Ayaz Khan Achakzai ’09 (Viewpoint, winter 2010 Colby). In a few short columns, he shed more light on the Afghanistan/Pakistan dilemma than I’ve seen in the print, broadcast, and cable media combined in years of reporting. And his discussion of the Durand Line (the British-imposed border through Pashtun territory creating what are now those two countries) highlights the time bombs planted long ago by colonial stupidity and injustice and the larger problems we create and re-create when we view borders as something real.

Imagine outside forces redrawing the U.S.-Canadian border through Mayflower Hill “dividing” Colby in two. After a lot of noise and protest, things would likely settle back to normal with people crossing this international boundary at will—until, of course, some outsider came in, put up fences and a border post, and insisted that anyone attempted crossing without official permission (from the outsiders) was “illegal” and that those making the attempt were criminals. If that sounds farfetched, pick almost any border in the world and trace it back to its origins, and you’ll find the analog.

And for those of you who, like me, were children of “the Sixties,” the term “Taliban” translates (if long-ago memory serves) as “students.”

Andrej Thomas Starkis ’70
Andover, Mass.

**Facts Counter to Ziv’s Comments**

As an official publication of an academic institution, Colby has a special responsibility to make sure that articles it publishes are supported by facts.

I am most concerned about the statement by [Oak Fellow] Hadas Ziv (“Oak Fellow Advocates for Marginalized Residents in Israel,” winter 2010 Colby), “The Israeli occupation is unjust. When we victimize someone it takes a toll on the victimizer. … We are losing solidarity in Israel. … We control, we oppress, and still we don’t have the society we want.”

On a subject as sensitive and important as Israeli policy toward West Bank and Palestinian people living there, it is vitally important that any statement about this policy be supported by facts. Otherwise, people who read what she says who know little if anything about Israeli policy, Judaism, and the Jewish people may form the wrong conclusion.

What does Ms. Ziv mean by “occupation”? What does she mean that the “occupation” is “unjust”? What does she mean when she says that Israel is “the victimizer”? What does she mean when she says that Israelis “oppress” the Palestinians in the West Bank? She makes very serious accusations about Israel without providing any factual evidence to support them.

I am also most concerned about the title of the article. “Marginalized Residents in Israel” gives the false impression that Israel does not care about Palestinian refugees and Arab Bedouins living in Israel. One of the three pillars of Judaism besides prayer and study of the Torah is Tikun Olam, or repairing the world, as evidenced most recently by Israel’s lightning-fast help to the earthquake victims in Haiti. From Tikun Olam comes the basic Jewish value of Tzedakah or charity.

I note the article on the preceding page, “Mitchell Perseveres for Peace.” Former United States Senator George Mitchell’s efforts to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict are not helped by Ms. Ziv’s factually unsupported accusations about the government of Israel nor by the misleading title of the article. Inflammatory remarks hinder the peace process and may even stop it in its tracks.

Dr. Stephen Schoeman ’64
Westfield, N. J.

**Ziv “Simplistic” on Israel**

The article by Jenny Chen ’12 on Oak Fellow Hadas Ziv (winter 2010 Colby) caught my attention. Over the years Ziv’s organization, Physicians for Human Rights-Israel, has done much good. Yet for Ms. Ziv to maintain that “We control, we oppress...” is rather one-sided and simplistic. If the fundamental right to good health is to be accorded to all, so should the fundamental right to exist be respected by all parties. With friends like her who speak of the “Israeli occupation,” Israel had better sleep with one eye open.

Guy T. Filosof
Professor of French, Emeritus
Sarasota, Fla.
Wishful Thinking

Ben Desmond '11 sprinkles snow on Matt Vivero '11, who suns himself on frozen Messalonskee Lake. March in Maine is not quite bathing-suit season.

Photo by Charlotte Wilder '11
Library Legacy

These are just a few of the names carved by students (and a roofer) high in the Miller Library tower. Traditionally students have left their mark after climbing the tower to touch the blue light.

Photo by Brian DiMento '10
Aid for Earthquake Victims

Colby’s Help Haiti campaign, which began in January with a goal of $18,000, reached a fundraising total of more than $70,000 in February following a benefit dinner that brought in donations from alumni, the local community, students, faculty, and staff.

The list of students involved in Colby’s fundraising efforts for Haiti relief this spring includes entire sports teams, whole a cappella groups, clubs, and dozens of individuals—plus all those who supported the cause by contributing financially.

First-year students Danny Garin and Lisa Kaplan started the effort with a T-shirt fundraiser, and students across campus sported the $10 shirts. Phase two of the effort—the dinner and silent auction, organized under the guidance of faculty and staff at the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement—brought in many more thousands of dollars for the Stand With Haiti campaign of Partners in Health. And two anonymous alumni donors issued a $25,000 matching challenge.

“It’s just incredible how the community came together in support of a nation thousands of miles away,” Garin told the Morning Sentinel. “I’m so happy and proud everything came together so well. We exceeded our expectations threefold.”

State Department’s Judith A. McHale to Speak at 189th Commencement

Judith A. McHale, under secretary for public diplomacy and public affairs at the State Department and former president of Discovery Communications, will deliver Colby’s 189th commencement address Sunday, May 23.

McHale was appointed by President Obama to help lead America’s engagement with the people of the world. Her career has been devoted to building companies and nonprofits that reach out to and connect people globally. With Colby’s deep commitment to internationalism, including a senior class representing 29 countries, McHale’s international background is particularly relevant.

Former U.S. Ambassador Robert Gelbard ’64, chair of the trustees’ honorary degree committee, credited McHale with redefining international broadcast communications and praised her ability to work with people of disparate cultures.

McHale grew up in Britain and apartheid-era South Africa. Her upbringing inspired a lifelong commitment to social justice and engagement with development issues, especially in Africa. As president and chief executive officer of Discovery Communications from 1987 to 2006 she helped build the Discovery Channel’s parent company into one of the world’s most extensive media enterprises, with channels broadcast in more than 170 countries.

More at www.colby.edu/commencement

Admissions Outlook

The Class of 2014 is expected to be strong and diverse. Offers of admission were in the mail to applicants as Colby went to press, but early signs augured well for recruiting the Class of 2014, particularly in the area of diversity. The early-decision phase saw record numbers of students from underrepresented groups choose Colby, and a campus visit by more than 50 prospective students and their parents in early March received positive feedback, according to Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Parker Beverage.

Those students were part of an overall applicant pool of 4,210 that includes 45 percent more African Americans and 14 percent more Latino/a applicants than were in last year’s pool. In the early-decision phase, where students are accepted in the winter with the understanding that they will commit to Colby, 46 students from underrepresented groups were accepted—44 percent more than the previous year.
Colby Ski Area Redux

Skiers came in droves to the former Colby Ski Area this winter after alumni, city officials, and others collaborated to open the new Quarry Road Recreation Area. The city-owned facility opened with a five-kilometer Nordic ski trail along Messalonskee Stream looping through land at the base of the former alpine ski hill, last operated by the College in the 1970s. Organizers say the initial trail is just the beginning and that the land has almost unlimited potential as a year-round recreation area.

John Koons ’72, a driving force behind the project who grew up skiing on “the Colby Hill,” joined with City Manager Mike Roy ’74 in what began as a land-swap puzzle. Roy had to find new recreational property in order to sell a city-owned golf-course restaurant, and he approached the College. After Colby agreed to sell and the deal went through in 2008, “It was pretty much the next day that John Koons was at my door,” Roy said.

Fundraising for the first phase netted more than $300,000 from the city, state, foundations, and private donors, many with Colby affiliations. John Morton, a trail designer with experience on several Olympic venues, was brought in to plan trails on the 120 acres.

Initial trails include tracks for classical and skate skiing in a 16-foot-wide groomed swath. “It’s more like a boulevard,” Koons said, comparing it with carriage trails at Acadia National Park.

Cross-country skiers from Colby and surrounding communities besieged the area before winter petered out early. A section open to snowshoeing and walking turned into a major draw for non-skiing area residents too.

Koons said that the successful launch could be just the beginning. Plans include snowmaking equipment, expanded access for walking and biking, ski competitions, kayaking and canoeing, perhaps even a snowboard park on the old ski hill. He even dreams of resurrecting the ski jump.

A grassroots organization is being formed to help run and maintain the area. —Gerry Boyle ’78

Record-Setting Dean

Dean of Faculty, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Psychology Ed Yeterian is among the best at what he does. Not included on that list: talking about himself.

“He’s enormously humble and reserved,” said President William D. Adams. “I admire that.”

Yeterian declined an interview as he prepares to leave Eustis after 12 years as the College’s top academic officer to return full-time to classrooms and laboratories. But Adams was unstinting in his praise: for his colleague’s “enormous capacity to do mountains of work,” his thoroughness and effectiveness, his fair-minded, even-handed, courteous approach. “He’s managed the complexities of that enormously challenging job with extraordinary ability and effectiveness,” Adams said. “He tried to treat every-one the same, with great respect and care but always with the same institutional good in mind.”

Yeterian joined Colby’s faculty in 1978 and was named to this position in 1998. Now the longest-serving dean of faculty in Colby’s history (the position dates to 1947), Yeterian will return to the Psychology Department after June 30. Getting reacquainted there shouldn’t be a steep climb, though. On top of his prodigious duties on Mayflower Hill, Yeterian consistently maintained his neuroscience research in Boston one day a week.

As dean he was central to the strategic planning that helped shape new initiatives like the Goldfarb Center and new and repurposed academic facilities. He took leading roles in spreading project-based learning across the curriculum and building the Colby Undergraduate Research Symposium. He worked on new programs and minors in Jewish and Italian studies, adoption of more rigorous standards for academic honors, and a curricular review with a focus on evaluation of learning. In addition Yeterian made sure Colby was central in major research grants to Maine.

Colby’s ninth dean of faculty, Lori G. Kletzer, officially begins her duties July 1.

—Stephen Collins ’74

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President William D. Adams
Provocative Musical Theater

The notion that musical theater—think *South Pacific* and *Annie*—is provocative proved provocative itself in March. When Irving D. Suss Visiting Guest Artist Jonathan Mastro (theater and dance) directed *Next! A Cabaret From the Front Lines* based on that premise, Maine radio and television producers jumped on the story.

In March Maine Public Radio aired a five-minute feature with recordings of the student ensemble’s singing woven through Mastro’s commentary. A day earlier Portland’s NBC affiliate featured a longer interview with Mastro on its TV magazine show, *207*.

Mastro came to Colby in the glow of having provided original music and musical direction in the wildly successful *Our Town* production currently running off-Broadway. His roots are in Chicago theater, having worked with Second City, the Goodman Theater, and The Neo-Futurists.

His *Next!* program was an amalgamation of material from shows including *Working*, *Annie*, *Hair*, and *South Pacific*, with students playing themselves putting on a revue. “I’m interested in musical theater as an instrument for social change,” he said on MPBN’s *Maine Things Considered*. “I’m interested in shows that give you a sense of what’s possible in the world, and not necessarily just shows that show you pretty dancers and that have happy endings.” —S.B.C.

**RADIO AND TV BROADCASTS**

*Maine Things Considered*, March 12, 2010
“Cabaret Fuses Popular Musical Numbers to Deliver Social Message” (5 minutes)
www.colby.edu/mpbn_cabaret

*207*, March 11, 2010
Interview with host Rob Caldwell (6.5 minutes)
www.colby.edu/207_cabaret

Trading Places

Sulaiman Nasseri ’12 and Khaled Wardak ’13 spent two days in February with about 20 senior leaders of the Maine National Guard’s 1136th Transportation Company who were scheduled to deploy to Kabul in mid-March. Along with four other students from Afghanistan (including Qamuddin Amiry ’09, now in a master’s program at Tufts University) and John Campbell ’09, they traveled to Bangor to help orient the Maine soldiers to the culture, customs, and religious foundations of Afghan society.

Participants on both sides were enthusiastic. “This will help them avoid some misunderstandings [and] save some American and Afghan lives,” Nasseri said.

“It was awesome,” said Wardak. “Both sides learned about each other a lot. ... Some cultural sensitivities can bring a major change,” he said.

The sessions involved role playing, eating together, practicing communication techniques, even an introduction to the Koran. “It is unheard of for a National Guard unit to get this kind of training,” said Army National Guard Maj. Darryl Lyon.

Humor and camaraderie helped keep the training on track. One exercise asked both sides to list stereotypes of the other, no matter how unflattering. American soldiers heard they are perceived as ignorant and arrogant, while the Afghans were told they are often seen as terrorists, Nasseri and Wardak recalled.

Part of the value students brought, Wardak said, was that they all have recent experience on the ground in Afghanistan and a good sense of the “word on the streets.”

Army National Guard Lt. Col. James D. Campbell ’86 called the training “absolutely essential for us to succeed. ... And I see success as us being able to leave Afghanistan.”

“You can’t win the hearts and minds of the Afghan people,” Wardak said, “… if you don’t understand and respect the culture.”

A longer version of this article, with a link to the MPBN story featuring Sulaiman Nasseri ’12, is online at www.colby.edu/mag.
Angela Davis on Activism

Activist and scholar Angela Davis lent her voice to Colby’s student-led SHOUT! Weekend when she spoke on campus March 4. Davis, a former Black Panther who was on the FBI’s most-wanted list in 1970, encouraged students to resuscitate the movement that swept President Obama into office—a movement, Davis contends, that has receded in our collective memory.

“Why did we lose the afterglow of that moment so rapidly?” she asked a packed Lorimer Chapel. Echoing the underlying theme of SHOUT! (an acronym for Speaking, Hearing, Opening Up Together), Davis suggested that instead of putting all of their aspirations on the shoulders of one African-American man, Americans should recognize our collective power.

Now professor emerita at the University of California Santa Cruz, Davis, 66, reflected on the duration of her activism and how we seem to fight the same battles over and over. Instead of thinking that the battle for civil rights ended in 1964, for example, we need to think of civil rights for Central American immigrants and for the LGBT community, she said. “Rather than achieving a permanent victory, a definitive victory, what we learn in the process of conducting these struggles is that the terrain of the struggle gets broader.” In this collective struggling, “we learn how to glimpse new possibilities that otherwise would never have become apparent to us.”

During the question-and-answer period, a student asked Davis to advise a group of students with a cause. Davis encouraged the students to use social media to find out how others around the country are addressing this issue. “Create a community,” Davis said. “You’ll be far more powerful than if you are some students on one campus.” — Laura Meader

For an insideColby podcast on SHOUT! Weekend, visit www.insideColby.com/podcast

Students Win Projects for Peace Grants

Colby students were awarded two $10,000 Davis Projects for Peace grants, with each seeking to improve the experience of immigrant students—in Maryland middle schools and in European high schools respectively. Projects for Peace was begun by Kathryn Wasserman Davis in 2007, and this is the fourth year that Colby students have won two of the 100 annual grants.

Peace Bubbles, a Maryland-based project proposed by Jenny Chen ’12, will create content for Chen’s JJ Express magazine to foster discussion of community issues and identify some problems that middle school students can begin solving. Journey Into Culture II, headed by Michael Hempel ’11, will involve as many as five Colby students working on documentary films with high school students in Germany and France to explore cultural identity and integration.

Judge Nancy Gertner Wins 2010 Brody Judicial Service Award

The 2010 Morton A. Brody Distinguished Judicial Service Award was won by the Honorable Nancy Gertner, U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Massachusetts. A ceremony was planned for April 11, when an address by Gertner was to follow a panel discussion on “The Evolving Impact of Technology on Law and the Courts.”

Before her appointment to the federal court, in 1994, Judge Gertner was a defense and civil rights lawyer in Boston who litigated significant cases affecting reproductive rights, employment discrimination against women, and desegregation of Boston’s public schools. As a judge she has decided cases where racial profiling, employment discrimination, and fair housing were at issue. The Brody Award honors an outstanding federal or state judge who embodies integrity, compassion, humanity, and judicial craftsmanship.

More at www.colby.edu/brody
Energizing Sustainability in Mid-Maine

Maine’s third-biggest Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant this winter was awarded to Waterville and Winslow thanks to efforts of Steve Erario ’10. The senior environmental studies major provided most of the data and cowrote the application for $170,000 to fund community energy conservation and an alternative energy feasibility study. The work should stimulate a dozen jobs, and, at the current price of heating oil, residents will save an estimated $115,000 per year in fuel costs after work is completed, Erario said.

Erario envisions 300 to 400 subsidized home-energy audits. Perhaps 100 homes will get improvements through low-cost materials and volunteer labor, and another 100 could get financing from partnering lenders. Solar-heated domestic water will be an option for homes with good exposure. Bulk purchasing will hold down costs for materials and installation, he said.

“He did all the number crunching, and he was the person who made sure all the t’s were crossed and i’s were dotted so the application met the precise criteria of the state,” said grant coauthor John Joseph Jr., a professor at Thomas College (and son of John Joseph of Colby Spa fame).

A Udall Scholar in 2008, Erario worked with the city since his first year at Colby and spent summers working on sustainability and managing student interns. He helped establish Sustain Mid-Maine, an organization focused on energy, transportation, reuse and recycling, environmental education, and local foods. “He embodies what civic engagement is all about,” said his thesis adviser, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies Philip Nyhus. —S.B.C.

Five Granted Tenure

Five assistant professors were granted tenure at the Jan. 23 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Phil Brown (economics) conducts much of his research in rural China to understand how China’s rapidly changing economic environment affects the behavior of poor, rural households. He is currently vice president of the Chinese Economists Society.

Walter Hatch (government), a former political reporter, teaches Introduction to International Relations, Japanese politics, Chinese politics, and the Political Economy of Regionalism. He is editor of The Japanese Economy, a journal, and is author of Asia’s Flying Geese: How Regionalization Shapes Japan (Cornell University Press, 2010).

Arne Koch (German and Russian) is investigating literary and visual representations of cats in German culture in the 19th and 20th centuries. He has written extensively on German film and music and is overseeing the rewriting of the German curriculum.

Philip Nyhus (environmental studies) explores the policy dimensions of human-wildlife conflict and endangered species conservation. His current research includes developing new tools and processes for biodiversity risk assessment, GIS-based spatial models, and tiger and large mammal conservation in the United States and Asia.

Tiliar Mazzeo (English) teaches British Romantic poetry, travel writing, and literary theory. She is the author of the New York Times best-selling biography The Widow Clicquot (Harper Collins, 2008). Mazzeo writes on food and wine for the popular press and lived in the California wine country before coming to Colby.

All will be promoted to associate professor to begin the 2010-11 academic year.
In the Footsteps of the Holocaust

By Aileen Evans ’12

My body shook as I walked along the train tracks that led to the terminus. It was hot and muggy, not unbearably cold, as I had read in books.

With each step I drew closer to the ultimate symbol of human destruction. Fear and sorrow overcame me and I was struck silent. I could not put my feelings into words, but could the old woman beside me? She was repeating a walk she had taken more than 60 years before. I was walking into the infamous Nazi death camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau for the first time.

This was in June 2009, but the memories still are vivid. I crossed into the camp with five other students and a woman who spent six months in the camp where more than a million others perished.

As we walked through the camp, our survivor recounted her daily routine in Auschwitz—nothing but obeying Nazi orders. She described the brutal treatment of the inmates and rolled up her sleeve to show me the number the Nazis tattooed on her forearm when she was a teenager. It still showed plainly.

She was sent to Auschwitz with two of her sisters, one of whom was sick and spent time in the camp “hospital,” though this did not mean she was granted any privileges. In fact, death was imminent for almost every Jewish prisoner. However, in January 1945, as Soviet forces approached to liberate Auschwitz, this woman and her two sisters were marched back through the camp gates by their captors. Unlike many Auschwitz inmates, the three survived their last trial—a forced march through the brutally cold Polish winter.

We approached the other side of the camp, where the remains of the former crematorium can still be seen. Lighting a candle to commemorate all of those who perished in the Holocaust gave me an inkling of hope. So did the woman standing next to me, who showed enormous strength as she relived her past. Memories of this place and time are part of her legacy.

But how should we remember the Holocaust, an event so historically important and equally traumatizing? Do some of us have more of an obligation to study this event than others? On my trip to Poland and to Auschwitz, I was the only non-Jew in our group. I felt a sort of disconnect from the rest of the group in that respect; people would talk about their relatives who perished during the Holocaust, and some were even able to find their tombstones in the Warsaw cemetery. Part of me felt guilty that I could not relate.

But my experiences have taught me that the Holocaust was a tragedy that affected humankind as a whole, and it is important for me to engage with it, too. Does history silently resolve itself as time passes? Do these issues become increasingly trivial? I don’t think so.

The last of the Holocaust survivors are growing old, their numbers diminishing each day. Consequently, it is essential that we listen to survivors’ stories and record their testimonies in order to document the Holocaust.

The last of the Holocaust survivors are growing old, their numbers diminishing each day. Consequently, it is essential that we listen to survivors’ stories and record their testimonies in order to document the Holocaust. I have had the opportunity to work with a couple of survivors and to listen to many others share their stories. Awareness of Holocaust history and human rights is an ongoing project for me; it should be for all of us.

I first became interested in the Holocaust in a high school history seminar called Genocide and Human Behavior. This class inspired me to continue studying the Holocaust and get involved in related projects. Senior year I participated in the Next Chapter Project through Jewish Family and Children’s Services of San Francisco and the Taube Foundation. I interviewed a Polish Holocaust survivor and documented her story in an essay that is now in the California State Archive. Before making this connection, the Holocaust was an event I had read about and studied in textbooks; it quickly became something much more.
Last summer’s trip to Poland and Hungary was sponsored by the Taube Foundation in conjunction with the Next Chapter Project. The focus was Holocaust memorial sites in Poland and Hungary and also the vibrant Jewish life that has revived there today. I traveled with five other San Francisco students and one survivor from Warsaw to Krakow, Poland, and then on to Budapest, Hungary, stopping at the extermination camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau in between. This trip taught me a lot about both human cruelty and resilience. I see that there is ultimately a recovery from such horrific events, as evidenced by the rich Jewish life in these places.

I didn’t know I would have the opportunity to continue my Holocaust studies at Colby, but last fall I enrolled in Professor Audrey Brunetaux’s French class, Shadows of the Past: Remembering Vichy France and the Holocaust, which soon became my favorite. My understanding of the subject matter, especially the French-Jewish experience, was further expanded in October when a French Holocaust survivor came to speak (in French!) to our class about her personal experience as a child during World War II. Our study of Vichy France and the Holocaust was accompanied by a visit to the Michael Klahr Holocaust and Human Rights Center in Augusta, Maine, last November. This spring the HHRC is hosting Series 360°: Human Rights from All Angles, a new, public program designed to increase awareness of the Holocaust and human rights. The series will focus on Hollywood and the Holocaust, offering movies, lectures, roundtable discussions, and workshops. In February, two other Colby students and I led the roundtable called “The Holocaust on Screen: History, Art, or Profanity?” I am excited to have the opportunity to be involved in Holocaust studies outside of Colby; having these continued discussions with other Maine community members and other students will bring different perspectives to the conversation.

Some people ask how I can be so engaged with a subject that is horrifying and depressing and with which I have no direct personal relationship. But the more I learn about the Holocaust and the more I engage with it, the more I want to know. Studying the Holocaust goes beyond examining a historical event. How was humankind capable of destroying the lives of so many other human beings? Will we ever be able to recreate this world, through testimonies, literature, art, or film without distorting or trivializing it? Or can it only be truly understood by those who survived? I think and hope not. The woman who walked that path at Auschwitz agreed and smiled at me as I showed a dedication to understanding her past.

Aileen Evans ’12 is a human development and French studies double major from San Francisco. Evans spent a semester in Dijon, France, and will study in Senegal next fall.
Lt. Ali Ghaffari '02, a Navy pilot at the controls of a F/A-18C Hornet fighter plane (above). Ghaffari flew missions from an aircraft carrier to protect ground troops in Afghanistan. At left, Ghaffari dons his gear in what is known as “the PR shop,” short for parachute rigger, prior to a training run for carrier landings.
As a pilot flying fighter jets from aircraft carriers, U.S. Navy Lt. Ali Ghaffari ’02 spent much of 2008 protecting U.S. ground forces in Afghanistan. When U.S. troops were attacked, Ghaffari was among the pilots who flew low over enemy forces, driving them off.

A former professional triathlete who enlisted 11 years after graduation, Army Specialist Abe Rogers ’95 deployed in 2007 to traverse the Afghan mountains in search of Taliban fighters and their hideouts. Rogers and his unit cut off supply routes, searched for Osama bin Laden, and along the way handed out humanitarian aid. Capt. Katlyn Shagory ’05, an Army assistant brigade intelligence officer, first deployed to Baghdad in 2006. The assignment is now on her résumé: Responsible for the management, training, welfare, and administrative actions of 20 personnel. Led a signals intelligence (SIGINT) mission, in northwest Baghdad, during the height of violence. … Organized and executed over 75 SIGINT-driven combat missions.
These are just a few of the young Colby alumni who have been on the frontlines of America’s wars. While the number is relatively small, college graduates are increasingly joining the military—up dramatically just last year, according to Army officials. And those Colbians in uniform say a liberal arts education—with its emphasis on problem solving and critical thinking—is valuable training for decision making that could be literally a matter of life and death.

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They trade a culture focused on individual expression and achievement for one built on teams and a hierarchical organization. Driven by patriotism, practicality, or a need for adventure, they move from the safe haven of a small college campus to places fraught with violence and suffering. “I guess it’s a bond that you can’t really know unless you are over there,” said Rogers. “You have guys to your left and your right who you most likely wouldn’t have known before the Army. You definitely risk your life to try to save them, without question.”

Following the Vietnam War, military service became so unpopular among students that many colleges, including Colby, dropped Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) programs. Some Colby graduates joined during those years, but, as President William D. Adams observed, there was a general lack of interest in military service on most campuses during that period.

Adams had reason to notice. An Army veteran, he served for a year as a military advisor in Vietnam. His job was to coordinate American air and artillery support and to advise South Vietnamese forces on combat operations. In Vietnam, Adams said, “I grew up fast.”

Fast forward to 9/11, when the mood on campuses changed. “I could hear students begin to talk about things differently,” said Adams. “I could hear students thinking, talking openly, about having military careers.”

In the intervening decade some of those students have gone beyond talking. Colbians who join the military are still a distinct minority. Incomplete Colby records, based partly on self-reporting, show about 50 alumni now on active duty. Many of those serving, including those in reserve and National Guard units activated for the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, do not inform the College of their military duties.

The number of new recruits in all branches of the U.S. military with two- or four-year college degrees increased last year by 17 percent. Approximately 6,400 of the total 168,000 recruits in 2009 had college degrees. Since 2001 the number of graduates of four-year colleges joining the Army each year has nearly tripled, from a little over 2,000 to more than 5,400 last year, according to Army figures.

The Army doesn’t break the numbers down by types of colleges, much less separate alumni of selective liberal arts colleges. But Colby graduates who do choose the military agree on one thing: a liberal arts education can be an advantage.
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The connection between the seminar rooms on Mayflower Hill and the battlefield may seem hard to draw. But for some there are things about military life that aren’t all that different from college. Marine 1st Lt. Joey Berg ‘06, an executive officer and fire support coordinator, spent three summers training with the Marines as an undergraduate and found that the transition wasn’t difficult. “I was on the crew team,” Berg said, “and the structure and discipline is similar to aspects of the military. You get up early, you do the workout, and then you do your job. You come to understand what the military expects from you.”

For others landing in the military can be jarring. Ghaffari majored in biology and wanted to go to medical school. “A friend asked me how I would pay for it, and of course I didn’t know. Then he said, ‘Why don’t you get the military to pay for it?’” Ghaffari had never considered military service, but, faced with impending loans, he went to a Navy recruiting office in Waterville as a senior, and later signed up for Officer Candidate School—surprising both his friends and himself, he said.

After graduation came OCS—13 weeks of intensive training that could not have been more different from life at Colby. “They stripped all the independence you had in college,” Ghaffari said. “We had to ask to go to the bathroom. We were screamed at. We were nothing. That was really hard for me. They have it down to a science on how to break you down so they can build you back up.”

But there is a rationale behind the grueling process, Ghaffari said. “By the time you are done, you are a totally different person. You’re more ingrained into the military mindset of teamwork and structure.”

And you are connected to others who have undergone the same transformation. Ghaffari felt a bond even with troops he’d only seen below as he patrolled from the air. Sometimes, he said, the mere presence of fighter planes overhead was sufficient protection for troops on the ground. But one night a convoy of military transports that Ghaffari had been escorting regularly for weeks was ambushed. The attackers blew up a Humvee, killing a British soldier. “I never knew this man,” Ghaffari said, “but at the same time, you have an immediate bond with the men on the ground. You’re fighting for the same thing. You’re working together. You’re communicating with them. You’re friends from the start.”

Because of their extensive testing and training and “Top Gun” image, fighter pilots feel they are the military elite. It was easy for Ghaffari to make that assumption too, he said, until he began working with ground troops in Afghanistan. After the Humvee was bombed, Ghaffari’s squadron mates located the bombers and killed them. But he was left with a new sense of the danger to which ground troops are exposed. “That was the first realization that [fighter pilots] are not the tip of the spear,” he said. “We’re supporting the guys on the ground. They may be in a

In Iraq and Afghanistan, new medical technology and rapid evacuation techniques have kept alive soldiers who would have died in earlier wars. Those who are injured are eventually put in the care of someone like Lt. John Maddox ’99, M.D., a U.S. Navy surgeon attached to the Marine Corps 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, based at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. “War injuries are like no other,” Maddox said. “The injuries are incredibly devastating.”

After earning his medical degree at the Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, Md., Maddox began his work with war wounded at the National Naval Medical Center there. Though the injuries Maddox sees may be physically crippling, they are not spirit-breaking, he said. In military hospitals, he has found, morale is consistently high.

“Often, when civilians are injured ... they assume the sick role,” Maddox said, “whereas many of the wounded warriors—their lives had changed but the mental attitude was entirely different. They were healthy people who had been injured instead of injured people who were no longer healthy.”

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convoy or an outpost, but they are surround-
ed by people who want to do them harm. I have a huge deal of respect for them.”

He recalled another night when a group of Marines was attacked. “We got overhead and the firing stopped. The militants had scattered.” Ghaffari radioed down to the Ma-

ines that the coast was clear.

“Can you imagine trying to fall asleep af-

ter that?” said Ghaffari, now a flight instruc-
tor in Mississippi. “They were completely alone. ... Those guys are true heroes.”

Abe Rogers ’95 was a guy on the ground. His missions lasted up to seven weeks in bit-
ter cold and stifling heat, sleeping in the open or under Humvees. “You don’t get much sleep out there anyway,” he said.

Rogers had men in his unit who were killed and injured as their vehicles tripped the mines that litter the landscape in Af-

ghanistan. “If there was ever a loss of life or a serious injury, then that really sinks in pretty quick,” he said. This year he is work-
ing toward a master’s in education at Boston University on the G.I. Bill, but he could be called back to Afghanistan at any time. Last fall two of Rogers’ former unit members went missing in Afghanistan. (The bodies of both men have since been found.) In January a Humvee in his unit struck a roadside bomb, seriously injuring five soldiers. In February another roadside bomb killed one of Rogers’ friends.

“Once you’ve been a part of that war, you feel somewhat connected to it,” Rogers said. “And, as long as it is still going on, there is a part of me that still wants to be over there, especially when you get news like that.” Loy-

alty to his fellow soldiers eventually over-
whelmed Rogers. After the initial interview for this article, he reported back that he had joined the Massachusetts National Guard. He expects to deploy with an infantry unit to Afghanistan in August. Once again, Rogers will trade one type of education for another.

In facing death, Rogers is certainly not alone. Most of the alumni interviewed for this article had seen death on the battlefield. None wanted to talk about it.

An Army combat engineer, Army Staff Sgt. Jason Meadows ’01 spent more than two years in Iraq and in Afghanistan, scouring the landscape for IEDs (improved explosive devices). Meadows said the job required “really good eyes and heavily armored vehicles.”

“It’s a really stressful job,” he said. “During the bad times, every day we hit things. Our trucks got blown up. A lot of the job is just luck, let’s put it that way.”

Meadows lost two friends in Iraq. “It wasn’t pretty for a while,” he said. “They have coun-
selors over there to help out. A lot of people sat down and told us. We got a day off, and then we went back to work.”

Despite exposure to danger and death in war, Colby veterans interviewed didn’t demonize the enemy or oversimplify other cultures. Hayden, the military attor-
ney, explained that many Iraqis’ concerns are based on their ethnicity, regional loyalties, or their jobs. “There are all kinds of interests pressing on them, but so many of them want to do the right thing for their country,” Hayden said.

In the mountains of Afghanistan, Rogers also challenged himself to understand Af-

ghans’ viewpoints. “They may be loosely af-

iliated with the Taliban, but they weren’t re-

ally interested in being affiliated with them,” Rogers said. “Part of our goal is to maybe convince [the ones] who may be on the fence that they should be on the side of their Af-

ghan government.”

Ghaffari received daily intelligence brief-
ings that taught him that the conflict is com-

plex. Even only seeing his adversaries from the cockpit, he understood that they were human beings, he said. “You don’t necessarily vilify who you are fighting...,” he said. “I re-
alize that they probably have wives and chil-
dren and parents. They are most likely more similar to us than they are different.”

It’s an ability to consider other viewpoints that was honed half a world away. While Ghaffari considered the militants the enemy, he said, at the same time he felt, in a way, the two sides were fighting for the same reason. “You are fighting for what is right,” he said. “I don’t understand their methods. But I do think it’s important to see both sides.”

To get to Red Cross Nordic United World College from, well, anywhere, you fly to Bergen, on the west coast of Norway, and then take a three-hour boat trip 150 kilometers north. You then board a bus that wends through the countryside for another hour until it comes to the appropriately named town of Flekke (Norwegian for speck). Visitors can walk the last mile or call the school and ask for a ride.

“It’s as isolated as it gets,” said Colby Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Parker Beverage.

A dozen years back, Beverage visited Red Cross Nordic and its 200 students with Steve Thomas, then an admissions officer with College of the Atlantic, in Maine, and now Colby’s director of admissions. They were the second and third American college representatives to visit.

Times have changed. “Three years ago, when you went to this school, you’d be going there at the same time as Amherst and Smith and Middlebury,” Beverage said. “Just as you were leaving, Wesleyan was coming in, and Macalaster. It was as if you were visiting schools in Manhattan.”

The international school on the remote Norwegian coast wasn’t the only place to which selective American liberal arts colleges wore a path. Ten years ago a grant from philanthropists Gale and Shelby M.C. Davis provid-
ed need-based aid for graduates of the then-10 United World College secondary schools, established to promote cross-cultural understanding. Davis UWC scholars were eligible to apply to what would become known as “the Davis Five” (Colby, Princeton, College of the Atlantic, Middlebury, and Wellesley, all schools with close connections to the Davis family). The Davis UWC Scholars program has two objectives: to educate potential future leaders from around the world and to make American students “more globally competent” by increasing international diversity. The prize for the Davis Five: motivated students, many from developing countries, who had already proven themselves top academic prospects. And, most importantly for the U.S. schools, the Davis grant provided substantial financial aid—up to $40,000 per student per year.

Soon admissions officers were wearing out their passports, and students from around the world were getting world-class educations.

(Reduced funding from the Davis program will require colleges to contribute more for Davis UWC scholars in the future, prompting colleges to consider their options. Related story, P.23)

Outstanding international students—from the UWC system and beyond, often with compelling and even fascinating backgrounds—flocked to Mayflower Hill and soon emerged as cultural ambassadors and campus leaders, valedictorians and commencement speakers, and trustees.

Since most of Colby’s competitors lacked the Davis funding and couldn’t match the generous financial aid offers it made possible, Colby’s profile quickly ascended, not only in Africa, India, and Asia, but in the United States. “I think it’s been the most important thing that’s happened demographically to Colby in the last probably thirty years, alongside the changes that have come by diversifying the domestic populations,” said President William D. Adams.

It wasn’t always like this. Not even close. Beverage came to Colby 25 years ago. His international experience in admissions at his previous job, at Stanford University, consisted mostly of recruiting in western Canada. At Colby then-President William R. Cotter committed to enrolling one black student each year from South Africa, where apartheid had just been abolished. Two benefactors also gave money to Colby to fund scholarships for women from Andean countries. “Bill suggested maybe it was time for an international trip,” Beverage recalled. “I agreed to do it.”

With the establishment of the Oak Scholarships, which provide financial aid for students from Zimbabwe and Denmark, Colby’s international recruiting grew, with trips to not only South America, but Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. But numbers were limited. At that time few American colleges could afford to take on significant numbers of international students who, more often than not, needed substantial financial aid.

“In those days it was, ‘Harvard, Macalester, or home.’ That was the joke,” said Gregory Walsh ’84, a college counselor at United World College Costa Rica. “In terms of full scholarships, a cluster of schools could do it. Ivies, some liberal arts colleges, but on a very limited basis.”

With American colleges and universities prohibitively expensive to almost all international students, most, even the most academically qualified, aspired to attend the university closest to home. A full ride? To America? For students from developing countries, that is the educational equivalent of winning the lottery.

“Almost all of the UWC of Costa Rica’s graduating students (45 of 53 from all over the world) will go to the United States for college. Almost all will need substantial financial aid, Walsh said.

As Walsh put it, quoting a saying in college-counselor circles: “You can say, ‘There’s a university in hell.’ And they’ll ask, ‘Does it offer full scholarships?’”

The Davis UWC Scholars program offered the scholarships, but the colleges and universities weren’t in hell. They were some of the most prestigious institutions in arguably the world’s most prestigious higher education system. Only now, UWC students could bring money to the gate. As more colleges qualified for the Davis funding, there were more rigorous colleges (92 at last counting) vying for the same limited number of qualified students. The strongest students suddenly were in the driver’s seat.

At the United World College of the American West in New Mexico, where Walsh worked before Costa Rica, representatives of 50 colleges visited in 2004. The next year, with the expanded Davis program, the number jumped to 70, then to 100. In Costa Rica the number of college visitors peaked at 50, then declined to 36 with the downturn in the economy. “Almost all schools that visit here are in the [Davis] program,” Walsh said. “I would discourage someone from visiting here if they didn’t offer significant international student scholarships.”
Extending the privilege to the top UWC scholars was easier when Colby was one of five, or as Beverage puts it, “the only game in town.” The second phase of the Davis grant included more colleges, and Colby had to gear up its recruiting efforts or be left behind.

Colby admissions officers—for the most part Beverage, Director of Admissions Thomas, Cheah, Dory Streett, and Nancy Morrione ’65—visit UWC campuses from New Mexico to Swaziland. In 2009 the department spent about $35,000 on international travel, less than the four-year grant for a single UWC student.

“While you’re developing relations with the United World Colleges, you’re also developing relations with other international schools and the people who work there—face to face,” Thomas said. “That makes a very big difference in the international community.”

Conversations with current and prospective students bear that out. Svein Magnason ’13, from the Faroe Islands, interviewed with Streett at Red Cross Nordic and applied regular decision. “They’re all very nice when they come,” Magnason said, referring to visiting admissions officers. After his acceptance, Streett kept up a steady stream of correspondence, which led him to choose Colby out of the five colleges where he was accepted. “It was the personal attention,” he said. “We really know they read our applications.”

Khoa Thanh Nguyen ’11, from Vietnam, first learned of Colby from his chemistry teacher, Tim Newhouse ’05, at United World College of the Adriatic in Trieste, Italy. Nguyen, an economics and mathematics major, said visits from Beverage and Streett convinced him that Colby “was the place I would grow academically and personally.”

“Colby stood out because Dory was so friendly,” Nguyen said. “And Parker the year before. And Tim Newhouse. I decided that if people are that nice, the College must be a great place to be.”

He hasn’t been disappointed. “I love every day,” he said. But if he didn’t, word would get out.

Facebook and e-mail have helped create an instant network of UWC alumni, most of whom are scattered among prestigious American colleges and universities. Experiences are conveyed back to younger students, who keep them in mind as they watch the procession of college recruiters. “Some say basic things,” said Allen Martínez, a Costa Rican student at the Costa Rica UWC. “You don’t see that much more from the college than you can get from the Internet.”

Martínez gave Streett high marks, though, saying she seemed

That geographic and economic diversity that international students provide is sought after by U.S. colleges, and for good reason, Colby officials say. International students’ contributions to the intellectual climate has been well documented. Some are among Colby’s top science, mathematics, and international studies students. In the last five years, four valedictorians and two class speakers have been international students. Two of the last three Colby students to receive Watson Fellowships have been UWC international students.

In a response echoed across the campus, History Professor James Webb said the most important contribution of international students has been to broaden the range of human cultural experience in the classroom. “The results,” Webb said, “have been refreshing and unpredictable,” with contributions that have “cast different patterns of light and shadow across virtually all issues broached in seminar.”

Colby’s “traditional” students, he said, “have often been astonished by what the international students were willing to explore and willing to ignore.”

Sui Kim Cheah ’99, a former international student from Malaysia and now a Colby admissions officer, said international students bring even more than global perspectives. “I think their biggest contribution to our campus is a reminder to other students of the fact that it’s a privilege to be here,” Cheah said. “It’s not an entitlement.”

These students then take that privilege out into the world: Jayadev Vadakkanmarveettil ’07 now works for Google, building the Web in Indian languages; Emma James ’04 is an attorney in New York and an alumna trustee; Rodwell Mabaera ’02 is finishing an M.D./Ph.D. program at Dartmouth this spring. Dean Beverage came up with this list off the top of his head, and on it went as he recounted international students’ accomplishments at Colby, in professional and graduate schools, in careers in medicine and law and finance. “We give [international students] a lot, but they have an incredible amount to give to us,” he said.

“We can be in a very strong position if we don’t cut back on our commitment. Not cutting back on it is going to create even more distance between us and our peers.”

—Steve Thomas, director of admissions
It’s been a heck of a ride. But now what?

An impending reduction in financial aid support from the Davis UWC Scholars program as a result of the economic downturn poses a challenge as Colby tries to sustain its international profile.

“The ambition is to stay among the most well represented in that group of schools that’s being supported,” President William D. Adams said, describing the intersection of the Davis Foundation changes and economic pressures as “an interesting confluence.”

Here are the numbers:

The original Davis Five pilot program expanded to other colleges and universities and now includes 92 partner schools. Non-charter participants received a maximum of $10,000 per student, while the original five continued to receive up to $40,000. But in 2010, with the economic downturn affecting the program’s endowment, funding was reduced to a maximum of $10,000 per year per student. Another $10,000 per student is awarded to the program’s high-performing schools (13 at last count including Colby) with 40 or more Davis UWC Scholars enrolled. “All of our partner schools are expected to ‘have skin in the game,’” the program’s executive director, Philip Geier, wrote in an e-mail.

But admissions officers at Colby and other American colleges and universities also are looking at an “internationalized” student body as a possible financial asset in the future. An international atmosphere may be attractive to yet another wave of international students who won’t need financial aid at all.

Students and prospectives agree that Colby’s reputation is strong in the international community, based largely on the educational opportunities and financial aid available—and positive feedback from international students already on Mayflower Hill.

“It’s right up there with the Ivy Leagues in terms of level of preparation,” Martinez said in Costa Rica. “With all of the [UWC scholars] there, we get a chance to know the place from the inside.”

But admissions officers at Colby and other American colleges and universities also are looking at an “internationalized” student body and the Davis Five each were awarded an additional multiyear $200,000 grant to help ease the transition to the new funding cap. But over the long run, enrolling international UWC students, most of whom require significant financial aid, now could carry a price tag for Colby of more than $30,000 per year for each UWC student. Despite that new financial reality, at Colby and elsewhere, Geier said he’s seen “no sign of partner schools weakening in their commitment to the program.”

A decade in, the program has supported nearly 3,000 scholars, and all indications (from site visits, anecdotal feedback, and reports from students and school administrators) are that the goals are being achieved, Geier said. “All indications are positive,” he said, including scholars voicing their intention to give back in the model of their benefactor, philanthropist Shelby Davis.

Geier lauded Colby for its consistent, high UWC enrollments and international emphasis. “Colby has been a leader in embracing a global philosophy for its future,” he said.

But still, at Colby it’s been time to take stock and to decide how and to what extent the College will be able to step up.

The College is moving forward with enrollment of 15 UWC students for the Class of 2014 (down from a peak of 29 for the Class of 2006), affirming the intention to maintain the international makeup of Colby’s student body. Colby admissions officers say it’s a distinction that could become more pronounced in future years if some schools shy away from the additional cost. But they also say that investing in international students now could pay off as the College tries to enroll increasing numbers of full-pay, academically qualified students from countries like China and India.

Said Steve Thomas, Colby’s admissions director since 1998, “We can be in a very strong position.”

In the meantime, Colby has to consider other goals, including enrollment of students from underrepresented groups, students from Maine, and students who make up the College’s traditional base. This has to be done as the endowment recovers, but the effects of the economic downturn remain.

Said Adams: “It really is a question of how you balance priorities in a setting of seriously constrained resources.”

It’s been a heck of a ride. But now what?
Despite their diverse backgrounds and interests, Stephanie Berger ‘11, Solomon Gisemba ‘11, and Heather Pratt ‘11 would agree upon three essential points: they very much wanted to go to Colby, they couldn’t attend without significant financial aid, and they’re extremely grateful to donors who fund Colby scholarships.

For Berger, who describes herself as a “California girl much more likely to see a celebrity than a wild animal,” Colby’s location was as much of a draw as the College’s academic reputation. In addition to compiling a 3.9 grade-point average, she’s thrown herself into everything Colby and Maine have to offer. “During Jan Plan, I’ve heard Supreme Court cases in Washington and studied German in Dresden,” said Berger, who plans to attend graduate school and become an occupational therapist. “Through the Outing Club I’ve gone hiking in the mountains of Maine and New Hampshire and experienced nature in all its glory.”

Weekly concerts and piano lessons have satisfied her enduring love of music. And the California girl has embraced Maine winters—sledding, snowshoeing, and snowball fights, she said. “I love the small town atmosphere: the Opera House, the farmer’s market, the coffee shops, and the Common Ground Fair. Ironically, in Colby’s ‘isolated’ setting I finally feel like I’m experiencing the world.”

Gisemba had never been on an airplane until he left Kenya in the fall of 2007 to begin his college adventure. Since he stepped off the plane he’s been participating in and contributing to everything Colby has to offer. He has helped with the first-year computer connection program, assisted with international student orientation, taught Swahili to fellow students, and sung in the Gospel Choir. A talented scientist, Gisemba has worked as a summer research assistant with Associate Professor of Chemistry Jeffrey Katz and attended a chemistry research conference in Chapel Hill.

In Jan Plan 2009, Gisemba took the environmental studies class The Rez and the Hood: Environmental Law and Indian Tribes, which introduced him to the American government and its history with the Native American people. “I got to visit the Penobscot Indian Nation in Maine and talk to the leadership of the tribe,” he said. “It was amazing.” Such experiences have led Solomon to conclude that Colby has “broadened my view of the world and given me more angles from which to approach an issue.”

Grateful for what he describes as Colby’s “truly wholesome education,” Gisemba plans to return to Kenya after graduate school to “make an impact on the health policy in my country.”

After a rough first semester (“I had to work harder than the students from privileged backgrounds”) Pratt has found her stride at Colby. She’s become a leader, driven by a commitment to social justice and feminism, both inside and outside the classroom.

Pratt is president of Colby’s Women’s Group, a mentor with Colby Cares About Kids, and an active participant in Campus Conversations on Race. She’s worked as a research assistant for Lisa Arellano, assistant professor of American studies and women’s, gender, and sexuality studies, and as a library assistant in the reference section. This summer she will work on her honors thesis, researching the history of women at Colby over the years. A pragmatist, she’s taken workshops on grant writing and community organizing. A willing explorer, she scaled Mt. Katahdin as a first-year and traveled to Ecuador for Jan Plan as a junior.

After Colby Pratt plans to continue her work in women’s studies and public policy in graduate school. She hopes to be able to contribute to a scholarship fund at Colby because, she says, “I have a good perspective on what a Colby education means to students like me.”

“There are many other needy causes out there, but we should all think about where we might be today were it not for Colby. Besides, it’s great to get letters every year from the beneficiaries of our scholarship and know that there’s a human being at the end of that check.”

—Stephen R. Langlois ’85
(Susan Stevens Watson ‘28 Scholarship Fund)

“Colby should be available to all who seek a challenging education, not just the financial elite. Educating the next generation is the best gift we can give.”

—Susan Sammis Spiess ’71
(Spiess Family Financial Aid Fund)

“Real philanthropy is not about bricks and mortar; it’s about making it easier for kids who can’t afford colleges like Colby to attend.”

—William J. Montgoris P’99
(Montgoris Family Scholarship)

For information on how to establish a Colby scholarship (and make a life-changing investment), contact Deborah Dutton, associate vice president for college relations: ddutton@colby.edu, 207-859-4393. To give to Colby financial aid programs, go online to colby.edu/give and choose financial aid from the drop-down menu.
As 22-year-old entrepreneurs, Nick Friedman ’10 and Brandon Pollock ’10 started marketing their new business using social networking and the Web. But they also know that to secure clients they need to make old-fashioned connections. Next step? The alumni network. Or, as Friedman put it, “trying to use the warm market and then rely on referrals to generate a fairly large portion of our leads.”

These college seniors are cofounders of Blue Reserve, a bottleless water cooler company that they plan to run full time after graduating in May. In December they received a $5,000 grant from the Libra Future Fund of the Libra Foundation, and in February they received their first order.

The movement away from bottled water has been gaining momentum, as some consumers have become concerned about the environmental impact associated with bottled water. “It’s the energy that’s used for the manufacturing, the bottling, the transportation of these five-gallon water jugs,” said Friedman. “It’s almost silly to think that you’re driving water around, you know?”

With bottleless coolers, which look similar to typical coolers that hold five-gallon bottles, Blue Reserve offers filtered water at about half the cost, according to Pollock. “That whole industry is very wasteful, it’s costly, and it’s inefficient,” said Friedman. “And so we’ve come along and really tried to offer businesses a much more cost-effective, but also an eco-friendly, alternative.”

Blue Reserve is primarily a service company. The Colby students lease the coolers to businesses and contract with a plumber to install them using an existing water line. While they don’t do the installations, they have learned a lot about plumbing and throw around words like saddle valve and splitter. But installation, they say, it’s exactly the same as if you wanted to put a refrigerator, a coffee brewer, an icemaker into an office or your home,” said Friedman. “There’s no change to the existing infrastructure of the building.”

The device, which has spouts for cold and hot water, filters the same water that flows through the tap and removes chlorine, lead, pesticides, sediment, and odor, according to Blue Reserve literature. The monthly cost is $39.95, which includes free installation and changing filters once a year. The price for bottled water delivery varies and, of course, depends on how much water is consumed, but an office that leases a cooler and goes through six bottles a week can expect to pay somewhere around $120 a month.

While other bottleless water companies do exist, the Colby students believe that they are on the cutting edge. “The nature of the business right now is it’s more of a land grab,” said Friedman. “Our technology and our coolers aren’t very different from our competitors, however businesses do not know that this exists. So it’s about us reaching them first and securing the sale now.” They expected to have a unit installed at a law firm in Massachusetts in early March.

So far, interest has been robust, the cofounders say. They receive regular phone calls from people requesting more information. And Erik Hayward, president of the Libra Future Fund, understands why. In offering Blue Reserve a grant, the organization saw a company that can be successful, sustainable, and that has potential for growth and adding jobs in Maine. “We also look for teams—and I think this was evident in Blue Reserve—who have done their research, who understand their market, and who have what we think a competitive product,” Hayward said. “In the case of Blue Reserve there’s another positive externality, where they are reducing the environmental footprint of these companies they are serving.”

Friedman, a Phi Beta Kappa economics and philosophy double major, and Pollock, an economics major with minors in administrative science and philosophy, say that the resources at Colby, both in and out of the classroom, have made this possible. “I’d say that studying economics and, actually, studying philosophy as well, really gives you a more theoretical framework of how to conceptualize the interactions that need to take place when starting a business,” said Friedman.

The two have also made the project an independent study, under the advisement of Assistant Professor of Administrative Science Linwood Downs ’83, and they have tapped the resources of the Career Center. “I feel like there’s a lack of knowledge in the student body of how many resources Colby really has to help you do these things,” said Pollock.

Blue Reserve and its cofounders are not the only Colby students interested in starting a business. “We do have a number of Colby students who visit my office who are interested in entrepreneurship,” said Career Center Director Roger Woolsey. He is currently working on starting an entrepreneurship program that will bring alumni and local businesses to campus, “basically informing students and teaching students the principles of entrepreneurship and how to plan for their business prospectus,” he said. “My vision is that once we launch something this would be for students who want to create businesses in the state of Maine.”

That’s exactly what the Blue Reserve founders plan to do, working from Colby this semester and in Portland after graduating. “We were looking on the alum network and there are many, many—I mean we’re talking hundreds if not thousands of alums who are still in Maine,” said Friedman.

They can expect a call.
Chief Justice

FOR HENRY SOCKBESON '73, A CAREER SPENT ADVANCING AMERICAN INDIAN RIGHTS LEADS TO TRIBAL SUPREME COURT

SUZANNE MERKELSON '09 STORY  MARY SCHWALM '99 PHOTOS

Chief justices need the right gear. Robes, bench, jury, years of law experience. And a gavel, of course. For Henry Sockbeson III '73, a unique gavel reflects his singular position as chief justice of the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe's supreme court, created in 2007.

The wooden gavel was carved by a tribal artisan, just as Indian law, in large part, has been shaped by Sockbeson over his long and successful career. “It’s kind of an exalted name,” Sockbeson said of his new title as chief justice. Along with the two other newly sworn-in supreme court justices, he will hear cases and help shape the tribe’s new sovereign judiciary.

For Sockbeson, a member of the Penobscot Indian Nation, it was a given that he would work to advance American Indian rights. “I always knew I wanted to work for Indian tribes and Indian people,” he said. After studying government at Colby, he became the first American Indian from Maine to attend law school. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1976 and spent his career on Indian law—including land claims, tribal taxation, religious issues, and gaming.

According to Sockbeson, his career has been “varied, interesting, different, new, unpredictable.” And he has the evidence to justify this description. “I’ve had the opportunity to win and establish significant rights for people who didn’t previously have those rights,” he said.

The cases speak for themselves.

After Harvard he worked at the California Indian Legal Services, a federally funded provider of legal services for the poor, specializing in representing Indian tribes. “The judiciary was liberal then,” he said. “It made sense to pursue novel theories of Indian law.”

Like whether preventing Armageddon broke the law.

In California a Karok medicine man shot a partially albino deer off the reservation, both out of season and without a license. Responding to a citation by California’s fish and game department, Sockbeson was called in to assist the public defender, arguing that the Karok Indians believed that the White Deer dance must be conducted annually or the world would end. They needed the hide of an albino deer to conduct the ritual.
“We said they had a right based on aboriginal religion,” Sockbeson said, describing the two-day dance from dawn until nighttime along the banks of northern California’s Trinity River.

Sockbeson lost that case—other medicine men were reluctant to testify, apparently jealous that the man was able to hunt the elusive albino deer, and there was no money to hire an expert.

“We fought the good fight,” he said. “I should have won that case.”

In the late 1980s Sockbeson was in touch with the Larsen Bay Tribal Council of Kodiak Island, Alaska, where, in the 1930s, more than 700 artifacts had been dug up and carried away by an archaeologist, Ales Hrdlicka, without the consent of the community. The artifacts were on display in the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian, and the Larsen Bay community wanted them back.

Sockbeson initiated landmark legislation arguing that the Smithsonian must return human remains and cultural objects to contemporary American Indian groups. In 1989 Congress passed the National Museum of the American Indian Act, followed by Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act in 1990, which extended these regulations to cover all federal agencies and other museums.

The artifacts were shipped back to the Larsen Bay community—by UPS. According to Sockbeson, the reburial ceremony was “the weirdest thing I’ve ever seen.” First, Russian Orthodox—the adopted religion of most of the people—priests did a reburial ceremony. Then came a more traditional ceremony, featuring drumming and, later, dancing.

“You have to feel conflicted,” Sockbeson said about the reburial of these artifacts. “I saw some of them. There was this perfect little spoon. A walrus tusk with incredibly graceful lines. They were thousands of years old.”

Now Sockbeson’s work takes him back to New England, where he worked from 1993 until 2007 as a tribal attorney for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation. He then accepted a buyout offer from the tribe and took a year off, pursuing his passion for sailing. In October 2008 he was honored with Colby’s Distinguished Alumni Award.

He noted that much progress has been made for American Indians in education. When asked about the American Indian experience as a student at Colby in the early ’70s, he laughed. “I was the only one,” he said. “It was a little lonely.” Now Colby and other schools strive to enroll Native Americans. A spring break program brings high school students from several Maine tribes to visit the campus, and a Jan Plan sends Colby students to Maine reservation schools.

Maine’s Native American community is far more educated today. According to Sockbeson there are now about a dozen American Indian lawyers in the state.

“When I graduated high school, my father threw me this big party,” Sockbeson said. “I was the first one from my entire family to graduate high school. It was a big deal.”

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—Henry Sockbeson III ’73
Q&A

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS CHAIR ROCCO LANDESMAN ’69 ON TRADING BROADWAY FOR A NATIONAL STAGE, RISK IN THE THEATER BUSINESS, THE IMPORTANCE OF ART AND ARTISTS, AND TUNING OUT GLENN BECK

DAVID MCKAY WILSON ’76 INTERVIEW    LOUIE PSIHOYOS/CORBIS PHOTO

National Endowment for the Arts Chair Rocco Landesman ’69 served as a Colby overseer during the 1990s and received an honorary doctor of fine arts degree in 2005. Part-owner of five New York theaters, he is one of Broadway’s great figures. In 2009 Landesman turned over operation of the theaters to his partners so he could become the nation’s leading spokesman on the arts under President Barack Obama.

You were a very successful businessman. Why take on the NEA chairmanship?

Everybody advised me not to do it. They thought I was crazy to run a federal agency. I felt that if I was ever going to do public service, if I didn’t do it now, in this administration, then I might as well just write checks, serve on a few boards, and say that’s public service.

NEA’s budget increased from $155 million to $167 million in 2010, but our nation’s investment in cultural affairs pales in comparison to Europe.

I was very gratified that the president asked for an increase, and Congress added money on top of that. But my favorite comparison is with England, the worst public funder in Europe, by far, where public arts funding is $900 million. That would translate here on a per capita basis to $4.6 billion. In the developed world, we are pretty far behind the curve in terms of public arts funding. And I’m not afraid to say so, even though I’m not supposed to. There are lots of things I’m not supposed to say.

Like what?

I think we should give grants to individual artists. I’m not supposed to say that because it’s not federal policy. What better way to support the arts than to give money to individual artists? It seems obvious to me.

Why is art less valued here?

I think there’s a perception that the arts are elitist, that they are for the educated upper classes and are therefore an extra, something not fundamental. I believe they are fundamental. The arts are a way for us, if only briefly, to be better and aspire. The arts are a way to get away, if only for an instant, from our quotidian, exigent existence. Life shouldn’t be a complete set of predetermined options. Art gives us a sense of possibility. Art is as essential as eating and breathing and sleeping.

In the stimulus package there was $50 million for arts funding through the NEA.

It generated a lot of flak. One congressman asked how can we spend $50 million on the NEA instead of creating real jobs like road building. Imagine how that feels, if, after 20 years of practice and perseverance, you are the first violinist in a symphony orchestra, and then you are told, essentially, that you don’t have a real job. It’s not very nice. Our point is the arts jobs are real jobs: there are 5.7 million arts-related jobs in the United States.

Artists are entrepreneurs. You’re an entrepreneur yourself.

Was.

How did you deal with risk?

In the theater business, you have to take chances. When I did my first show in 1985, I think no one would have given me a dime for my chances with Big River, given that the score was written by someone who had not only never written a musical but had never seen a Broadway show. We had a director who was directing on Broadway for the first time, a book writer who had never written a book for a musical, and actors, with one exception, who had never performed on Broadway. If I’d known better, I wouldn’t have done it. But I didn’t know better. I took the chance. Big River won seven Tony Awards and launched my career.

What gave you the sense it would work?

I’ve always been a gambler. I’ve always loved horseracing and any kind of gambling proposition. Some people like a certain level of adrenalin and action to feel comfortable, and I’ve always been one of those people.

Do you get that with your current post at the NEA?

There are constant challenges and no lack of adversaries.

The NEA has been a whipping boy of conservatives. How do you handle that?

Mostly I just tune it out. When Glenn Beck starts ranting, it’s hard to pay attention. Most of the stuff that’s screamed at you doesn’t have a lot of logic. I think you continue to do the work, and if the work has value, it will take hold.

You came up with the phrase “Art Works” for your national tour promoting the arts.

I love the triple entendre.
Broadway producer Rocco Landesman ’69 outside his St. James Theater, on Broadway in Manhattan. Now the chair of the National Endowment for the Arts, Landesman maintains that the arts matter, benefitting patrons and artists and making a significant contribution to the economy.

“In the developed world, we are pretty far behind the curve in terms of public arts funding. And I’m not afraid to say so.”

**How did that come about?**

We wanted to make a statement about how arts matters. We know there are art works, and we support their creation through the NEA. We know that arts works by affecting people deeply—it works on their psyches. But the third part of it is that arts works as part of the real economy. We are going to say it over and over until people are tired of hearing it.

**What did you take away from your Colby education?**

It’s where I first got involved in theater. I played Mr. Martin in Ionesco’s The Bald Soprano and remember it like it was yesterday. That interest in theater I was able to sustain through my whole adult life.

**What does the theater have to do to survive in the 21st century?**

It has to continue to be relevant, speaking to concerns and issues. We have to worry about keeping it accessible on price. It’s a handmade art. There are no economies of mass production or scale. You can’t make technological advances to make it cheaper. Costumes are handmade. Sets are handmade, and performances are handmade every night. On the other hand, theater has always existed since Thespis. It will be with us for a while.

**What was the last book you read?**

Ted Kennedy’s autobiography, True Compass. I thought it was perfect. You got a sense of him and his travails. It was ultimately a love story, with his marriage giving it a happy ending.
For Guard, Fight Continues at Home

STEPHEN COLLINS ’74 REVIEW

As You Were: To War and Back with the Black Hawk Battalion of the Virginia National Guard

Christian Davenport ’95

Wiley (2009)

Christian Davenport ’95, a Washington Post reporter since 2000, embedded with National Guard troops in Iraq and Kuwait twice, lived in a “can” with three Black Hawk helicopter pilots at Al Asad airbase, and accompanied them on wartime missions over the desert in their choppers. All fascinating experiences.

But none of that was as interesting to him as the moment the women and men of the Guard returned to Virginia and Maryland, slipped keys in their front doors, and reentered life in America. What is it like, he wondered, to return from combat and resume life in a society that is so disconnected from the fighting that your service was virtually invisible and is unfathomable to neighbors and colleagues?

That question formed the premise of Davenport’s first book, As You Were: To War and Back with the Black Hawk Battalion of the Virginia National Guard (2009). Solid, professional reporting, it is full of surprises, pathos, and not a little outrage.

Davenport was first exposed to the bifurcated lives of reservists and National Guard members when he wrote about them right after 9/11. “They’re parents and have civilian jobs—schoolteachers and lawyers and plumbers one minute, and then soldiers who are marching off to war the next.” In 2005, he said, they made up more than 50 percent of the ground forces in Iraq. “I felt their sacrifices as the wars continued, in Afghanistan and then into Iraq, largely being ignored.”

Suspecting that the reentry phase after a deployment would be fraught with struggles, he came up with a different take on the now-familiar role of embedded reporter: “Nobody’s told this story of the home front, so I wanted to be the first journalist embedded not only in Iraq but on the home front as well.”

The book is written in three sections. First he introduces two women and two men before they’re called to active deployment: a College of William and Mary sorority girl, a 58-year-old pilot’s wife, who is trying to cope with flooded basements and maddening military bureaucracy back in Maryland. The pilot asks a friend to check in on her, worried she’s having a nervous breakdown.

The third section follows the sorority sister to Brown University for a master’s program, describes the older pilot realizing his wife was changed by his absence, and puts the reader in the room when the VMI grad tells his mother that he’s going back to war.

The characterizations are so empathic and the reportage so thorough that the reader is invested in the fortunes and feelings of the citizen soldiers. The insensitivities and injustices they face back home sting. These are not soldiers of the 101st Airborne who return to base life as a unit with shared experiences and camaraderie. They are individuals—students, schoolteachers, civil servants—dropped back into the life of malls and offices, left largely, Davenport argues, to fend for themselves.

“One of my missions as a journalist is to grab readers by the lapels if I can and tell them this is a country at war, even though it doesn’t feel like it,” Davenport said. “And it bothers me that as a culture, as a society, we’re so disconnected from this war and we’re so divorced from the military. I kind of went with this in mind [from the post-9/11 reporting], but being over there just reinforced that.

“I think it’s unhealthy for democracy to be so disconnected from war—if we have no skin in the game and we can just turn our heads away and ignore it.”

Elevating and uniting the profiles and anecdotes to a solid book-length work of nonfiction is Davenport’s historical account of the National Guard since Colonial days and the catalog of insults perpetrated by an unresponsive and at times dishonest bureaucracy. Kate gives up in frustration after trying to get desperately needed counseling. Miranda enrolls in an Ivy League master’s program that will cost $100,000 only to have the Army Reserve renege on a promised $40,000 bonus.

The title of the epilogue hints at the author’s indignation: “Citizen-Soldiers: The Conscience of a Nation.”

In the words of NPR host Diane Rehm, when she interviewed Davenport in July: “Thank you, Mr. Davenport, for what you’re doing here to raise the consciousness of the American public on this subject.”
With technology, socialist workers still did the lifting

Yes, Trotsky would wear a Bluetooth, asserts Professor of History Paul Josephson, but we’ll get to that in a bit.

In this series of essays, Josephson examines the promise and the reality of technology in a variety of socialist settings and offers a comparison with the role of technology in the West. The goal of Josephson’s work is to evaluate the “human and environmental costs of the technological experience” under socialism, and the picture he paints is a grim one indeed.

Technological modernization in socialist societies carried the promise of serving the masses, but the reality of modernization under socialism was anything but utopian. Technology, which could have been used to improve worker safety or raise the standard of living, as it did in the West, was instead used as a blunt political tool—a means to build the economy and enforce the power of the state with little regard for the worker. This philosophy elevated the “machine above the citizen,” with grave consequences for the very citizens whose lives technology promised to improve.

As Josephson describes it, “The socialist citizen endured a lower quality of life or standard of living, less attention to worker health and safety, and inadequate concern about housing, the environment, and health care.”

That technology failed women in socialist societies is undeniable, and that failure is all the more tragic, Josephson argues, because of technology’s great promise. Technology promised to free women from the confines and drudgery of domestic responsibilities in a patriarchal society and to liberate them to pursue previously unavailable careers.

The reality was far different.

Socialist leaders held that technology was the path to economic modernization, that it would bring together urban and rural populations, and, most importantly, that it would extend political control. In keeping with those beliefs, they placed a greater priority on building an enormous complex of worker-intensive heavy industries than on producing household appliances that might have eased women’s domestic responsibilities.

Socialist technology did produce at least one “gain” for women: the obligation to work outside the home. Employing the iconic image of a woman on a tractor to sum up how technology failed socialist women, Josephson writes, “She sat on a tractor in posters, but at home the burden of responsibilities fell on her to do double labor, and she did not have a tractor to help in the heavy lifting of daily life.”

As for the Bluetooth—Trotsky was among a group of Russian Marxists who embraced technology, particularly technologies of communication, as the foundation of Communism and a means to “overcome those problems of geography, climate, illiteracy, and backwardness that had plagued Russia.” So, yes, Trotsky would wear a Bluetooth.

In fact, according to Josephson, Trotsky used its contemporary equivalents—the railroad, radio, and printing press—efficiently and effectively to achieve the political goals of uniting and controlling the masses and building industry. Unfortunately for many millions living in Russia, Central and Eastern Europe, and North Korea, technology’s effect on the socialist worker was an afterthought to Trotsky and those who followed in his political footsteps.

—David Eaton

RECENT RELEASES

Waiting
Ronald Moran ’58
Clemson University Digital Press (2009)

There is something deceptively simple about Ronald Moran’s poetry, as though any of us could be poets, had we the inclination.

In Waiting, Moran’s 10th book/chapbook of poems, he seizes upon what could be fleeting moments in the life of a septuagenarian—lying in bed beside his sleeping wife, whose health is failing; percussive July 4th in his South Carolina town, the annoying sound of an unidentifiable power tool roaring in the middle of the night. But for Moran, who can see clearly what most of us are blind to, it seems there is little that doesn’t lead to reflection. That reflection is graceful, playful, and contemplative.

The poems are by turns funny, irreverent, poignant, but always with an element of the sublime, a reminder that late in life our days and nights are filled with both the mundane and profound. Moran’s meditations on his last months with his wife, Jane, linger long after the book is closed.

Oh no,/and I knew/ if I slept I would awake to a day barely light,/to her pain/in hushed moans, to her life slipping away/from me, no matter what I do or say or pray for silently/behind closed doors,/my head bowed, my fingers interlocked so tight/they bruise.

—G.B.

Damaged Goods
Gerry Boyle ’78
Down East Books (2010)

You have to like Jack McMorrow.

Part Indiana Jones, part devoted family man, he makes women swoon and tough guys run for cover in Damaged Goods, the ninth novel in Boyle’s McMorrow mystery series.

In this installment the ex-New York Times reporter finds his picture-perfect life in the Maine woods shattered when an angry Satanist terrorizes his social-worker wife. After the bad guy loses custody of his abused and starved children, he vows revenge and threatens “an eye for an eye.”

The danger moves closer, targeting McMorrow’s daughter, Sophie. When a bloody knife and note are found in her bedroom, McMorrow sets out to find the men responsible—and keep his daughter and wife safe. In a subplot McMorrow becomes entangled with Mandi, a young “escort” he interviews for a story, and discovers a mysterious alias, a bloody murder scene, and a scarred young girl trying to pick up the pieces of her shattered life.

This Maine thriller offers a witty and touching first-person account of a father’s love, a husband’s tough choices, the chain of friendship, and a mystery that keeps readers hooked until the very end.

—Dana Hernandez
Be Careful What You Wish For

In Geoff Becker’s fictional world, characters learn life lessons and proceed precariously.

Geoff Becker ’80 has stories to tell—lots of them. Since September Becker, associate professor of English at Towson University, has delivered two exceptional books: Black Elvis, a collection of 12 short stories, and Hot Springs, his second novel. Becker’s voice, clean and strong, is attracting deserved national attention.

Black Elvis, winner of the Flannery O’Connor Prize for Fiction, introduces musicians, artists, and travelers navigating transitional moments in their lives. With precise and vibrant writing, Becker unveils characters in complicated, sometimes surreal situations.

Meet Larry, freshly dumped by his fiancée, visiting his aunt in Italy, and posing as a guide to unsuspecting tourists in Florence. There’s Kaufman, who, on a dare, hits on a woman on her honeymoon—the kind of woman who steals her husband’s orthotics to aggravate his plantar fasciitis. And down at the blues jam there’s Black Elvis, with “big eyes the color of old ivory,” who is upstaged by a Korean bluesman from Memphis.

As bizarre as these situations come across, there are lessons here. Becker’s characters learn the hard way that, “The things you want most, the things you’ve waited longest for, ought to be the sweetest, but everyone knows this isn’t always true.” We watch, anxiously, as they accept this truism and then step precariously forward.

The characters in Hot Springs, Becker’s novel, have lessons to learn too. Becker mixes up an unlikely assortment of people when Bernice, a regretful, unsettled birthmother, abducts Emily, the daughter she gave up for adoption five years earlier. They flee from Colorado Springs to Tucson and land in Baltimore. Landis, Bernice’s accomplice and reluctant boyfriend, strings along, unable to shake his attraction to Bernice despite her erratic behavior. Back in Colorado Springs the abduction brings Tessa, the ultra-Christian adoptive mother, face to face with her less-than-perfect marriage. Tessa ultimately travels to Baltimore to reclaim her daughter and talk sense into Bernice.

“You must see that between the two of us, I’m the one with more to offer,” Tessa said.

“No,” said Bernice. “I must not. I used to think that. The whole time I was living with you, and for the next couple of years, that’s what I kept telling myself. I bought it—the whole package. Nice house, fresh air, squeaky-clean white people who owned mountain bikes and who would make sure she didn’t smoke and didn’t screw or do drugs. I almost believed it myself—almost. Then one day I realized it wasn’t true.”

The tragicomic drama reaches its climax in the gritty streets of Baltimore as a taxi waits for Tessa and Emily as Bernice tries to let go, again, of Emily. This scene, so honest and gut-wrenching, is characteristic of Becker’s thoughtful and intuitive writing. Who is the best mother for Emily? Judge for yourself, but Becker makes us root for everyone, even the most dysfunctional. Black Elvis and Hot Springs are enormously engaging and beautiful in their intimacy, mystery, and unpredictability. We can only hope that a storyteller this gifted will soon deliver more.

Fiction writing, like jazz, relies on improvisation

Geoff Becker ’80 came to Colby planning to major in music, but his interests in jazz and rock didn’t mesh with Colby’s music program at the time. Lucky for fiction readers he turned his attention to writing.

Becker began writing during a Jan Plan, eventually becoming an English major with poet Ira Sadoff, Colby’s Arthur Jeremiah Roberts Professor of Literature, as his mentor. Now an associate professor of English at Towson University, Becker has published two collections of short stories and two novels and gathered an impressive list of awards including the Pushcart Prize and an NEA Literary Fellowship.

His path to a writing career wasn’t direct. After Colby Becker returned to music, playing in New York City clubs and in Europe as a street musician. A few years later, not knowing what to do with his life, he signed up for writing workshops, got the bug, and left New York for the University of Iowa Writer’s Workshop. An M.F.A. soon followed.

Becker likens writing to jazz and tells his students not to “over-determine creative work.” Writing fiction is improvisational, he says, and writers should be open to having their characters surprise them. “I think people are most interesting at the moments when they become self aware,” he said, describing his pleasure in seeing characters move toward an “epiphanic moment.” Becker is a master at making up stories. He got plenty of fodder running blues jams in various cities and was also inspired by his travels in Italy. “I’m always looking at other people and wondering who they might be,” he said. His research involves simply talking to people, constructing characters, and projecting himself into the world he’s invented. Becker’s empathy stems from his belief that people have a lot in common. Situations change, but there’s an “emotional truth that’s always there for everybody.”

“It’s a gamble whenever you start writing about something, or someone, who is not like yourself,” Becker said. “But I think those are gambles worth taking. And as a writer you learn more—it’s a more interesting space to go into.”

—L.M.
Alison Cappelloni: all-court star

It was expected that Alison Cappelloni ’10 would be an impact player for Colby women’s basketball. Cappelloni met all expectations, ranking up awards for weeks after the team concluded its best-ever season, compiling a 24-5 record.

As Colby was going to press, Cappelloni, a 6-1 forward, had been named:

- an NCAA State Farm Coaches’ All-America honorable mention pick, one of only two NESCAC players selected,
- a D3hoops.com All-Northeast Region Team, second-team choice,
- a New England Women’s Basketball Association and the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) all-star,
- a NESCAC first-team selection, and a Maine Women’s Basketball Coaches Association first-team pick.

Cappelloni finished her Colby career with 1,229 points to rank sixth all-time in program history. She had 646 rebounds, 138 assists, and set Colby records for three-point field goals made and field goals made in her senior year. She also finished fourth in NESCAC free-throw shooting (.790) this year.

An English major, Cappelloni is modest about her individual accomplishments on the court. She pointed out that all of the players, including co-captains Samantha Allen ’10 and Rachel Mack ’11, prided themselves on defense, rebounding, and court position. “You can always control those things,” she said. “It’s an effort thing.”

Adam Choice: a “superb” player

For Adam Choice ’10, the most prestigious honor arrived last. Choice, a slick-scoring forward from Newport, R.I., was selected as one of the best 24 players in the nation in Division III when he was named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) 2010 State Farm Coaches’ Division III All-America Team.

“A great honor for a superb player,” said head coach Dick Whitmore.

The award followed Colby’s 19-6 season, which ended with a loss to Middlebury in the NESCAC semifinals. It was followed by a second All-America honor when Choice was named to the D3hoops.com fourth team. The three-time Maine Player of the Year was also named All-NESCAC along with teammate Mike Russell ’11.

The pair were part of a balanced attack that defeated Amherst in the NESCAC quarterfinals. Guards Christian Van Loenen ’11, Justin Sherman ’10, and Gil Haylon ’10 contributed on both ends, and senior center Chas Woodward held the middle.

Choice was one of 20 players to play in the NABC D-III All-Star game in Salem, Va., in March. He tallied six points, five rebounds, and an assist in just 20 minutes on the floor—a reflection of his consistent all-around play throughout his Colby career.

He is eighth all-time in scoring for Colby, with 1,534 points. In NESCAC this season, Choice tied for second in scoring, averaging 18.3 points per game.
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John Hawes Sr., 92, lives near his son’s family in Sacramento, Calif. He enjoys eating meals with a fellow World War II veterans and going to happy hour on Fridays. He has encountered some health problems but is plugging along and looking forward to 2010!

Ruth Sanderson Rudisill enjoys living in the mountains of western North Carolina. Her large family keeps her busy. She and her husband celebrated their 25th anniversary in May, her granddaughter married in August, and her first great-grandchild was born in October. She looks forward to two weddings and two more great-grandchildren (adding to the current 24) in 2010. Ruth is grateful for her good health, which allows her to drive, do housework, participate in her church women’s group, and be a part of a prayer quilt ministry. • George Parker spends six months each year in his condo at Holmes Beach, Fla., south of Tampa. He is president of the condo board, rides his bicycle almost every day, and has learned to cook since his wife, Geraldine (Fennessy ’43) died. George spends the other six months between PA and NJ, where he has houses, and two weeks in September at his house at South Yarmouth on the Cape. George firmly believes that if you are physically and mentally able you should be as active as possible. • Barbara Holden encountered some health problems after Labor Day 2008 when she struggled with paralyzing arthritis followed by shingles in her right eye. A period of recovery in the winter was followed by hospital and rehab in April 2009. She is still in her own home, thanks to her niece, a retired nurse. Barbara is thankful to have so many nieces and nephews in the area. Despite her ailments she took her last trip to France in 2007, visiting with French friends and introducing a niece and her husband to the beauties of Provence and Paris. In September 2009 she attended weddings of two grandnephews just two weeks apart. Barbara is always busy—the days are never long enough.

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Christmas did bring some communiqués from classmates. Nathan Johnson wrote that his mother, Louise Callahan Johnson, moved to South San Francisco to an assisted living community, where she gets out to the senior center frequently and spends the weekends with him. Herson’s e-mail address is lindele@comcast.net. He is happy to be her secretary. • Betty Wood Reed lives in Montpelier, Vt., in assisted living. She is in her fourth year of dialysis and doing quite well. • Judy Jones Zimmerman has a great-grandson graduating from high school this June and doesn’t feel old enough for that! I’m with her. I have a great-grandson graduating from high school in 2011. • Joe and Nancy Pattison McCarthy have moved from Carlyle, Pa., into a military retirement complex in Fort Belvoir, Va. They just celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. Congratulations! • A letter from Lois Peterson Johnson confirmed that their move to Naples, Fla., took place as planned in June. Unfortunately her husband, Ed, had a mini stroke in November, so they moved into assisted living. She hoped that his rehab would enable him to be home for Christmas. • Gene Struckhoff’s wife, Norma, let me know that Gene has been in long-term care with Parkinson’s. They are both 89 and live in Towson, Md. • We lost two classmates that I did not report on—but their obituaries appeared in Colby. In August Bob St. Pierre died. He and his son, Mike, attended reunion just two months prior. • Merrill Emerson died in December. • The weekend before Christmas I happened to be visiting in the Washington, D.C., area and watched with interest and amazement as 21 inches of snow accumulated in less than 36 hours. Speak of paralysis!

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Maurice Whitten received an award Nov. 24 from the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust for his work in the land trust and for his research on the gunpowder mills that were located at Gambo Falls in Gorham-Windham from 1824 to 1905. This work resulted in the publication of his book, The Gunpowder Mills of Maine, in 1990. Maurice and his wife, Doris, left Gorham for St. Petersburg, Fla., in December. They will return to Gorham in April.

1946
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Joan and Lloyd Aarseth enjoy their three grandchildren: Jackson, 3, Annalee, 1, and, recently adopted from Ethiopia, Olivia, 1. The Aarseth’s traveling days are limited but they did cruise to Halifax and to Chicago to attend the Solheim Cup, where American women golfers defeated the European team. They hope to attend our 65th in 2011 as Colby’s “best and brightest” alumni. • Frank Hoppen recovered a family reunion last August with his two daughters and three granddaughters. They spent several days swimming the springs in Florida’s state parks and renting a cottage on the Gulf coast. • In June Jean O’Brien Perkins plans to visit Denali with friends from the Peace Corps. Jean hears from Cass Lightner ’51 and also heard from Anne Lawrence Bondy, who had a difficult 2009 with the death of her husband, Gene. Anne had a heart attack and then sold her house and moved to Gainesville, Fla., to be near her daughter Buffy. After an adjustment period she is settling in and, much to her surprise, cheering for the Gators. Anne has a guest room and welcomes visitors. • My freshman roommate, Dot Allen Goettman, now lives 15 minutes from me in Mission Hills in Clearwater, Fla. Dot’s husband, Andy, who was a cadet at Colby, died last November, and three months later Dot visited me. Now she’ll be living year-round in sunny Florida. Dot has kept in touch with Roberta “Bobbe” Holt Sachs ’45. Bobbe also married a Colby cadet and Bobbe’s sister and brother also went to Colby. Bobbe wrote that “her health, on the whole, is pretty good. There is so much to be thankful for.” • Another roommate, Nancy Loveland Dennen ’47, lives in Naples, Fla. Nancy introduced me to oil painting, and I have painted ever since.

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Dick Reid’s health did not permit him to attend the Colby basketball game in Atlanta last December, but he was happy to have his grandson represent him and speak with Coach Whitmore after the game. Dick was there in spirit. • Larry Kaplan taught his NATO history course last fall at George-town. He is in his 57th consecutive year in the classroom and still feels it is good therapy! He is expecting the publication of a monograph on NATO and the U.N. in the spring. • Donald Klein recently retired from Columbia University and is a professor of psychiatry, emeritus. He is pleased to have joined the department of child and adolescent psychiatry at NYU.

Colby’s Oldest Living Alum:
Leonette Wishard ’23

“I was surprised to have so much fuss made on my 107th birthday,” said Leonette Wishard ’23, Colby’s oldest living alum, in her 2009 holiday letter. Wishard, pictured with President William D. Adams, still knits stocking caps for children, hosts AAUW book club meetings in her apartment, and attends a balance exercise class. A resident of Bridgeport, Conn., she takes advantage of programs and trips offered at her retirement home and even kept her two great-great-grandsons for an overnighter in her apartment.
1948
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Aaron Sandler wrote to say hello. He planned a trip to Jupiter, Fla., and we hoped to arrange our annual Colby gathering at the same time. ● George ’50 and Harriet Sargent Wiswell’s trip to see their son, Sandy, in Azerbaijan and grandson Tim in Moscow was wonderful. They assure those who have read Three Cups of Tea that this is how it is done. At one point they met with a family that Sandy knew and visited their stone house high in the Caucasus Mountains. They sipped tea and looked across the adjacent valley directly into Iran. It was remote and desolate as well as beautiful. Baku, the capital, is now approaching Dubai as the petrochemical center of the Mideast. After visiting Moscow they went to Prague to see friends from Southport. ● Harvey Kolzim sent a photograph (posted at www.colby.edu/alumni) and news that he retired from the music world and no longer is a part-time lecturer in clinical studies at Yale Law School. He still does pro bono legal and financial management work for nonprofits. Harvey is a photographer and a collector of contemporary art. He’s “going pro” with a one-man show in April to benefit a non-profit. Harvey’s son, Ben, 18, graduates from New Haven’s Hopkins School in June. The children from his first marriage live in Westport, Conn. He has two grandsons. His wife, Ruth, teaches French at Yale. Harvey keeps in touch with Jerry Bruff ’50 and Ronnie Farkas and was in touch with the late Phil Shulman. Every so often he hears about Ike Kaplan. ● Burt Krumholz finally retired from active practice. He and his wife, Shelley, moved to Boca Raton, Fla., permanently. The move, and parting with long-held “treasures,” was emotional and difficult. Burt looks for new outlets to keep busy. ● Carol Stoll Baker will spend six weeks on Singer Island this winter. She rented a condo in Fran Hyde Stephan’s complex. We live a short distance from Singer Island and enjoyed seeing both Carl and Fran this winter. ● Betty Dyer Brewster was “cold” in Rhode Island last summer. She normally spends nine months in Naples, Fla. She hopes to continue to return every season, even with her “move” to Memphis. She still “hacks” at golf, but may give that up and stick to swimming. Her new speech processor has been activated, and what a difference hearing with two ears makes! She will never have normal hearing but is thrilled with continued high tech advances. She’s even beginning to understand music better.

30S NEWSMAKERS

March 3 wasn’t just another day at the gym for Francis Smith ’34. He celebrated his 102nd birthday at Planet Fitness. The former concert violist was profiled in the Naples (Fla.) Daily News. Not looking “a day over 85” and “sharp as a tack,” Smith volunteers for security patrols at Naples Estates.

30S/40S MILESTONES


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THANK YOU! I’m grateful to all of you who responded to either my e-mail or the recent mailing. ● Jean Sheppard Silva reports on her singing tour of Serbia, Bulgaria, and Greece last July with Down East Singers. About 60 strong, they sang in churches, at the university in Sophia, and outside the Byzantine Museum in Athens, all in spite of a plague of laryngitis! When at home in Camden, Maine, Jean lives in her own small house at Quarry Hill retirement community. She volunteers at Bay Chamber Concerts, works at her church’s thrift shop, and in the winter helps her church’s free soup lunches. Jean has five grandchildren in high school or college. ● John Stuart reports that after 13 years in Florida they have moved to San Dimas, Calif., where a daughter is in a family practice group. John lists three things since Colby of which he is most proud. First, his family: his wife, an R.N., and his two daughters, one an M.D. and the other an English professor. Second, his surgical career in private practice and later in a teaching hospital for Brown Medical School. Third, flying light planes and doing flight-surgeon work for the Rhode Island C.A.P. ● Lucile Farnham Sturtevant e-mailed Jan. 13 saying, “I’m off to Faulkner Hospital to get a new knee today.” She’s well and about to be more active. We hope it went well, Celine! ● Marshall and Haraldene (Daniee) Whitcomb Wolf had dinner with Skip ’59 and Joan Crowell Toletto ’60. Deanie hadn’t seen Skip, a former student, in over 50 years, so they had a happy time reminiscing. ● Cynthia (Dickie) Crook Lieck loves living on Maryland’s Eastern Shore, where they’ve been in a Del Webb retirement community for four years. They’ve given up boating on the Chesapeake, but Dickie works in her church thrift shop and volunteers with the November Waterfowl Festival, which is a big deal there. She’s still biking, walking, and participating in exercise classes. In workshops she’s writing memoirs of her early years and taking watercolor classes. ● Ruth Endicott Freeman is still carrying her camera and sharing photos. I’ve been the recipient of several photos over the years! Her grandson, Christopher, is a sergeant in the “Old Guard” in Washington, D.C., which escorts foreign dignitaries. They helped set up the white silk tent on the White House lawn when Obama hosted the Indian prime minister. ● Martha Bennett Headley gets excited if the bus is going to Wal-Mart! She’s in her second year at Windham Terrace in Windham, N.H., a “home for the elderly and simple minded,” she claims. Her first great-grandchild is expected in May! Her hands stay busy knitting and crocheting for her church fair. She is most proud of her two fine sons and their families. ● Jack Mahoney lives in Wayne, Maine, despite his distaste for cold and snow. He has traveled a lot, works outdoors when weather permits, and volunteers checking the water quality of Androscoggin Lake. Jack has six grandchildren. ● Gail and John Appleton enjoyed our 60th reunion last year. John worked for the Maine Department of Transportation and also had an appraisal business. In 2000 they sold their home and their cottage and now live in condos. They summer on Cobbossee Lake in Winthrop, Maine, and winter on Honeycomb Island, Fla. Stop by if you’re ever in either area. ● Thanks to all who sent news. If your news isn’t in this column, rest assured it will be in the next. I look forward to more news.

1950
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Barbara and Phil Dine had lunch with Charlie ’48 and Libby Hall Cousins ’48. They had a great time reminiscing and look forward to our 60th reunion in June. Barbara has retired after 30 years working as an administrator at their temple. They’ll travel to Israel in March and stay in Jerusalem. They plan to stop in Germany to see their youngest daughter and her family, who are halfway through their three-year assignment with the Army. ● Harriet (Sargent ’48) and George Wiswell’s trip to see their son, Sandy, in Azerbaijan and grandson Tim in Moscow was wonderful. They assure those who have read Three Cups of Tea that this is how it is done. At one point they met with a family that Sandy knew and visited their stone house high in the Caucasus Mountains. They sipped tea and looked across the adjacent valley directly into Iran. It was remote and desolate as well as beautiful. Baku, the capital, is now approaching Dubai as the petrochemical center of the Mideast. After visiting Moscow they went to Prague to see friends from Southport. While descending hotel stairs, George fell, broke some ribs, and dented a lung—ouch! The hospital was old, but the doctors were thorough. George is home and mending okay. They send best wishes to all 1948 and 1950 classmates. ● Don’t forget our 60th reunion June 4-6. I hope to see many of you on Mayflower Hill.

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Hi 51ers. Thanks to all you octogenarians, or close to it, who responded. Charlotte Noble Shimmel toured Russia, as she had always wanted, seeing Moscow and St. Petersburg, which she found fascinating. In September
Great food and scenery. In February we traveled to the Caribbean and visited six beautiful islands. I've served for 20 years. It sounds pretty dull, but it keeps me busy and challenged.

Mike Manus plans a trip to Holland this spring. He keeps busy with six kids and 15 grandchildren as there is always a sporting event or a day at home with food and board games. Harold Cross enjoys life in Beaufort, S.C., especially the warmer climate. He's lived there 12 years. His son moved nearby two years ago, so half the family is there. Harold continues to work part time at a crisis pregnancy center, a free neighborhood clinic, and one day a week at a large prison. He and Alice look forward to their eighth great-grandchild in May. Art Klein and his wife had a difficult 2009 medically, but they're back on their feet. They visited Edinburgh, Scotland, and celebrated their 52nd anniversary. They plan to spend the summer at their 150-year-plus log cabin in Hague, N.Y. On Lake George, visitors are welcome. Janie Tailleferd Strode stays close to home in Cambridge, Mass., and makes the most of two support groups. She's in touch with her three children and two grands and writes whenever she can.

Nelson Beveridge surprised me with a friendly phone call. I think he misses this job as correspondent, right Nelly? He and Sue Hayes belong to the same golf club, so they play together. West's, wife Joan, died last year after a long illness. You might remember that he and Joan ran a sandwich concession, delivering to all the dorms around 10 o'clock at night. I remember them in the hallway. It went something like this: "... and gum, peanuts, peanut butter crackers, and cookies, and... (after a pause) licorice sticks! Did I remember that correctly? I can accept a correction to my fading memory.

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Bob Thurston's life has been greatly enriched by close contact with Aub Keef. Dave Roberts '55, John Dutton '55, Sel Staples '55, Nate Miller '55, Lou Zambello '55, and Don Rice '56. Bob says that Lou will always be fondly remembered as a talented, unique, and dedicated friend. Bob and wife Betty winter in Sarasota, Fla., and summer in Penobscot, Maine. They often meet Lindon Christie at the monthly Penobscot church suppers and report that Lindon still has a voracious appetite.

Derek Tatlock reports that he and Betty are moving from Sunapee, N.H., to Williamsburg, Va., to be closer to family. Judy Jenkins-Totman '53 received an award from the Connecticut Pastel Society in its international juried show for a painting titled Stampede P. Judy continues to be active in several area nonprofit organizations including the wonderful Strawberry Banke Museum.

Lois McCarty Carlson called her Colby friends instead of sending Christmas cards. Many are active volunteers and very active grandparents. Her oldest granddaughter has applied to Colby as an art major. Lois hopes to get to Sweden in July for a family wedding.

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Your reunion committee met Jan. 29 at Colby. Present were Kathy Flynn Carriagan, Ann Dillingham Ingraham, Jane Millet Dorinish, Judy Orne Shorey, Ellie Small Hudson, and myself. After sharing memories, laughs, and lunch, we got down to business. This will be a special reunion and probably the last organized by the Class of '55. Please make a real effort to support our class and our College! Al Landau still practices law in Florida and in Boston. His uncle practiced until 100 but encouraged others to wind down at 80. Al plans to do so.

Paul and Germaine Michaud Orloff have four grands in college and eight to go. They enjoy Highland Green in Topsham and their welcome mat is out. She hopes to see us in June. Marilyn Faddis Butler enjoys cruising the coast of Florida and the Caribbean with her husband and family. She keeps fit by playing tennis, working out, and watching her weight.

Margaret Grant Ludwig, one of my beloved freshman roommates, and Frank Dunn are the only class members still in Houlton, Maine. Frank still runs the furniture store. Margaret and husband Lee recently celebrated their 52nd anniversary, a wedding I remember since I was a bridesmaid along with our roommate, Jean Hawes Anderson, and Elliele Small Hudson. Margaret’s three children and five grandchildren get together every summer at the family cottage on East Grand Lake.

Archie and Jean Hawes Anderson are delighted that their first granddaughter, Emily, was accepted early decision to Colby’s Class of 2014. Emily is the daughter of Rick ’85 and Kathryn Clarke Anderson ’85. Judy Orne Shorey is writing a biography of her grandmother Orne, who was the first woman admitted to the bar in Maine after working to change the law allowing women that privilege. Judy’s beau, George Carpenter, went back to college to get his M.F.A. Judy stays in close touch with Martha De Wolf Hussey, who still owns her gift shop, Marlowes, in Kennebunk.

David Roberts lives at the Charter House apartment facility in Minneapolis, which is owned by the Mayo Clinic.

Ruth (McDonald Roberts) was treated there before her death, and their daughter and son-in-law live nearby. Dave keeps in contact with John Dutton, Nate Miller, Sel
50s NEWSMAKERS

Florida Governor Charlie Crist appointed Patricia Orr Frost ’59 to the Florida Board of Governors, which is responsible for the management of the State University System. Frost spent 28 years as a teacher and principal in Miami-Dade County and is a trustee at Florida International University.

MILESTONES


and Sue Biven Staples, Minot Greene, and Kathy McConaughy Zambello ’56. Both David and Kathy miss their spouses greatly but are bravely getting on with their lives. + Our class sends sympathy to the family of Judy Holtz Levow, who passed away Nov. 30, 2009, in Florida. Judy was an enthusiastic and faithful alumna who came to just about every ’54 and ’55 reunion with her husband, Barry ’54. + George Haskell is “plugging away” every day at his company, where last year he volunteered his services to Colby with a web-based volunteer alumni information survey. His daughter, Kate, earned her pilot’s wings after a year of training following graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy. “It’s been a thrill to follow her pilot training as it seems like yesterday when I was doing the same,” George says. Rocca, the restaurant in Boston’s South End owned by his wife, Karen (Lawrence ’67), continues to prosper. George hopes to see many of us at reunion. I second that! See you in June!

1956
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Greetings, classmates, from semi-frigid Florida. John is off to the putting green as a quadruple bypass in early December negates his teeing it up until March. Thanks to those who reported in. The column is fantastic! + Lucy Blaine Groening donated her scrapbooks to Colby’s Special Collections. This generous gesture was especially appreciated as students are using archival materials in preparation of the Colby Bicentennial in 2013 and there is a shortage from the “middle period.” Lucy is now fully retired and spending time in Vinalhaven.

1957
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What a great response for our column this time! I report the news in the order it arrived, and any overflow will be in the next issue of Colby. + Candace Orcutt is still attempting to retire! For the past three years she has been on the faculty of the Masterton Institute, teaching advanced courses, via Skype, in psychotherapy to professionals from South Africa, British Columbia, and Florida. Classes focus on the study and treatment of personality disorders. Although Candace doesn’t plan to continue teaching, she will contribute articles to institute publications. + Tom Brackin has had his second successful hip replacement and is ready to do some hiking again. Tom and Marilyn attended Dottie and Mac Blanchard’s 50th wedding anniversary party and took with them a real treasure—the only photo of their entire wedding party, most of whom were in attendance! The Brackins still run their real estate and insurance agency but make time to visit their homes in Ira, Vt., and Christmas Cove, Maine. + Jeanne Arnold, M.D. and her husband, Peter Jeffries, visited Doris Turcotte Thomas in Denver last March during their annual ski and genealogy trip to Salt Lake City. They drove by way of Minneapolis and Idaho to cover some research. Last fall Jeanne and Peter joined their middle son during a trip to Italy and enjoyed Tuscany’s beautiful countryside and museums. They also celebrated their 50th anniversary! + Ellie Gray Gatenby was happy to receive a hand-addressed Christmas card from Janet Kimball Clymer. It was an amazing feat for Jan to write her own card. Ellie and Art enjoyed a few weeks in sunny Puerto Rico playing a few rounds of golf! + Judy Prophett Timken writes that 2009 was a good year to stay home, especially since Bill was recuperating from his successful total knee replacement. He’s back playing tennis and swimming laps in the pool. The Timkens enjoy seeing Glenn and Gabby Krobs Isaacs on Colby dinners in San Francisco. They are always amazed at the number of Colbyites living in the area. Judy and Bill have been in California 35 years and feel fortunate their children live nearby. Judy keeps busy as a trustee at the California College of the Arts, but visits the East Coast at least once a year. + About two years ago Lou and Bill Bois designed and built their new handicap-friendly (just in case) and energy-efficient (always needed) home. Since moving into their new digs they have been busy landscaping and “tweaking the place to their liking.” + Mac Harring had a knee replacement in November 2008, (back on the ski slopes by January 2009), was married in May 2009, and then honeymooned for two-and-a-half months in a trailer, visiting the western national parks. They plan to head off again this year but in a larger rig! + Nancy and John Conkling headed once again down the Allagash River, following their August adventure in a ’69 Volkswagen camper to northern New Hampshire, Canada, and Sugarloaf to compare the amazing changes since the 1950s. They then traveled to Weld, Maine, to see Jo (Sturtevant) ’56 and Neil Stinneford and to congratulate Neil on his election to the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. + Seems that Allan van Gestel’s retirement from the Massachusetts Superior Court is anything but a retirement! During 2009 Allan acted as a special advisor to the attorneys general of 46 states and six territories on arbitration issues including disputes on the tobacco settlement agreement, an embezzlement issue, and a case in Nicosia, Cyprus, regarding a Massachusetts biotech company and a Cypriot distributor of a drug product sold in the Ukraine. + That’s all for now!
Agency, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of a larger corporation with 54,000 employees. Marty looks forward to this new relationship.

- At least two class members have taken exciting trips lately. Beryl Scott Glover had “a terrific couple of weeks cruising the Red Sea and touring Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan in November.” Ed and Carol Hathaway de Lemos had a fantastic trip to Turkey in November with Grand Circle Travel. They spent 18 days traveling 2,500 miles by coach, following the coast line of Turkey from Istanbul to Antalya and then inland via Cappadocia to Ankara. Their excellent guide, Serif Yenin, is a native of Turkey who has written books on the country.

“A highly recommended trip!”

- As noted earlier, John Eds was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame last October. He received congratulations from Beryl, Lois Munson Morrill, and Bruce Blanchard among others. John reports that “Bruce just made his seventh hole in one. It’s amazing how proficient you can be playing miniature golf. He’s the best!”

- Brad and Helen Payson Seager planned to put their historic house on Nantucket on the market March 1. Helen has been writing newspaper articles about some of the house’s earlier residents.

- Last October Walter and Maggie Smith Henry visited David and Lois Munson Morrill on their way home from seeing other friends near Damariscotta. “Lois and David are wonderful hosts. The Henrys’ two sons are in medicine: Michael an infectious disease attending physician at Bronx Lebanon Medical Center and Tom an anesthesiologist, mainly at Nyack Hospital. The Henrys are frequent visitors to Manhattan and Brooklyn and look forward to spending time with their young grandchildren there.

- The highlight of the year for Harry and Joan Shaw Whitaker was in September when their daughter and son-in-law completely surprised them with a 50th wedding anniversary dinner at the East Bay Grille in Plymouth, Mass. Colby alumni present included Carol Hathaway de Lemos, Mary Beth Whitaker McIntyre ’82, and Janice McKown Dumas ’82. “It was a wonderful evening, which we will treasure and remember forever.”

- Carol Conway Denney, Dot Greenman Ketchum, Susan Sherman White, and I had a roomate reunion in November at Dot’s home in Plaistow, N.H. We reminisced and got caught up on news, ate very well, walked off the calories in Newburyport and Ogunquit, and played Rummikub. Strange to think we met 55 years ago! More get-togethers are planned. I also had a pleasant lunch with Ginny Angney Bushee in January before we both headed for warmer climates.

- Best to all, and please keep your news coming!

1959

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Carolyn Cummings Crain didn’t make it to reunion but instead visited in July with Erla Cleaves Davis in South Portland. They had a good time in Rockland, even though Erla was not well. Carolyn had hoped to see her again but Erla lost her battle with cancer Nov. 3. Carolyn went to Portland for Erla’s service and had time with her family and also a visit with Ann Worster, Judy Colbath Drinon, and Barbara George Rose. She then enjoyed a couple of days with Sue Taylor in York. Carolyn enjoys her grandkids, knits and reads, visits friends, and does some writing.

- Gay Gawcett loved reunion, her first one. In January she was off to France and expected to see Georgia Johnson Manin.

- Tom and Colleen Cruise Reynolds were back at Sugarloaf for the winter. Tom works in the ski school and Colleen works part time in the resort day care. Colleen has been the editor for Tom’s and his partner’s successful website for almost two years, so logic told her that she should have her own website and editing business: www.e-edit-my-work.com.

- Jane Spekesfield Ayler Hamilton finally retired, three weeks after turning 72. She has been catching up on projects such as making cushions for porch furniture and birthday presents. Jane and her husband visited Florida to see dear friends.

- Liz Hay Henderson had her left eye implant fixed in October and in December she had surgery on her left carotid artery that was 90-percent blocked. Now she has matching scars on her neck.

- Russ Longley continues to consult for a Canadian aerospace company. His fun and physical fitness regimen includes daily Latin/Smooth dance lessons. He and his instructor placed first in waltz and rumba and second in foxtrot and cha cha at a gala in Kansas City last August. He’s now working on tango, waltz, and rumba gigs for a major competition in St. Louis in March plus a gold level waltz exhibition in May at the Forget Me Not Benefit Ball in Kansas City. Last February he attended the National OCS program in Newport, R.I., and served as a navigator aboard a P2V Neptune ASW Patrol bomber and as an air intelligence officer. He received an M.A. in international relations from Vanderbilt and entered the brokerage profession. He continues working half days. He has a son, a daughter, and three grandchildren. Reed stays in touch with Grant Hendricks and last December visited Tony Ruvo and his wife, Mary Jane, in New Jersey. He sorely misses his close friend Bill Feoli. Travel has been the primary diversion for Reed and his wife, Solange. In San Diego they enjoy plays, movies, reading, and get-togethers. They would love to see anyone visiting San Diego.

- Thank you all for writing.

1960

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Roger Brown retired, moved to Providence, and took up apartment living. He sees Art Calfee occasionally on Cape Cod. When Jock Knowles called him, Roger agreed to work with the anniversary gift committee. Jock and Pat (Walker) live nearby and enjoyed a joyous family Christmas (18 strong) in Rehoboth, Mass., and New Year’s in Maine. Jock had a second knee replacement Feb. 24 and hopes to be around the holidays. Ronald Weber visited his four sons, who live all around the country.

- Ralph Nelson has written his bio for the 50th reunion and was amazed at the many ways in which his Colby experiences formed useful foundations for activities later in life. He’ll be at our 50th.

- Ralph Galante lives the senior life with wife Jane and will celebrate their 50th and reunion the same year. He lives on a NH lake in the summer and in Bonita Springs, Fl., in the winter. Ralph retired from American Airlines 12 years ago and uses the flying benefits to visit his family spread over the country. He sees John and Becky Crane Rafferty on Chebeague Island, Maine, during October visits and says they look great. The Raffertys spent time in South Carolina in February, where they golfted and got some sun. Ray Berberian and John speak on the phone frequently.

- Since retiring back to Maine Robert Haggett has kept busy as a substitute teacher in the Saco and Kennebunk area. In February he and his wife took their Massachusetts family to Washington, D.C., to take advantage of the numerous new activities and sites since his last visit. Later they’ll spend a week in a resort outside of Orlando with his son and his family.

- Steve Finner is in his third career, as minister of music at the St. Johnsbury, VT., Universalist Church and is proud to report that he has a publisher for his modest liturgical compositions.

- From fall 1960 until late spring 1962 Cheet Lewis served in the 226th Army Security Agency Company on Kangwa-Do, Korea. Last October he and his wife, Fran, attended the fourth reunion of that company in Orlando, Fl. The highlight was a VIP tour of the Kennedy Space Center.

- Todd Marchant wrote that his life is dull as it gets but there isn’t any bad news.

- Lucky Christov had dinner with DU brother Reed Thompson ’59. Lucky misses working full time but works as a consultant. He plays tennis and likes how California helps with the aches and pains.

- Nancy Bassett Mack and her sister moved their mom from independent living 90 miles away to assisted living two miles down the road. Nancy looks forward to reunion!

- I had Thanksgiving dinner with relatives in the Tampa Bay area, including cousins Dick ’58 and Susan Macomber Vogt and Lois Macomber. I spent a few days in Scottsdale, Ariz., with cousin Pam Harris Holden ’66 (widow of Randy Holden ’65). I’ve enjoyed teaching bridge to middle schoolers in Sarasota, and I play duplicate bridge whenever possible. I also watch son Jon Huerta ’95 play baseball.

- I hope you plan to be at our 50th reunion.

Carolyn Lockhart has been busy with the fundraising and Jerry Goldberg has been busy planning a cruise June 3 out of Portland Harbor. Jock Knowles was delighted when Betsy Perry Burke ’61
agreed to edit the reunion book. And Steve Curley is preparing a special memento for participants. See you in Portland June 3 for the cruise, and then in Waterville for three days of fun!

1961
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Where did you spend spring break while at Colby? Your correspondent went home with roommates or traveled to Bermuda, entertained by the Colby Eight! Some of us with roommates or traveled to Bermuda, Where did you spend spring break while a member of the Colby Eight? She continued sending her news in verse. She entertained by the Colby Eight! Some of us with roommates or traveled to Bermuda, Where did you spend spring break while a member of the Colby Eight? She continued sending her news in verse. She entertained by the Colby Eight! Some of us with roommates or traveled to Bermuda, Where did you spend spring break while a member of the Colby Eight? She continued sending her news in verse. She entertained by the Colby Eight!

Diane Scrafton Cohen Ferreira
Curley

...agreed to edit the reunion book. And Sandy Nolet Quinlan reports “new adventures and our growing families never cease to amaze us.”

Sandy now has 20 grandchildren! Sandy and husband Dean winter in Palm Beach Gardens and travel extensively. They spent a week on St. John in the Virgin Islands and visited southern France twice to see family in the charming village of Labastide Esparbarrenque (www.lamuseein.com). Sandy and Dean drove to Barcelona, where they embarked on a transatlantic cruise to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Several Spanish ports, as well as Morocco and the Canaries, were on the itinerary.

...sailing, bridge, dominos, and canasta.

Tom and Janice Dukeshite Hallwell sold their home in Naok, Conn., and became permanent residents of Bradenton, Fla.

Janet Haskins Mandavalle says that she and Judy Hoffman Hakola are already e-mailing about the reunion in 2011! Last October Jan connected with her sophomore year roommate Sue MacLean Herron in Rockport, Mass., who recently returned to her hometown after 30 years in the California Bay Area. Sue is active with local history projects in Rockport. Jan continues to volunteer at the Athena library in eastern Oregon, where she enjoys a second home.

Jan reports, “the new library is a huge source of civic pride in this small town and the several years spent in blood, sweat, tears to raise funds and get it built were definitely worth it!” Jan was one of the movers and shakers behind that project.

Anne Leahman Lysaght announces the arrival of grandson Henry (named for her late husband) born to her son, Mark, and his wife, Heather Lounsby ’94, Dec. 24, 2009! Donna and Bob Burke spent Thanksgiving in Florence, Italy, visiting Donna’s son, who spent the first semester of his junior year at Fairfield University in Florence. They had a great time visiting the churches and museums without the usual long lines. “We got right in to see David with no wait at all. We had lots of pasta, but no turkey! We then spent Christmas visiting my four children and 11 grandchildren as well as Betsy Perry Burke.”

Bob and Jeanette Benn Anderson had a “picture perfect Mediterranean cruise,” especially enjoyable because friends and neighbors joined them, including Ann Gerry Gassett ’60. Their favorite port was Monaco! Carol Walker Lindquist, now 10 years retired from college teaching, lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., and summers on the Maine coast. She volunteers as a docent at Brooklyn’s zoo in Prospect Park, where she is learning about “the critters—birds, bugs, snakes, and small animals. I think I will be fun!”

In December Margie Chamberlain Davis and her daughter, Holly, traveled to Disney World, where they stayed at the Grand Floridian Hotel and, on arrival, were upgraded to the VIP wing because of “Pixie Dust.” They enjoyed nightly fireworks for seven days. “We went to all four parks and on all the roller coaster rides and the Tower of Terror.” Margie still works full time and asks, “Am I the only one?” No, Margie, your class correspondent, though retired, continues working full time! Anyone else? Aloha!

1962
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Ellie Tomlinson enjoys retirement in Marblehead, head, Mass., where she has converted her garage into a studio with room for a car. Ellie plays squash, skis, and is anxiously awaiting spring and her gardens.

Dick Millerman and his wife of 47 years, Linda, enjoy winters in Ft. Lauderdale, summers in Warren, R.I., and six grandchildren.

Patch Jack Mosher writes that in September Marjeanne Banks Vacco hosted Nancy MacKenzie Keating, Debby Price, Linn Spencer Hayes, Liz Conley Clagett, Olave Pingree Ingraham, and Patch for their seventh yearly mini-reunion. In January Olive and Patch visited Linda Nicholson Goodman in Ct. “Bill Alexander says at this time of year in Alibon (Maine) he’s in winter survival mode. That means: eating soup from the freezer, bringing in firewood from the shed, throwing out junk mail, and deleting e-mail. It’s even too cold in the garage to work on his Model T Ford. Steve and Sandy Keef Hunter had a fabulous trip to Turkey in October. They started in Istanbul, traveled down the Aegean coast by coach to Troy and other ancient ruins, sailed the Turquoise Coast in a gullet, and swam in the Mediterranean in Antalya. Sandy would happily share tour company info. Fran and Pete Beaumont attended a reunion at the Naval School of Preflight in Pensacola in October. One of his classmates was a POW of the North Vietnamese for seven years who delivered a very moving speech. They toured the Museum of Naval Aviation, which Pete says rivals the Air and Space Museum in Washington. They then visited Mobile, Ala., where Fran was born. Their son, Peter, returned from his second stint in Iraq in time for Thanksgiving, making this year a happy year despite the economic fiasco. The Beaumonts especially enjoy their four grandchildren. John Chapman’s pun directly relates to the e-mail request for “news of your last three months.” John says, “As I hope I have more than three more months to live, it is impossible to predict what my last three months will be like.” Patricia and Bill Pye spent three weeks touring Dubai, Nepal, and India, which he describes as a fabulous journey of immense diversity and cultural learning. Peter and Brenda Wrobleski Elwell continue to improve their 10-year-old Victorian house in Denver. They travel extensively throughout the West, most recently in Navajo country, Canyon de Chelly. Brenda still travels to South America on business and will lead a group to Ecuador and the Galapagos. They both enjoy hiking and snowshoeing. Brenda’s daughter, Monique, will be married next summer.

Nancy McKenzie Keating and Mike McCabe are appending a month in Datatow Island, Ga., checking it out as a possible winter location. They will return in April to their summer home in Maine.

Tony Mainiero’s most important item is the fact that he is grandfather to eight beautiful grandchildren ranging from 1 to 14. Tony, with the help of his son-in-law, continues to run his business, which is doing very well. He and Cathy travel frequently to Aruba and Palm Springs. Tony would love to hear from any KDs. Our esteemed prez, John Hoagland Bristol, is already working the phones and making big plans for the big 5-0, which is coming up fast. Set the first weekend in June 2012 aside and get yourself to Maine. Tony, of course, will be there. What a great way to celebrate.

Bill ‘62 and Barb Haines Chase took a canoe trip in Nicaragua for fun and adventure. Barb is finding Peggy Fuchs Singer’s book, Legacy of a False Promise, “amazing... an honest and painful tribute to her parents and her survival.” Ron and Bunny Read MacElroy drove to Xcalak, Mexico. Bunny’s presiding governor of the Colorado Academy of Educators for the Gifted, Talented and Creative. They work with students on multiple levels to serve gifted students.

Coral Croman lost her husband of 41 years, J. Rene Gonzales, after his 18-year battle with Alzheimer’s. Her children and five grandchildren were all home for the holidays. Coral went to Argentina in February. She enjoys substitute teaching in nearby Saratoga Springs High School, and she’s putting together a selection of stories she’s written. Don and Betsy Do Norwat were in Goose Rocks, Maine, last summer visiting her cousins Kendall ‘64 and Linda Do Burford ‘64. They have two grandchildren. Betsy teaches a Spanish class at the Metropolitan Community College (Kansas City, Mo.) and is “enjoying the life of a mostly retired person.”

Gordon Moog and wife Beverly retired northwest of Spokane, Wash. Boating, fishing, camping, hunting, skiing, and volunteer work for Washington, Idaho, and the National Forest Service keep them out of trouble. Gordon says, “retirement is nothing like everyone says; it’s much better!” Jean Elieson Bridge- man’s new e-mail is bridgej@hotmail.com.

Jim Westgate spends his time between Bangkok and his house in the country, a beautiful place on the river where he tends bromelias and many other extraordinary plants. His new e-mail is westgatejim@gmail.com.

Nancy (Godley ’65) and John Wilson look forward to Nancy’s 45th reunion. They’ve winterized their house on Deer Isle and spent last Christmas there with their children and grandchildren. They’re anticipating our 50th, as we all are!

Mac Smith is now semiretired after 43 years in the family insurance agency, now run by his two sons. He and Jeannine, his wife of 44 years, spend the winter in Naples, Fla. They have three children and eight grandchildren. In Naples Mac sometimes sees George Bagas 61 and Bob Burke 61. He often e-mails Dave Columbia, “who lives among the rich and famous in Manhattan.”

Beth Brown Turner is writing her Ph.D. dissertation on black francophone Caribbean women playwrights. She’s also producing Black Masks, a magazine on the black performing arts, and starring her...
new doll webpage at www.dollbabyshop.com. Daughter Shairi is a deputy secretary for health in Florida, and son Kai works in web design and architecture in London. • Marsha Palmer Reynolds and I got together recently. She and husband John retired from teaching in Manhattan and moved to Biddeford, Maine. They volunteer at the Saco Food Pantry, tutor needy children, and take their two dogs to nursing homes for pet therapy. • Pen Williamson rowed again in the Head of the Charles Regatta in October. “It’s always great fun. Scratching my way towards the top third in my veterans’ class.” • Peter Vogt produced and directed two major videos for the International Civil Rights Center and Museum in Greensboro, N.C. Through Peter’s videos, visitors are immersed in the experiences of landmark events such as the first lunch counter sit-in and other peaceful protests. Peter has also created the audiovisual attractions for the Rosa Parks Museum in Montgomery, Ala. • Paul and Susan Schaeff Pines moved from NY to SC. They keep busy in Port Royal, S.C., with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute courses. • Tom Thomas is in India on the spiritual journey he briefly described in our last column. He’s promised to tell us much more in the future. • Yours truly is working on her first children’s book, based on a true story of a dog’s adventure in Casco Bay.

1964
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Bob Marr is actively involved in the purchase and restoration of the William Henry Seward homestead in Florida, N.Y. (Seward was Lincoln’s Secretary of State, among other things.) He has been assisted by Doris Kearns Goodwin. • Jim Simon writes: Blessed to be an M.D. and in my 41st year practicing medicine went to work part time at Kaiser Occupational Health in northern California as a pool physician. What an empowering renaissance. Using all the diagnostic skills and a little suturing work and using a 21st-century computer system, I have someone marketing my patents, still fly once a week for fun and once a month to the Oakland Air Traffic Control Center to do physicals, and I swim 40–60 minutes daily. Hilde, my bride of 34 years, is still doing garden design and is happy. • B.J. Campbell is engaged to Frank DeRose and will marry in October! • Bill Hendrickson is doing real estate brokerage with Prudential in New York’s Brooklyn area. He’s happily married, healthy, and anticipating third grandchild’s debut in April. • Gloria Shepherd received recognition for her painting in an intriguingly titled exhibition called “Those Delectable Vices.” • It was a lovely surprise to hear from Candy Camp Lund, who is ostensibly helping a friend move out in San Rafael, Calif., but also hiking and hot tubbing. “Daughter Lilla Lund ’04, with her marvelous husband, lives outside Bozeman, Mont., and practices law. She graduated magna cum laude from Suffolk last May and has her own office in Bozeman in a wonderful firm. The apple fell very, very far from the tree! Lilla ran the Boston Marathon last April (Susan Ellsworth and I watched), and she also got a puppy. I’m living in Falmouth, Maine, near my son and two grandchildren, and singing in the choir.” • Nick Ruf also reports getting a puppy. • Charles Fallon sums up his current activity as “grandparent (four); executor; literacy volunteer; aspiring vocalist; substitute principal in city schools; house husband; looking forward to an Exploritas expedition with my wife, Marcia, in May.” • Ken and Ann Schmidt Nye attend the same church as Candy (aka Cate). Ken writes: I just brought out my fourth and last book of poetry, Clouds of Glory. It’s my last because Parkinson’s has apparently closed off that section of my brain that drove the poetry, and without that drive absolutely nothing is coming. I’m saddened by this, but also grateful that I discovered poetry five years ago and had a chance to say some things that probably never would have been said.” The Nyes have two beautiful granddaughters, 16 and 18, and two new grandsons, 1 1/2 and three months. • Joan Mc Ghee Ames says, “I love our New England winters and am enjoying the steady light snowfalls we’ve had but I will spend six weeks in Key West this winter. Although we’ve been going for the last 20 years for short stays, this is the first time I will stay through! Before that I will meet Suzy Noyes Mague and Susan Ellsworth in Longmeadow, Mass., where Suzy is babysitting her grandchildren for a week.” • And from John Brassem: “Now write columns for four trade magazines from around the world. Just finished a consulting assignment for the Mark Twain House and Museum. (Mark Twain is my idol.) Spent a one-week vacation in Jamaica (at Sandals). Still a professor (adjunct) at University of Hartford on international business and management. Now cast member of local community theatre production of Oliver at 1,700 seat Warner Theatre. (Was Winkee General in Wizard of Oz during the summer.) Still working on great American novel but maybe losing that battle.”

1965
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Norman and Jess Coyle Bierman moved to the Windsor retirement community in Vero Beach, Fla., from CT in 2002. They “keep busy with tennis, golf, book clubs, etc. and have now added learning bridge.” Last fall they went to Paris and took a barge trip in Burgundy. Travel plans for 2010, to visit three children and three grandchildren, will prevent them from joining us at reunion. • Jim Spates is professor of sociology at Hobart & William Smith colleges, where he has taught since 1971. He is chair of the urban studies program and the author of Moral Sociology relating to that field. “I still love teaching, and retirement still seems a strange notion.” His specialities are the sociology of cities and the “social thought and life story of the 19th-century British thinker John Ruskin.” Alas, he too will miss reunion due to conflicts. • Bob Rogers had a spectacular 2009. He was promoted to full professor at Ashland University in Ohio. In March he published a book, An Economic History of the American Steel Industry. In October he was elected president of the Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists. “I took up kayaking for the first time and I think I will do more.” • Virgil Hervey is “semiretired for the 10 years he’s lived in Springfield, Ohio.” He runs the Yellow Springs Community Foundation part time but gave up his part-time job as a reporter on the local weekly in favor of editing/publishing A Yellow Springs Blog that gets “over 200 hits per day in the village of 3,700. It has made me very popular with the folks in town and very unpopular at the newspaper, which had a monopoly of what got reported and what did not.” • Neil Clipsham is semiretired from his AECOM government services job. He and Jean (Hoffmann ’66) “spend most of our open time with family/granddaughters” and have been to Disney World. “Getting our face time and influence in while we can. By age 10 they’ll be more-friends-than-grandparents oriented, and we’ll be less able to do things.” Neil and Jean will have just returned from an Eastern Europe river cruise by the time you read this. • Dave Fearon still teaches at Univ. of Central CT. • Marty Dodge completed his 43rd Finger Lakes Community College January travel ecology trip. The latest one was to Belize. In June he’ll lead his 14th trip to Alaska. “I’m well into my 38th year at FLCC and I have no intention of retiring anytime soon.” • Nancy Godley Wilson splits her time between Deer Isle, Maine, and Lexington, Mass., where she volunteers for the Unitarian church, Elder transit, and board of directors activities at her old employer, Walnut Hill School in
Natrick. On Deer Isle she volunteers at the Stonington Opera House and “I did a bit of fund raising for our 45th reunion.” Jim Fortiato gave a talk last January at the Bristol (RI) Art Museum about the Boston art scene and is still with Artscope magazine. Nick Locsin “spent much of the summer fishing and boating on the Kennebec and Damariscotta rivers.” In October he and Sue spent a week in Barcelona and liked it so much they’ll return for a longer stay this October. Snowbird John Bragg was running the family business in Bangor from Fort Myers again this past winter. N.W. Bragg Inc. is now 155 years old. Dave Hatch moves from Fort Myers to Venice, Fla., this June. Wonderful news from Jann Buffinton Browning, who will be married about the time of our 45th reunion to “Warren Clark, my friend the pilot, who has been with me every step of the flying adventure.” See you soon. Hail, Colby, Hail!

1966

Mary Sue Hilton Weeks enjoyed a weekend visit last Labor Day at Doug and Beth Adams Keene’s summer place in Ocean Point, Maine, joined by Ruth Kelleher Hertz and Lynn (Longfellow ’65) and Gary Knight. Mary Sue reports that Gary is doing a great job in the Maine legislature and that Doug is back on the tennis court with two new knees. In December she joined Debbie Anglim Higgins, Barry Clark Hews, Linda O’Connor McDonough, and Dick Gilmore for dinner in Boston. Stu Wantman visited Mark ’67 and Rebecca Cummings Shovam ’67 and keeps in touch with George Cain, Ed Burrell, Dave Penhale, and Russ Monbleau. Stu still works as co-owner of a jewelry business with his daughter and is enjoying his young grandson. Theresa and Bayard Kennett became first-time grandparents last November when son Chip ’03 and daughter-in-law Sheila produced Bayard W. Kennett III, to be called “Joe,” thereby honoring both his grandfathers. “Wow, what a great feeling!” says Bayard.

Winter Floridian Ted Houghton recommends two good books, The Glass Castle and Half-Broke Horses. He continues to vent about the sorry state of American politics in his Musings column at www.xxwoad.com. Good to hear from Bill ’70 and Lena Eldridge Hardy. Bill writes, “Lena finished her Colby years on time. I went to Vietnam and worked in TV for awhile, graduating belatedly in 1970. Lena has been a marriage and family counselor most of her career and practices here in California. Our son, Joe, is a neuroscientist in San Francisco. We have a home in Portland, Maine, but spend most of our time in Napa, Calif., our home since 2003. I practiced law in Mainsence from 1973 and maintain an interest in Hardy Wolf and Downsway in Portland. We attend the opera and ballet in San Francisco, enjoy the golf and scenery of Pebble Beach, have pinot noir vines and make wine with friends.” Judy Kelley hopes to move back to Maine in 2010 after many years in upstate New York.

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Sandy sold her shop in Milton, Mass., but her puzzles have been featured at Barnes & Noble, NYC. Sandy is celebrating a remission and, hopefully, a cure from arthritis. She can knit again! Sandy Ray Bennett takes an exercise course in Rhode Island and her instructor plays music from the ’60s that she danced to on Mayflower Hill.

Anthony Benjamin continues her work as trust and estate attorney in New York City. His professional duties bring him into contact with Todger Anderson. Bill Neely informed us that his wife, Stephanie Barker Neely, passed away this January after a four-year battle with ovarian cancer. We pause to remember Stephanie.

Betsy Littlejohn Deloache would like to get in contact with classmates who have experienced cancer as patients or as caregivers. Contact alumni@colby.edu and ask them to forward messages to Betsy. Mark and Sue Barden Johnson have hiked 140 miles on the 810-mile Arizona Trail and “only” have 210 miles remaining, but much of that remains inaccessible. They hiked Big Bend National Park and spent a week in Providence hiking through Roman ruins, lavender fields, hilltop villages, and vineyards. Sue and Mark also work in visits to see grandchildren and continue to see their medical patients.

Kathy Denehy Lewis visited grandchildren in San Diego and CT. She and Bob celebrated their 40th anniversary with a West Coast cruise. Bob hopes to work for Southwest Air for two more years so they can enjoy free flights! When at home in Mount Vernon, N.Y., Kathy is part of a walking group, works in the garden club’s perennial garden, and belongs to a book group. Betty Coffee Gross wasn’t able to travel this year because her husband had heart problems, but he pulled through. Betty is a justice of the peace and this fall had the pleasure of performing the wedding of one of her former students.

Charlotte Killam cancelled a trip to Israel in February because she was afraid “certain areas would be off limits.” She did do a whole lot of driving the rest of the year, including driving from Florida and a 3,300-mile trip across the West. The rest of the year she was busy with a summer lunch program at a local park, trips to see shows at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, blueberry picking, family weddings, and gardening. She is active with committees at her church and the public library. Charlotte, Judy Greer Deforest, Cindy Paquette, and Donna Lumpkin planned a fall getaway weekend in Plum Island. Judy Gerrie Heine, Betty Coffee Gross, and Kathy Denehy Lewis couldn’t make it.

Jeanne Philson Sommers purchased a home in Florida, near the St. Johns River and Lake Monroe. When not at home, Jeanne plans to take to the road in her RV.
Robert Rogers ’65

October I joined the advisory council for the UMaine Sustainability Solutions Initiative, a five-year, $20-million National Science Foundation-funded program to examine issues and to develop solutions relating to the sustainability of Maine’s economy. Our 1999 AFS exchange student, Pascal Bohleber, and his friend, Maren, visited us in late July.” — Tony Jordan reports: “My sax group, the Annandale Saxophone Ensemble, has been invited to perform at the 33rd Annual International Saxophone Symposium at George Mason University.” He also plays with the Mt. Vernon Swing Band, SwingCommand, the official band of the Maryland Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, and the Bob Gibson Big Band. “Incidentally it was my ex roommate, Pete Rouse, who was put in charge of wrangling Nebraska Senator Ben Laney in contact through the years! I’ve been in touch with him, Lance and Alicia. Our children have kept the wedding along with his charming twins, Loveday and Bill. His daughter, Jamison, received a Ph.D. in educational leadership at the University of Maine in 2006. Her youngest daughter, Jamison, is well.


Ray Gerbi

HAPPY SPRING, CLASSMATES! I HOPE EVERYONE IS WELL. + Bonnie Allen Rotenberg’s daughter graduated from Colby magna cum laude in 2009 and now volunteers for an NGO in Thailand teaching English to a hillside tribe. Bonnie slowly but surely builds her jewelry design business (www.bonniealenjewelry.com). She never runs into Colby grads and wonders, “Where is everyone?” + Donna Massey doesn’t expect any big changes soon but is fortunate to like her work and to be blessed with a comfortable lifestyle, good health, and loving family and friends. She plans a river rafting trip in the next couple of years, this time to the middle fork of the Salmon River in Idaho. Anyone interested in joining can check out the OARS website (www.oars.com) and then contact Donna at ontheh2o@chart.net. + Anne York Samson enjoyed reunion last spring and extends a thank you to Eddie Woodin and his wife, Donna Massey, for putting together the lobster bake at Eddie’s home, and to everyone who helped organize the weekend. After 18 enjoyable years with the program, Anne retired as manager of Kaiser Permanente’s geriatric psychiatry program Nov. 30, 2009, to have more time to travel and see her families and grandchildren. She plans on doing some contract work in the future. Anne recently returned from Venezuela, where she visited Sarah Samson and her 16-month-old granddaughter, Meret, and saw an ultrasound of their next grandchild, due the end of March. Anne and her husband, Don, a neuropsychologist who also recently retired, plan on returning to Basel at the time. Anne and Don spent Christmas with their three grandchildren in Kentucky, had fun with newly married son, Ethan, in Portland, Ore., in November, and were off in January to visit Arizona. + Rae Jean Braunnmuller Goodman continues to teach economics at the Naval Academy. She says her “great” achievements of fall 2009 were successfully completing the Marine Corps Marathon for the fifth time and running the JFK 50 Miler for the first and last time! + Will and Ginny Coates Barrett have lived just outside of Tucson, Ariz., for 18 months and recently finished building their dream home on Dove Mountain (where the Accenture Match Play Golf Tournament is held every February). They love the Southwest and enjoy golf, beautiful weather, and glorious sunsets! Both are retired and Ginny is very involved in art (painting and pen-and-ink drawings). See her work at www.GinnyBarrett.com. + As for my wife, Pam, and me, we finally sold our house in New Hampshire and are now full-time residents of Brunswick, Maine. I’m still traveling back to New Hampshire two or three days a week and hope soon to begin doing consulting work in health-care design and construction. I hope everyone has a wonderful spring, and I look forward to hearing from many of you over the months ahead with updates for the summer column!

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Dave and Linda Loring Shea’s son is graduating from West Point and will go overseas in the fall. Dave, Linda, and their daughters are well. Dave saw several Colby friends at Pete Gilfoy’s funeral. “He and Peggy Wehle Gilfoy ’71 had many friends, and deservedly so. Pete did many wonderful things for lots of people. Many ATO brothers showed up including Skip Wood, Warren Heller ’69, Bob Waldinger ’68, Phil Wysor, Todd Smith, and Walter Cotter.” Dave and Pete were freshman year roommates. + Sarah Vose Mackenzie was awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor of educational leadership at the University of Maine in 2009. Sarah’s second book, *Now What: Confronting and Resolving Ethical Questions* (coauthored with Colby’s Government Professor Cal Mackenzie), was published in January. Congratulations, Sarah. + Karen Byers, RBP, CBSP, biosafety officer at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, is president-elect of the American Biological Safety Association. + We’ll miss Sharon Eschenbeck Friedler at reunion—she will be traveling. Sharon is Stephen Lang Professor of Performing Arts, director of dance, and faculty advisor for off-campus study at Swarthmore College. She aims to increase opportunities for students to include more service learning and internships in their study-abroad experiences. Last fall business took her to Wales and Northern Ireland. This spring she’ll return to Ghana and, perhaps, Berlin and Poland. “For me all of this work is my way of forwarding peace-making along with art making.” + Kathy Hill Wade is retiring from teaching German. She’ll take a group of Amarillo High (Texas) students to Germany May 31 for an exchange program. Kathy’s son Jon teaches art at West Texas A&M, and his wife is a physician’s assistant. Their son became a teenager in February. Their other son, Solomon, is quite confident, saying, “Did you know there’s a guy in the Bible named after me?” Kathy’s younger son, Tim, is a missionary teaching in a barrio in Asunción, Paraguay. The school is a Methodist mission supported primarily by Americans. Kathy went to Paraguay in July after taking an intensive Spanish course. They also went to Brazil and visited Iguazu Falls and the massive Iguazu Dam. The whole trip and visit there was an eye-opener and a heart-tugger. + Cheryl Deinnehmer Soon writes, “2009 was a year full of watershed events for me. Ray and I attended the Obama inauguration in January. I got my Ph.D. in urban planning from University of Hawai‘i and am working towards getting it published. In summer we took a trip to the Olympic Peninsula where we saw bald eagles and the hometown of the Twilight series. September brought our annual trip to Cape Cod, which included a fun dinner with Peter Bogle, Debbie Haws Kelley, and their spouses. In November my son, Kekoa, was married on the beach in Waikiki. I’m still working and enjoying life.” + Jeff Parness’s son, Aaron, completed his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering at Stanford and will work on NASA projects at JPL in Pasadena. + After Colby Deborah Thurlow Long joined the Teacher Corps and earned her master’s and a doctorate in curriculum, instruction, and educational leadership. She has three children, three stepchildren, and seven grandchildren. “My life has been dedicated to raising my children and working with educationally underserved youth. Currently I am a professor of education at Elon University. I’m also director of the Elon Academy, a college access and success program: www.elon.edu/elonacademy.” + “Hi from North Carolina,” writes Mike Self, who is retired but swims every day. If he can get back into shape, he might find a senior hockey league. Mike got divorced last year but “actually enjoys living the single life.” + Greg Andrews works hard at his lifelong fantasy job, CFO at Saddleback ski area. “I also help my wife run our four online retail stores, which are all doing very well despite...
With his wife and three daughters.  

**Debbie Wentworth Lansing** is “doing the same old thing: working, hanging out with her two wire fox terriers, boating, landscaping, and planning another trip to Italy.”  

**Taking a leap of faith** [Bill Glennon](#) has decided to pursue a new career in the medical field. After many years in finance and accounting, he took over the job of Mr. Mom, taking care of his two kids, who have “kept him young.” He keeps in regular touch with several of his DU friends.  

**As for me, more of the same…** lots of singing, Clementine (my miracle dog), board positions in the community, and many friends who keep me sane.

### 1972

**Nancy Round Haley**

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**Doug McMillan**’s youngest son, Evan, 18, will graduate from high school in June and will play football for Iowa in the fall. His daughter, Marley, graduated from Dartmouth last June after playing hockey all four years.  

**Barbara Freund** retired after 27 years teaching elementary school remedial reading and writing as well as fourth and fifth grades in upstate New York. She raised her son, Evan, as a single parent due to the death of her first husband, but she remarried last July. She lives on 100 acres in Shushan, N.Y., near the Vermont border, in the old farmhouse her husband restored. She enjoys her granddaughter, Arianna, 2, and plans to garden this spring. She keeps in touch with Bob ’73 and Anne ‘Tocky’ Wetherill Blabolzrzeski ’71.  

**Rich Fournier** and his daughter, Sarah, purchased a 130-acre farm/retreat center in Cummings, Mass. They plan to have an educational and conference center there. Rich thinks our generation working together with our children’s generation can accomplish many of the things we once dreamed about. He would love visitors! He has gotten together with [Ned Carr](#), Harvey Greenberg ’73, and [Richard Waldman](#), “who are all doing well and who are remarkable human beings.”  

**Having failed at retirement**, [Gary Petzdold](#) took a job teaching science at Wilbraham Monson Academy in MA. He says that he’ll retire again and go sailing and RVing in June.  

**Carolyn “Lindy” Dewey** is happily settled in northwestern Montana near Glacier National Park. She feels she has found heaven on Earth! Her life is “full of grace and blessings. It is all good.” Check her out at www.spiritworks.us.  

**Bob Brown** is in his 36th year teaching history at Southington High School and is close to retirement. His wife, Gloria, retired two years ago, his daughter teaches special ed in the Bronx, and his son is in law school. He is active in his local and state teachers’ union and is “still fighting the good fight.”  

**Nancy Brunckow Marion** retired and enjoys leisure time while planning her husband’s retirement at the end of 2010. Her daughter, a pediatrician, got married in August, and her son works in solar energy. She spends time painting, golfing, and skating.  

**Nancy Capers Mellon**’s youngest son, Kyle ’03, is finishing his master’s in creative writing at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He’s been living for three years in a 14 by 16-foot cabin with no running water. Her oldest son, Erik ’01, works for a Boston-area private equity firm that specializes in power. Nancy will retire from teaching eighth grade English this Thanksgiving and will start taking courses in landscape design.  

**Pam Rudolf Barrios Jaffe** and [Faith Bushel](#) have stayed in touch even though they live on opposite coasts. Pam’s oldest son, Brian, got married last year and on Christmas Day her younger son, Adam, announced his engagement. Pam has practiced interior design for 23 years and is currently “rebranding” with a new look and a new website. She is still a member of Soroptimist International, a women’s service organization. She and her husband, Rich, have been married for 14 years and visited Colby two summers ago. Pam was amazed by all the changes but reports “it still looks beautiful!”  

**Jim Vigue** writes, “On Christmas Eve I learned that my latest book won it’s third award, that our football program and personal coaching device will be presented at the Super Bowl, and that my dissertation had been accepted.” After earning his Ph.D. he now spends most of his time writing about national and alternative health, specializing in enhanced sport performance, anti-aging, and longevity.  

**Shelly Ball** loves Familycamp! Every August and December, for the past 13 years, she takes part in an amazing experience at the HubertOutdoor Center in Fairlee, VT., where families share camp facilities and a slew of activities for a fantastic week.  

**Look in class notes online for a great passage to commemorate a monumental milestone ahead for most of us!** www.colby.edu/mag.

### 1973

**Carol Chalker**

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Congratulations to [Alex Wilson](#) for being the first to correctly identify Mike DeSisto as the professor who sponsored a Jan Plan where all participants played Killer. Alex shares news from his trips to Colby as C Club president. During Family Homecoming Weekend Alex saw Signe and Brian Cone, who were on campus visiting their daughter, Frankie ’13. On hand for some games were [Joe Mattos](#), [David Lane](#), [John Krasnaveg](#), and [Bob Diamond](#). Bob was back for a meeting (he is the new chair of the Board of Trustees) and also to visit with his youngestchild, Charlie ’12. Bob, a senior officer at Barclays, told a story about the 2009 Barclay’s PGA Golf Tournament (that he had hosted). As Bob was about to be interviewed by the TV network covering the event, he was asked to remove his Colby golf hat (a gift from his son) just before the worldwide broadcast. He refused and Colby got a minute or two of good, free publicity.  

**Jim King** writes from the UK, where he has lived more than half of his life, mostly in Edinburgh, Scotland. After arriving as a postgraduate, Jim researched 12th-century art and architecture, concentrating on architectural sculpture. His travels have taken him around Europe and to museums elsewhere. On a recent trip, which included Lille, France, Jim met up with [Hope Gottlieb](#), who lives there and is an interpreter. Jim remembers Colby with great affection and still misses the friends.  

**Sterling Williams** lives and works in Gorham, Maine, with his wife, [Janet](#), and stepdaughters Jolie, 16, and Jordann, 12. He’s in his second career as chief risk officer of Gorham Savings Bank. The Williamses love animals, sharing their home with: a talking parrot, dueling alpha cats, a paroloe, two parakeets, four tropical finches, a golden gecko, a betta fish, and a barrel-chested beagle, Olly. They enjoy their 30-foot sailboat when the weather allows. Sterling looks forward to retiring in four or five years.  

**Ingrid Svensson Crook** writes from her home in Georgia, where she has become certified to teach Spanish. She is now ‘trip certified’ to teach three languages (French and German as well) at the K-12 level. She enjoys traveling with students in the summers, and she spent last winter in Dublin. Ingrid’s son works at Coca-Cola, and her daughter is a student at Loyola. She and her husband, Scott, dream of retiring to the North Carolina coast and would appreciate any advice from classmates in that area.  

**Jack Sigel** also correctly identified Mike DeSisto (the ‘Mefisto’) and adds his own intriguing trivia question: How many flower people remember getting formal invitations that spring to the “Fireman’s Ball” weekend on the farm? Perhaps this can be answered in the next issue.  

**Jon Miller** cut back on his law practice and is taking environmental policy and science grad classes at Colorado University while the slow economy!”  

We still haven’t heard from some of you, so please be in touch! The countdown to reunion is on. Check class e-mails and college mailings for events. We look forward to seeing you in June.
recovered from an automobile accident (not his fault). He and his family took a winter break trip to Africa, which included Kenya and Tanzania wildlife parks and Mombasa marine park. • Chris Mattern Way and I recently spent a Saturday night at 'Chez Bubur' in Portsmouth, N.H., with James '72 and Lisa Kehler Bubur. James, a graduate of Cordon Bleu Cooking School, treated us to gourmet cooking and fine French wines. After virtually nonstop rounds of bridge, we decided to move on to gourmet cooking and fine French wines. He also attended a rowing camp in Craftsbury, Vt. He does yoga almost every day and swing dances on a regular basis. “My orthopedic doc says I have the spine of a much older man. I’ll show her!” You go, Cliff! • Mark Curtis, from Augusta, Maine, had a great year. He attended his first reunion in 20 years and had a great time. He also visited Ireland last summer and highly recommends it. He plays a lot of golf and enjoys skiing with his three beautiful granddaughters (7, 5, and 3). For the next three years he’ll be working on the big Three-Ring-Binder fiber cable project. When finished, over 1,000 miles of new cable will have been built around the state of Maine. • Tim Giddlen and Kathryn Lynn still live in Topsham, Maine. They had a great trip last year to India visiting Richard English ’73 and his wife, Chris Files, in Delhi. They see a lot of Matt ’73 and Susan McNab, who are moving to Scarborough, Maine, from their long-time home in Princeton, N.J. Tim says, “All roads lead to Maine!” • Cindy Vietor Kahl **still lives in Houston, Texas. She has three kids—one in NYC, one in Houston, and one in college at Vanderbilt. She had a fabulous trip to Greece and Croatia with friends. Cindy keeps in touch with Jen Goff Goodspeed ’75, even though Jen moved from Houston back to Maine.**

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Robin Hamill-Ruth was sorry to miss reunion last year but she was going through a difficult time. Her husband, Roger, was ill with cancer and passed away in July. Our condolences to Robin and her family. She has five kids, the oldest is 30 and the youngest is a junior in high school. She’s back to work full time but fantasizes about being part time. Once life settles down she will try to get to yoga class and back into being creative (painting and stained glass). She’s looking to finish her house renovations, then moving to something smaller. Good luck with everything, Robin. • Pam Watson Linnell, from Roswell, N.M., works by day as a clinical psychologist but at night plays fiddle music. She went to Maine Fiddle Camp in 2009 and ran into lots of Colby alums. • After 20 years living and working in Cincinnati, Andrew Lipton got divorced and moved to Colorado. He has two grown sons, one a banker in Ohio and the other doing marine biology research in Wilmington, N.C. Andrew now lives with a woman who is a writer, and they travel between a home in Durango and an apartment in New York City. He says that “the contrasts are pretty close to perfect: hiking, kayaking, x-country skiing in Colorado; theater, museums, music in New York.” Andrew handles occupational disease cases around the country, representing workers who get cancer from chemical exposures in the workplace. He’s also doing the photography for his girlfriend’s upcoming book. • Rocky Goodhope writes from the rainy Northwest that he has spent the last three months absorbed in finding ways to encourage everyone from the Class of 1974 to attend the 40th reunion. • Cliff Brittain still works part time at the St. Paul public library. It’s been an athletic year for him. His rowing club, the Minnesota Boat Club, won its big event, and he contributed a couple of points. He is the oldest male competitor, rowing in the “Grandpa Boat,” even though only one of them is a grandfather and it isn’t him. He also attended a rowing camp in Craftsbury, Vt. He does yoga almost every day and swing dances on a regular basis. “My orthopedic doc says I have the spine of a much older man. I’ll show her!” You go, Cliff! • Mark Curtis, from Augusta, Maine, had a great year. He attended his first reunion in 20 years and had a great time. He also visited Ireland last summer and highly recommends it. He plays a lot of golf and enjoys skiing with his three beautiful granddaughters (7, 5, and 3). For the next three years he’ll be working on the big Three-Ring-Binder fiber cable project. When finished, over 1,000 miles of new cable will have been built around the state of Maine. • Tim Giddlen and Kathryn Lynn still live in Topsham, Maine. They had a great trip last year to India visiting Richard English ’73 and his wife, Chris Files, in Delhi. They see a lot of Matt ’73 and Susan McNab, who are moving to Scarborough, Maine, from their long-time home in Princeton, N.J. Tim says, “All roads lead to Maine!” • Cindy Vietor Kahl **still lives in Houston, Texas. She has three kids—one in NYC, one in Houston, and one in college at Vanderbilt. She had a fabulous trip to Greece and Croatia with friends. Cindy keeps in touch with Jen Goff Goodspeed ’75, even though Jen moved from Houston back to Maine.**

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Thank you for all the wonderful news. Dan Alexander is a math professor at Drake University (Iowa) and is completing a scholarly book on the history of mathematics. Family milestones include daughter Caroline, 17, preparing for the college application process and Elise, 13, preparing for Bat Mitzvah. • Binkie Cammack Closmore has been busy parenting six children ages 16-26. She also works on a grant from the Science Museum of Minnesota to make a birdbanding training and volunteer recruitment program. • David White’s daughter, Cathy ‘06, received her master’s in medieval art history at the Courtauld Institute in London and she has remained in the city to work. Youngest daughter Nicole graduated from Harvard and is a paralegal in D.C. • Annie Holloway Stone won her first place, near family, in Baton Rouge. The city is a contrast to her home of 36 years in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina. Her son, Will, is a drummer with the band Incognito Mosquito. • Rick Drake recently moved with his wife, Maryly, to Nashville, where he runs business development for a hospital management and consulting firm. Their son David graduated from University (FL) last spring and has been doing volunteer work in Thailand. Son Chris is a junior engi- neering major at Vanderbilt. Rick still plays hockey and is on two teams. • Tom Huebner remarried in 2006 to Triicia McKeon. He has been at the Rutland (VT) Regional Medical Center for 20 years—the last 12 as president of the hospital. His married son, Ben, is a lawyer with the Department of Justice, having graduated from Haverford and NYU Law. Emily, a UNH graduate, is a fundraiser for a non-profit targeting childhood hunger in the U.S. Tom enjoys doing alumni interviews and helping stepdaughter Katie with her college search process. • Phil McCaill recently celebrated his 30th anniversary with Xerox, where he’s held a variety of finance jobs and is currently managing enterprise risk-management functions. To celebrate their 30th anniversary, Phil and MaryLiz are planning a two-week trip through Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Their daughter, Martha, graduated from Providence College and is settling in the Portland area. • Karen Chadbourne is in a master’s program in somatic psychology at Prescott College in AZ while working as a financial analyst for Pratt & Whitney and continuing her spiritual doll-making business. • Charley Bolger wrote about his family milestones with his daughter’s college graduation and her engagement to a fellow Middlebury grad. His son will graduate from Miami (OH) in the spring. • Will Tuttle and his wife, Madeleine, an artist from Switzerland, began their 15th year living full time on the road in a solar-powered RV, putting on lectures, concerts, exhibits, and workshops around the U.S. Google Will to get his tour schedule, as he would love to see any alums along the way. • Janet Hansen wrote about her return home from a 10-day train tour of southern Italy with her daughter, Sarah, 21, and heading out to Puerto Rico, where she is designing a new Armed Forces reserve center. • Carol Majdalany Williams continues to teach science at the local Montessori school and recently returned from a vacation in Croatia. Her daughter, Carla, teaches at the Noble & Greenough School (MA) but plans to attend medical school this fall. Son Peter ’11 is spending his junior year at Dartmouth studying mechanical engineering. • Ed Walczak visited Jeff Frankel in Phoenix and attended Jeff’s daughter’s Bat Mitzvah. Rachel’s project was to direct all monetary proceeds to a children’s educational charity in the Philippines. • Rod Jones reminds everyone to call your friends and make plans to join the reunion crowd June 3-6, 2010. **1976 Robert Weinstein classnews1976@alum.colby.edu**

Lots of news, both glad and sad this time. Starting with the glad: Gail Ciborowski Ferreira is taking a respite from creating compelling marketing materials for Boston-area software companies to pursue her passion of sharing the outdoors, including ski instructing and leading biking/hiking/backpacking trips, especially near North Conway, N.H. Gail’s son is at MIT pursuing his master’s in chemical engineering and hoping to continue for a Ph.D. • Douglass Roos wrote the cover story about wind power for the last issue of Colby. Last September he and his wife, Janine, celebrated their first wedding anniversary with Doug’s first trip in decades to Cape Cod. It was a nice break from freelancing and parental responsibili- ties for their two kids. • Joe ’75 and Joanne DeFilipp Alex are proud grandparents of Annalise Frances, born this January. Talk about Colby roots—Annalise’s parents are Jessica Alex ’01 and Pat Keenan ’00. • Also becoming grandparents are Steve ’77 and Valerie Jones Roy, who welcomed Lily Louise last April. Steve and Valerie, who celebrated their 30th anniversary last November, try to balance work and grandbaby sitting with golf, the elliptical, and Zumba class. • Mario Cardenas writes from his empty nest in Harvard, Mass.—his twin daughters, Lydia and Margaret, are in Oregon attending Lewis & Clark and Reed, respectively. He and his wife, Laurie, recently traveled to Argentina to visit Lydia for her semester abroad. They especially enjoyed Patagonia and their trek around Mt. Fitz Roy, even though it meant missing the annual pre-Thanksgiving fete at the home of Rob Chandler ’77 and Ronda Falone ’78. • Linda Wallach Schroeder writes that “life is good and God is great.” She loves her job of 10 years teaching high school science at an adult education/high school credit diploma program. Lin’s husband, Daniel, took early retirement from Bristol-Myers Squibb, but is her right-hand man at home. Son Jesse, the youngest of five, is a high school junior. Christopher is a sophomore at Messiah College and in China for a semester. Rebecca, 22, is part of an independent living program. Sarah, 26, is a third-year med student at Albert Einstein School of Medicine. Maia, 28, is taking time off from teaching Spanish to work as a physical therapy aide, teach snowboarding, and travel. During the winter, Lin skis every Sunday with Rebecca and Special Olympics in Connecticut; they sail during the summer. Teaching and her two book clubs keep Lin mentally acute. She welcomes visitors passing through Connecticut. • Noel Barry Stella says “hi!” No news, just “hi!” • Betsy Bowen looks forward to regular visits to Washington, D.C., now that her son, Ben, is a freshman at American University. • If I’ve missed your news, it will appear in the next magazine. • Our next reunion, June 2-5, 2011, is barely a year away. Contact Paul
Margaret Matheson ’79

70s Newsmakers

Sue Feinberg Adams ’73 is the 2010 president of the New England Chapter of the International Furnishings and Design Association. Adams, a professional interior designer for over two decades, owns Sue Adams Interiors in Andover, Mass. Priscilla Bondy Dube ’77 was recognized by her peers in the 2010 edition of The Best Lawyers in America for divorce and family law. Dube, a partner with Bergeron, Paradis & Fitzpatrick LLC in Burlington, Vt., is involved with family court and is regularly an acting magistrate for child support. Stephen E. Cummings ’77 joined the board of directors of NorthStar Realty Finance Group. A former vice president with Wachovia, Cummings brings 30 years of investment banking experience to the board, which looks forward to “drawing on his experience, perspective, and business wisdom in helping to grow our company.” Margaret Matheson ’79 was nominated for Maine’s Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. Matheson was recommended by leaders of Maine’s House and Senate following 16 years as revisor of statutes and principal attorney at the Office of the Revisor of Statutes.

MILESTONES


Boghossian at paulboghossian@gmail.com if you would like to help with the planning. * I’m very saddened to report that we’ve lost our classmate Peter Suorsa, who died from an accident while ice skating on a local pond in Rhode Island. Peter was a classic outdoorsman, always with a big smile for pond in Rhode Island. Peter was a classic from an accident while ice skating on a local lost our classmate Martha Dewey if you would like to help with the planning. * Marion Cross School in Norwich, Vt. His still-accurate fastball). My work is a lot more about thinking, service, and founder of www.CollegeAdvice-101. She offers Colby colleagues an hour of statute and principal attorney at the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. Mark is a member of the Alumni Council, attends Colby athletic events, and sometimes challenges current students on the athletic field (using, for example, his still-accurate fastball). Bob Southwick is working away, finishing details on a 14,500-square-foot “house” in Dennis, Mass., with Cape Cod Bay in the back yard. He is eager for the weather to turn so he can “bring out the big Harley for some real fun.” * Dave Bogan was never able to forget the excitement of working on lunar lander games with me in Colby’s computer room: since the mid-1980s he’s worked in the IT world. Currently he’s CIO for CSC’s outsourcing business, working primarily from home in Cincinnati. He says, “What I learned [at Colby] stands me in good stead each day. My work is a lot more about thinking, writing, and analyzing problems than it is about the latest whiz-bang technology. So I guess there is still hope for all those English majors out there.” * Deborah Buccina has been “lawyering and mothering.” She practices in Portland, Maine, and sees several Colby grads regularly. Her older son is applying to colleges, but (to her dismay) not to Colby (he wants a different
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John Hoffman is a college admissions officer and founder of www.CollegeAdvice-101.com. She offers Colby colleagues an hour of time without charge. Jane’s son is a happy freshman at Oberlin; her daughter graduated from Smith and will study interior design at Parsons. * Alix Levintow Howell lives in Lyme, N.H., and researches HIV-1 infection for the Veterans Affairs Hospital/Dartmouth Medical School. Her second child recently graduated from college and also works at the hospital. She spends lots of time driving Caroline, her hockey-playing 14-year-old, to games. Jonathan Fenton’s 13-year-old daughter, Katie, plays on the same hockey team, and “she’s a phenomenal goalie for a seventh grader” (quote is from Alix, not the doting parent!). Jonathan teaches fifth grade social studies and science at Marion Cross School in Norwich, Vt. His wife, Corinne, is school receptionist, and his son, Jonathan, is applying to colleges in Mass. * Mark Lyons, my predecessor as class correspondent, decided to “take pity” on me by sending news. He lives in Hampton, N.H., and, works at Wheelabrator Technologies developing renewable energy power plants. Mark’s daughter Vanessa is a sophomore at Colby. Mark is a member of the Alumni Council, attends Colby athletic events, and sometimes challenges current students on the athletic field (using, for example, his still-accurate fastball). * Charlie Burch was presented the National Secondary School’s 2009 Man of the Year award at the most recent U.S. Lacrosse national convention in Baltimore. Charlie is currently top assistant coach at the University of New England. * Leslie Ramsay volunteers with Girls Inc. of New Hampshire, teaching young girls how to improve their reading skills. She’s been happily soul-mated with Douglas Draper for almost 20 years. They are renovating their arts-and-crafts home in Manchester’s north end, bringing it back to it’s natural beauty.

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Dan Driscoll was working at the St. Rock Clinic in the low mountains above Carrefour in Haiti just days before the earthquake hit. He writes: “Just came back Saturday from working... near the epicenter of the quake. ... It was my first experience in a place so impoverished. There was little water access, no police presence, and little infrastructure. The people were dignified, polite, beautiful, and appreciative. They have amazing fortitude and resiliency, but they will need a lot of help from others and some divine intervention to get through this.” Dan was interviewed about his experience on WBZ-TV. * Last fall Karen Keithline Diop moved to Montpellier, Vt., for a new job with Project Harmony International. Her son graduated from UVM and “is following in my footsteps by doing a year with AmeriCorps working with refugees as he waits for a Peace Corps position.” Karen caught up with Lynn Baldwin Dallas, who lives in Connecticut. * David Crane lives in the Berkshires in western Massachusetts with his wife, Claudia, and their dogs, Oliver and Belle. He works as an arboretur and screenwriter and is in pre-production on an independent film, Based on a True Story, which was named one of the top 20 dramatic scripts at the 2008 Austin Film Festival. * Abe Rone lives in the Washington, D.C., area working in ecotourism and sustainable travel as well as doing some freelance writing. In November she organized and led a successful ecotour to Peru and is offering one to Ecuador in June through Tierra Vista Tours and Consulting.

1979

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Lou Chong happily reports that his oldest daughter, Vanessa, has been accepted to Colby early decision for the Class of 2014. He feels old (but proud). Lou and his wife, Patty, reside in Wellesley, Mass., with their three daughters. Around the holidays Lou and Art Radcliffe got together for drinks.
in Hartford, Conn. • Nick Nichols retired from the Naval Reserve as a captain after 30 years. At a ceremony on the USS Constitution, he and Kimmie (Rossi) renewed their wedding vows (27 years!). Nick flew missions and commanded units in Kosovo, both Gulf wars, and post-9/11 activities. Now he's focusing on his "dayjob," which he started in 1987 at Bath Iron Works. • Janet Deering Bruen is still reeling from all the dancing, singing, and revelry at our 30th. Two of her daughters are in Montana—one works as a snow reporter/PR for Big Sky Resort, the other is a sophomore at the University of Montana. Her youngest daughter is a senior in high school. Phil (Bruen '77) has 30 years at UNUM. Janet teaches French to fourth graders, a job that will end when her school district switches to Spanish.

Kyle Harrow's son, Sam, had his bar mitzvah Oct. 31. Linda Frechette was a guest. Last summer Kyle and her daughter, Ella, stayed with Angela Mickacle when they visited Washington, D.C. Kyle is excited about new downhill skis, her first in more than 20 years. Linda and Angela got together last fall when Angela was in Maine for a conference. They hadn't seen each other in years. • Geoff Emmanuel is racing in the 2010 Newport-Bermuda Race this June with Charlie Hurd '78, Tim Hussey '78, and Fred Madeira '80 on Fred's boat Resolute. • George Powers checked in from California, where he works for a Silicon Valley networking startup that's hanging on by its fingernails. His four sons are teenagers. George still skis when given the chance. • First-time submitter Kirby Rowe wrote from Port Charlotte, Fla., where he resides with wife Linda. They’ve worked in real estate inspections and sales for more 10 years. Kirby and Linda will have two new grandchildren in 2010, their second and third. • After what felt like years of nonstop work and creativity in the Bay Area, Catherine Courtenaye spent six weeks in Bozeman, Mont., having fun and contemplating a permanent move. Any Colby alums in Big Sky country? Last November Catherine had a successful solo exhibition of paintings at the San Francisco gallery Modernism, Inc. In October she’ll have her first museum show at the Boise (Idaho) Art Museum. • Writing from Eugene, Ore., Doug DeAngelis says his youngest son will graduate from the University of Oregon this year. He heard that John Longley '80 plans a trip to Oregon this summer to hike and vacation. Doug usually makes it to Boston for Red Sox game each year, along with his old Phi Deltas from the Boston area. • Greg '78 and Kathy Quimby Johnson spent the holidays in Edinburgh, northern England, and Ireland during the coldest winter in decades. Their daughter, Lydia, is studying at the National University of Ireland-Galway this year. • After a year in Japan teaching, researching, and translating, Elizabeth Armstrong is settling back into teaching at Bucknell. She offered a new course on translation studies this spring. Her oldest daughter, Rebekah, 14, is applying to boarding school. • Nate and Kay Lavoie Lowell live in Greeley, Colo., with their daughters, Elizabeth (EJ), 14, and Jennifer, 11. Kay was promoted to full professor in 2005 at the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) libraries and earned a second master's in 2006 in educational technology. She is now in archival services, where she works with the James A. Michener papers. Those who remember “Nate the Answer Grape” from the Colby bookstore may be surprised that he is now Dr. Lowell. Nate earned his Ph.D. in educational and sensory disabilities at UNC. • Deb (Perkins '77) and Sean Smith are empty-nesters. Their oldest daughter, Hannah, graduated from Colorado University and works for AmeriCorps. Their son, Malcolm, is a freshman at Colorado College and loves it. Sean and Deb have seen Elissa- beth Turner '80 and Brad Warner, Sarah and Weld Butler '80, Charlie '78 and Jackie Cordes Hurd, Bob Lizza, Bishop Savas Zembillas (as holy as ever, but knowledgeable about current film and music), and Gordon and Katherine Wall Hunziker. Deb still works on transportation projects and Sean still oversees the curriculum at Colorado Academy. Cancer still lingers in his head, so his pace is slower but he moves under the grace of God.

1980

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The Class of 1980 started the New Year off with some very sad news. Our beloved classmate Jay Moody passed away Jan. 7, after a valiant seven-year battle with prostate cancer. In mid-December friends and family threw a party for Jay in Falmouth. Several of our classmates were present: Ted Tinson, Elliott Pratt, Fred Madeira, Ronni (Possner '78) and John Carpenter, Ted Reed, Lynn Francis, and Dan O'Halloran. A registered Maine Guide, a licensed fishing guide in Montana, Wyoming, and New Zealand, an accomplished skier, birder, and cyclist, Jay was a lover of life. John Carpenter wrote a wonderful tribute that can be found on our class page at www.colby.edu/alumni. • Jenn Scully Shaffer visited Val Brown '78 in Naples, Fla., last January. “It seemed like no time had passed at all (certainly not 29 years!).” Jenn has set up shop as a luthier (stringed-instrument maker) in Danville, Pa. “It’s a pretty incredible experience and pulls together many of the skills from sculpture days at Colby, though I didn’t have the patience back then that I have now.” • Darcy MacKinnon Sledge and her husband went on an all-expense-paid trip to South Africa (thanks to Darcy’s house sales) that included a safari at a luxurious private game preserve. Darcy’s oldest son, Kyle, transferred from Villanova to UVA, where he studies chemistry and economics, plays rugby, and is a member of DJV. Heryoungest graduates this spring and will spend next year in Brazil. • John Monroe is semiretired and living in San Diego. Hе’s working part time as assistant clinical professor at UCSD’s School of Medicine. He’s taking time to enjoy life and still remains active with weight lifting, swimming, running, and martial arts. • Erin Ireton Elliott is still in the Bay Area. She and her husband bought a cottage in Rhode Island and hope to spend more time there as the years move on. She’s enjoying connecting with Colby friends on Facebook. • Doug Herbert rang in the new year at a Rose Bowl party at the house of Michael Browne ’78. Doug keeps busy coaching his son’s Little League team and taking care of his 88-year-old mom. • Linda Alter Capell and partner Lisa are busy with twins Rebecca Lucy and Zoe Grace. • Greg Mills and his wife, Susan, live in NJ with sons Sam, 14, and Alex, 13. Greg has been working at HSBC in NYC for the past nine years. • Sue MacLeod has lived in the Washington, D.C., area for the past 30 years. She recently joined BAE Systems, a large aerospace and defense company, as head of talent and management for one of their large operating groups. In her spare time, she knits compulsively and has taken up ocean kayaking. • Nancy Munroe Corsaro and her husband have lived in Methuen, Mass., for the past 24 years. They have two kids, 16 and 12. Having completed five Boston marathons and the Olympic trials in the ’80s, Nancy put her running career on hold. Recently, though, she’s back on the road and placed second for her age group at the Boston marathon and became the only runner, male or female, to win the New England Grand Prix Series as an open, masters, and senior runner. Congratulations, Nancy—you do the Class of ’80 proud! • And congratulations to Elliott Pratt, Lisa Turner, and Fred Madeira, who each had a child admitted early decision to the Colby Class of 2014. Fred is prepping his sailboat for the 2010 Newport-Bermuda race. His crew of 10 includes: Geoff Emanuel '79, Tim Hussey ’78, Charlie Hurd ’78, and John Madeira ’14. ‘Don’t forget, our 30th is June 3-6. Contact Lynn Collins Francis (lynnfrancis00@yahoo.com) or Lisa McDonough O’Neill (lisaoneill88@gmail.com) if you have ideas or would like to volunteer. See you all in June!
Kid Brands, Inc., appointed Rick Schaub '81, president of its Sassy, Inc. subsidiary. With more than 25 years experience in the infant and juvenile products industry, Schaub is expected to "build Sassy's market share position" and "grow sales in new channels globally." 

Don '84 and Sarah Rogers McMillan '84 were named partners at Howland & Spence, an educational consulting firm in Boston. The McMillans hope to point talented applicants to Colby, as they did in their previous roles as administrators and teachers in New England prep schools. 

The Medomak (Maine) Valley Land Trust welcomed Joan Ray '85 as its land and protection specialist. Ray is also one of MVLT's volunteer easement stewards and has helped prepare baseline documentation for newly completed easements. 

Michael Fleming '88 was promoted to vice president in the capital markets function of the research and statistics group at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Fleming joined the bank in 1994 and was named an officer in 2002.

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ALUMNI AT LARGE

Vacationland Vietnam | Jim Sullivan ’87

In 2004 James Sullivan ’87 published Over the Moat, his highly acclaimed memoir of falling in love with and marrying a young Vietnamese woman named Thuy. He planned to follow that success with Dorchester Heights, an 800-page novel about a South Boston family during the school busing controversy of 1974, a book he conceived at Colby. But it was not to be.

When Sullivan’s budding literary career stalled amidst demands that he cut his novel in half, he started looking for another way to support his wife and the couple’s two young children. What he found was his own entrepreneurial spirit and a whole new way of life.

Today Sullivan divides his time betweenScarborough, Maine, and Hue, Vietnam, as a founding partner of Mandarin Media, a public relations firm focused on publicizing travel, including golf trips, to Southeast Asia. It was 2005 and he was living in Yarmouth. He was 40. His wife was homesick for her family. It was clearly time for a major change.

Sullivan had leveraged the success of Over the Moat to land story assignments in Vietnam from the New York Times and National Geographic Traveler, but the game changer came when National Geographic commissioned him to spend two years in Vietnam writing a guidebook, National Geographic Traveler: Vietnam.

In the course of researching the guidebook, Sulli-

van found himself talking to hoteliers, resort owners, and golf course managers. But how many Americans ever think of taking a golf vacation to Vietnam?

“I realized that Vietnam had a really compelling story to tell that was no longer about the war,” Sullivan explained. “And it’s been debt-free growth.” Sullivan said.

The major obstacle to doing business in Viet-

nam, Sullivan found, was negotiating the bureau-

cracy in order to get permits. Having documented his two-year campaign to secure a marriage license in Over the Moat, Sullivan was prepared to be pa-

ient and persistent.

“No I’m grateful it’s so difficult,” he said. “If it were easy, lots of people would be doing it.”

—Edgar Allen Beem

In partnership with Hal Phillips, who had edited Golf Course News, Sullivan launched Mandarin Media. Former magazine editors, Sullivan and Phil-

lips decided that rather than prospect for stories with press releases, they would commission stories themselves and get them placed in English language publications.

“We take a journalistic approach to public rela-

tions,” Sullivan explained. The formula worked.

Four years later, Mandarin Media has offices in Hue, Saigon, and Singapore, a staff of 12 and growing, and annual billings of $800,000.

at Highland Capital Brokerage as their LTC specialist. She and her significant other, Eric, live in Simsbury, Conn., and spend lots of time skiing, hiking, golfing, and rock climbing. Last year they went to Portugal, where Eric’s adventure racing team participated in the world championships. • A few years ago Steve Albert began working for Paratemrix, an environmental and engineering company based out of Seattle (after 11 years managing wildlife and other resources for the Zuni Indian tribe). He lives in rural western New Mexico and spends a couple of days a week in Paratemrix’s Albuquerque office. He helps Indian tribes in the Southwest manage natural resources, including forest, range, and wildlife. Wife Heather is a special education teacher at Zuni High School. They own land in Ramah and about 25 acres and a cabin a few miles away, surrounded by forest and red rock mesas. Steve welcomes Colbyites to their “most peaceful place in New Mexico.”

Son Arlen is at New Mexico State and daughter Mariel is in high school. Steve keeps in touch with Ann Poncelet, a neurologist in the Bay Area; Jane Holtz, mother of the late Keren Holtz; and Eric Dexheimer, special projects reporter for the Austin American Statesman. Eric and his family, author wife Robin Chotzinoff, daughters Coco, 19, and Gus, 11, moved to Austin three years ago after 15 years in Colorado. They love Texas.

1984

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Kim Crook teaches ESL in an international American school (K-12) school, tutoring students from first to 12th grade, in Dubai, U.A.E. • Ed McCartin reports from Singap-

ore that he has a Colby intern, Rob Knipp ’10, working with him at Asia Renewables Pte Ltd., which develops renewable energy projects in India, Indonesia, and China. Ed is managing director and taunts us with the promise that a sojourn in Singapore in January (about 80 degrees F) has to beat January in chilly central Maine (below bloody freezing by all accounts). • Medge Carter, along with her husband, Surja (whom she met while trekking in Nepal) and their son, Amrit, enjoyed a visit to Nepal in June 2009 to visit her in-laws, who live in a remote mountain village near Langtang National Park. Medge and family live in rural, central Virginia near Shenandoah National Park, where she works as a humble public servant in the field of environmental health, with a second job as a soccer/cross-country/wrestling mom and taxi driver. • After living in London Ann “Feta” Poolos Bailey relocated to the Dallas/Fort Worth area with husband Stephen and daughters, Alexandra, 16, and Stephanie, 12. Ann started her own health-care management consulting business (Advanced Health Solutions) and is program director of a CEO education program on patient safety leadership. Ann welcomes travelers and was particularly excited to have roommates Kate Shaw, Joy Valvano, and Lori Sturgeon Davis visit in November. “A good time was had including champagne cocktails in the hot tub!” • Kathy Soderberg was selected in 2009 as one of the Top 100 Most Influential People in the Hispanic Community by El Planeta newspaper. Her company, Soderberg Insur-

ance Services, Inc, has carved out a niche in the Hispanic market; over 25 percent of her clients are Spanish speakers. (Kathy puts her Colby majors—contemporary Spanish and American literature—to good use.) Kathy traveled to Australia, India, and Puerto Rico last year. • Tim Crowley started a new job in Boston at Banco Santander. Because Tim works with project members in Spain and Mexico, he also has had to crack open some of his Colby Spanish books for assistance (or for the first time, Tim?). Tim finished his first marathon in October and is training for the Boston marathon in April. He reports that last September more than 40 Colby alumni assembled on campus to celebrate 50 years of soccer at Colby. Representing the Class of 1984 were Tim, Eric van Gestel, and Doug Terp. They enjoyed catching up with Coach Mark Serdjenian ’73, Assistant Coach Mickey Goulet (who traveled in from Canada), and fellow soccer players from the 1980s to 2009. Others in attendance included Elliott Pratt ’80, Jaime Hansman ’80, Dick Muther ’81, Bill Moorman ’83, Mark ’83 and Mike Schafer ’83, Mike Sanser ’83, Ted Goodrich ’85, and three-time All American Mark Burke ’86. • Nancy Silverman Levinsky works at the law offices of Joe Bornstein in Portland, Maine, as an intake interviewer and she’s on the marketing team. She coaches youth basketball, including son Greg’s sixth grade basketball team, and is a middle school student council advisor. Her daughter, Andrea, a junior at Deering High School, is beginning her college search; husband Ken works at Windham High School. • Carol Hildebrand and husband Don live in Wellesley with their kids Olivia, 10, and Nick, 8. Carol keeps in touch with Susan Chase Downes, who has invented a couple of homemade hot sauces that will blow off the top of your head; Dawn Lepanto Taylor, who lives nearby; and Donna Altenpohl Deasey, whose Phillies sadly could not keep the dreaded Evil Empire at bay this year. • Wayne ’85 and Sandra Winship Eddy’s daughter, Katherine, is heading to Colby as a member of the Class of 2014. • Apologies to those who submitted news not included in this issue. Word limits force me to hold news until the summer issue. Enjoy Spring (I’m looking forward to the Red Sox/Nationals exhibition game in April—go Sox!).
1985

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Thank you to everyone who sent in news. For the first time I can remember, I received more information than fits for the full report, check out the 1985 page on Colby’s website. Also check out the Colby Class of 1985 Facebook page. I’ve posted photos along with news stories.

- John C. Collins just missed the deadline last time, so I’m pressing him top billing, and trust me he deserves it! John, a reporter and videographer, wrote about one of the most exciting experiences he’s had since graduating (other than the birth of his two kids, of course): playing the Red Sox second baseman in the film Fever Pitch, starring Drew Barrymore. Drew ran past Johnny Damon—and then John—in the climactic scene. John wrote about the experience in the Lowell Sun (Mass.) newspaper. He lives in Hudson, N.H., with his wife of 16 years, daughter, and son. Prior to working in newspapers John was a radio news director in New Hampshire. A highlight was interviewing each presidential candidate before the 1988, 1992, 1996, and 2000 primaries. Another great memory was having a joke that he wrote appear in a Naked Gun sequel. John still enjoys playing baseball, and last fall he reunited with former teammate Ben Lowry in the men’s senior league baseball tournament in West Palm Beach, Fla. 

- Kevin Bruen is teaching law (for one year) at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. It’s a bit difficult, as his wife, Carolyn Boynton ’84, and two sons still live in Orinda, Calif., but Kevin gets back about once a month. Before heading east he traveled to Southern California to surf with Tom Valinotte. One of the benefits of being in CT is reestablishing Colby connections: he enjoyed the Colby-Bowdoin football game in November and has spent time with Sandy (Winship ’84) and Wayne Eddy. Kevin hopes to attend reunion before he drives back to California.

- Elisa Maxwell Tetraut lives in the Charlotte, N.C., area, with her husband, three kids, a labradoodle “with issues,” a boxer, and a hamster. Elisa is a regional sales manager for a promotional marketing company and gets out her inner writer by blogging. Elisa recently saw Kelly Chopus, sales manager for a promotional marketing company, and they talked about the benefits of being in CT is reestablishing Colby connections: he enjoyed the Colby-Bowdoin football game in November and has spent time with Sandy (Winship ’84) and Wayne Eddy. Kevin hopes to attend reunion before he drives back to California.

- Greg Apostol lives in Marshfield, Mass., and recently, in honor of Rod McGillis’ visit from Canada, hosted a Colby hockey reunion with Tim McCrystal ’84, Tom Boyd ’86, Don Cronin, Buster Clegg, Steve Getto ’87, and Rod. Greg has a daughter, 5, and a son, 2, and calls his schedule “pretty full.”

- Stu Kruseill says that given the economy he’s pleased to have started a new job as head of strategic partnerships for the MIT Leadership Center at the Sloan School. Stu jokes that it takes a bit of adjustment to get into the “Nerd Pride” mind frame, but he’s excited to work with people creating and defining the future. Stu also teaches international relations at Bentley and admits he feels older with each new class of freshman.

- Tom Mizenzes is a study director at the National Academy of Sciences and during the past year enjoyed working with Tom Tietenberg on a committee examining policies to reduce U.S. greenhouse gases. Tom hopes to be at our 25th with his wife and three boys. He’s spreading the rumor that over the past 15 years Rob Boone and John “Gin Pup” Collins have planned yet another show—“one that might actually be funny.”

- Ending the year on a high note, Kelli Crump Player got engaged at the stroke of midnight on New Year’s Eve on the beach in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. “See you in June.

1986

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As I was getting ready to write this column, our class co-president, Suzanne Batitt, sent a quick e-mail to say that, in her position as director of development for Boston-based Partners in Health, she’d recently been to Rwanda and was at that moment exceedingly busy with Haiti relief efforts. Suzanne wanted to share more, but I know the overwhelming amount of work prevented it. I did catch a quote from her in the Boston Globe, commenting on Meryl Streep’s support of Partners in Health and the star-studded telethon to benefit Haiti.

- Gretchen Bean Lurie joined the communications and marketing team of the Association of Independent School Admissions Professionals this year and was a presenter at the National Association of Independent Schools Annual Conference in February. She and her daughter enjoyed an East Coast college tour this spring.

- Ethan Wiesler’s daughter is a freshman at North Carolina State, and his 16-year-old son is at Woodberry Forest School in Virginia. He says they are both wonderful kids—and nonetheless he and his wife thoroughly enjoy their empty nest. “Ethan’s nest is empty—another has just been filled!”

- Peter Voskamp and Rachel Healy welcomed Anna Elizabeth Healy Voskamp June 21, 2009, at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, Mass. “More in the happy news department. I’m thrilled to share that James LeBaron and longtime love Pamela Lee Clifford exchanged wedding vows in Nantucket over Columbus Day weekend. Matt and Jennie Webster Hartley ’89 were two of only four invited guests.”

- Caroline Nelson Kris is enjoying the freedom of having two children in high school. When she’s not teaching her kindergarten class for students with autism, she is playing with her 95-pound “puppy,” a chocolate lab named Bam-Bam. “I had a great Facebook-inspired mini-reunion with Monique Reed Kosiptooulos. Her hometown (Lexington, Mass.) is my current town, so we got together over hot chocolate and tea at my house and introduced our kids. My 6-year-old Henrik was mighty impressed with 8-year-old Korina and 10-year-old Alexis, as was I. Charming and talented, both of them. And did I mention that Monique is as outrageously entertaining as ever? We both were pleasantly surprised to discover that all three of us (husby Chris Engstrom included) look, ahhhh, exactly the same.

- Leslie Greenslett Perry is thinking about how we all used to look too—and she wants people. She’d like to get a head start on putting together a fantabulous slide show for our reunion. Please e-mail her at lgperry@mac.com and she’ll let you know how to best share those priceless Colby photos.

- Reunion, yes I did say, REUNION. Mark those calendars: June 2-5, 2011, in Waterville. That’s barely a year from now. It’s all hands on deck—time to party! “So be in touch—news was a little slim this time. Don’t wait! Send me a note right now, tell me what you want to do at reunion, tell me all your ups and downs. Be well and be happy.”

1987

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Wow, so many of you came through with news! Thank you. Next time, I’m asking for cash.

- Keary Hanan Marcum “is married to Paul Marcum” (which explains that last name). Two sweet kids, Jake and Margaret, and two bad labs, Bert and Sadie. Living in Spanish Harlem, NYC, as VP of Digital at EPIX, the premium HD movie service between Paramount, Lionsgate, and MGM. (Sorry, never heard of them.) “We hang with Matt and Amy Rosen Moran, Bridgid Hoffman Murray ’86, Dorothy and George Belshaw ’88, and Anthony Fazzone ’88.”

- Alan W. Adams works at an online media company in Mission Viejo, Calif., run by fellow grad Ron Caponare. “My wife, Anne, kids Reid and Sarah, and two dogs moved to Newport Coast. I’ve noticed a correlation between the number of visitors from the East and North as seasons change.” (22,437 people at last count.) He reports “Peter Marshall, partner with E & Y Consulting, just moved to Westport, Conn.”

- Scott E. Giles was Class of ’87 and withdrew after sophomore year. “I still don’t like ‘welsh rabbit,’ a Foss standard. Hope the food got better.” (Actually, it got worse.)

- Liz Seder Nordlie lives in Vevey, Switzerland, as VP of marketing for General Mills Europe. “Christopher, 10, and Ella, 7, attend a great international school with kids from 40 countries. My husband, Tom, is a stay-at-home dad. He loves outdoor sports, guitar, and painting.” (Not at the same time.)

- Laura Brown Watkin lives in Marblehead, “which I adore in the summer for the ocean. The kids are happy and too big (11, 12, and 15). It’s almost time to almost start pushing Colby to our sophomore daughter. We see Charmaine Twigg Hartnett and her clan every New Year.”

- Dana Friedman lives in Mission Viejo, Calif., “where it’s sunny and a little cold, low 70s.” (See, all news is worth printing.)

- Jen Carroll Schlidge says “kids are Jack, 12, Carlin, 10, and Kallie. 7. Happily married to Dan 14 years. We’re traveling to Hawaii at the end of March. Any classmates have rental property there?” (I know a dude who lives on the beach, if that helps.)

- Karen Czuczy Sallmann “moved back to Munich, Germany, from Trieste, Italy. My husband was named CEO of Europe Assistance.” (Is CEO good?)

- EJ Perry coaxes basketball and volleyball for Salem High. He was awarded Coach of the Decade from the Lawrence Eagle Tribune. EJ won six consecutive state titles and a national record 112 straight matches in volleyball. He won back-to-back New Hampshire state basketball titles in 2007 and 2008; Salem won 33 consecutive games during that stretch. He’s married to Kathleen Curry Perry (Boston College) and has three beautiful children: Julia, 12, EJ IV, 11, and Will, 6. They live in Andover, Mass., where EJ has taught fifth grade for 18 years. (Gee, EJ, can’t you make it to sixth grade?)

- Chris Vickers says, “I’ve led the creation of LLBeanSignature, a new apparel and footwear collection with a trimmer fit and updated styling. It’s classic Bean, but up-to-date. We launched in March.”

- Jeff Russell laments “the Middle Ages seem nigh on. There are two teens in my house. Apparently they make an occasional appearance accompanied by demands.”

- Melissa Jenkings Mangilli writes, “I got married, opened an outpatient clinic for brain illnesses and injuries in Providence (Brainworks RI), and joined the Army Reserves. My husband, John Mangilli, is a support manager for Dassault Systems Simulia in Providence, and we live just south in Edgewood. I’m still doing clinical teaching at Brown and visit Maine often to see family.” (Okay, I don’t teach at Brown. But I drove by there once.)

- Teri Sckly Kinsella “started a new job as consultant at Pl Midlantic in metro D.C., helping companies get the right people in
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Even for an adventurer, being in Haiti during the earthquake was harrowing. Just ask Ruth Bender, who happened to pass through Haiti Jan. 12. Her hotel was flattened, but Ruth is fine and kept us updated on Facebook. She heard from lots of first-timers, like Tucker Offutt, who started a medical supply company in Jackson, Wyo. Check out www.directhealth22.com. Brendon Cahill might have to give up his traveling ways now that he and his wife, Christina, expect their fourth child in June. Adding to the Colby-in-Europe contingent, Jeff Koch is working on his master’s in Shakespeare studies at the Shakespeare Institute in Stratford-upon-Avon. Next summer he’ll head back to Thornton Academy in Saco, Maine, where he’s an English teacher and boys’ lacrosse coach. Bob and Sue Banta Gallagher enjoy life in Atlanta with their two kids. Sue plays tennis and runs 10Ks and Bob loves his job in corporate investigations for PriceWaterhouseCoopers. Diane Pearce Kew is getting her teaching certificate and master’s with an E.S.L. endorsement. Her husband, Dave ‘90, got a new hybrid car—look for him tooling around Brunswick. Their kids, Elaine and Andrew, are in fifth and seventh grades. Dawn Zajac Perez is raising five kids, getting a Ph.D., and working fulltime. She also started her own company doing voice-overs: www.geminiooice.com. Bill Carr is in Seattle, where he and Lynn have two boys. Bill’s still at Amazon and wishes for more time to spend with local Colombites Kirk Koenigsbauer, Kate Roosevelt, and Jeff Baille ‘88. Congrats to Jeff Hall, whose wife, Mary, had a baby boy, Tyler Travis, Nov. 15. Don Darby has a new job, at EHZSheld in Palo Alto. He and Elizabeth (Helft ‘91) have two kids and spent time last summer with Bob Lian ‘90 and Rob Schwandt ‘91. Also in CA is Nancy Spellman, whose life is full of music, kids, and organizing Bay Area single parents groups. Nancy is a graphic designer, designing HP toner boxes and publishing a coffee table book on antique Indian horse masks. Jenn Cooke Rotman is busy ferrying her sons around and volunteering for their schools. Her oldest will attend camp in Maine run by Rich Deering ’86. Jenn’s family was off to Tahoe and San Francisco to see Katie The Losen Goldberg and Ruth Bender, post-earthquake. Jenn reports that Beth Bitoff Odom is packing for another move, this time to Hawaii, and Audrey Barone lives near Jenn in Andover, Mass. Also in MA is Jon Nash, living in Duxbury with his wife and two daughters. Jon’s company is involved in clean/green tech space and installed 542 solar panels on its roof: www.newstreamH2O.com. Lawrence Collins is a professional musician living in Bordeaux with wife Betty and daughter Minya. He sent the video for Another Sky, a beautiful song he wrote for Minya. His family gets together with Gerry Hadden and family and he keeps in touch with Dan Sullivan. Find him at www.lawrencecollinsband.com. Anthony Scaturro is a proud papa—his adopted son, Matt, will graduate from West Point in May. My fellow Iowan Tom Wieck works for Pioneer/DuPont and says “welcome home” to Larry Rocca ‘90, who is back from Japan. Larry sent Tom a yellow Oktoberfest t-shirt from college days—Tom says there are probably boxes of them in Dana somewhere. Tom’s son broke his collarbone skiing in Boone, Iowa, (elevation 6,000 mm), and Tom was getting ready to cheer our Hawkeyes in the Orange Bowl! Robin Trend Baughan and Melissa Trend Staid made it together to reunions with their daughters, who want to go to Colby together. Robin lives in CT, has three kids, and loves to ski. Gretchen Krehling McKay has been collaborating with art history professor Michael Marlais on a book project. Leslie Dougherty Biddle and her family relocated to London, where Lesley works for Goldman Sachs and her husband, George, works for the International Rescue Committee. Chris Tompkins made me feel old with this comment: “It was an event for me as headmaster of The Perkiomen School to sign a diploma for a student who is now a freshman at Colby.” Mark Cosdon’s book, The Hanlon Brothers, was just published, and Mark will be guest editing the Journal of American Drama and Theatre’s spring 2010 and 2011 issues. Shaun Dakin is now at Turner Strategies in D.C., doing public relations, communications, and social media consulting. He’s an associate class agent so he’ll be hugging you for money soon! Andrew Ian Dodge did a cross-country speaking tour to raise awareness of the plight of California’s Central Valley farmers and workers. Andrew’s publishing two books soon, And Glory and Socialism Still Sucks!!, and speaks to tea party groups.

1990
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As a board member of the nonprofit Teens To Trails, Cory Snow is organizing an adventure race open to Maine high school students. On May 15, 150 teens will run all over Bradbury Mountain State Park with maps and compasses, like COOT week gone wild. (He misses those days.) Kurt White and wife Dawn Ellen added a new member to their family—their first child. Zoey Martha Whited made her way into the world Jan. 10. Healthy and happy. Justin ’90 and Stacey King Verge live in Hamilton, Mass., with daughters Samantha, 11, and Lauren, 9. Stacey stays home with the kids, volunteers at school, leads a Brownie and Girl Scout troop, and coaches soccer and kickball. Last season she went to New Orleans with Megan Finley FitzGerald and Sheri Berger Bronstein ’90 to celebrate their 40th birthdays. She also went to Vermont last summer to visit Chris Whelan, his wife, Lee, and their three adorable kids. Visiting with them were Scott Stanwood and his wife, Carolyn, and their two children. Chris and Rebekah Winokur Brown also live in Vermont and came over for the day with their son, Chase. Jim “Mort” McVay and wife Kristen had their first child, a girl, Mave Mercedes McVay, Nov. 15. All are doing well. Also welcoming a first child are Hallie Welch and Steve Marshall. Bradley Wilson Marshall was born Dec. 29. Steve has lived in San Francisco for the last 12 years and is a senior vice president at Wells Fargo Bank. He frequently sees Clark Weber, who has a 1-year-old, Ryder. “Life is good and I hope the Mayans are wrong,” writes Peter Weinberg. He took his six-person clan to Bali, Columbia, last summer to visit his wife’s family and reports it was a hoot. David Unruh was appointed senior vice president for institutional advancement at Temple University in Philadelphia. He just finished a two-and-a-half-year stint as associate VP for alumni relations and development at the University of Chicago, commuting each week from Philadelphia to Chicago, and is thrilled to be back in Philadelphia and with his family. He and wife Marnie have two boys, Morgan, 8, and Dylan, 4. He periodically reconnects with roommate Tremaine Cooper and says that if anybody is in Philadelphia drop him a note at dlruuh@gmail.com. N. Todd Pritsky and Ericka Garstka welcomed Samuel Loren Thomas Pritsky Sept. 29. Todd still enjoys being out of the corporate rat race, still an adjunct at Champlain College teaching data communications, and engaging in local, national, and international activism on a variety of peace and social justice issues. And, he says, he plays a lot of Farmville on Facebook if anybody wants to be neighbors. Laura Friedewald Notes writes, “My three children (11, 9, and 7) and I live in Manhattan and love it! I’m with MetLife’s compliance department and recently received a promotion to handle their international anti-money-laundering program as well as MetLife’s foreign corrupt practices act compliance. My career path as an attorney has been exciting and unexpected to say the least!” Tris Hussey had his first book released: Create Your Own Blog: 6 Easy Projects to Start Blogging Like a Pro. His Amazon.com author biography states, “After picking up blogging on a whim in 2004, he quickly became both a professional blogger and a leading expert in business blogging. In addition to giving workshops and speaking at conferences, Tris also teaches social media, blogging, podcasting, and WordPress. You can find his posts on trishussey.com, VancouverObserver.com, and the Future Shop Community Tech Blog.”

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ALUMNI AT LARGE

the right seats on the bus using a tool called the Predictive Index.”” Be well!

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Chris Mastrangelo is a founding member, director, and general counsel of Karmaloop.com. He and his wife, Erica, divide their time between Boston and South Beach in Miami. They welcomed their first child, Coco Anne, June 27. Felicia Gefvert married Mike Guerchon in October at a winery in Oregon. While the setting was beautiful, a cold front dropped the temperature to the mid-40s, and guests were wrapping themselves in whatever they could find. Caroline Earle and Mike and Claudia Hacketh Gerard joined the celebration. Felicia works in leadership development at Intuit. Jim Condon’s work was recently selected for the U.S. State Department’s Art in the Embassies program and will be displayed at the U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal, for three years. I highly recommend his website: jcondron.com. He also has shows at the Rosewood Gallery, City of Kettering, Ohio, and at SUNY Geneseo. Jason Nixon is the global lifestyle editor for Delta Sky magazine and tours around the world writing about food, design, and trends. And the interior design firm (John Loecke, Inc.) that he runs with his partner, John Loecke, was profiled in the NY Times (February 2010). Cecily von Ziegler has her first adult novel, Cum Laude, set at an instantly recognizable (but fictional!) college in Maine, due out in June, published by Hyperion. She hopes to visit Colby in the fall to do a reading and discussion and visit creative writing classes. Warren Claytor’s Philadelphia firm, Warren Claytor Architects, received an award from Dream Home Awards for historic renovation of the year. Bus as ever, he just finished a great project in Jackson Hole, Wyo., with
two historic cabins at the foothills of the Rendezvous Mountain Range. Warren also hosted a group including Michael Stanton, Ryan Friel ’93, and Phil Villar ’93 in Jackson Hole for a ski week. Kyle Lissack wasn’t able to attend as he and his wife welcomed a new baby. • Scott Alprin is a proud new papa. His wife, Anneliesa, gave birth to their first child, Marileah Grace (“Marlie”), Sept. 15. • Sarah Poiris got married in October 2008 and has been working as a solo attorney helping people with consumer issues, specifically debt problems, identity theft, and foreclosure. She recently joined Senator Christopher Dodd’s Consumer Advocate Advisory Committee. She visited Washington, D.C., where she met with Scott Alprin and his family. • Scott and Jen Robicheau Yagnesak welcomed their second child, Colby, May 3, 2009. Eloise, 5, is a proud big sister! • Rachel Klein-Ash rang in 2010 in Puerto Rico with Katie Martin, Kelly Evans Arevian, and Nicole Dauteuil. Begin to celebrate the year of their 40th birthdays! Nicole and Rachel bunked up again, just like at Colby. Rachel is expecting baby number two (to join sister Elysyn, 2) in early April. • Norm Stillman lives in Plymouth, Mass., and owns a veterinary hospital (www.courtyardvet.com). He and his wife, Diane (Osgood ’91), have two daughters, 8 and 10. • Aimee (Flores ’95) and Cal Wheaton live in Baltimore and are in full princess mode with daughters Serena, 6, Isaiah, 4, and Denison, 2. He quite honestly didn’t know so much pink could exist in one place. Aimee is still a hospitalist physician at Greater Baltimore Medical Center, and Cal works as a general partner at ABS Capital Partners. They threw a surprise birthday party for Mark Mellyn—the big 4-0—on Cape Cod, and Mike Stanton came from Boston to join in. In New York Cal frequently sees Chris Wilde ’94, who probably spends more time traveling than in his apartment in NYC. • Whitney Adams Ward started working part-time at Lululemon Athletica in Hingham, Mass., and loves it! • Peter and Lisa Black Avolio welcomed their second child, Charlotte Grace, Sept. 18. Their first child, Chancellor James, is 20 months. Lisa returns to teaching yoga after a four-month leave, learning the challenge of balancing motherhood and owning two yoga studios. • Matt Brown has moved to Arusha, Tanzania, with his wife and three kids (6, 4, and 2) to better do his job as the director of conservation programs for The Nature Conservancy Africa Region. They’ll be there for three years, and visitors are most welcome. • Tabby Biddle lives in Santa Monica, Calif., working as a writer and editor, and she just completed ghostwriting her first book—about women’s financial independence. She is also the editor for a book about being a mompreneur. She is a regular contributor to The Huffington Post on women’s issues, personal growth, and politics. • Emily Fisher got engaged over Christmas to Tony Aldinger. They live in Lancaster, Pa., and will be married this summer. • Thanks for these nuggets of news.

1993

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Rod Gerdsen, his wife Cassi, and kids Kate, 8, and Jack, 5, love their life in New Jersey, where Rod works as a teacher, housemaster, coach, and academic dean at Blair Academy, a private boarding school. Other Colby grads at Blair include Jessatza Matzkin ’94 and Roy Wilson ’07. Rod started a business called Rookie Teacher Seminar that trains faculty new to boarding schools the summer before they begin work. • Shannon Roy lives in Oakland while working in San Francisco part time as an editor. Shannon is also part of a small group of artists that puts on fireworks shows. Their current city project is a nostalgic roman candle shooting gallery called “Bunny Blastof’ for a pyrotechnics convention. • Laura Steinbrink lives in Cleveland, where she started Humanity’s Loom, an environmental service firm that helps commercial, residential, and institutional property owners develop and implement green building practices. Its services include start-to-finish support in achieving third-party certifications such as LEED. Laura plans to get her M.B.A. in a sustainable business from Green Mountain College in May. Laura writes “I have three kids, two dogs, a fish, and a husband, and basically love life.” • Chris and Laurie Girard Eidi live in Wilton, Conn., with kids Christian, 7, and Allison, 4. Laurie writes, “For the time being I’ve traded in being a physical therapist for being the ‘room mom,’ ‘science mom,’ committee chair, and library volunteer at my kids’ schools. I miss treating patients, but there is never a shortage of friends or family with injuries to keep me busy and my skills sharp!” Laurie caught up with Ken and Kathryn Steele Zoldan and their sons Alexander, 5, and Simon, 18 months. Kathryn and her family live and work in the Philly area and are doing well. • Paul Frolo hails from Kingston, Mass., where he lives with wife Kim and children Noah, 9, Reese, 6, and Mia. Paul has been with Reebok for 15 years and is currently director of sales for the eastern U.S. Paul keeps in touch with Willy Berglund, Shawn Jenkins, Dave McCarthy, and Tim Merrigan, who was married last year, lives with his wife in New York City, and welcomed a baby boy. • Scott Abrams ran his best marathon to date in November in Philadelphia; at 3:18, just a few minutes shy of qualifying for Boston. Scott and his wife, Fabiana, spent New Year’s Eve in Vermont with Kwo Lui ’92 and his girlfriend. The Abramses welcomed 2010 by adopting a new black lab mix puppy, Hobbes, from a rescue shelter. • Krista Stein has relocated from New York City to Paris with American Express’s travel division. She hopes to see other alums in Paris. • Marc McCubrey and his wife, Anne, had a baby boy, Ian, last May. Older brother Grant is almost 3.The McCubreys live in Nashua, where Marc works for his family’s commercial printing company and is an adjunct professor of anthropology at Southern New Hampshire University. • Susan Krolicky Newmeyer’s second child, Samuel Newmeyer, was born in June in San Francisco. Sam’s big sister, Alice, is 3. Sue and her family live in Sau- salito. • Sarah Innman and her husband, Joe Longo, welcomed their son, Santangelo Salisbury Longo, Sept. 28. • Dan and Mary Fitzgerald Olohan welcomed their sixth (!) in December. Clare is adorable and joins siblings Michael, Will, Catherine, Helen, and Jack. They live in Walpole, Mass. • Thanks for writing!

1994

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Coach Keith Gleason brought his Maine Coast Skaters Association Storm Mites (ages 6-8) to Colby in January to watch the Mules face-off against Norwich. All 15 players received a Colby hockey puck, sticker, locker room tour, and once-in- a-lifetime opportunity to be on the bench with the Mules. Colby coach Jim Tortorella was an ideal host.

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Dan Polsk, along with his wife and daughter, recently bought a house in Nove Valley, San Francisco. • Jennifer Gennaco teaches English composition at the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine. She has a son and has been in touch with Cheryl Johnson Dutrumble, who teaches high school Spanish. • Jesse Salisbury is a sculptor living in Steuben, Maine, with his wife, Hoshi, and son, Ren. He recently completed a sculpture for the Open Air Museum in Aswan, Egypt, and had a solo exhibition at the Court House Gallery in Ellsworth, Maine. His sculptures will be featured at the Farmsworth Art Museum in Rockland, Maine, in the spring and at the Mosan Museum in South Korea in the fall. • Abe Rogers joined the Massachusetts National Guard and is attending graduate school at Boston University. • Regina Wiodarski Kruger and her family are adjusting to life with daughter Megan, 8, being away at a residential school for autism in Boston. Regina’s younger daughter, Anika, 6, had a rough time but is doing better now. Their weekends are busy traveling between Stamford, Conn., and Boston to visit Meg, and, whenever possible, Vermont. • Erin Mansur and Jen Shatney moved to Vermont. Erin will start as an associate professor in Dartmouth’s economics department this fall. Owen, their oldest, is in second grade and enjoying the new, smaller school. Eli is four and their daughter, Isla, is almost one. “We are all adapting to the winters; I haven’t lived in a place this cold since our days in Waterville,” writes Erin. • Michelle Grdina works as the events coordinator for Hunt Alternatives and the Hunt-Ansbacher family office. She is thrilled with the new job and looks forward to being part of the great work that the organization does. • KC Lawler lives in Washington, D.C., where she teaches math at a private high school. When she’s not teaching she trains for and competes in local triathlons with Team LUNA Chix and raises money for breast cancer research. • Brendan Cavanaugh and his wife, Cathy, welcomed their first child, Claire Victoria, Nov. 6. They live in Albuquerque, where Brendan is a cardiologist at the New Mexico Heart Institute. • Hannah Beech gave birth to her second son, Phineas, Dec. 3 in Bangkok. He joins big brother Dashiel, 2. “Dash is so far treating Phin with generosity, but once his little brother starts grabbing his toys, he may feel less kindly,” writes Hannah. Her family will move this spring to Beijing, where she’ll still work for Time magazine. Hannah and her husband, Brook Larmer, are excited about returning to China, where they were married eight years ago. • Erika L. Troseth married Marcos D. Martinez ’97 June 6, 2009, in Santa Fe, N.M. Kate Bolick, Hannah Swenson Vaughan, and Tim Andreaz ’97 attended. • Lisa DeHahn Jade is sailing with Maine Roller Derby. She is obtaining an associate’s degree in criminal justice from Southern Maine Community College and recently celebrated her five-year anniversary working at Day One Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services. • Cal ’92 and Aimee Flores Wheaton live in Maryland and try to keep up with active girls, Serena, 6, Isaiah, 4, and Denison, 2. Cal is a general partner at ABS Capital Partners and Aimee works as a hospitalist. They spent two weeks hiking and fishing near Lake Tahoe, Calif., at Cal’s family cabin, and then several weeks at the Cape, where they spent time with Mark Mellyn ’92 and his wife, Echo. Aimee is training for her first half-marathon in Disney World in March. • Your classmates are working diligently with the alumni office to plan a fun and exciting weekend for our 15th reunion in June. Make your plans for June 4–6—we look forward to seeing you!
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Chris Greenfield and wife Renee welcomed their second child, Nolan Alan, Nov. 13. Lavery, 3, loves her little brother. Chris sees CJ (Chris Johnson), Ethan Platt, Andy Meeks, and Kelly Fanning ’00 and Reed Bundy ’00. CJ works in Washington, D.C., as an IT consultant for the State Department; Ethan runs his own seed business in Burlington, Vt.; Andy is in Portland, Ore., with friends of trees.org; and Chris works with Kelly at BlueCross of MA right across from Fenway. Chris clued me in that Brian Emme is flying Super Hornets for the Navy in Japan, and Sarah Eustis is getting married this summer. (Congrats, Sarah!) • Amy Chamberlain and Mike Branca are in Philadelphia while Mike pursues his M.F.A. from the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts and Amy messes with botany classes and works as a freelance copyeditor. They hope to see more of nearby Rebecca Hamilton Thackaberry and Vicki Ferrini ’95 and their families and maybe even catch a Mike Daisey show. • Melissa Taylor and Bernadette Graham Hudson took their families to Kauai over Thanksgiving. Bernadette has two girls, Clara, 3, and Nora, 1, and Melissa has two boys, Andrew, 3, and Alex, 1. • Linnea Basu got engaged to Prashanth Saka and plans to expand educational programs at the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies. Mechling brings more than 10 years experience in education and marine policy and is a recipient of the prestigious John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship. • Maine’s Foxcroft Academy appointed Jason Frederick ’98 to the board of trustees. A safety and training administrator for Sargent Corp., Frederick helped create a heavy-equipment operation program in Bangor and teaches a construction safety course at the University of Maine.

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Rabbi Zachary Shapiro ’92 was appointed to the board of overseers of the Los Angeles Campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. An ordained rabbi since 1997, Shapiro believes “progressive Judaism has shaped modern thinking, and I take pride in HUC-JIR’s mission to train our future leaders.” • Keith Gleason ’94 is the National Personal Producer of 2009 for MEGA Life and Health Insurance Co., finishing the year with more than $1.6 million in personal production. Gleason, also recognized in 10 other categories, “works with integrity and an unflinching commitment to the company and client.” • As new director of marine education, Jesse Mechling ’95 plans to expand educational programs at the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies. Mechling brings more than 10 years experience in education and marine policy and is a recipient of the prestigious John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship. • Maine’s Foxcroft Academy appointed Jason Frederick ’98 to the board of trustees. A safety and training administrator for Sargent Corp., Frederick helped create a heavy-equipment operation program in Bangor and teaches a construction safety course at the University of Maine.

MILESTONES

Marriages: Rebecca B. Shaw ’94 to Michael L. Kelly in St. John, V.I. • Danielle Herget ’97 to Joe Ramsay in Medford, Mass. • Michael Payne ’97 to Brenna Margol in Colorado Springs, Colo. • Jennifer O’Neill ’97 to Tom Killiée ’97 in York, Maine • Marcos Martinez ’97 to Erika Troseth ’95 in Santa Fe, N.M.

Births: A son, Samuel Joseph Pulver Fichman, to Roman Fichman and Stephanie Pulver ’93 • A daughter, Landel Paige, to Jesse and Sarah Holmes Tucker ’97 • A daughter, Arden Jill, to Greg ’96 and Diana Dresser Nehro ’97

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Congratulations to Christopher Laycock, who passed the Georgia Bar in November! • Marc Hebert and his wife (married July 2009) live in Washington, D.C. Marc sees Gwynne Rogers and Chris Frangione occasionally. • Elizabeth and Lincoln Farr will celebrate the first birthday of their son, Gideon, May 31. • Emilie Parker began a new job as director of education at the Rosenbach Museum and Library in Philadelphia. Emilie earned her master’s in museum studies from the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 2000 and was working in the education department at the Philadelphia Museum of Art before she accepted her current gig. • In November Ted Well was hired as media supervisor for the Pawtucket, R.I.-based company, Collette Vacations. • Katy and Andrew Weber spent New Year’s with Victoria and Peter Sheren in Singapore. They also enjoyed a short trip to Hanoi. • Lars and Lynn Kenoyer Johnson live in Eagle, Colo., where Lynn works as a senior appellate law clerk at the Colorado Court of Appeals. They have two children, Amelia, 3, and Soren, born Dec. 22. • Thadd Eldredge married Marjia Stikovac in February 2008 and they welcomed daughter Emma last March. Emma is friends with Isabel, born February 2009, to Maura and Andrew Morse. • Sus Montezemolo wrote: “How funny that I should receive a request for class news today, as at lunchtime I ran into both Cy Stahlberg and Matt Nelson on Connecticut Avenue in D.C.! Both are doing well and working for themselves. Cy is in the process of shaping his own business, Cymetric.” Susanna regularly sees Cary Gibson, who started a job at a lobbying firm in DC. Sus works as the head of government relations for the Center for Responsible Lending, lobbying for protections for borrowers against foreclosure, predatory mortgage lending, and payday lending. In 2009 she attended the White House credit card bill signing ceremony and met President Obama! Susanna’s real passion is yoga, which she began teaching in June 2009. • Geoff Schroeder teaches seventh grade English in Fort Collins, Colo. He and his wife, Cara, backpacked through Mongolia over summer 2008. He wrote: “Our Mongolia trip was born out of a desire to get off the well-trodden paths left by other tourists. We figured Mongolia would afford us some breathing room. Not to say that we blazed any trails, but we did find fewer foothprints preceding us.” They welcomed daughter Siena in April 2009. He continued, “One moves to Colorado for the lifestyle as much as anything else, and my little family pursues it accordingly. We’ll take [Siena] camping as soon as the weather improves, and she’ll undoubtedly get her first Fourteener (+14,000-foot summit) at some point in 2010.” • In closing, we have a request for your help. Jerrod DeShaw wrote about Todd McGovern, who has been battling cancer for several years. Todd started an organization called Seasilt, which provides recreational opportunities to people battling cancer and to their caregivers. Jerrod wrote: “Part of Todd’s amazing story is, throughout his entire fight, he’s remained active and enjoys running road races, triathlons, and marathons. Last year we ran in the Vermont City Marathon together and he liked the event so much he wants to do it again. Todd asked that I turn it into a larger fundraiser event for his organization. I’m recruiting runners and anyone else who wants to support the fundraiser. Ideally, we would love to make it a great weekend and have it
grow into a wonderful event for SeasIt over time.” If you’re interested in participating in the Burlington, VT., event May 30, contact Jerrod at jdeshaw4@hotmail.com. Check out SeasIt at www.seasit.org.

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Congratulations to Harris Eisenstadt and his wife, Sara Schoenbeck, who welcomed their first child, Owen Eric Eisenstadt, June 13 in Brooklyn, N.Y. • Congratulations to Mike and Tracey Keefe Sharis, who expected another little girl to join Kate, 3, in late March. • Andrea Bassi-Morales and her husband welcomed their first baby, Gabriella Isolina, Dec. 7. Andrea’s father, a naval officer, was able to come home from his deployment in the Middle East for Gabriella’s birth. • Stephen Ewing and his wife, Jenna, and had a baby girl, Sarah Chandler Ewing, in November. They’re all doing well. • Andrew Whittimore Littell and his wife, Margo, welcomed a baby girl, Lucia. In his spare time Andrew has been modeling part time for Eddie Bauer. • Maggie Drummond tore up her roots in Maine after being there since 2001 and joined her boyfriend in Indianapolis, where he works at a law firm. She found a job working for the South End Neighborhood Development Corporation. She misses Maine but enjoys the urban life and living in sports-town USA. If anyone plans to attend the Superbowl in 2012, let her know! She went to the Indy 500 last year for the first time and thinks all New Englanders should experience that at least once. In July 2009 she went to Kate Westhaver and Eric Drotch’s wedding at the public library in Boston. It was absolutely beautiful. In attendance were Kari Hoose and Amy Plantodeski. • Andrea Doucette is leaving Brooklyn, N.Y., in April and moving to Costa Rica, which she fell in love with after a Christmas trip. She can’t wait to get back to the rainforest and the beach! Since she studied French at Colby she has some Spanish to learn. • Sara Eno Felmy completed the Philadelphia marathon on her quest to run a marathon in each state. • Congratulations to Chris and Kristina Smith Gates, who welcomed a baby boy, Charles Alexander Gates, Nov. 10. Big brother Soren, 2, is adjusting pretty well. Their dog, however, is quite sad to have moved into third place. • Clay Surovec happily reports that all is well in sunny Palm Beach! Clay and his wife, Jessica, are incredibly blessed with three children: Chelsea, Brady, and Coley, as well as a golden retriever, Moe. • Raj ’99 and Jen Spiess Gupta moved to Bedford, N.H., with their two boys. They’re settling in and anticipating the arrival of their third child in June. • Thanks for all the news.

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Jason St. Clair lives in Pasadena, Calif., and is in the middle of a postdoc at Caltech, focusing on atmospheric chemistry. • Becky Rasmussen Dalrymple’s family saw Sarah Church Murphy and Jen Usher Kilduff in Boston this Christmas. They also showed their five-month-old son (Class of 2032!) a frozen Colby campus on their trip back to Maine. • Gilda and Tom Matzlievitch welcomed their first child, Lucian Paul. They reside in Bangor, Maine, where Tom is an attorney at Willey Law Offices. • Amy (Piaseczny ’99) and Tim McGee now live in Pelham, Mass. Amy practices veterinary medicine at the Litchenburg Veterinary Hospital and Tom works from home for the Biomimicry Guild based in Montana. They expect a baby girl this April! • Mark Edgar welcomed a daughter, Rudy Elizabeth, July 5. • Will Barron ’01 and Karen Macke welcomed their second daughter, Ellis Emily, Jan. 3. Will works in industrial sales and Karen is finishing her Ph.D. in sociology at Syracuse. • Nick and Jessie Davis Keppeler welcomed a baby girl, Sloane Elinor, Dec. 14. They enjoy life at home in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of Boston. • Frank and Whitney Lawton Linnenbringer and Alexander, 15 months, celebrated the birth of son James Sept. 18. Whitney has gone back to work at Cheshire Medical Center as an OB/GYN nurse with Jeremy Donovan’s wife, Jessica. Jessica and Jeremy welcomed a baby girl, Burke, a few days before Whitney’s son was born. Whitney enjoys play dates with Reba Frederics Libby and her daughter, Naomi. • Christine Casey Hutchinson is expecting baby number two, who is due July 3. • Josh and Kim McCarron Camuso celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary. Kim enrolled in the M.B.A. program at Whittier School of Business at UNH and looks forward to moving into an operations management position at The Allied Group, where she has been a senior client manager for seven years. • Bryan and Erin Darling Bibeau left California in October for a two-month, 12,000-mile, 31-state trip across the country. After a month in Maine and a snowy drive across the northern states, they are settling into their new home in Colorado. • Phoebe (Lehmann ’01) and Jay Zarnetske live in Christchurch, New Zealand, working for the National Institute for Water and Atmospheric Research, a Crown Research Institute, participating in a six-month research experience. They will do extensive backpacking on many of New Zealand’s world famous “Great Walks.” • Noah and Rebecca Solomon Letwin expect a baby in March. • Jason Straziuso and Katie Moulton moved from Kabul, Afghanistan, to Nairobi, Kenya. Jason is the chief of bureau for the Associated Press in East Africa, and Katie is transitioning from Deloitte Consulting to Chemonics, a development consulting firm in Nairobi. They are pleased with the transition. • Kelly Fanning and Reed Bundy welcomed their first child, Reece Mary Anne, Oct. 11. John ’98 and Melanie Guryansky Olinto, Greg Hanson, Chris Greenfield ’96, and Alexis Fin Greiner were there to welcome Reece. Alexis and husband

Old Meets New | Joshua Eldred ’96

How does an art and antiques dealer keep his third-generation family business relevant in a world where consumer goods are just a click away? Cape Cod native Joshua Eldred ’96 believes that technology and consumer education will play a vital role in growing his business.

Eldred recalls a time when the parking lot at Eldred’s Auction Gallery in East Dennis, Mass., was filled with cars on auction day. While the capacity crowds of yesterday may never return, he believes the industry and his business are making positive strides to attract the next generation of fine art and antiques buyers. “The Internet is the most compelling piece of technology in a lot of ways because it allows [a much broader audience] to interact in the auction. They can sit there and watch the entire auction and participate without being there.”

After Colby, Eldred moved to Boston to work in finance, but he never lost his passion for art and antiques. Fascinated by the potential to couple the antiques trade with emerging technologies, he left his position to work for a start-up antiques portal, Antiques America, and eventually a company, Artfact.com, that offers buyers access to a global database of fine and decorative arts, antiques, and collectibles, as well as live auction bidding in real time. In 2006 Eldred decided to bring his experience back to Eldred’s Auction Gallery, which specializes in antiques, Americana, fine art American paintings, and Asian art and antiques.

His biggest challenge? “There used to be more people buying at the bottom,” Eldred said, “even if it just was an inexpensive piece of furniture.”

Chains like Pottery Barn and IKEA are capturing a large share of the entry-level market. Glossy catalogs and efficient websites make it easy to place an order instantly and have it shipped the next day.

Eldred believes that younger buyers overlook his corner of the market because of misperceptions about pricing and a general lack of exposure to fine art and antiques. He urges young buyers to get their feet wet but advises against buying art and antiques simply for investment. “You should buy a piece,” he said, “because you love it.”

—Colleen Creeden ’02
ALUMNI AT LARGE

Craig welcomed twins, Elliot George and Leah Brooke, July 11. Chris and wife Renee welcomed their second child, Nolan Allan, Nov. 13. Melanie and husband Jon are preparing themselves and their son, Jack, for their second child, due in April. Jess Densmore and Jeremy Donovan welcomed a baby girl, Burke Indigo, Sept. 13. Alex Bahn and his wife expect a baby in May. They live and work in Washington, D.C. Alex is heading to Utah with Paul Magyar, Paul Basmajian ’02, Ben Craig ’02, Davey Root ’02, Tim Routhana ’01, and Chad Creelman ’01 for a ski trip. Lini Perry Bauer lives in upper Austria with her husband and kids. She feels lucky that English teachers are in high demand in a region that is perfect for her. She looks forward to continuing her life there. Alex Moskos says all is well. He still works as a crime/intelligence analyst for the Boston Police. As part of a New Year’s resolution to be healthier, he and Jonah Rudman and Johnny Hammond are taking Zenmai karate classes in Brighton (www.shinshudojo.org). It’s been pretty tough so far, but the results are coming. They want Scott Friedman to join them.

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Beth Festa married Kurt Ahlstrand, Yale ’01, in Manchester, VT. Her bridesmaids included Katie Lee Fishbone, Alana Reazaee, and Liz McGann. Beth added that Billy and Beth Moloney Stimpson had a baby boy, Will, last November, and that Jeff and Katie Lee Fishbone expected a baby boy in March. Mike Natenshon started Marine Layer Shirts, which makes casual shirts that come in so many sizes its almost like getting them custom made. He started the business, in part, because his girlfriend finally made him part with some of his old college T-shirts. Debbie and Devin Beliveau welcomed Ciara Chyi Beliveau Jan. 29. Jordi Dakin will marry Mark Loughlin March 6 in the Round Barn Inn in Waitsfield, VT. Abbie Parker is a bridesmaid. They are doing a fire and ice honeymoon: first Whistler then Hawaii. Jordi moved out of Boston (kicking and screaming) to Newton. Justin Amirault and his wife, Becca, expect their first child in April. Justin will graduate from Haas School of Business in May in Berkeley, Calif. After eight years in Maine, Danielle Forries moved back to Michigan, where she works full time as a voiceover artist, teaches spinning, and hosts pub trivia. Jeff Calarese started running in competitive races including the Denver marathon. He was also named to an executive position with StudyPoint, Inc., a private education company, and has been writing education-themed articles for an Internet-based company. Cindy Rosenbaum and her husband welcomed Isaak David Wisnioski in September. Todd Miner lives in southern Sudan working for Population Services International. They manage distributions of insecticide-treated mosquito nets, part of the effort to eradicate malaria. Lisa Hart Olsen and her husband are thrilled to announce the arrival of Hannah Mia Olson, born Sept. 20 in NYC. Hannah got to meet many Colby alums at the wedding of Corey Stranghoener and Brian Reuwee in St. Louis Jan. 2. Chris and Lisa Mark McLean expect their first baby in early March. Jeff ’02 and Stacie Galiger Williams welcomed Grace “Gracie” Tea Williams Dec. 22. She joins big sister Zoe at their home in Alexandria, Va. Kristin Moresi is engaged and getting married in September. Hadley Moore, Janine Schwartz ’00, Lara Bonn ’00, and Sarah Mahoney ’99 will be bridesmaids. Vanessa Sibley Mudd welcomed a second son, Quinn Thomas, June 1 and a month later moved into their new home in CT. Dana Holschuh is finishing her Marxist-theory thesis for her master’s in historical archeology at Portland State University. She and Logan Perkins, a first-year law student learning how to sue the bad guys at Lewis and Clark, are living in a cute house with Megan Wilson ’04. They are in the market for a free beer die table—seriously! Mark Paustenbach left NYC, where he worked as a vice president at Rubenstein, a PR firm. He’s back in Washington as a spokesperson for the U.S. Department of Transportation. Jemison Foster has worked as a college counselor at the Bangkok Patana School in Thailand. He’s doing a lot of sailing and kayaking with the Duke of Edinburgh program and learning Thai. He’s proud that he helped one of his students apply early decision to Colby this year and she was accepted. Laura West traveled to Washington State to attend Katie Stimac and Jon Mendelsohn’s wedding at Lemoa Beach. Binah Palmer and Nyasha Pfukwa were also at the event. Carolyn Szum works in Beijing for ICF International as an energy and climate change consultant and would love to hear from other Colby alums in China. Lauren Schaad is in her final trimester at Thunderbird and will graduate in late April. She took a wonderful trip to the Dominican Republic (hiked the tallest mountain in the Caribbean) and Puerto Rico. She also worked on her blog on adventure and gluten-free living: Adventures of a Glutina. Brian and Hannah Smith Harrison welcomed Lila Quinn Harrison, Nov. 24. They live in Oklahoma and are attempting to build a cob cottage (an eco-friendly earthen building, the walls are a mixture of clay, sand, and straw). Hannah is illustrating a children’s book, with the proceeds going to charities for children with disabilities.

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Sam Heck and his wife, Katie, bought a home in Portland, Maine, where Sam started a job as development director at Friends of Casco Bay, a nonprofit that does environmental research and advocacy to protect Maine’s marine resources. Chris Hale moved to Medellin, Colombia, where he works for the Organization of American States’ mission to support the peace process in Colombia. Annica and Trevor MacDonald had a daughter, Leah Vivian MacDonald, in June. They live in Carmel, Ind., and work in downtown Indianapolis: Trevor at IUPUI in the athletics department and Annica at Eli Lilly. Chase Gentile graduated from law school at American University’s Washington College of Law in May. Chase passed the Illinois bar in October and started a law office in January. Anne Tricomi married in January and will continue a PhD in ESL education. She feels lucky that English teachers are in high demand in a region that is perfect for her. She looks forward to continuing her life there. Alex has applied to Ph.D. programs in history. Andrew Hoyt is finishing his master’s in cultural studies at Claremont Graduate University and has applied to Ph.D. programs in history. Andrew Townsend plans to relocate with his girlfriend, Maggie (Wake Forest), from San Diego to Boston in July. Joe O’Connell and his wife, Jillian, live in upstate NY. Joe is the head of technology for SelectMinds, a small software company that develops social networking technology for corporations. Joe and Jillian had their first child, Joseph John, on 09.09.09. Kristina Tabor moved from Denver to Aspen to take a reporter job at Aspen Public Radio and loves living in the mountains. Kristina’s work has taken her to Mexico to learn Spanish. Mark Buschendorf is wrapping up a two-year stint helping Vestas Wind Systems develop two manufacturing campuses in Colorado. He has lived in Denver for more than three years and credits his COOT trip to the top of Katahdin for his love of high places. Chris Kuhlman left his job at a large law firm to open his own firm in Minneapolis specializing in civil rights litigation and criminal defense. Dave Hauser is in-house counsel at Rhapsody in San Francisco. Greg Jaboin is almost done with an M.B.A. from Westminster College and has accepted a new analyst position with Goldman Sachs’s operations division in Salt Lake City. Greg is happily partnered to Steven Kachocki, and they are raising their twins, Madeline and Evan, who are now in middle school. J’01 and Piper Elliott Abodeely took their son, Porter, to his first Olympics in Vancouver. Lucas and Kelley Jessopp Cummings had a baby boy, Cullen Colby Cummings, Aug. 14. Ali Culpin recently moved to Denver, Colo., and works for the University of CO at Denver. Rachel Melkiejohn is engaged to Shane Hoffman ’00. They’ll marry in September. She’s worked as an academic dean and literature teacher at Annistad Academy, a New Haven charter school. She’ll leave her job to travel in Asia post-wedding with Shane for six months. Ali Ghaffar’s second daughter, Kaelyn Grace, was born Jan. 14. Ali resides in Meridian, Miss., as an instructor pilot. Monty Hobbs recently signed their album with the Crossing record label and will put out a CD later this year. He’s traveling to El Salvador in February with Living Water, an organization that builds water wells. The Class of 2002 extends our sincere condolences to the family of Liz Hanson, who was killed in Afghanistan Dec. 30. Our thoughts and support are with you.

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A correction from last issue: Matt and Courtney Hoffman Tsiaras—not Megan Shannon-Winterstrom and Dimitri Michaud as was reported—expected their first baby in February. Congrats Matt and Courtney! Patrick Koch and his wife, Kelly May, had their first baby, McKenna Dorothy Koch, Nov. 11 in Pittsburgh. Alyia Al-Aufy and her husband had a baby boy, Mansoor Toivo Lindgren, Nov. 22 in Oman. Eric and Courtney Fry Lerch welcomed a new addition, William Alexander, July 29. In addition to her recent engagement, Carrie Morin has become an independent contractor doing general dentistry for the Army National Guard as the soldiers are deployed. Sarah Barclay married Karl Hoffman Oct. 24 in Washington, D.C. Sarah’s father, a Presbyterian minister, co-officiated. Erin Reed Geaghan was Sarah’s matron of honor. Traci Speed and Linnea Anderson Myers were readers, Dave Sandak and Rich Riedel were ushers, and Ashley Reid ’02 was the “day of” coordinator. Also in attendance were Tom Geaghan ’02, Allegra Roundy, Sarah Schleck ’06, and Professors Tony Corrado and Susan Kenney. Jenn Brenneman works at Three Forks Ranch, a premier fish flying and hunting lodge 40.
Microsoft, now has an appreciation for the sport. “I’m really surprised with every game we play how hard-hitting it’s become.” Rachel Watson ’09 joined the Immigrant Rights firm in San Francisco. Tim says it’s amazing to work with her and reminisce about the good old days! Marshall White’s son Arlo was born April 26, 2009. Kellie Phelan continues to work in the field of energy efficiency/climate change consulting and will finish her M.B.A. this May. She loves living in Providence, R.I., but may have caught the West Coast bug during a recent trip to Seattle. Kirsten Helmcke defended her dissertation Jan. 7 and will officially graduate with a Ph.D. from the pharmacology department at Vanderbilt in May. She’ll move to Durham, N.C., to start a postdoc position at Duke. Andrew Will started his second semester of grad school at Boston University, pursuing an M.F.A. in sound design for theater. He moved in with Sam Poland and Danny Donovan. Francie McGowan is working on her master’s in education. She also volunteers on the Chicago Freedom School board of directors and is currently the treasurer. Katie Ghelli is in her fifth year teaching an arts-based science class in Dorchester, Mass., and recently finished performing in a production of Hair at Turtletane Theater. Trevor Mackesy is playing the financial industry’s survivor but has been writing short stories as a desperate plan B. Aimee Jack married Mike Curran ’06 in Boothbay Harbor last August. Colby was well represented, including bridesmaid Rachel Tobie, groomsmen Adam Carlson ’06 and John McKee ’06, an entire table full of professors from the Theater and Dance and the Music departments, and a bar manned by Cheryl and Lisa from the Blue Light Pub! Mike and Aimee bought their first house in Nahant, Mass. Aimee also changed jobs and now works in the communications department of Harvard’s alumni affairs and development office.

### 2005

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I was overwhelmed with news, so there will be plenty to catch up on at reunion in June! Natalia King is working toward her Ph.D. in D.C., where she received a fellowship from the German Historical Institute and is writing her dissertation on African Americans in Germany. Natalia, Katie Ghelli, Eric Luth, Mike Siros, Jamie Falk, and Kelly Klemarczyk attended Nora

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Young Minds Awakened | Natalie Ginsburg ’07

For 10 kids from rural Mississippi, the trip to the nation’s capital last June was a dream come true—and the first of many.

After graduation, Natalie Ginsburg ’07 joined Teach for America, a program that recruits recent college graduates to teach in rural and urban public schools. She was assigned to Sherard Elementary School, in Sherard, Miss., in the Delta region near the Arkansas border. Most of her students had never left the Delta or flown on an airplane, Ginsburg recalls, but they were excited about the election of President Barack Obama. She had the idea to show them where that history was taking place. Ginsburg wondered, “If I don’t take them now, who will? And when?”

Ginsburg set about organizing and raising the money necessary for a four-day trip to Washington, D.C. With support and donations from parents, local church groups, and the Corps Member Education Foundation, Ginsburg raised the $15,000 needed to fund the trip in June. Students chipped in $150 each, and additional money came from many donors, including parents, church groups, Colby alumni, TFA members, and the students’ families.

The four days in the nation’s capital included a tour of the White House, the Washington Monument, the WWII memorial, and a performance at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The trip also included a visit with Mississippi Congressman Bennie Thompson, a tangible inspiration to many of the students. Thompson spoke to them about his childhood in a small Mississippi town, and he said hard work and obeying his elders helped him be successful. Ginsburg said the meeting was a wonderful opportunity, “showing the students that they too can go and do the same great things anywhere some day.”

Ginsburg is one of nearly 100 Colby graduates who have joined Teach for America. She may have found her calling. After her TFA stint was up, Ginsburg traded the Mississippi classroom for one in Texas, at KIPP Austin College Prep, a charter school.

She hopes the legacy she leaves with her former students will be that they will “dream bigger dreams” as they consider their futures.

—Alexandra Desaulniers ’11

Gouge and Todd Moore’s nuptials in NYC in December. • Darren Larsen lives in Boulder and is enrolled in a dual-degree Ph.D. program in geology at CU and the University of Iceland. Darren spent New Year’s skiing in Jackson with Andy Orr, who is enjoying his first year at Cornell Law, and recently saw Danny Uhlmann in Silverton, Colo., where Danny lives and works as a mountain guide. Darren also reports that Mike King and Injoo Han ’04 were recently engaged. • Ted Farwell and Katie O’Neill ’04 will be married in May. Both are first-year M.B.A. students at Wisconsin; they recently traveled to Argentina and Chile. • Devon McConnell-Gordon will graduate with a master’s of architecture in October, after which she plans to pursue a career as an architect. Currently she is managing her family’s winery. • Pawel Brodaika and Archana Prasad ’07 are planning their wedding in Fiji next December. • Doug Summa completed his master’s in real estate finance at NYU’s Schack Institute and is looking for a job in NYC. • Rich Downing spent his winter break hiking Kilimanjaro, carrying all of his gear, and reaching the summit. I would expect no less from 2005’s Mr. Colby. • Dorothy Najda is currently an assistant vice president in Bank of America Merrill Lynch’s Natural Resources Group and was appointed to the Women’s Leadership Council of the Global Corporate Investment Bank. • Katie Austgen and Sean Murphy were married in October in Lake Tahoe, Nev. • Mary Olsson started a new job as an interior designer for Jill Utner Kaplan Interiors in Newton, Mass. Mary is also busy planning her July nuptials alongside fiancé Nick Miller. • Jackie Dao is back on the market again and keeping her single self busy in DC with work and school commitments and is very much looking forward to reunion. • Jarvis Brown is engaged to Mill Shah and they plan a June wedding in NYC. • I was excited to hear that Nikki Patel is expecting her first child with husband Mihir Patel in August. She is finishing her chiropractic program in Dallas and will move back to the East Coast. • Cheka Gage started a new job in August working for the political action committee for the American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons in DC. She visited with Courtney Morris, who came to DC for New Year’s. • Adelin Cai has a new role as an ads policy specialist at Google in San Francisco. Her band’s full-length album should be out on small label later this year. • I caught up with Miranda Silverman in Boston. She enjoys her job as an account exec at MMB Advertising, where she works exclusively on the Subway account (and yes, she has met Jared). She enjoyed a fun weekend in NYC with Emily Gayruck, Meredith Jaikut, and Caitlin Grasso. Caitlin is studying at Suffolk Law and training for the Boston Marathon, running for Dana Farber. • Rebecca (Taylor ’04) and Nick Malick announce the birth of their daughter, Juliet Caroline Malick. Nick is finishing his M.F.A in creative writing at the University of Oregon and they plan a move to the San Francisco Bay area. • Hannah Emery is engaged to Alexander McEachern of Oakland, Calif. • Liam McDonnell recently discovered his passion for cooking and was accepted to the Culinary Institute of America in Napa Valley. Liam’s longstanding desire to join the U.S. Coast Guard has also been fulfilled; he is awaiting a ship date for basic training. • Kristi Eck works for Say Yes to Education, Inc. in Syracuse.
in public affairs and environmental science. Jenna sends congratulations to Mike Civitello '05 and Sara Macdonough as well as Steve Luke and Holly Eydenberg on their engagements! David Cheng has been loving San Francisco while at Golden Gate University School of Law, where he made dean’s list and placed second in his property class this fall. Jen Colifiores married Eric Rosenthal last January in Warwick, R.I.! The couple entered and won their local Maine Roller Derby league! Felicia Teach launched her oil paintings at an invitational show at Cygnet Gallery in Portland and will graduate from USM with a degree in public policy and management. Bailey Lawrence is headed to American University’s Washington College of Law this fall. Courtney Goodie moved to Geneva, Switzerland, and got promoted to assistant VP of application support at Merrill Lynch Bank Suisse. McKenzie Wessen moved to Philly this fall, where she met Yvonne Baker ‘08, John Goss ‘06, and Kate Braemer. Kate returned to Maine to teach students about animals and ecology after leading a winter backpacking course in CO and UT with Danny Wasserman ‘09. Mike Bracco moved to LA and works at the Internet startup company Mahalo.com as a writer for the tech blog The Next Web, where he covers social media and cloud computing. Krispy Thatcher Morin got married Nov. 14 to her high school sweetheart, Eric. In attendance were Caroline Donohue, Courtney Larson ‘08, Jeff Carroll ‘08, and Lewis Seton ‘09. Alex McPherson lives in Italy herding sheep and goats! Laura Keefer has relocated to Boston, where she continues the CBB rivalry living in the North End with her Bates roommate and spends her days working for Corinthian Events.

Lindsay Carlson pursues her master’s degree in biomedical engineering at BU and recently drove her sister, Kristin Carlson ‘04, to Tahoe and visited Val Friedman, Caitlin Gallagher, Katherine Price, Anthony Gill, and Jan Weidner along the way. Chris Zachowksi began his master’s in experimental education and nonprofit leadership and management certificate at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Last November he joined Chris Andrews, Elisa Chinliara, Emma Carlson ‘08, and Isaac Neelel ‘08 in the Bigelow for a dry-run of Alumni COOT. Ross Kaplan and Adam Roslyn attended the Professional Bull Riders Rodeo at Madison Square Garden to better comprehend the connection and oneness of humankind and the natural world. Lindsay Kohhoff is enjoying her new job in consulting, focusing on energy and climate-change economics. A few days before Christmas Kirsten Davis hosted dinner and gingerbread decorating for several Colby runners including Betsy Littlefield, Brianne Tufts, and Jen Anderson. Kali Abel is working on her Ph.D. in geology at CU Boulder and runs and skis constantly. She shares an office with Brett Aigler ‘08 and bothers Josh Montague ‘06 in the physics department.

2008
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Thanks to everyone who submitted news. It’s great to hear what you’re all up to! On July 24 Sasha Bartels was engaged to Haddon Pantel, a med student at UVM. They live in Burlington, VT, where Sasha works at Green Mountain Antibodies, a biotech company that manufactures antibodies. Erica Ciszek received her master’s in mass communication from Boston University in December. She now works as a strategic analyst at Mullen Advertising in Boston. She also rescued Charley, a one-year-old pit bull, from a local shelter. Bryan Solar and Alex Russell live in Cambridge, where Bryan works for Brooksides and Alex works for LEK. They recently visited Michael King, who loves life while working part time at the Gap and applying to graduate programs in floral management. Joerose Tharakan has lived in London since graduation, working on the floor credit sales desk at Nomura International (ex-Lehman). She lives with Anu Bhutnagar ‘06 and they stay connected to Colby with all of the Colby mail they receive! They’ve had a lot of Colby visitors including, Kevin Shers ‘07 and Kostadina Nacheva. They frequently see other Londoners including Pranay Sonalkar ‘07, Kip Krop ‘07, Nina Korolyova ‘06, and Jerenn ‘09. They welcome any and all visitors! Meaghan Fitzgerald also lives in London and is getting more involved in the tech/startup scene through expanding her biz dev role at her company Spoonfed. She is hoping to build upon her career and begin exploring M.B.A. options this year. Meaghan was grateful that Kip Krop ’07 hosted her for Thanksgiving. In January Meaghan met David Sternesky and Riley Doyle ’07 for dinner in the Haight. David moved to San Francisco in November. Meaghan Jerrett and Jake Obstfeld ’09 teach English at Wuhan International Culture University in Wuhan, China. Matthew Warshaw started working at the Department of Commerce in Washington D.C., as a special assistant for the under secretary for economic affairs. He enjoyed delicious Indian food with Holly Battelle and Zachary Fritzhed. Brett McNeice reported that Benjamin Herbst lives in Kips Bay with his new cat, Mittens. That’s all for now, but have a wonderful spring and hopefully I’ll see you at Colby sometime soon!

2009
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The Class of ’09 is off to a promising start as we navigate the “real world!” Emma McLeavey-Weeder lives in Tacoma, Wash., and works as an admission counselor at the University of Puget Sound. She spent some of the fall visiting ’09ers in NYC, Baltimore, and D.C. She hung out with Danny Wasserman in Portland, Ore., exploring the city’s culinary wonders, and made numerous trips to San Francisco to see Max Friedman, Seth Chanin, and Sam Given-Dennis. Kelsey Sutcliffe is in her first year of veterinary school at Ross University in the West Indies. She adopted a new puppy—a coconut retriever named Sweet Dee. Alex Thompson is teaching English to freshmen at Joseph P. Keefe Technical High School in Framingham, Mass. Alea teaches them literature, they teach her the new slang. Ashlee Holm and Alea are once again roomies, but this time they get to control their own heat in their Belmont, Mass., apartment. Ashlee works at a law firm and is acting in a play in which Jason Stigliano is also involved. Lokesh Todi works at an economic consulting group in Boston called Analysis Group. Kat Brzozowski lives in N.Y.C. with Wes Miller ‘08 and works as an assistant editor at Thomas Dunne Books, a division of St. Martin’s Press, in the Flatiron building.

Henry Powell has been trying his hand at making small batches of off-crop Portland, Maine. With Lauren Pongan he created some delicious flavors, including Guinness milk chocolate and honey lavender. He intends to start his own bicycle ice cream cart business in Portland this summer. Drew Hill is doing a 12-week-long winter internship on the summit of Mt. Washington conducting meteorological research with the observatory. Mollie Ryan works at Five County Credit Union as a scanning clerk, and she hosts scanning demos for credit unions across the state. She’s also working toward an M.B.A. at Southern New Hampshire University. In early December Mollie saw Alea Thompson and Ashlee Holm in Quincy Market, Boston. They caught up and shopped around the area. Hannah Pajolek and Meg Scroth are volunteering for the Silva Project in Kerkya, Greece. The Silva Project is an NGO dedicated to preserving the Skyrian horse. They work at the barn with the horses and spend their free time exploring the island. Dave Metcalf works at a small asset management and accounting firm and plans to enroll in a graduate program for accounting as part of the path to become a C.P.A. Olivia Sterling has returned to New York City (she is a native New Yorker), where she is interning at a PR agency specializing in art, design, and architecture. She’s also working towards a certificate in graphic design from Hunter College.
ALUMNI AT LARGE

OBITUARIES

Ethel MacDougall Aleman '31, Jan. 7, 2010, in Orleans, Mass., at 100. A high school English teacher in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, she loved Shake-speare, crosswords, and political discussions. She rooted for the Red Sox, listened to NPR, and in her final 10 years read War and Peace yearly. Survivors include her sister, Beatrice Juskalian, and three step-children.

Franklin Norvish '34, Jan. 3, 2010, in Waterville, Maine, at 98. In 1936 he earned a master's from Yale and began a 40-year career in the English department at Northeastern. He published two textbooks and advised debate teams. He worked in counterintelligence during World War II and earned a Bronze Star. He belonged to the Masons and American Legion, and he loved golf and saltwater fishing. For more than 60 years he was a Colby class agent. He received a Colby Brick in 1980 and the Ernest C. Marriner Distinguished Service Award in 2009. Survivors include his son, Philip, a cousin, and four sisters-in-law.

Dorothy Gould Rhoades '36, Nov. 22, 2009, in Claremont, Calif., at 95. She taught high school French and in 1969 earned a master's in French from Claremont. She was a Girl Scout leader, P.T.A. president, and Sunday school teacher. She rooted for the Red Sox, listened to Shakespeare, crosswords, and political discussions. Survivors include her husband, Rev. Dr. Donald H. Rhoades '33, with whom she raised two children.

Burton L. Linscott '42, Jan. 13, 2010, in Kaimuki, Hawaii, at 96. He earned a master's from General Theological Seminary and from the University of Hawaii. He came to Hawaii on a hospital ship during World War II and was pastor of Epiphany Church in Honolulu for 38 years. For years he sent postcards to homebound and elderly people and he sent age-appropriate books to 96 island children who did not have a grandfather. Survivors include his children, John and Betty Hardaway, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

William E. Tucker '42, Jan. 20, 2010, in Essex, Conn., at 89. He served with the Navy as a commanding officer during World War II and then continued with the Navy reserves. In 1955 he cofounded Fortune Plastics, Inc., which he ran until his retirement in 1987. He was active with the Old Saybrook (Conn.) community and supported many local projects. Predeceased by his wife, Ruby Lott Tucker '43, he is survived by his children, Susan Tucker Creef, Deborah Tucker Grass '69, and William E. Tucker Jr., 10 grandchildren, including Stephanie Sharpley Sulzbach '99 and Scott Tucker '02, and five great-grandchildren.

Charles E. Lawrence '43, Jan. 17, 2010, in Nashua, N.H., at 91. He joined the Navy during World War II and served until 1953. He then worked in civil service with the Air Force and the Veterans Administration. He loved to play horseshoes and was a Mason for more than 60 years. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Pauline, two children, three grandsons, and two great-grandchildren.

Mary Reynolds Livingston '43, Jan. 10, 2010, in Rockland, Maine, at 88. She worked in the admissions office at Boston University and then devoted herself to motherhood. After retiring to Calais, Maine, she volunteered for the Red Cross and Maine Audubon and enjoyed bird and whale watching along the coast. Survivors include her daughter, Julie Tagen, Martha Livingston, and Hildegard Livingston, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Allan R. Knight '41, Jan. 18, 2010, in Portland, Maine, at 90. He served as a bombardier in the Air Force during World War II, studied engineering, and worked for Honeywell and J.P. Salamini designing electrical systems. He loved sailing and built a 25-foot yawl sailboat in his backyard. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Norma, a son, a daughter and son-in-law, Richard '74 and Elizabeth Knight Warn '76, and two granddaughters.

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Emily Stocking Matsoukis '45, July 2, 2009, in Orleans, Mass., at 86. She was a homemaker and a mother who raised one son. She practiced Trager and Reiki bodywork and loved to travel.

Earl W. Anthony '46, Dec. 21, 2009, in Wolfeboro, N.H., at 84. He was a pilot for the Navy during World War II and afterwards flew for American Airlines for 35 years, retiring as a senior captain. He was active with the local school board and theater, and he was a foster parent. Survivors include his wife, Elsie, a sister, four children, 10 grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters.

Jeanne Sellar Yusaitis '46, Dec. 28, 2009, in Troy, N.Y., at 85. She worked as a teacher and as a bank teller in addition to being a mother and homemaker. Survivors include her husband, Francis, three sons, and three grandchildren.

Marjorie Collins Marcyes '47, Oct. 2, 2009, in North Dallas, Texas, at 84. After raising her children she worked as an elementary school teacher and a residential real estate broker. She loved literature, the arts, and languages and was an avid golfer. She was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Richard Marcyes '47, and her brother, George Collins '51. Survivors include her husband, Richard Marcyes '78 and Susan Browder, her sister-in-law, Sarah Kunkel Collins '51, and four grandchildren.

Louise Kelley Pape Rochester '47, Jan. 30, 2010, in Duxbury, Mass., at 84. In addition to raising her children, she taught middle school for 26 years. She loved the natural world and enjoyed sailing and traveling the globe. Survivors include her children, Heidi, Eric, Louise, Mark, Paul '75, and Andrea '79, three step children, and 10 grandchildren.

Lewis E. Beers '49, Nov. 12, 2009, in Orlando, Fla., at 84. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II and then established a career in sales. He was predeceased by his former wife, Frances Terry Power '49, with whom he raised six children.

Marilyn Perkins Prouty '49, Jan. 26, 2010, in Nashua, N.H., at 84. She became an R.N. in 1956 and earned a master's in 1964. She worked in nursing administration and eventually became vice president of nursing at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital. She helped start the baccalaureate nursing program at Colby-Sawyer College and was honored by the New Hampshire Nursing Association. Survivors include her companion, Anne Sweatt.

Karekin Der Sahagian Jr. '49, Dec. 20, 2009, in Bradenton, Fla., at 83. He served in the Army during World War II, earned an M.B.A. in 1950, and became an investment analyst on Wall Street. He enjoyed travel and was interested in history, geography, and language, teaching himself Armenian, the native language of his parents. Survivors include his sons, Karekin III and Erik, and four grandchildren.

Charles H. Lord '50, Feb. 13, 2010, in Oakton, Va., at 83. He served in China with the Army during World War II. He worked for the C.I.A. for 35 years and then worked as a consultant. He summere in Belgrade Lakes, Maine, was active with his church, and belonged to the Virginia Democratic Party. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Colette, seven children, 19 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Henry H. Fales Jr. '51, Feb. 15, 2010, in Orleans, Mass., at 84. He was drafted during high school and served with the Army Air Corps during World War II. He worked for General Electric as an engineer and programer and then was a handyman in Brewster, Mass. He was a ham radio operator with the highest license, extra, and he taught code and ham radio procedures to fourth graders. He volunteered with the Orleans Council on Aging and taught computer skills to the elderly. Survivors include his brother, Nathan.

Richard B. Mack '51, Jan. 28, 2010, in Longboat Key, Fla., at 81. He earned a doctorate in applied physics from Harvard and worked for the U.S. Air Force at Hanscom Field. He was also a consultant. He wrote scientific papers and was a life member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Along with his wife he established a scholarship fund at Colby. Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Walker Mack '52, and a sister.
Louis M. Patterson Jr. '51, Jan. 2, 2010, in Portland, Maine, at 86. He served on Army medical trains during World War II and then returned to graduate from Colby. He worked as a credit manager for Duro Test Corporation, savored the arts while living in New York City, and retired in Maine. Survivors include his wife, Charlotte, a daughter, two grandchildren, and a sister.

John W. Pettengill '51, Feb. 2, 2010, in Indianapolis, Ind., at 80. He was awarded a Bronze Star for his Army service during the Korean War. He later earned a master's in English from Columbia. He worked in sales, served as president of Indianapolis's Sertoma Club, loved to sail, and was an avid reader of nonfiction. Survivors include his wife, Marian, three sons, and three grandchildren.

F. Brittain Kennedy Jr. '52, Jan. 20, 2010, in Highlands Ranch, Colo., at 80. He served with the Army during the 1950s and then became an investment banker who owned his own company. Survivors include his wife, Betty, five children, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandsons.

Robert E. Ardiff '54, Dec. 16, 2009, in Worcester, Mass., at 77. He earned his bachelor's from Clark University and then worked for New England Telephone Company (now Verizon) for 35 years. He loved classical music and played the piano and organ. Survivors include his wife, Ellen, six children, two sisters, including Nancy Ardiff Boulter '50, 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

George Foster Barry '54, Dec. 4, 2009, in Arlington, Texas, at 77. He was a U.S. Navy captain. Survivors include his children, Linda Bennet, Carolyn Lytle, and John Barry, three grandchildren, and a brother, Clarence Wilson Barry '46.

Nancy Ives Quinlan '54, Jan. 2, 2010, in Oviedo, Fla., at 76. She was a devoted homemaker and a mother who supported Boston sports teams. She was predeceased by her brothers, John H. Ives '49 and Frederic C. Ives '52, and survived by her children, Anne Smith, Joan DeMattos, Sally Quinlan, and Jane Babineau, and six grandchildren.

Robert B. Parker '54, Jan. 18, 2010, in Cambridge, Mass., at 77. He served in the Army during the Korean War and then worked a variety of jobs until he earned a Ph.D. from Boston University in 1970. While teaching at Northeastern he began writing mystery novels, writing 37 of his Spenser novels and publishing 65 books in total over 37 years. His books spawned TV and film adaptations. Predeceased by his father, Carroll S. Parker '26, he is survived by his wife, Joan Hall Parker '54, and two sons.

Allen D. MacLean '57, Jan. 30, 2010, in Jackson Heights, N.Y., at 74. He earned two master's degrees and became an ordained minister in 1960. He served in churches in Massachusetts and New York and was proud to serve multi-racial, urban congregations. He also volunteered as a tutor for ESL students. He traveled extensively, spoke Spanish fluently, and loved playing the piano. Survivors include his sister, Susan Herron, nieces, and nephews.

Robert E. Otis '60, Aug. 24, 2009, in Ludington, Mich., at 71. After serving in the Army, he earned a bachelor's from Fairleigh Dickinson and then worked as an employee relations manager. Along with his wife, Barbara McGregor Otis '61, he raised three children.

Marijane Eaton Fall '62, Feb. 5, 2010, in Hollis, Maine, at 69. She earned a master's and a doctorate in counselor education and built a career teaching and counseling in schools throughout Maine. In 2007 she retired as full professor from the University of Southern Maine. She was a Teacher of the Year in the U.S. in 1997. In profile, researcher and author, she was a national expert on play therapy. She painted watercolors and played bridge. She died in a car accident. Survivors include her father, two sisters, three children, including Gretchen Fall '89, two grandchildren, and two cats.

Joan Phillips Thompson '64, March 12, 2010, in Marblehead, Mass., at 67. As a stay-at-home mom, she wrote eight books for young adults, including Marblehead and Parker's Island. She was a member of the Marblehead Democratic Town Committee and a delegate to several Democratic State Conventions. She played the guitar and piano, loved books, played tennis, gardened, and enjoyed cooking. She died of brain cancer. Survivors include her husband, Stephen Thompson '63, two sons, four grandchildren, and her sister, Brenda Phillips Gibbons '62.

Karen Jaffe Brown '65, Jan. 3, 2010, in Zanesville, Ohio, at 66. She earned a master's in Spanish and taught Spanish at the university and public school levels in Wisconsin and Ohio until 2006. She also served as manager of the Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra and was active with community and social justice causes. Survivors include her husband, Russell, two children, two grandchildren, and a sister.

David S. Cutler '65, Feb. 28, 2010, in Duxbury, Mass., at 66. He began his newspaper career in 1965 as a beat reporter for the Patriot Ledger and then found the Marshfield Mariner in 1972, taking three years off to serve with the Marines in Vietnam, where he earned a Purple Heart. He went on to establish the Mariner Newspapers, which grew to include 17 community weeklies. He was a reader of history and politics and an avid conversationalist. He fished and played tennis and chess. Survivors include his wife, Catherine, two sisters, four children, two stepchildren, and seven grandchildren.

Stephanie Barker Neely '67, Jan. 6, 2010, in Austin, Texas, at 64. She held master's degrees in education and library science and worked in libraries in Austin. She brought Vietnamese-language and Spanish-language material to the libraries, served as the Asian language collection specialist, and implemented programs for immigrants to improve their English. The New York Times awarded her a Librarian Award in 2006 for her "outstanding public service." Survivors include her husband, William, and four children.

Dwight A. Riggs '69, Jan. 26, 2009, in Tucson, Ariz., at 61. He earned a master's from the University of Denver and worked in libraries. He loved to hike and died mysteriously while hiking in Aqua Caliente Park. His remains were found a year later. Survivors include his children, Jessica and Douglas, and a brother.

Mark Chamberlain '71, Nov. 19, 2009, in Placerville, Calif., at 59. He served with the Air Force police as a dog handler in the South Pacific during Vietnam and then transferred to the reserves, where he served actively for a year after Sept. 11. He became a deputy sheriff as a bloodhound handler, mountain rescuer, and underwater rescuer in California and Maine. He also attended McGeorge School of Law. He was an avid reader and birdwatcher and an expert scuba diver. Survivors include his wife, Deborah, three sons, a grandson, his mother, and two siblings.

Gwynelle Dismukes '73, Oct. 3, 2009, in Flat Rock, N.C., at 56. She was a writer, publisher, performer poet, and workshop leader who promoted subjects such as African-centered spirituality, peace education, and sustainability. She published two newspapers, wrote several books, and organized community events. She served on community boards, including The Farm and Center for Peace Education, and was a Daoist. She died of renal failure. Survivors include her children, Chaing-tu and Aminata.

Peter D. Suorsa '76, Feb. 3, 2010, in Coventry, R.I., at 55. He was president of the Coventry Survey Company for 25 years and was a member of the R.I. Society of Professional Land Surveyors. He belonged to the Coventry Conservation Commission and the Pawtuxet Valley Community Chorus. He died in Johnson's Pond in Coventry following an ice-skating mishap. Survivors include his children, Samuel and Kristina, and a brother.

James M. Moody '80, Jan. 7, 2010, in Scarborough, Maine, at 53. He was geologist who worked for Woodard & Curran in Portland, Maine. An environmentalist and conservationist, he helped dismantle the Presumpscot River dams, served on the Falmouth (Maine) Planning Board, and volunteered at the food pantry. He had a zest for life that took him skiing, traveling, gardening, and hiking. He died of cancer. Survivors include his parents, William and Jane, two sons and their mother, three siblings, and his companion, Joan Lee.

Joel A. Potvin '81, March 16, 2010, in Biddedford, Maine, at 51. He worked for 20 years as a programming manager at Eonik Cyro in Sanford, Maine. He loved sports and volunteered with youth sports in Biddedford as a coach and an umpire. Survivors include his wife, Marie, two children, his mother, and five siblings.

Elizabeth C. Hanson '02, Dec. 30, 2009, in Afghanistan, at 30. Originally a member of the Class of 2001, she took time off to care for her mother and graduated in 2002. After working in Washington, D.C., she worked for the CIA and was posted in Afghanistan when she was killed, along with six of her colleagues, by a suicide bomber. Survivors include her mother, Elizabeth, her father, Duane, and a brother.

Jean D. Bundy, March 15, 2010, in Providence, R.I., at 85. A specialist in French literature who was educated at the University of Washington, Washington State University, and the University of Wisconsin, Professor Bundy taught at Colby from 1963 to 1990 and was the chair of the Department of Modern Languages. Survivors include his children, Alison, Lanham, Chris, and Nick.
When I talk about my Jan Plan experience—running in terror when the earthquake struck, and dealing with the apocalyptic aftermath—people generally react the same way: with curiosity, eagerness to know more, disbelief at the horror and sadness of it all, and a sense of compassion for me because I’ve experienced such a thing. I can pretty much count on them finishing with some sentiment like, “Thank goodness you made it back safe.” I’m thankful, too, but every day I find myself thinking more and more about those who did not as well as those I left behind in Haiti.

I have spent the past four years devoted to my double major in biology and ethical genetics (an independent, interdisciplinary major combining philosophy and biology). Like many of my peers, by the time I reached my senior year I had completed my required three Jan Plans and was looking to do something fun and different. That’s how I found myself stepping off a plane at the Touissant L’Ouverture International Airport in Port-au-Prince on January 3.

When I look back on the moments before the earthquake, what I remember is an overwhelming sense of happiness, a feeling that I was where I belonged. I was eating the food and speaking the language I grew up with in my Brooklyn apartment, so happy to be meeting family. Then on Jan. 12, 10 days after I arrived, the earthquake struck.

We were driving to a friend’s house. Suddenly the ground started to shake and the car rocked back and forth as if it were riding a huge wave. My brother (who was driving) told us to all get out of the car. Buildings and houses along the road began to fall, creating clouds of dust. People were running out of buildings as they collapsed. We grabbed onto each other and ran.

We tried to find the best way to safety, but it seemed that every way we turned we were met with destruction, despair, and death. I didn’t know what was going on until my brother said in disbelief, “C’est un tremble de terre!” (It’s an earthquake!) We stayed away from buildings and walked home in the middle of a wide street with a pedestrian throng. When we got home we found that not only was our house still standing, but everyone in the house had made it out alive.

My family was very lucky. However, the Haitian government has deemed all homes to be uninhabitable right now, so my family lives in their backyard. Inflation has driven up food prices, so they make do with one meal a day. Clean water is scarce, and violence is a threat.

To think—we are the lucky ones. My sisters have not been orphaned, like so many other children. We haven’t lost limbs or suffered other serious injuries. The house we’ve known for years hasn’t crumbled into a sea of rubble.

Now it has been months since the earthquake, and you might have moved beyond the horror and sadness. Haitians have not and cannot. The quake made a tough place worse. Sometimes tragedy strikes those who can bear it least, which is why those who are in a position to do more must help.

Even on its best day, Haiti was a public health disaster. Before the earthquake Haitians experienced rolling blackouts, days without food and clean water, chronic poverty, and death from lack of quality health care. And now? Because we don’t see the stories on our televisions anymore does not mean they aren’t happening every minute, every hour, every day, every night.

A day does not pass that I do not think about Haiti. For me it is personal, it is about my family and my country, my Haiti. I was thrilled upon my return to campus to find that the Colby community had made it personal as well, and that students ended up raising more than $70,000 for the cause. There are plans to help in the long term as well.

For this and many other reasons, in May I will be proud to be a graduate of Colby College. My four years at Colby have taught me something that the earthquake reinforced: if you are fortunate and privileged enough to be able to give, to advocate, and to fight for the innocent, the bystanders, the victims, the brave, and the children, you should do just that—and much more.

And so I ask you to follow the example Colby has set, the lessons Colby teaches. Millions of Haitians will live for years in the aftermath of this earthquake. Please do not forget Ayiti, pays cherie mwen—Haiti, my darling country.

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The Great Depression, starting in 1929, cast a long shadow. It disrupted the global economy and led to vast suffering in countries such as Australia, Chile, Japan, Germany, Britain, and the United States. Faced with mass unemployment and immiseration, countless workers expressed doubt in capitalism and democracy and called for a “new deal.” The Depression bolstered the rise and the aggressiveness of undemocratic governments and sapped the will of the democracies to resist them. Yet, the depression years also inspired some great film and a distinctive brand of humor. Alumni College 2010 launches an inquiry into the political, cultural, and economic impact of the Great Depression in the United States and the world. It further explores the effects of economic crisis on science and technology and considers implications for the recent economic crisis, the most serious in many countries since the Great Depression.

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