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Making Boys Macho

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Faculty-student friendships that begin in the classroom often endure for decades. Professors and alumni agree: they’re one of Colby’s cherished and lasting benefits.

Silver Lining
For some alumni, having careers disrupted by the economic recession proves to be a good thing.

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Six Months Out | Members of the Class of 2009 report back on their triumphs and tribulations and many things in between. Read Alexandra Desaulniers ’11 on the newest alumni and their advice for students who soon will follow them off Mayflower Hill.
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Her Own Path | Zoe Herrmann ’13 on why she followed two brothers to Colby—and won’t be in their shadows now that she’s here.
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In Their Voices | Colby authors read from their new books: go online to hear Ira Sadoff (History Matters: Contemporary Poetry on the Margins of American Culture), Debra Spark (Good for the Jews), and Larissa Taylor (The Virgin Warrior: The Life and Death of Joan of Arc).
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Spirited

Julian Patterson '10 led cheers from the sidelines as the men's soccer team squared off against Williams Sept. 26. Alas, Patterson's exhortations weren't enough, as the Mules fell to the Ephs.

Photo by Charlotte Wilder '11
Oftentimes we see the common threads that connect stories in *Colby*. Sometimes it takes readers to make the connections for us.

That was the case for the summer issue of the magazine, which included the cover story on Jeronimo Maradiaga ’09J, who succeeded at Colby by overcoming hardships at home in the Bronx. The issue also included an essay by Richard Whitecar ’75 detailing his post-Colby experience with bipolar disorder. Maradiaga, a Watson Fellow currently traveling the world studying different definitions of success, was faced with poverty and homelessness early in life; Whitecar was on track for success when, just after Colby, his illness derailed him.

I admit I was puzzled when I read the first letter from a reader linking the two stories. But then the commonalities became obvious. Both are stories about Colbians who overcame adversity: Maradiaga, by pursuing his goals despite overwhelming family pressures; Whitecar by coming to terms with—even finding contentment in—his life with mental illness. But the pair has more in common than that.

What Maradiaga and Whitecar possess is the courage to reveal themselves and their problems to a community marked by accomplishment, especially as represented in this magazine. The pages of *Colby* are peopled with scientists and novelists, academics and activists, investment bankers and accomplished athletes. References to poverty in this magazine usually are in the context of efforts to assuage pressures; Whitecar by coming to terms with—even finding contentment in—his life with mental illness. But the pair has more in common than that.

Of course, Maradiaga and Whitecar aren’t the only alumni who have coped with disadvantages. They are just two of the relatively few who have been willing to admit to their college community that, at times, their lives have been marked with struggle and stress.

So if you haven’t read their stories, go online (colby.edu/mag) and do so. And also read the letters in this issue of *Colby*. Both contain lessons for all of us. As letter writer Tony Burkart ’71 points out, success is about more than the bare fact of accomplishment. Burkart quotes the old saying, “It’s not so much about being dealt a good hand, it’s about playing a poor hand well.”
A new year has brought new voices and energy to the insideColby team of student writers, photographers, videographers, podcasters, and bloggers. See a sampling of what they’ve been up to below, with much more at insideColby.com.

**Inside the Colby Fishbowl**

**Student bloggers on…**

A troubled love affair with Foss dining hall (“Our relationship isn’t what it used to be. Just the other night, I came over for a nice meal. And your main entree was wheat loaf. Wheat loaf? WHEAT LOAF! That’s called bread, Foss.)

Getting writing help from the Farnham Writers’ Center (“I just got back from the Writers’ Center. How I wish I could say I was one of the tutors. But alas, I too need advice on my own papers.”)

InsideColby bloggers making page one of the *Times* (“Guess what. We ic bloggers are famous. Well, kind of. … [T]he *New York Times* – the *New York Times*! – had a front-page article about student bloggers, and insideColby got a mini-shout-out.”)

These are among the many topics discussed in recent blog posts on insideColby.com. Unedited student voices.

**Watch, Listen, Learn**

This summer Tarini Manchanda ’09 set out to learn what makes Colby Colby. She interviewed students and professors and, using skills learned in the American Dreams documentary filmmaking course and a gift for storytelling, she produced a 10-minute film called The Colby Experience.

Also this summer, Tamer Hassan ’11 made videos about everything from the Colby-Hume Center, where students hang out on the dock and in the lake, to recent grads who chose to stay in Maine to work—at the Natural Resources Council of Maine, *MaineBiz*, and, of course, L.L.Bean.

**Spice of Life**

Around noon on weekdays students begin streaming into Colby’s three dining halls. They breeze through the lines to get their cards swiped and grab anything from a salad (sometimes with vegetables from the student-run garden) or a made-to-order sub to an Asian bento box or a make-your-own noodle bowl. They gather with friends, fuel up, and take off for the next thing. What’s happening behind the scenes is not at the top of most students’ minds, but they appreciate the result. “They do a really good job in making sure there is a variety of different foods,” said Sharonda Bradley ’10. …

**SECRET SPOTS**

Colleges campuses can feel crowded at times, but Colby students manage to find their own, sometimes out-of-the-way, places to get their work done.

As seniors were wrapping up their final college classes last spring, insideColby asked them to reveal their secret study spots. Here’s what they bequeathed to underclassmen. …
Profiles in Courage

You are to be commended on the summer 2009 edition of Colby. It contained an artful balance of noteworthy news, standouts, and the real standouts when it comes to guts-ball human courage.

“Jeronimo Maradiaga’s Journey” is a story to be taken in and then allowed to brew in the soul, as it speaks to much of the grist of what it means to be human. Entitlement, attitudes that we don’t have, they have us, the grit of resilience and survival and triumph in circumstances of monumental odds. But his story is also a testimony to a college that was willing to support and stand by Jeronimo, through the muck he could not avoid facing, to the place where the poet Rilke tells us, “What seems our greatest demon can become our greatest ally.”

But as I thumbed my way through the alumni news to The Last Page, I was particularly touched by Richard Whitecar’s one-pager (“Learning to Live with Bipolar Disorder, Minus the Stigma”), which concludes the reading. Poignant, yes; noteworthy, absolutely, in light of the quote he used from Booker T. Washington: “Success is measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed!” Or, as Mark Twain once remarked, “It’s not so much about being dealt a good hand, it’s about playing a poor hand well.”

Perhaps what Whitecar reminds us all from his personal journey is that the inner struggle is ultimately what connects the head and the heart, which is not about knowledge but about wisdom.

Tony Burkart ’71
Franklin, Maine

I found the cover story about the challenging journey of Jeronimo Maradiaga ’09J, to be riveting. The tenacity of this young man to accomplish his goal—and fulfill his dream—of going to college and graduating, no matter how long it took or how many obstacles stood in his way, was truly inspiring. Thank you for sharing his story with us.

Cathy Palmer Smith ’80
Boscawen, N.H.

Bipolar Challenges Hit Home

I always enjoy reading Colby, but your summer issue was particularly good. The cover story on Jeronimo Maradiaga ’09J was inspirational and awe-inspiring. However, it was The Last Page article by Richard Whitecar ’75 on his struggles with bipolar disorder that really struck home.

Last summer my 26-year-old son called from Arizona where he was attending ASU, sobbing hysterically and talking about suicide. I hopped the next plane, checked him into a hospital where he was diagnosed as Bipolar, Type 2, rapid-cycling. Thus began my personal education in this disorder. I am grateful to report that he is doing exceptionally well on medication and has returned to college, but it was a sometimes agonizing and nightmarish time in my life (and not how I had planned to spend the first year of my retirement from government service). We are currently following the health-care reform issues with particular attention because my son now has a pre-existing condition and his medication costs $2,000 per month. Who can afford that? And yet it is vital to his continued well-being.

My personal thanks to Mr. Whitecar for speaking openly about his condition and its impact on his life. There is strength in numbers.

Judith Kenoyer Stoy ’71
Brunswick, Maine

Bias Evident In Letter Selection

I am shocked at the bias shown in selecting the letters published (summer 2009 Colby) in response to “Where is Science Behind Climate Change Claims?” (spring 2009 Colby). What appear in the summer 2009 issue are two lengthy letters criticizing David Epstein’s article and the College for publishing it and one brief letter suggesting the benefit of healthy discourse of a controversial topic.

Meanwhile, in the correspondence to the author that follows the online publication of the article are 24 letters: two disputing Mr. Epstein’s work and 22 agreeing with or supporting the article. Among other attributes, these 22 letters demonstrate that the jury is still out on global warming and its causes; scientific truth awaits facts, not unfounded hypotheses; and critical thinking is to be encouraged.

If such an imbalance in the published letters (two to one published versus two to 22 online) is an example of the College’s encouragement of academic curiosity and journalistic fairness, then I am ashamed to be affiliated with Colby.

Cynthia Barker ’62
Newark, Vt.

A Convenient Lie

Of course I’m referring to the great hoax and myth of global warming (a.k.a. climate change) perpetrated by Al Gore and his sycophants. I have read the fine essay on the subject by Dave Epstein ’86 (“Where is the Science Behind Climate Change Claims?” spring 2009 Colby) and completely agree with him. I would trust his forecasts on WCVB-TV anytime. In his rebuttal to Dave’s essay, Steve Eittreim ’63 cites the 40 scientists that reached a strong consensus under the IPCC stating what? All too often the proponents of global warming warn us of the impact of CO2 on mankind and our
planet, but don’t back it up with any concrete facts. In recent years, over 31,478 scientists including 9,029 Ph.D.s signed a petition that refutes global warming (www.petitionproject.org). In summary it says, “There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gases is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth’s atmosphere and disruption of the Earth’s climate.”

Three years ago a very esteemed geology professor made me aware of the entire global warming frenzy with all its predictions and dire consequences. He considered it “climate adjustment” and said we are in an “interglacial period” when the Earth warms up, glaciers melt and life flourishes. Mr. Gore and his followers would have us believe that the use of fossil fuels and other activities of mankind have overwhelmed Mother Nature during this period and are producing unheard of, out-of-control warming. Well, it’s simply isn’t true. The out-of-control warming is false. John Coleman, founder of the Weather Channel, in an address before the San Diego Chamber of Commerce said, “Worldwide there was a significant natural warming trend in the 1980s and 1990s as a solar cycle peaked with lots of sunspots and solar flares. That ended in 1998 and now the Sun has gone quiet with fewer and fewer sunspots, and the global temperatures have gone into decline. Earth has cooled for almost 10 straight years. So, I ask Mr. Gore, where is global warming?” I strongly suggest reading Mr. Coleman’s address (www.kusi.com/weather/colemanscorner/19842304.html) that debunks the mystique of global warming.

John A. Dutton ’55
Citrus Heights, California

Colby Should Encourage Debate

Several items in the summer 2009 issue struck a chord with me.

First was the reaction to “Where is Science Behind Climate Change Claims?” in the spring issue. When I read it, I too was surprised to see it, but also very happy! It told me that there was some recognition of that point of view.

Now an interjection. When I started at Colby in 1967, my father wrote me a note of fatherly advice that I still have today. I recall a quote from the letter where my father said the president was “a liberal of the worst sort” and he was concerned about the quality of education I would get at Colby. At the time, I didn’t realize what he was talking about. He was the leader of “conservative Democrats” in Southern California.

What I have taught my kids is to keep your ears, eyes, and mind open and make your own judgment. Teachers will make a point, and it is okay to question them and seek an alternative point of view. Then decide where you stand on the point.

It has always been my belief that colleges and universities should encourage debate and research to uncover and expose all points of view. I hope Colby encourages research, debate, and the recognition that it is okay to hold a different point of view.

So the letters claiming that “the debate is over” with respect to climate change are very disconcerting. In my opinion, they are trying to stifle debate and silence alternative points of view. Take an open mind to the Cato Institute, the Heartland Institute, the Heritage Foundation to see real scientists questioning climate change. It is a debate. There should certainly be an open debate about what to do about it.

Larry Trippet ’71
Reno, Nevada

Ready for the Big Leagues

As a former student of and research assistant for Professor G. Calvin Mackenzie (“The Digital Revolution Hits Home—Or Does It?” summer 2009 Colby), I can tell you that his use of technology in the classroom is unrivaled. He doesn’t use technology for the sake of using technology; he uses it to accentuate his point and to paint a clearer picture for his students.

I also want to take an opportunity to support Professor Mackenzie’s argument that institutions of higher education, like Colby, should examine and be open to their students graduating in three years (if a student has met all the college requirements for graduation). Currently Colby has a four-year graduation policy, with some students allowed to graduate in 3.5 years. Very occasionally a student is allowed to graduate in three years.

However, this shouldn’t be the case. Every single Colby student should have the right to graduate in three years as long as they have fulfilled their all-area requirements, completed 128 credits, and majored in at least one subject. I enjoyed my four years at Colby and wouldn’t have graduated early. But why should a college require students to attend an extra year and fork out another $50,000 if students have already met the minimum graduation criteria that the college has set? As Professor Mackenzie says, “Many Colby students, aided by technologies and resources that did not exist a generation ago, seem to have reached levels of proficiency as juniors that I didn’t used to see until deep into their senior year. ... They are, in baseball parlance, ready for a higher league long before they get their degrees.” I echo that statement.

Lakesh Todi ’09
Boston, Mass.

No Glare Allowed

The summer issue of Colby just arrived. I commend you on the non-glare pages. As an older person I find print on glossy paper difficult to read although I am told that it makes for more striking photography. I wish the many periodicals we receive in the mail would do likewise.

Rev. Charles L. Smith, Jr. ’50
Providence, Rhode Island
More Academics, Less Alcohol

Extending the academic program and intellectual focus of the College throughout the week, severely restricting the use of hard alcohol on campus, and adopting a Statement of Community Expectations are among the Campus Culture Working Group’s (CCWG) recommendations for addressing the culture of excessive drinking at Colby. The CCWG’s report and recommendations, eight months in the making, were presented to students by Vice President for Student Affairs James S. Terhune at the State of the College address Sept. 15.

Formed by President William D. Adams in the aftermath of the May 2008 “Champagne Steps” end-of-classes celebration—which saw 14 Colby students treated for alcohol poisoning and nearly overwhelmed local emergency rooms—the CCWG includes students, faculty, staff, alumni, and Waterville community members. The group met eight times between Sept. 2008 and May 2009, analyzing national data on college student drinking behavior and outcomes as well as data specific to Colby students. More than 400 Colby students participated in the CCWG’s Student Alcohol Survey, providing more than 3,000 short-answer responses to questions about the drinking behaviors of Colby students. The entire CCWG report and background materials are available at www.colby.edu/ccwg.

Students and other community members had approximately one month to comment on the CCWG’s recommendations before they were slated to go to the Board of Trustees for approval at the October meeting. If approved by the board, implementation of some of the recommendations is expected to begin immediately. —David Eaton

Good as Gold

Two Colby residence halls built in the early 1950s and renovated in 2008 received LEED gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. Colby now has more LEED-certified buildings than any other private college in Maine and is the first private college in Maine to achieve the gold level. Pierce and Perkins-Wilson, which were once fraternity houses, are now more energy efficient and include local, recycled, and sustainably harvested materials.

The two buildings, which were expanded as well as renovated, are the fourth and fifth projects at Colby to receive LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification. Major energy improvements came from replacing windows, expanding the number of heating zones, adding motion sensors and timers for reduced electrical use, and installing more efficient lighting and equipment. Energy-recovery systems allow for the capture of heat energy from warm-air exhaust, which is then used to partially reheat the incoming fresh air.

Pierce and Perkins-Wilson, originally both 8,160 square feet, each received a highly efficient 1,800-square-foot addition. Building features include new study/lounge space, an elevator for better accessibility, recycling centers, and interior bike rooms.

Other LEED-certified buildings at Colby are the Schar-Swenson-Watson Alumni Center (certified at the LEED silver level and opened in 2005 as one of the first academic buildings in Maine certified by the program), the Diamond Building, which opened in 2007, and the Cotter Union/Bookstore project, which opened last year and attained LEED silver.

Bicentennial Class Gets Oriented

This fall Colby welcomed the Class of 2013, whose members will graduate as the College celebrates its 200th anniversary. Four-hundred eighty first-years include residents of 35 states and citizens of more than 30 countries including, for the first time, Rwanda and Cambodia. Orientation, revamped in recent years, went so smoothly that Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Barbara Moore said the potentially chaotic check-in process seemed “too quiet.” A class profile is online at www.colby.edu/profile.
**Women Who Shine**

A new colloquium titled Women in the Spotlight was initiated in September, with monthly talks and events scheduled to highlight the scholarship and accomplishments of women on Colby’s faculty and staff.

The inaugural event Sept. 17 featured the four women newly appointed to named, endowed chairs speaking about their academic careers and current research interests. The series continues in October as a once-a-month midweek talk in the Lovejoy Building.

In September Jill Gordon, Charles A. Dana Professor of Philosophy, talked about her study of Plato’s erotic dialogues as a scholar interested in political and social philosophy.

Kimberly Besio, Ziskind Associate Professor of East Asian Studies, discussed the multidisciplinary approach she has been able to pursue at Colby studying male friendship in 16th- and 17th-century Ming China. Jennifer Yoder, the Robert E. Diamond Associate Professor of Government and International Studies, talked about her research in post-reunification Germany, particularly political and social interactions along the Germany-Poland border. Adrianna Paliyenko, Charles A. Dana Professor of French, described her research on the erasure from history of the contributions of brilliant women in late-19th-century France.

**Summer School—and Recess, Too**

What do sex and Bratz dolls, robots and Velcro, and mud and the Triassic period have in common? All three topics were among the student presentations featured at the 2009 Colby Undergraduate Summer Research Retreat (CUSRR), held in June in The Forks, Maine. Organized by Assistant Professor of Chemistry Kevin Rice ’96 and in its second year, the retreat highlights the research done by students and faculty at Colby each summer. “While it’s a pretty common thing at larger schools, I thought it would be a unique thing at a smaller school,” said Rice.

This year’s two-day retreat featured 57 student research presentations representing the breadth of Colby’s liberal arts curriculum. The “usual suspects”—biology and chemistry—were heavily represented, but the 115 Colby students, faculty, and staff in attendance also saw presentations ranging from the exploitative branding of Bratz dolls (American studies) to allowing people to visit the Colby Museum of Art remotely using robots (computer science). A complete list of topics is at www.colby.edu/CUSRR.

The program also connects students and faculty with alumni researchers. This year’s keynote speaker, Scott Murchie ’81, is a planetary geologist and leading Mars researcher who spoke about his work and the search for life on Mars. [See “Mars Up Close,” summer 2008 Colby.]

Research is the focus, but CUSRR is not all “Downstream targets of D-Pax2 in D. melanogaster” and no play. Day two included rafting led by Rob Peabody ’96 and Crab Apple Whitewater or a hike led by Associate Professor of Biology Russell Johnson. “Given the unique flavor of the summer research experience, it seemed appropriate to get everyone together,” said Rice.

A video of CUSRR 2009 is available at www.insidecolby.com/video. —D.T.E.

**UIGHURS FILM ROLLS ON**

Shortly after graduating from Colby in 2000, Jeff Daniels learned about the plight of the Uighur people—Muslims in western China worried that their culture was being subsumed by the Han Chinese. Years of research culminated in his 2009 documentary film, *The 10 Conditions of Love*, about exiled Uighur leader Rebiya Kadeer.

In July, after a Chinese official asked to have the film pulled from the prestigious Melbourne International Film Festival, Daniels said in a Guardian blogpost, “Ironically, the one country that wants to silence my film gave it press I could never afford.”

Tensions escalated as the screening neared, with cyber attacks on the film festival’s Web site and online ticket sales. Interest built. The film’s premiere was moved to the 1,500-seat city hall venue and still sold out, the New York Times reported Aug. 10.

On Sept. 1 the Associated Press reported on appearances by Kadeer and the Dalai Lama in Prague, and noted that Daniels’s film was being shown as part of the Peace, Democracy and Human Rights in Asia conference there. —Stephen Collins ’74
The original notion for what became the book *Art at Colby: Celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Colby College Museum of Art*, was to showcase 50 works, one for each year of the museum’s existence. But the project soon grew. “At every meeting, we kept adding works,” said Carolyn Muzzy Director and Chief Curator Sharon Corwin.

Ultimately, the book became an opus that includes 176 works with accompanying commentary, providing a comprehensive overview of the collection. Works range from early Chinese and classical art to installations and video, with an in-depth selection from the Lunder Collection.

*Art at Colby* offers not only lavish reproductions of the works, but also illuminates the art with essays (and even a few poems) by 98 authors, including eminent artists, curators, and art historians. Added to the mix are Colby faculty from a variety of disciplines and students who have done art scholarship. “We wanted to have a multiplicity of voices,” Corwin said.

Contributors were chosen for both their knowledge and perspective, she said. They included nationally known experts like Elizabeth Broun, a museum supporter and director of the Smithsonian American Art Museum; H. Barbara Weinberg, curator of American paintings and sculpture at the Metropolitan Museum of Art; and James Cuno, president and director of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Colby Museum of Art curators wrote essays for the book, as did faculty members, some of whom might seem unlikely choices for a book about art. But paleobotanist Robert A. Gastaldo (geology), who wrote about Philip Taaffe’s painting *Garden of Extinct Leaves*, 2006, brings a scientist’s power of observation to his essay. Kerill N. O’Neill (classics) explains the Roman custom of a household god (or Lar) as he describes the Augustan-era statue in the Colby collection.

While the book project was a huge undertaking, it required coordination but no arm twisting. “It’s a labor of love,” Corwin said. —Gerry Boyle ’78

*Art at Colby: Celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Colby College Museum of Art* is available for purchase online at www.artbook.com

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**THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE PLACE**

By any standard, the rise of the Colby College Museum of Art has been extraordinary. Since its founding 50 years ago, the museum has grown from an expanded alcove in the Bixler building to the relatively sprawling museum that is nationally known, particularly for its important collection of American art.


The names are familiar: Jetté and Lunder, Cummings and Abbott, Marin and Katz, Schupf and Tsiaras, Mirken and Gourley, Strider and Cotter, among others. Smith reveals their roles in the museum’s evolution with prose that is both precise and lively—from the early years, when a collection of primitive portraits hung in Foss dining hall, to the present, when the gift of the Lunder Collection made national news. Peter ’56 and Paula Crane Lunder, “declined interviews with the *Boston Globe*, the *New York Times*, and others, but, as if to underscore a primary target of their gift, Paula spoke with a reporter from ... the *Colby Echo.*”

The museum is poised to follow its half-century birthday by growing anew, with completion of an expansion targeted for Colby’s bicentennial in 2013. The supporters of the museum have created “a most remarkable masterpiece indeed,” Smith writes.

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**First Thursdays at Museum**

A cultural must in many art districts, First Thursdays have been initiated by the Colby museum. The First Thursdays program, which opened Oct. 1, is part of the museum’s continued effort to open its doors to the greater Waterville and Maine communities as well as reach out to students and faculty in disciplines not traditionally associated with arts. The first First Thursday included an open house followed by a tribute to choreographer Merce Cunningham (1919-2009). Future First Thursdays will include film screenings, a student art and craft sale, and student art committee receptions in the spring. —*Alexandra Desaulniers ’11*
Dizzy Math

When an article about her research on dizziness and disorientation, which recently received a $200,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health, ran in the Portland Press Herald and other Maine papers, Associate Professor of Mathematics Jan Holly received phone calls and e-mails of appreciation from people who suffer from inner-ear disorders. “One of the women who called me said, ‘Oh, it’s so good to see someone studying this, because you don’t hear about it much,’” Holly recalled.

While the focus of the grant is ultimately to help people with vestibular disorders, which cause dizziness, nausea, and disorientation, Holly’s role is way behind the scenes. A mathematical modeler, Holly uses physical experiments to understand people’s perceptions of various movements. For example, “You take a person, strap ’em into a chair … it’s basically on sort of a track where the chair can go back and forth,” she said. “You just slide someone back and forth along the track, in the dark, and you say to them, ‘Are you upright? Or are you being tilted? And how far are you moving?’ And the interesting thing is some people say they’re being tilted when they’re not being tilted at all.”

Using data from this and many similar experiments, Holly creates computer mathematical models to predict what people might feel like during various motions. Meanwhile, her student researchers with mathematics and computer-science backgrounds work on computer animations to represent the movements. And she relies on math-biology double majors, too. “They often help me out by reading … and consolidating the literature on how perception of motion takes place in the brain—the physiology behind it,” she said.

While this current grant is aimed at helping people with inner-ear disorders, Holly thinks her research will ultimately be used to predict and prevent disorientation in healthy people as well, such as astronauts for the transition in and out of a zero-gravity environment and pilots and who can misperceive motion in the air, sometimes leading to plane crashes.

The interdisciplinary nature of the work, and the practical application, contribute to Holly’s enthusiasm. “The core of what I love to do is math. However, I really like the fact that this type of math is being applied to something useful, and so it has a longer-term motivation,” Holly said. “I like being able to do something useful.” —R.J.

UPDATE: Student-Security Relations

Following the events of April 12, when three Colby students were arrested and students responded with protests, the College, aided by outside experts, undertook an independent investigation of the incident and a comprehensive review of campus security policies and procedures.

Ralph C. Martin II, a former prosecutor and prominent Boston attorney, reviewed the sequence of events leading up to the arrests and found a lack of clarity and accountability in the responsibilities of all parties involved in the April 12 events. Martin offered a number of recommendations, including publishing clear standards of conduct for all Colby community members in their interactions with campus security and the student EMTs of Colby Emergency Response.

The Security Department’s policies and procedures were found to be in line with “best practices,” according to outside experts who conducted two separate reviews over the summer. As with the Martin report, both of these reviews found room for improvement in the relationship between campus security and Colby’s students along with a need to clearly articulate the expectations and responsibilities of students and security officers in their interactions on campus.

Martin’s full report and media coverage of the April 12 incident are available at www.colby.edu/april12.
Salopek Wins Lovejoy for Courageous Reporting

Foreign correspondent Paul Salopek has reported from 20 conflicts around the world and 50 countries, mostly in the developing world. In 2006 he was imprisoned for five weeks in Darfur, where he endured beatings and brutal jail conditions but declined freedom until he knew his Chadian driver and Sudanese translator would also be freed. Salopek was selected to receive the 2009 Elijah Parish Lovejoy Award for courageous journalism and was slated to speak at the Lovejoy Convocation Oct. 18.

As a foreign correspondent for the Chicago Tribune, Salopek won the Pulitzer Prize twice for individual work: in 2001 for reporting from the civil war in Congo and in 1998 for a profile of the Human Genome Diversity Project. He is a regular contributor to National Geographic magazine and is in residence at Princeton University as a McGraw Writing Fellow this year.

Teaching People to Read [News]

Just as newspapers are shrinking, journalism’s presence has grown on Mayflower Hill. This is the second year of a three-year grant from the Knight Foundation to promote news literacy on liberal arts campuses. The grant includes a Jan Plan course, internships, a visiting journalist program in the name of Elijah Parish Lovejoy, Colby Class of 1826, and—new this year—a news literacy blog (www.colby.edu/lovejoy).

Goldfarb Center Director L. Sandy Maisel (government) tapped journalists—friends of Colby, including many alumni, to write about how news is created and consumed in this changing media landscape. Bloggers include high-level journalists such as trustee Rebecca Littleton Corbett ’74, deputy Washington bureau chief at the New York Times; Gerry Hadden ’89, Europe correspondent for Public Radio International’s The World; Brian MacQuarrie ’74, general assignment reporter at the Boston Globe; and Hannah Beech ’95, Southeast Asia bureau chief for Time magazine. Posts from about two dozen contributors create a dynamic site that often examines current events from the perspective of those covering them.

While blog posts have covered topics ranging from a post-Cronkite world to using unnamed sources, the difficulties facing the news business are a recurring theme. And, judging from the size of the crowd at a September lecture by Lovejoy Visiting Journalist in Residence and ProPublica editor-in-chief Paul Steiger titled “How Newspapers’ Decline Will Affect Citizens and Democracy,” students are interested in this issue, too. —Ruth Jacobs

Annual Report of Contributions Online

Based on positive feedback from alumni, parents, and friends, Colby’s Annual Report of Contributions will be made available online this fall through a secure site with some enhanced features. Alumni will be able to access their class lists through a drop-down menu in addition to viewing other segments of the report. An e-mail announcement with instructions was slated for October from Vice President for College Relations Richard Ammons. “We appreciate your support of our efforts to conserve resources and, most importantly, your loyalty to the College and its mission,” Ammons wrote.
For as long as I can remember, I have been committed to social justice. Even before I knew what this means or could do much about this commitment, I recognized the injustices in the world around me. I was determined to do something about them.

Growing up in extreme poverty, as I did, it wasn’t too difficult for me to recognize injustices. I was raised in a small town on the edges of Appalachia, one of the poorest regions of the United States. My parents were unable to work on a regular basis because of poor health and disabilities. We survived mainly on what others, who were about as poor as we were, generously provided. They gave us food, mostly, even a place to live.

My mom was not one of those parents who kept the details of living in poverty from us. From an early age, I knew how difficult it was for my parents to make ends, if not meet, then at least come close enough for us to have clothes on our backs, a roof over our heads, and food on the table. To cope with these realities, I imagined how life for my family and others in my community could be otherwise. Little around me fed my imagination. But that did not stop me from extending my vision of what should and could be. These hopes for a better future were the beginnings of my commitment to social justice. My commitment originated from a desire to make sense of the world around me, to stabilize a worldview scarred by poverty.

As I came to understand the capacity of education to change life circumstances, this commitment led me to teaching. I learned that teachers can make a profound difference in their students’ lives through the example of one of my teachers, Mr. Mattingly. I arrived in his seventh-grade English classroom essentially unable to read or write. Up to that point, my poverty had been misdiagnosed as a learning disability. In fact, I had been labeled unable to learn. But Mr. Mattingly saw something different in me. From seventh grade until I graduated from high school, he often stayed after school with me to provide additional instruction and to offer guidance about the choices that confronted me. Through his mentoring, college became a reality for me, and I found a way out of poverty. I wanted to have the same influence on students that he’d had on me.

I had imagined that I would spend my career teaching students from a similar class background as my own. Strangely enough, my interest in working with poor students led me to an elite secondary school for my first job out of college. The school sponsored an educational outreach program for disadvantaged students of color, and I was director of this program and a teacher. I spent my weekdays split between two very different worlds. I taught at the private school in the morning and then worked in urban public schools in the afternoon.

Although I faced many struggles in my work with urban schools, I soon discovered that my life and educational experiences had prepared me less for the life as a private school teacher. I found the culture of this school disconnected from what I knew and held to be true.

Like many other affluent youth in the United States, my students at the private school were insulated from such forms of human suffering as poverty, homelessness, and hunger. They were mostly clustered in isolated, class-segregated communities with beautiful homes, excellent schools, and little crime. They had little contact with the “ugly” life circumstances of so many others in nearby communities and throughout the world.

In our discussion, several sources of motivation for their social justice efforts surfaced: feelings of guilt and obligation, desire to give back, moral and spiritual values, and empathy. They were also motivated by self-interest.
What could motivate such students to become committed to social justice? I have spent the past 15 years trying to answer this question.

During this past year, I explored this question with a group of Colby students in a focus group. These students identified themselves as white, from class privilege, and committed to social justice. In our discussion, several sources of motivation for their social justice efforts surfaced: feelings of guilt and obligation, desire to give back, moral and spiritual values, and empathy. They were also motivated by self-interest.

The term “self-interest” is defined commonly as selfish concern or personal advantage. The students, however, pointed out that what may be in their own interest may also benefit others. They provided examples of the ways that they were rewarded for their participation in social justice: positive acknowledgement from peers, family members, and authority figures, and gaining positive life and work experiences. Working toward social justice also helped them feel better about themselves and develop meaningful relationships with people who are different from themselves. But their efforts toward improving children’s lives through tutoring and mentoring, and addressing unmet needs of local and faraway communities, for example, also benefited many others. They were positively impacting the world around them.

These privileged students disrupted the notion that benefits to themselves only come by excluding benefits to others. They believe in quite the opposite. They recognize that injustices come at a cost to everyone, not just the disadvantaged. Injustice negatively affects relationships, safety, health, resources, and an overall quality of life. Much like my own reasons for becoming committed to social justice after a life of poverty, they came from a privileged world but still imagined something different that would benefit not only others but also themselves.

Associate Professor of Education Adam Howard, current chair of the Education Program, received his bachelor’s degree from Berea College, his master’s degree from Harvard University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati. To hear Howard speak about his Teachers College Record article, “Elite Visions: Privilege, Perceptions of Self and Others,” visit www.colby.edu/mag, keyword: tcrecord.
MORE THAN MENTORS

Begun in the classroom, relationships between professors and students thrive beyond Mayflower Hill

BY GERRY BOYLE ’78
On a visit to New York City, Marina Netto Grande Campos’s 5-year-old daughter, Amanda, fell in love with a dollhouse at Toys“R”Us. The dollhouse wouldn’t fit in the family’s luggage for the return to their home in São Paulo, Brazil, so Grande did the next best thing. She bought the dollhouse online from a seller who wouldn’t ship internationally—but who would ship to the home of Patrice Franko, Grande’s former economics professor.

Within days, parcels containing dollhouse parts (some assembly required) started arriving on Franko’s doorstep in Maine. “The boxes started coming, and I’m saying, ‘Oh, my god,’” Franko said, laughing. A few weeks later, Franko, an expert on Latin American economies, was traveling to Rio de Janeiro for a conference. She packed the parts into her biggest suitcase and took them to Brazil—just in time. Grande was hospitalized prior to the birth of her second child, and Amanda needed a diversion: “It’s been a lifesaver,” Grande ’94 said.

Franko, the Grossman Professor of Economics, and Grande, who has been an investment banker and telecommunications executive, met as professor and first-year student. Grande became Franko’s researcher, working on a book Franko wrote about the defense industry in Brazil. Collaboration on a book about Latin American economic development followed, then consultation as Grande went to work at an investment bank and attended business school.

The dollhouse? It’s emblematic of relationships that germinate on Mayflower Hill.

While few Colby professors transport dollhouses between continents, many do forge friendships with students—bonds that last years and decades.

“I don’t even think of them as students,” said Ira Sadoff, Roberts Professor of Literature, reeling off a list of alumni with whom he still corresponds and visits. “I think of them as friends.”

Sadoff and others say this is a hallmark of Colby, where personal teaching is emphasized and encouraged. The evidence of that is purely anecdotal, but the anecdotes are plentiful.

A query of a mere dozen faculty members elicited enough stories to fill this entire magazine, and then some. Professors from chemistry to creative writing readily listed former students and their accomplishments. Former mentors and students have become collaborators and colleagues. One-time research assistants are confidants. Professors who offered counsel to shy first-years do the same years later—to alumni who are 30-somethings. Faculty members buy wedding and baby gifts for former students. Years later some see former students who bring their teenage children to tour the campus or to enroll as freshmen.

““This is one of the rewards” of teaching, said Steven Nuss, associate professor of music.

Nuss, who has taught at Colby since 1996 and spends summers in New York City, sees a steady procession of students and former students who visit when they’re in Manhattan. In one week last summer three former students popped in on him. “The faucet has been turned on,” he reported in an e-mail.
But Nuss wasn’t prepared for a call earlier this year from Vicki Hayes ’04 and Ryan Wepler ’02. Hayes and Wepler had been dating since Hayes was a sophomore music major and sat with Wepler in a Nuss music theory class. They learned then that Nuss was a notary public and had performed weddings for colleagues. “Ever since then we had thought seriously about having him do it,” Wepler said.

Eight years later, on July 11, Nuss married the couple in Lorimer Chapel. He drove to Colby from New York to perform the ceremony, which included his own remarks, in front of an assembly of family and friends. “It was wonderful,” said Wepler, who is finishing his Ph.D. in English at Brandeis. “He’s so well-spoken and such an affable guy. Everyone thought he was great.”

Said Hayes, who teaches music at a charter school, “It was beyond what we ever envisioned.”

From first-year classes to weddings to careers—faculty often are present at major events in a student’s life. Case in point: Brooke Frappier Jude ’00, who would be hard-pressed to find a time in her life when Professor of Biology Frank Fekete was not present, at least in spirit. Jude met Fekete soon after she landed at Colby with aspirations to become a medical doctor. After taking his introductory course in bacteriology, she signed up for a capstone honors course in microbiology her senior year. With Fekete’s encouragement, she and others solved a real-life problem of fish infections at a Maine hatchery (it was fungal), and Jude decided that research, not clinical medicine, was for her. “It was really rewarding,” she said. “It was Frank that allowed that.”

And it was Fekete who recommended her for a researcher position at Jackson Laboratories in Bar Harbor after graduation, she said. It was Fekete who conferred with her on her Jackson Lab research and helped her apply to graduate programs, including her eventual choice, Dartmouth Medical School, where she earned her Ph.D. It was Fekete who, after inviting Jude to give a talk at Colby, encouraged her to apply for a sabbatical replacement teaching position in the department where she had been a student. She did, and they became not only research collaborators but teaching colleagues.

“I had done very little teaching,” she said at Colby last summer. “So when I got here I had never run a class, I had never made a syllabus. I had never made an exam. I had never done any of that.”

“With Frank as a resource, I was able to show him exams, ask him for his opinion.”

Fekete shrugs off credit for Jude’s success in the classroom. (In August she left Colby for a coveted tenure-track teaching position at Bard College.) Instead he points to her important research (including an ongoing study of a previously unknown mechanism of the aquatic organism that causes cholera),

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-Gillian Kiley ’95 on her friendship with her creative writing mentor, Professor Ira Sadoff
As a chemistry major and undergraduate researcher, Kevin Rice '96 expected to go to graduate school, then maybe on to private industry. He didn't picture himself following in the footsteps of his mentor, Professor Brad Mundy. "And here I am, teaching, on the other side of the desk," Rice said. "The exact same desk."

Rice's former professors are now his colleagues at Colby; he is back in the lab, this time leading student researchers. Mundy, Miselis Professor of Chemistry, emeritus, is Rice's teaching inspiration. "I model a lot of what I do in his style," Rice said.

That style, prevalent throughout the sciences at Colby, revolves around students doing research to answer real-world questions. "I looked at them as research colleagues," Mundy said. "I was Brad to them, not their big boss."

That experience helped propel Mundy's students to prestigious medical schools and doctoral programs. (He keeps track of them in a database, showing their graduate and medical degrees from Harvard, Dartmouth, Cornell, and the program where Mundy taught before he came to Colby, Montana State.) Now Rice, who returned to Colby in 2005 after earning his doctorate at the University of Wisconsin and completing a postdoctoral fellowship at Yale, keeps his own database on alums.

The mentee has become the mentor.

"One of the things that's been surprising to me as a professor has been how emotionally attached I become to my students," Rice said. "It's almost in a way like they're my kids."

Channelling Mundy, he reeled off some of their accomplishments. An alumna doing cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. A former student, the first in his family to go to college, doing graduate work at Wisconsin: "I would love to be his colleague someday," Rice said. "I look forward to that."

In fact, Rice can't wait. "I have every expectation that they're going to do amazing things," he said. "Part of me would like to fast-forward ten years and see what they've accomplished."
One is Jill Morejon Gutierrez ’00, a program analyst for the Women’s Bureau, an agency of the U.S. Department of Labor in New York. Gutierrez recalls being a “young and stupid” first-year when she first met Franko, going to her for help when she was struggling in another class. Franko would relieve her stress with small talk, Gutierrez recalled. “She’d say, ‘Oh, Jill, you look nice today. Do you have a date?’”

The stress relief was augmented by serious academics. Franko counseled Gutierrez about her Watson Fellowship (traveling to Chile, Portugal, and the Philippines to study fisheries) and has been there with advice “at every pivotal moment” in her professional life, from graduate school to job changes, she said.

It’s a friendship that began in the classroom but spans life with all of its triumphs and disappointments, as faculty become surrogate parents. “At [Jill’s] wedding, her mother came and sat down, and I was saying how beautiful her daughter looked,” Franko said. “Her mother said to me, ‘Well, in many ways she’s your daughter, too.’”

Sometimes the relationship is based on the support of faculty in loco parentis. At other times it begins when a professor treats a student as a peer. Mary Medlin ’05 is enrolled in the Warren Wilson College M.F.A. Program for Writers, where she writes fiction. Six years ago Medlin was a beginning creative writing student at Colby who quickly found a kindred spirit in Professor Debra Spark. Medlin found that she and Spark liked the same kinds of novels, the same movies. But it was Spark’s respect that buoyed Medlin in a way she hadn’t felt before.

“I had never had somebody talk to me as if I was actually a writer,” Medlin said. “She made me feel like there was something I had to say and it wouldn’t come into this world if it didn’t come through me.”

Spark meant it then, and still does, she said insisting that Medlin’s work is sophisticated and is going to get noticed. “Encouragement at the right moment,” she said, may be a teacher’s greatest gift. And those moments don’t necessarily end at commencement.

“I’m sure I’ll find myself in the throes of despair at some point in the semester and send her an e-mail,” Medlin said, laughing. “She’ll write back to assuage my anxiety.”

From fiction to physics, those messages go out regularly from Mayflower Hill. Sadoff, an acclaimed and widely respected poet who for many years taught creative writing, is a private reader and friend for dozens of Colby writers. But recently he gave a former student, poet Gillian Kiley ’95, a very public leg up.

Sadoff chose Kiley as the subject of an “Emerging Poets” feature in American Poetry, an influential magazine. He praised her recently finished book-length poem, Palisades, saying the work “illustrates the rewards of purposely withdrawing from the public eye.”

“She reminds us that poetry requires...
Three decades after the last vote was cast, a group of campaign hands stood up to be counted.

The campaign, the 1980 Democratic primary race for the 1st District Congressional seat in Maine, pitted Professor Sandy Maisel (government) against a roster of better-known Democrats. Maisel lost, but some of his campaign staff, including a corps of members of the Colby Class of 1978, still feel like winners from the experience.

“It was a really exciting way to spend senior year at Colby,” said Susan Kenyon ’78 P’12, a retired attorney. “From it we found what have become thirty-year friendships.”

Last winter five alumni who had volunteered for Maisel’s campaign decided to do something to recognize what Maisel had done for them and other Colby students. Dan Hoeffe ’78 and Doug Kaplan ’78 first kicked the idea around during a ride to Sugarloaf.

“I said, ‘It’s fine to have all these tributes after someone has died,’” said Hoeffe, a New Hampshire attorney. “But what about when he’s alive?”

Kaplan said members of the group had turned 50 and decided their gesture shouldn’t wait. “It was something we wanted to do together,” he said.

After further discussion, five former Maisel campaign volunteers—Hoeffe, Kaplan, Kenyon (with her husband, Rick Abrams ’78), Alan Donnenfeld ’78, and Jeff Shribman ’78—decided to establish a fund in Maisel’s name. Their $100,000 donation was to be matched by trustee William Goldfarb ’68 (efforts are underway by the group to increase the endowment) and revealed to Maisel, with the funds to be applied to a Goldfarb Center program at his discretion. Maisel directed the money to establish the Sandy Maisel Goldfarb Center Student Research and Internship Fund. It will give students with financial need the chance to do internships related to the mission of the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement, which Maisel currently directs.

The fund was unveiled to Maisel, with whom the ex-campaigners have remained close, at a dinner during Family Homecoming Weekend in 2008. Their voluble former professor was surprised and visibly moved, they said. “He was totally speechless,” Kenyon said, “which is a rare occurrence.”

After the dinner, five of the former Maisel hands stood up to be counted. Richard Ammons, vice president for college relations, said, “It’s a rare occurrence.”

Philanthropy for Colby comes in many shapes and sizes. For some it is distinguished by a monetary donation; for others it is the gift of time. But for all of those who give, the inspiration comes from the satisfaction and joy of enhancing the lives of students and faculty and making initiatives possible.

This is the final year of Reaching the World: A Campaign for Colby. The time is right to begin sharing with you a variety of personal stories that demonstrate the many ways in which the campaign is already changing Colby students, faculty, alumni, and the world.

In the coming months we will present a series of vignettes via e-mail and online that will highlight ways the campaign is making an education available to deserving students who otherwise could not afford it, funding world-class faculty and facilities to sustain a rich and vibrant environment for learning, and creating opportunities for Colby students to give back in their own ways around the world.

We hope that you will enjoy these uplifting stories of inspiration, initiative, and impact as everyone involved in the Reaching the World Campaign works together to achieve its crucial goal.

As Henry David Thoreau said, “Philanthropy is almost the only virtue which is sufficiently appreciated by mankind.”

—Richard Ammons, vice president for college relations

For those of you who do not communicate with Colby via e-mail, please look for these pieces at www.colby.edu/campaign/impact.

Jill Kiley, who earned an M.F.A. from the University of Iowa Writer’s Workshop, works in library external relations and stewardship at Brown University. Her poem is a meditation on her father’s death.

“I just have enormous respect for her integrity, her talent, her modesty,” Sadoff said. Even after years of conversations and conferences with Sadoff about her work, Kiley was bowled over by the essay and its praise of her new work. “The fact that it came from Ira—I’m still having a hard time absorbing it.”

While Sadoff’s endorsement most likely will have an impact on her writing career, Kiley said the special thing about their longtime friendship is that it extends beyond poetry. “It’s a friendship based on having certain things in common … but it’s a friendship that would be in place if I stopped writing,” she said.

Kiley recalled a conversation when she was in graduate school and worried about her marks. “He said, ‘Don’t worry. We’ll be friends anyway.’”

Sadoff, who still corresponds with a professor who was his own mentor in graduate school, said he simply has a genuine admiration for many of his students and an interest in how their adult lives unfold.

It is a sentiment heard across the campus. As Franko put it, “You come to Colby as an eighteen-year-old,” she said, “but you don’t leave.”
When Glenn Connell ’79 lost his research position with a biotechnology laboratory in October 2008, the Mainer headed straight to North Carolina with his wife to lie on the beach. There, the then-59-year-old reexamined his career path and decided that one thing was certain. Next time he’d be his own boss.

After 30 years in the semiconductor and software-development industries, Connell has traded the corporate world for the home front. Now he works on his own schedule, out of a barn on his property in Sabattus, Maine, building his business, Connell Research Laboratories.

“If the economy hadn’t changed, I would probably still be droning away at that job I wasn’t thrilled about for a mediocre salary,” said Connell, who graduated from Colby at age 29. “Now I’m doing something I’m passionate about, something I probably should have been doing ten years ago.”

Economic downturns often prompt tales of woe and hardship. But amongst the wreckage of the unemployed and financially strained are survivors who say the recession has unexpectedly resulted in positive change. Whether faced with a job loss or simply a renewed sense of fiscal responsibility, some Colby alumni have turned recession-induced disappointments into opportunity.

Leaving the beleaguered newspaper industry allowed Carrie Cooper Jacobson ’78 to turn a hobby into a profession. Jacobson paints full time and sells her work through shows and her Web site.
Glenn Connell ’79, in his barn-turned-laboratory in Sabattus, Maine. Connell started his own business after being laid off from the semiconductor industry.

ack on Mayflower Hill, this comes as no surprise. “A liberal arts experience gives you a sense of the possible,” said Michael Donihue ’79, associate vice president for academic affairs.

Donihue, a professor of economics, said new graduates leave Colby with a broad range of options. Their ability to adapt to new situations, and to turn them into opportunities for growth, is sustained over time, he said.

Carolyn Berry Copp ’82 had worked since 2001 as a fundraiser for the arts when she lost her job in January. Initially, after going through what she called the “seven stages of grief,” she thought she might continue that type of work as a freelancer, though not necessarily for the arts. But then she realized this was a chance to seek more meaningful employment, perhaps to help people who were harder hit by the recession than she was. “Even though I think the arts are very important, and music in particular is really important, it wasn’t focusing on putting food on someone’s table or taking care of children,” Copp said. “I really wanted to focus more on those basic needs, dealing with children and families.”

Now she works as vice president of development for the Newton Community Service Center in Massachusetts, raising money for early-education and child-care programs. Her advice for other alumni trying to turn a job loss into a new opportunity? “I think that the most important thing is to have a positive attitude, even if it hurts,” Copp said. “What are the skills that you have, and how can you repackage them?”

Repackaging has become a job-worthy skill itself as more Americans find themselves looking for work. The Federal Reserve estimates the unemployment rate will hit 10.5 percent by the end of the year.

Under normal economic conditions, people who are comfortable in their jobs often put off their dreams and ideas because there’s no reason to take a leap, said executive coach Kay Cannon, who helps clients find personal and professional success. Now, with the recession serving as a catalyst, people across the country, most often those who have lost their jobs, are moving into new positions or following through on dreams that have long taken a back seat. “You see a lot of people who are able to use this involuntary, unexpected change as a real positive springboard,” Cannon said. “When the economic situation is such that all of a sudden you find yourself without a job, you have a lot of motivation to go ahead and turn that dream into a reality.”

Take Aaron Bond ’02. During his five and a half years as an internal consultant for a large retailer, he had thought about starting his own consulting company—someday. He didn’t think he was ready to go out on his own. But when he was laid off in December 2008, with plans to enroll in a master’s degree program this fall, Bond was forced to find clients. Turned out he was good—really good—at being his own boss. Now he is in a graduate program at Boston University, and he is consulting on the side. “I never would have left my job to start my own consulting business at this point in my career,” said Bond, who lives in Newton, Mass. “It has worked out to be really positive, and now I’m strongly considering this as my more near-term career rather than long-term.”

Even if your job is safe or your bank account is in good shape,
spent 20 years in corporate consulting and recruiting, used her background in business to start a new venture she believes is recession-proof: self-serve frozen-yogurt shops.

She and her husband had planned to retire in the near future. But the state of the economy left them without that option, so even as she continued her self-employed work as a consultant, she brainstormed ways to earn additional income. She settled on the yogurt shop, where customers help themselves to sometimes adventurous flavors and toppings, then pay according to the weight of their creation. “I’m a frozen-yogurt freak,” Giudicelli said. “It’s a cult food. People who are not part of the cult think of it as an ice-cream substitute. It is so not an ice cream substitute to those of us who are yogurt-cult people.”

Her first shop opened in northern California’s Grass Valley in July, and already she plans to open two more. “Never in a million years did I ever think I’d do retail,” said Giudicelli. “It’s something I never would have done had the recession not happened.”

Other self-employed couples are also being creative in response to thinning wallets. Daryl Angney McCool ’87 and her husband, who live in Superior, Colo., built a chicken coop and large garden this summer to hedge against potential income loss. The project also helps meet their goal of becoming more environmentally responsible. “We’ll be able to can [what we grow] and sustain ourselves throughout the winter without having to spend money at the grocery store,” said McCool, a graphic designer. The vegetables and eggs are tasty and healthy for their 5-year-old son, too.

The recession prompted Joanne Karlin Giudicelli ’77 to move from full-time consulting to owning and operating frozen-yogurt shops in California. through the silver lining of the recession doesn’t have to be a new career or a chicken coop. Time away from work, particularly extended periods, can serve as an opportunity to strengthen ties with family or the community. After 15 years working for Fidelity Investments’ technology division, Tim Crowley ’84 was laid off in December along with 1,300 of his colleagues. Since then he has gone skiing and golfing with his 10- and 13-year-old sons, helped his brother sail a boat from the Bahamas to Florida, and gotten involved in local theater, acting alongside his wife. The Milton, Mass., resident is still looking for work but said he already sees this time off as a “good thing.”

“At forty-six years old, it’s a great opportunity for me to be able to take advantage of certain things that I kind of left behind,” he said. “I really do think that this is a positive.”

Not everyone can afford to take their time looking for a new job or following a long-deferred dream. Some alumni depended on unemployment checks and savings to stay afloat financially while out of work. Others relied on family and friends. Monika Thiele ’97 stayed with friends for a month so she could sublet her apartment and reduce her expenses while starting an environmental consulting business in Washington, D.C.

She came up with the idea after losing her job in the nation’s capital, where for five years she had worked in oceans and coastal management. She thought about moving to the West Coast, to be closer to the ocean for her career and to live in a more eco-conscious area. But in the post-presidential-election buzz Washington felt alive with opportunity—and ripe for greening. “What started happening was … a heart-change,” Thiele said. “There’s a lot I can do here locally if I start to shift gears, look at my career through a different lens.”

That lens turned out to be the DC Green Connection, Thiele’s new business, which helps consumers find and learn about green products and services. “I wanted to be part of the awakening of human consciousness toward more sustainable living practices,” she said. “I’m taking this leap of faith because it seems like what I’m supposed to do for now.”

Rumbi Sundire ’04 follows that same line of thinking. She had hoped to move home to Zimbabwe in the next few years, but with a stable investment banking job just outside Washington, D.C., there was no telling when it would happen.

Since she was laid off in May, Sundire finally made plans to leave the United States at the end of August and bring some of her business expertise to the rural village where she grew up. She plans to teach villagers the skills and give them the tools to make cooking oil out of sunflower seeds and to find markets to sell their products. A maize-grinding project already is operational, she said.

“I’m able to explore my goal of bettering my community without regretting ever leaving my job,” Sundire said. “Getting laid off gave me the clean slate to explore what I have always wanted.”
It has become a well-known dilemma: Women and girls are bombarded by thousands of media messages daily. These messages, often intended to sell products, limit girls and create feelings of inadequacy. Girls are up against a lot.

But what about boys?

With increasing attention paid toward boys’ lagging performance in school, that question became a familiar refrain when Professor of Education Lyn Mikel Brown spoke about her 2006 book, *Packaging Girlhood: Rescuing Our Daughters from Marketers’ Schemes*.

Boys, too, are bombarded by media messages that perpetuate stereotypes to sell goods. These stereotypes damage boys, albeit in different ways. Brown found that, although people were hungry for critique, what existed was about the obvious—overtly violent video games, for example. Enter *Packaging Boyhood: Saving Our Sons from Superheroes, Slackers, and Other Media Stereotypes* (St. Martin’s Press, 2009), by Brown, her partner, Professor of Education Mark Tappan, and psychologist Sharon Lamb.

*Packaging Boyhood* looks at kids’ favorite products and media and pulls out the underlying messages that parents may not notice. The authors find that, much like girls, boys are reduced to stereotypes. Then Brown, Tappan, and Lamb show parents how to teach boys to see critically what’s being fed to them and to encourage boys to be who they are, not who they think they’re supposed to be. “It’s really about helping parents negotiate this incredible onslaught of media messages about what it means to be a boy, what it means to be masculine, and how do they talk to their sons about it when they’re just getting it from everywhere,” Brown said.

Everywhere indeed. Books. Television. Toys. Music. Games. Movies. And it starts early, says Brown: “As soon as they’re watching TV or engaging with media in any way.” Children quickly move from educational television shows like *Sesame Street* to cartoons that glorify rudeness (“farting dogs” and “stinky boys,” says Brown) and include “bumbling and stupid” parents, especially fathers. The subtle, underlying message, she says, is that parents are irrelevant in boys’ lives. Another theme is the lack of meaningful relationships among boys. Friendships tend to be shallow and are not mutual but involve a strong character and a weaker sidekick. Boys don’t show emotions, don’t communicate well with girls, and if they do they compromise their masculinity—“you’re weak if you show feelings. You’re a girl, you’re a pussy, or whatever,” said Brown. Content for older boys emphasizes being obsessed with girls, power, and, of course, violence.

In fact, the violence comes early. Toys associated with violent, intense, PG-13 movies are marketed to young boys through promotions like McDonald’s Happy Meals, Tappan said. “All the toy tie-ins [are intended] to get boys begging to go to these movies,” said Brown. If the parents give in, the content (which Tappan says is often on the line between PG-13 and R-rated) is potentially harmful. Even toys that once were considered more benign have resorted to the theme. Brown and Tappan point to Legos (destruction) and Nerf (bigger, badder guns). In action figures, physical proportions have become unrealistic. Throughout the media, things that seem harmless may not be. “It’s the constant subtle messages that the boys get over and over that aren’t examined,” said Brown.

Still, not all media is bad, the authors say, and they highlight and analyze positive examples. They like *Harry Potter* (he’s complex, is reminded that he needs his friends, has older mentors, and wrestles with emotions) even though the book series includes some stereotypes. *The Simpsons* and other satires and parodies have potential (for older boys) because they’re “smarter.” Some musicians send positive messages, including, perhaps surprisingly, some rappers, like the artist Common. The examples are abundant, and many are listed in the book. The authors emphasize that positive and problematic messages frequently occur in the same place, so it’s especially important for parents and children to learn to deconstruct them.

That is the focus of Tappan’s Boys to Men course at Colby. The course examines masculinity and the transition into manhood and includes individual student research projects focusing on single products. “A number of those analyses kind of sparked our writing and were really helpful and got us thinking about things,” said Tappan. A student with an affinity for World Wrestling Entertainment critically examined its action figures. Another focused on en-
Professors of Education Lyn Mikel Brown and Mark Tappan among boys’ toys that emphasize over-the-top power and physical strength, a theme they say is detrimental to boys’ development.

Energy drinks, which emphasize power and masculinity.

Brown, Tappan, and Lamb argue that boys are reduced to specific types in the media. Superheroes. Risk-takers. Winners. Powerhouses. “Everything for boys is over the top and huge and bigger and biggest,” said Tappan.

So what’s wrong with winning and being strong? Nothing, necessarily. But sometimes it involves violence or dominance. And what happens when boys can’t measure up? “If you’re not a winner, the number one, you’re a loser in some way,” said Brown.

And that’s where money comes in. “One of the techniques that marketers use to sell a product is they raise your anxiety about something that’s wrong with you,” said Tappan. “They raise your anxiety and then they sell you a product that will help you feel like you’ve made it.”

The inability to measure up to stereotypes has also given way to a new stereotype in the media: the slacker. “The superhero-big-guy-winner is so over the top now in boys media that this alternative identity of being a slacker is now giving boys a kind of face-saving opt-out,” said Brown. “So they can be funny sidekick slacker types—Jack Black, Will Farrell ... it’s kind of an interesting alternative, but they also get associated with being losers in the sense that they’re not quite smart, they’re not good in school.”

The messages are pervasive, but the authors of Packaging Boyhood offer ways to help boys resist becoming stereotypes. It’s all about communication, the authors say. “Whenever possible sit down, learn how to play those games,” said Brown. “Talk with them, watch their movies. It gets harder and harder as they get older because they have more and more independence, but that’s why we say start young, help them develop some critical thinking ... so that by the time they get to an age where they don’t want you around, they at least have your voice in their head.”
In 2007 city officials in Waterville formed a committee to look at the city’s energy use and carbon emissions in the hope of making municipal operations more environmentally friendly. But, when community members started to get involved, it became clear there was an appetite for greening initiatives beyond the scope of city services. An anonymous donor from town put up money to help dip into a deep local resource, Colby’s Environmental Studies program, which offered a ready pool of qualified interns.

The result? Organizers say it’s a unique, cooperative town-gown initiative.

In the words of Steve Erario ’10, the original intern and a key organizer: “No one else in Maine is approaching [sustainability] in a strategic way like we are.”

Since Erario’s initial internship with the City of Waterville in summer 2007, an organization named Sustain Mid-Maine formed, with five committees that are working on energy, transportation, local foods, education, and waste and recycling in Waterville and surrounding communities. In 2009 Sustain Mid-Maine employed five summer interns: three Colby students and two from Unity College.

According to Waterville City Manager Michael Roy ’74, “There have been benefits to the community in a number of different ways.” Not least among them, he said, are the youthful and in-
formed perspectives that students have brought to deliberations around tables populated by volunteers often a generation or more older.

Among other tasks, the Colby students have compiled baseline data on Waterville’s energy use and its carbon emissions, mapped area trails with GPS, run a composting workshop and a Green Living Expo, helped launch community garden plots, published how-to brochures, and applied for grants.

After spending three summers working with Erario and other students, Roy said, “They are very organized, very mature, and they communicate very well.”

The effort started to resolve into focus in January 2009 with a three-day workshop at which the five priorities were identified and steering committees formed. This summer Colby provided office space in the Olin Science Center for five interns who worked with community volunteers on each of the initiatives.

Erin Maurer ’11 worked primarily on local foods and was instrumental in setting up the pilot site for community raised-bed garden plots, across from the Thayer campus of MaineGeneral Medical Center on North Street. While Maurer came to Colby for the strong Environmental Science program and has a “passion for agriculture,” she said, “It’s been very cool learning about how Sustain Mid-Maine got organized.”

And several interns recognized that organization and structure are critical to sustaining Sustain Mid-Maine.

Andrew Young ’09, who applied GIS skills to transportation issues and produced a brochure on recycling options, formed an important bond with the community, though it came after his graduation and just before he left Waterville for a master’s program in chemistry at UNH. Wishing he’d begun earlier, he said, “One of my greatest fears is leaving and having the project fall apart. In the back of our minds is giving the next person what they need to succeed.”

Jamie Nemecek, a rising sophomore at Unity, said she got sucked into the community involvement at a more propitious point in her undergraduate career. She is already committed to helping the education committee for another year.

The senior member of the Sustain Mid-Maine intern corps, Erario brought a technical expertise that formed the basis of Waterville’s energy-use and carbon-emissions audits. Erario also took on strategic planning, community needs assessments, raising public awareness, kept volunteers engaged, and is trying to ensure that efforts continue after he graduates.

As with most civic engagement initiatives involving Colby students, it’s a win-win situation for the interns and the city, organizers say. Students revel in being able to synthesize what they have learned and apply it to a real project. And, from the city’s end, “They were a huge help,” said City Administrator Roy.

Equally important, though, is the basic person-to-person interaction. “Knowing people is half the battle,” Erario said. “I’ve met hundreds and hundreds of people, and despite the stereotypes they may have held about Colby, they’re always willing to talk and share ideas. That’s very, very valuable to me.”

“It’s really nice to make these connections,” Maurer said. “There was a police officer at the grand opening [of the community garden] who said he’d really like to have a plot.”

Given tension that has surrounded some previous police/student interactions, that’s a discussion that breaks down stereotypes on both ends.

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Q&A

NOEL JAMES, THE NEW ASSOCIATE DEAN OF STUDENTS AND DIRECTOR OF THE PUGH CENTER, ON BRINGING THE COLBY COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND ADDRESSING THINGS THAT CAN DIVIDE IT

GERRY BOYLE ’78 INTERVIEW  BRIAN SPEER PHOTO

Noel James was appointed associate dean of students and director of the Pugh Center in July after an interim year in the position. She spoke with Colby Managing Editor Gerry Boyle about what she’s done, what she hopes to do, and the rewards and challenges of working on multicultural issues at Colby.

So how do you define your job?
Bringing people together. Engaging difference. Finding common ground.

Have you done that before?
Oh yeah.

Tell me a little bit about where and how.
Most recently was the Providence gig. It’s like New Orleans Mardi Gras, Trinidad carnival, Brazilian carnival. And my role in that has been reaching out to all these different groups and bringing them together under the umbrella of celebrating the beautiful city of Providence. Prior to that I worked as a consultant, here at Colby, building community through arts and culture.

And before that?
Prior to that I was director of the office of cultural affairs in Minneapolis. And prior to that I worked with the Ordway Center for Performing Arts there. My main focus has always been arts and culture, bringing people together so they have a better understanding of themselves, where they fit in the world, and how they can relate to others.

So this is a smaller community.
But with the same needs.

You did this in an interim capacity last year. Do you feel that you made progress?
I feel real good about it. I just felt like people were just really hungry for somebody first to listen and then to get the ball rolling. So my number-one priority was getting the Pugh Center cleaned up, functional. Second was to get the Pugh clubs up and functional, give them some direction and some leadership in terms of things that they can do. And then three, what types of programming can be offered through the Pugh Center, through Multicultural Affairs, or through other professors who want to use this space to support their goals?

But there were some bumps in the road, like the incident on April 12. Can positive change can come from that?
It has to. And I think, yes, positive change has occurred already, simply because, one, my understanding is that there’s a new communication protocol that’s been put in place, so that it will allow these situations to be handled more in-house before an outside party is called. Secondly I believe that people are more willing, now, to engage in dialogue about racial issues. That’s always uncomfortable. But we have to do that if we want to create the environment that we want, which is basically one that makes everyone feel welcome. Sincerely welcome.

So you’re not discouraged?
No. If anything I felt we were doing good work because the students felt empowered to voice their opinion. So for me, I was happy that they were calling out what they considered to be not a good way of handling the situation. If stuff like that was happening and nobody was saying anything, that’s not good. And I would not want to be part of that type of environment.

Where do you begin to make more progress?
In response to the students requesting transparency as well as creating a more inclusive campus climate, we had a number of students, [Assistant Dean of Students] Kelly Wharton, and myself create a document that will serve as our working document as we move forward as to how we can improve campus climate.
Part of that is the multicultural literacy?
What we want to achieve in this multicultural literacy piece is for students to identify how culture relates to them, how it relates to others, what are those beliefs and biases that inform how they see themselves and others, and then demonstrate an understanding of how one’s level of multicultural development impacts real life.

You’ve talked about preparing students for life after Colby.
If they simply just showed up at the International Extravaganza, or they decide they want to attend the Passover service, or they want to go to Eid festival, it would just give you a better sense of other people’s belief systems and how—through those belief systems—how they see the world. Whereas when you get outside of Colby, it’s harder to go to a mosque, it’s harder to go a synagogue, because it would be like, “What are you doing here?” It’s not as scary, again depending on one’s perspective, if you do it in a campus environment. Because we’re all here to learn and, ideally, to learn from each other.

You don’t come from an academic background.
Uh-uh.

When you came to Colby were there things that surprised you?
Well, the first thing that surprised me was the amount of resources that are available, whether it’s faculty or the different programs. And also another thing that surprised me was the top-down approach. I’m hoping that through the experiences we’ve had this past year that everybody will understand that we need to interact with each other as humans and not necessarily the positions that we hold.

How do you like working in a community of young people?
I find it thrilling from the standpoint that their futures are ahead of them. The part that’s challenging is that everybody is in transition. So if anything was challenging for me, it was understanding that this is a place where people should be able to change and be able to explore different aspects of themselves they never even knew really existed.

Do you have a lot of contact with students?
Last year I probably saw fewer students than my colleagues but I saw 409 students.

Who came to you for some kind of advice?
Right.

That’s a lot of students.
In person visits, 292.

You’ll still be advising?
Mmm-hmm.

I see. Well, you’ll have full days.
You think?

A longer version of this interview is online at www.colby.edu/mag
A Passion For Giving Poetry Place and Time

Ira Sadoff, the Arthur Jeremiah Roberts Professor of English, is a distinguished poet whose work appears in his own books and in many anthologies, magazines, and journals. But Sadoff, as his many creative-writing alumni know, is also, in the words of poet Charles Simic, “a close reader.” In a way that praise is a bit of a misnomer, as Sadoff’s gift for close examination of the language of poetry is simultaneously far-ranging. In this book of criticism, he explores the shoulder-rubbing of poets and culture, and he argues that poetry is most compelling when it is considered as art shaped by the artist’s connection to time and place.

If that description seems dry, it shouldn’t. Sadoff’s passion for the power of language resounds throughout the book. Like a jazz critic, he revels in words that soar from the page—that conclude and crystallize a composition with the single unexpected phrase.

The comparison is apt, as Sadoff considers contemporary poets—Louise Glück, Czesław Miłosz, John Ashbery among others—but also conjures up the exploratory spirit of John Coltrane and Billie Holiday.

There’s much to quote in the book, which one critic hailed as “a thrilling and brave defense of poetry.” Sadoff’s interpretation both focuses precisely on language and throws up the backdrop of culture that prompts and silhouettes poetry and other art. The explication of Frank O’Hara’s poem on the death of Billie Holiday, “The Day Lady Died,” is worth the price of admission.

The speaker wanders Manhattan on an afternoon in 1959, buying a hamburger, cigarettes, orbiting the darkened star that is the poem’s punctuation:

and I am sweating a lot by now and thinking of leaning on the john door in the 5 SPOT while she whispered a song along the keyboard to Mal Waldron and everyone and I stopped breathing

“The effect of this final stanza is breathtaking,” Sadoff writes, and then he shows how the speaker has been set adrift by loss, by the angst of America in the Cold War 1950s, making readers “feel both more human and more alone.”

In the end, the book is about what Sadoff calls “the true meaning of transcendence: not leaving the body, but dwelling in the world of language and the language of the world not only to recreate experience but also to create it.”

—Gerry Boyle ’78

**Recent Releases**

**Maine Birding Trail**
Bob Duchesne ’75
Down East Books (2009)

Duchesne, a state legislator, spearheaded the creation of the Maine Birding Trail, a system made up of more than 260 sites, from the western mountains to islands Down East. Now he’s written a guide that tells birders where to go, how to get there, and what birds they’ll likely find. The book was compiled after Duchesne, an expert birder, visited hundreds of sites, trekking tens of thousands of miles over five years. With its precise descriptions and voluminous knowledge of bird species, *Maine Birding Trail* is a remarkable work that will be appreciated by any bird lover living in or coming to Maine. It also serves to showcase the state’s vast and diverse habitats and to applaud and encourage their preservation and enjoyment.

**Caution: Men at (House) Work: What Happens When Dad Stays Home with the Kids**
T.J. McKenna (Tim McCutcheon ’89)
Grace Creek Press (2009)

A stay-at-home dad caring for three young children, McCutcheon has a healthy sense of humor. His book combines real-life anecdotes, tips for new stay-at-home dads, and questions to help dad-readers decide whether they are ready for the job. E.G., “If you find a couple of drops of spilled liquid on the kitchen floor, do you just grab a kitchen towel or should you get a damp sponge? Answer: “This is why I wear socks.” Tough job? McCutcheon writes of friends inviting him on a hunting trip to get him out of the house, and how to fit in with the soccer moms (don’t try).

It’s all in fun, which is a good thing. “A sixty-hour per week job of hard physical labor,” McCutcheon writes, “is the easy way out.”
Haunted by Past and Present

Sarah Langan’s new heroine, Audrey Lucas, finds an apartment in a historic Manhattan building, complete with killer view of Central Park. Audrey has just left the only man she’s ever loved and is also losing control of her Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. But finding the cheap apartment was like “meeting the love of her life for the first time.” The location offers the loner architect a fresh start on life and causes her to ignore the warnings of a gruesome murder-suicide that took place inside apartment 14B.

Author Langan ’96, in her third suspense/horror novel, knows better. Publicity materials say that in real-life, Langan’s Brooklyn home held a haunting secret: late-night, white-robed sacrificial rituals held in the basement by former owners. There were no lingering effects—other than to plant a seed in Langan’s fertile imagination.

The result is a novel that has Audrey Lucas consumed by nightmares and visions. In her sleep she begins to build a door. A portal to her past? Perhaps it is her frantic upbringing by a mentally ill mother that keeps her there amid the chaos. “Crazy is often fun,” she says, describing her mother’s manic episodes.

Soon the young woman’s world begins to unravel. Still imprisoned by memories of her childhood as the lice-ridden little girl in the double-wide trailer, she now is caged in by the demon of 14B. Is it the evil mother who died there with her children? Audrey’s Door pulls readers into the mind of the haunted woman, where they find that horrifying history often does repeat itself. —Dana Hernandez

In Madison, Wisconsin, Asking Age-old Questions

Good For the Jews
Debra Spark (English)
The University of Michigan Press (2009)

Does anyone really know what’s best for another person? That question lies at the heart of Debra Spark’s new novel, winner of the 2009 Michigan Literary Fiction Award. Good for the Jews follows Mose Sheinbaum, a veteran schoolteacher, and his cousin, Ellen Hirschorn, whom he raised and who is engaged to the superintendent. When Mose faces possible anti-Semitism from the new principal, Ellen is caught in the middle and is left to navigate an intricate matrix of relationships, lies, and secrets.

Spark unveils her characters slowly, primarily using dialogue. The daily lives of these modern Jews in Madison, Wisconsin, seem ordinary until we get to know their struggles as they confront institutions and prejudices. Spark’s treatment of the characters shows the complexity of their concerns and the difficulty of dividing the world into Mose’s two categories: “what was good for the Jews and what wasn’t.”

Even after arson and murder expose the anti-Semitism, secrets remain and Ellen wonders if they were all “hapless actors, unwittingly cast in some biblical story, where being right meant being rewarded and being rewarded meant demolishing your enemy.”

What’s good for the Jews? There’s no simple answer, but Spark’s insightful story demonstrates how fear and dishonesty take us away from what’s best for everyone: respect and understanding. —Laura Meader

Eat Your Feelings: Recipes for Self-Loathing
Heather Whaley ’93
Hudson Street Press (2009)

The back-cover blurb describes this as “a riotous and all-wrong collection of real recipes—think Amy Sedaris meets a warped Martha Stewart.” It’s an apt description of Whaley’s comedic collection of the perfect foods for life’s darkest, grumpiest days. From “Cheese Fondue Because Your Therapist Fell Asleep on You,” to “Reluctant Breadwinner’s Quiche for Resentful Wives of Stay-at-Home Dads,” Whaley serves up tongue-in-cheek instructions for preparing the perfect “comfort food.” An actress, playwright, and screenwriter, she knows the perfect meal for every pitfall. Think of her book, she says in a note to readers, “as a hand to hold in those bleak moments.” She’s kidding. Sort of.

In the Grip of Desire:
A Therapist at Work with Sexual Secrets
Gale Holtz Golden ’61
Routledge (2009)

Golden, a clinical sexologist and faculty member at the University of Vermont Medical College, throws open the doors to the world of sex therapy, offering case histories to show the stages of treatment of compelling sexual problems. Acknowledging that there is rarely a quick fix for these problems, Golden leads the reader from her initial meeting with a client through the process that reveals underlying forces at work. Intended for both professional and lay audiences, the book is timely, coming when digital technology and societal changes have combined to produce “an excess of sex.”
Health Minded

YOUNG ALUMNUS AIMS TO DO FOR GLOBAL HEALTH WHAT TEACH FOR AMERICA DOES FOR EDUCATION

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A pair of tech-savvy Google employees. Two advocates for the fight against AIDS in Africa. And Barbara and Jenna Bush, sisters with backgrounds in public health who also happen to be daughters of former President George W. Bush.

To an outsider, they seem to have little in common. But in May 2008, after first connecting through an AIDS conference, these six newly acquainted young leaders huddled in Jenna Bush’s apartment in Baltimore, brainstorming ways to reach a shared goal: getting their generation involved in global health.

Post-college, each of the 20-somethings had watched friends make the transition into careers in education through Teach for America. Why not, they wondered, create a similar organization that focused on health issues? “[Teach for America] gets a lot of people into education that wouldn’t otherwise be in that field,” said Charlie Hale ’06, who works in advertising and sales at Google. “We felt like there should be a similar program for public health.”

They created Global Health Corps, a nonprofit group that connects young leaders with health organizations. In August the group’s first 22 fellows landed at 12 project sites, eight in East Africa and three in the United States.

Unlike some organizations already working in underdeveloped areas, Global Health Corps expects fellows to bring something more than an interest in health care to the table. Participants are valued for skills in business, marketing, writing, or technology. “The idea is to match recent college graduates and professionals with very specific skills to organizations that need their help,” Hale said. “Those skills don’t have to be in the health field, only applicable to that industry.”

For example, Andrew Peterson, a fellow who recently arrived in Tanzania for his one-year stint with the Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative, was chosen for his technological skills. The 25-year-old, who until July redesigned internal information systems for Google, is now creating a computerized system to improve data tracking of HIV/AIDS.

“Part of the issue in Africa is that a lot of the health statistics over there are taken in a variety of different ways,” said Peterson, who lived in San Francisco before his move to Tanzania. “We need to get the right information from paper or word of mouth into a computer so we can actually analyze it.”

Funded by grants from private foundations and Google.org (the philanthropic arm of the company), Global Health Corps has two full-time employees, including Barbara Bush. Hale and the other three cofounders are volunteers.

More than 1,000 applicants vied for this year’s 22 positions. Half of the fellows are Americans and half are native to the country where each project is based. In-country fellows work in teams with their American counterparts, and all participants receive a modest stipend and room and board.

Project sites include Tanzania, Rwanda, Malawi, Newark, and Boston. “In the short term, we want our fellows to have a direct impact,” said Dave Ryan, the other full-timer. “In the long term, we think by providing those opportunities, actually the impact will be that those fellows will have a transformative experience and become advocates for global health throughout their careers.”

That long-term vision is vital for service organizations, said Dr. Edward O’Neil Jr., author of two books on international health service. Global Health Corps’ strategy of plugging well-qualified young people into existing models is likely to be effective, he said. “A lot of organizations come and go, but when you have the board of directors that this group has, when you have Barbara Bush—this is one of those groups that are going to succeed,” said O’Neil, an emergency-room physician who founded Omni Med, a nonprofit that promotes health volunteerism.

The founders of Global Health Corps are already thinking about the future, aiming to increase to 150 fellows and 25 partner sites by their third year, despite the recession. “The economy is definitely making it a hard time to start a nonprofit,” Hale said. “It’s a tough climate.”

His personal goal? To fill some of those new spots with Colby alumni.

A street in the outskirts of Stonetown, Zanzibar, in Tanzania, in an area known as Kiembe Samaki. Global Health Corps fellow Ameet Salvi lives in the neighborhood, in his first assignment for the organization.
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Our usual triumvirate attended 2009 Reunion Weekend—Doris Hopengarten, Alleen Thompson, and me. We talked about Roger Stebbins, who died just before that weekend, and about Ruth Levensaler Crowley, who died March 22, 2009. We didn’t know about Brewster Branz, who had also recently died or about Charlie Card, who died Feb. 9, 2008. Art Thompson promised to be at our 70th reunion next June and we’ll be looking for him. We also hope to see others including Cappy Dyer, Lin Workman, Stan Kimball, Lydia Farnham Johnson, and all the rest of our classmates.

Ruth Gould Stebbins e-mailed the news that one of her granddaughters, Linda, was married in Santa Barbara in August. Ruth and her sister, Dorothy Gould Rhoades ’36, were at the wedding.

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Don (Skippy) Klein retired from his position as professor emeritus in the department of psychiatry at Colby and took a position as research professor in the department of child and adolescent psychiatry at NYU in 2007. Unfortunately, during a recent trip to Kyot, Japan, Don fell and broke his femur. He is now out of the hospital, doing physical therapy, and still seeing his patients! He continues his research in clinical psychopharmacology, maintains his small private practice, and helps patients who have had difficulties finding useful medications.

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Dave Baker
Hilda Farnum Nicoll, who couldn’t come up with one another but missed the weekend, and about Alleen Thompson, who died just before that weekend, and about Ruth Levensaler Crowley, who died March 22, 2009. We didn’t know about Brewster Branz, who had also recently died or about Charlie Card, who died Feb. 9, 2008. Art Thompson promised to be at our 70th reunion next June and we’ll be looking for him. We also hope to see others including Cappy Dyer, Lin Workman, Stan Kimball, Lydia Farnham Johnson, and all the rest of our classmates. Ruth Gould Stebbins e-mailed the news that one of her granddaughters, Linda, was married in Santa Barbara in August. Ruth and her sister, Dorothy Gould Rhoades ’36, were at the wedding.

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We recently heard from Carl Chellquist, who lives in Reading, Pa., where he enjoys close proximity to his son, Eric, and his three grandsons (one college graduate, one college student, and a high school senior). Of course he would love to hear from Colby classmates and friends! For those of you who would like to write, Carl lives at the Berkshire Manor, 5501 Perikomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606-3633. His e-mail is carlchellquist.com. To bring you up to date on what Dorothy and I are doing, we have to tell you that we finally sold our 41-foot sloop Hero. We owned her since 1982 and spent most summers aboard, using it not only for sailing and cruising but also as our summer home. Every year we spent between 70 and 80 nights aboard. We had been on the water for 52 years and sailing since 1968. We may have been frightened at times, but we never met a challenge we were not physically up to, considering our ages, we felt we should quit while we were ahead. This is the first year we have been “on the beach” and it certainly feels strange. Since we were free and looking for something to do, we went to Jupiter, Fla., for three weeks to enjoy our house, the Club at Admiral’s Cove, and the golf. Aaron Sandler spent the summer in St. Louis and will be back in Florida in early November. Howell Clement contacted pneumonia in February and that led to other complications. He has recovered and in mid July said that he had played golf six or seven times but usually only nine holes at a time. It is really great that we have stayed in touch since 1944 when we were roommates in Hedman Hall. In August we went to Nova Scotia via the high-speed ferry out of Portland to spend a few days sightseeing and relaxing. The following weekend we went to New York City to visit our granddaughter Jessica McNulty ’07. We will probably go to Colby in September to visit our grandson Mark McNulty ’11 before heading to Jupiter, Fla., in early October. If you are getting bored with news of the Marson family, the best remedy is to send us news of your activities, travels, and families.

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We’ll see you at our 70th reunion and in the days leading up to it. We hope to see many of you there. We had a wonderful time at our 60th reunion and look forward to seeing you again.

30s/40s MILESTONES

A Gift for Languages | Frank Norvish ’34

It was unusual for a strong student to take beginning French as a senior at Colby, but Franklin Norvish ’34 learned late in the game that he would need a third foreign language to be considered for the graduate program in English at Yale. His German and Latin were already solid.

Norvish picked up the basics and spent the summer after graduation translating literary criticism and (to spoil some of the drama) was admitted to Yale. He earned a master’s degree there, went on for a Ph.D. at Boston University, and taught English for 40 years at Northeastern.

That career, though, was interrupted when he served during World War II and put his foreign languages to work in the Army’s Counter-Intelligence Corps. Curiously, one of the most dramatic stories he tells (and there is still much he will not discuss about his work as a special agent during the war) involves none of the languages he studied. Rather, it was Lithuanian—the tongue that he learned from his immigrant mother—that saved the day.

At a checkpoint an Army officer begged for help because 200 displaced Lithuanian civilians were blocking the Army’s progress and no one could communicate with them. Norvish became the intermediary and spent a couple of days getting abandoned German trucks rehabilitated to move the refugees. One Lithuanian widow latched onto him, the first member of the allied forces who could understand her. She begged for help for her 19-year-old son, Vladis, whom she had carried since he lost both feet in a fall from a train car after being conscripted by the Germans. Norvish went up the chain, persuaded Army doctors to intervene, and Vladis was fitted with prosthetics. Norvish, who turns 98 Oct. 23 and lives in Waterville, still grins like he got away with something as he says, “I didn’t know I had so much pull.”

But the story doesn’t end there. More than 20 years later, Norvish and his son, Phil, were at home in Massachusetts when a car with Connecticut plates pulled in. A middle-aged man lurched up the driveway, announced in heavily accented English that he was Vladis, and dropped to the ground to hug the elder Norvish around the knees.

“It pays to know a language,” Norvish said, going on to recount episodes where his more limited knowledge of Polish and Russian came in handy as well.

Norvish arrived at Colby by train in 1930 and was a friend and fraternity brother of the legendary Ludy Levine ’21. In fact he recalls Ludy’s father, William Levine, speaking with Norvish’s own father in Lithuanian at the men’s clothing store on Main Street.

Norvish’s stories are still ornamented with crisp details—the four-inch letters that said “Do Not Enter” where he boldly entered in 1943 and found his way to counterintelligence, the prescience of Colby planners who buried all the utilities on Mayflower Hill before buildings were begun.

Norvish traces Colby connections throughout his academic career—from Colby graduates who taught high school in his native Brockton, Mass., to a Professor Frederick Pottle, Class of 1917, who eased Norvish’s path to Yale, to John Pugsley, the registrar at Northeastern who helped him get started there.

His loyalty to the College has been extraordinary—he served more than 60 years as class agent, calling classmates to help raise money for the Colby Fund, and received a Colby Brick Award in 1980. At Reunion Weekend this year he was given the Ernest C. Marriner Distinguished Service Award for his lifelong dedication to and support of the College, and at the presentation he charmed the audience with tales of Marriner, whom he had as a professor.

As Norvish listened to reports on class gifts at the awards ceremony, he leaned over in his wheelchair and whispered in President Bro Adams’s ear. And when Adams took the microphone, he shared Norvish’s mischievous suggestion aloud: “Why don’t we split this gift and scam.”

—Stephen Collins ’74

For more on Norvish, see www.colby.edu/campaign/profiles/franklin_norvish.cfm

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took the Fenway Park tour, which was really interesting, and Robert enjoyed sitting in a Green Monster seat. I had fun too, and we have a great picture.” ✦ That’s all for now friends. Enjoy life and stay well!

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Summer brings some absence of class news. I imagine most of us are enjoying our summer months; at least, finally in New England after a rainy May and June. So here is what I have for you. ✦ Ginnie Falkenburg Aronson is traveling less and not going out of the country. Instead she has traveled up and down the eastern seaboard, visiting her two sisters during her trip to her 60th high school reunion at Glen’s Falls, N.Y. Her message to classmates is; “There is so much to see and do once you slow down and look around.” ✦ Liz Schwartz Anderson ’89 stopped by for lunch on her way to her 20th reunion at Colby, Liz and I worked together in the finance department of Wakefield Distribution Systems, an Allied Van Lines agent, in the 1990s. We still keep in touch and share the same birth date and, of course, Colby! ✦ Martha “Marty” Friedlaender sent correspondence via Carolyn English Caci. Marty writes: “This is a belated thanks for the card that many of you sent from our last reunion, which of course I missed. I loved hearing from you, many of whom I have not heard from in years. I was so glad that Carolyn and Tommi (Thompson Staples) set this all up. I do speak to Carolyn every Sunday. For those of you who haven’t heard my news of the last 13 years, I have been basically bed-bound, occasionally getting out of bed into my wheelchair, speeding to an appointment with a dentist, doctor, or friend. My life is not boring or sad. I enjoy lots of different sports on television, as well as other programs. My family is very involved and keeps me going; and I do hear from a few friends (besides Carolyn) on a regular basis. Again many thanks to all of you who have sent messages during the recent past. They are important to me, so keep those letters and phone calls coming! Much love to all of you, Marty.”

1954
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What a wonderful reunion weekend we had. The weather was near perfect for the four dozen or so members of the class who returned to Mayflower Hill. Early Friday morning I walked across the Two Cent Bridge, and did the memories ever come back. I hope that everyone enjoyed the weekend as much as I did. Thanks to Colby for their usual bang-up job. As a class we should be extremely proud to have been far and away the leader in percentage of donors. The last word I have from Judy Jenkins Totman is that we reached the 96-percent level. Congratulations to Judy for receiving a Colby Brick for all the great work she has done for the College. ✦ Karl Decker has started work on a book tentatively titled The Tour Busses Don’t Stop Here Anymore. One of those who attended his talk at reunion had a chance to “see” bits and pieces of the book, which presents small-town Vermont and what local folks have done to try to solve problems facing small towns everywhere. Merrill Healey Decker writes that sister Elaine Healey Reichert ’62 and husband Paul ’59 stopped by for a visit on their way back to Florida following Paul’s 50th Colby reunion. ✦ Tom Hunt spent three days hiking with a small group in the White Mountains covering about 20 miles. He and Susan (Miller ’56) rented a cottage in Brunswick, Maine, in order to spend some time with daughter Leslie and family. While there they attended performances at the Bowdoin International Music Festival and the Maine State Theater. Tom enjoyed his piano “study” and his volunteer status teaching one day a week at the U.Mass medical school as a co-facilitator for a small group of first-year medical students. He was delighted to reconnect with so many classmates and found deeply inspiring the courageous manner of some classmates in how they have struggled with severe health and other challenges. He sends to all classmates his best wishes for strength, courage, and hope for the years ahead. In a note to me after reunion, Tom marveled at how easily 59-year-old friendships were rekindled. ✦ Judy Thompson Lowe writes that the biggest challenge of widowhood is what to do with her time. She embarked on a three-week trip to visit her daughters, her sister, Larry Walker Powley, the Colby Museum of Art, and take in three games at Fenway Park on the way back to Gainesville, Fla. She issues an invitation to anyone traveling I-75 in the Gainesville area.

1955
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Greetings dear classmates. In the absence of travelogues and personal vignettes, let’s look briefly at the major distractions that seem to dominate our lives. Many of you are celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary, I know, and will be for the next several years. With this incredible feat comes applause from us all. Those married right after graduation are up to 53 already! Another major milestone we have in common is the big 75th birthday. I have had reports about everything from family reunions, world cruises, and cocktail parties to quiet dinners and mountain hikes. All seem appropriate and certainly, congratulations are in order. We well realize that health is the focal point for most of us. Women have always assumed that we would bravely and tenderly walk our mates into the valley, and, generally speaking, this holds true. But now and again the tide turns and it is the other way around. To all of you noble men dealing with the care of spouse and household, we send a special hug. A poignant line from the Beatles goes, “Love is the oldest secret of the universe.” For those of you still bountiful with good health, we give thanks. A word of gratitude to those classmates who continually strive to keep strong our Colby bonds. The handwritten notes from Frank Huntress are wonderful, as are all the time and effort by Harry and Marilyn Brooks Wey. David Sortor, our head cheerleader, constantly musters the call to attend the next reunion only two years away. He needs your ideas now. Until next issue, John and I send best wishes to each of you. We left for Maine in August to see the Rices and the Zamblas. Yes, your ears should be ringing!

1956
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The sunshine has finally arrived on the coast, after weeks of heavy rain, and hopefully here in Maine we can salvage the remainder of the summer! The bugs and slugs have reigned supreme and we all deserve a break. ✦ Anne Schimmelennig Laszlo is continuing her exotic adventures. Last March she ventured to Morocco and enjoyed the cities of Casablanca and Marrakesh and even the crowded alleyways of the Rabat casbah. Anne’s description of riding on the back of a camel to a campsite in the Sahara Desert is too priceless not to quote directly; “Excruciating just begins to describe it. We rode in a column across the picturesque desert, and the hills, valleys, and mountains were incredibly beautiful. However, the constant lurching in a saddle that wanted to flip over the place made the trip an exercise in terror.” It conjures up visions of Lawrence of Arabia to me! ✦ Good news from Don Tracy, who with his wife, Linda, recently attended their youngest son’s graduation from the nursing program at the University of Maine. Now as Don marches into his “dotation,” his medical care will be almost guaranteed. Don and Linda have also undertaken the goal of reading the entire Bible together and researching the more difficult passages, which is no small feat. ✦ Charlie Smith is still living in comfort near Harvard Square. He spends part of many weekends with his friend Carol on the Maine coast, plays some golf, and did get a chance to take in the Tall Ship Festival in Boston Harbor. ✦ Dick and Marilyn “Perk” Perkins Canton have big news. They are still “vertical” (always a positive) and playing golf and lots of bridge up in Bridgton, Maine. Perk says that the height of the social season just might be a get-together at “Chez Canton” with Sheldon and Audrey Hittinger Katz and the Viques in early August. ✦ Denny Kellner Palmer ’59 and I were co-chairs of the women’s member-guest golf tournament back in June at the Portland Country Club.
Club. We were both novices at organizing any type of golf event and we held our collective breath that everything would run smoothly. It did, and it was so much fun working with Denny. Ben Philbrick e-mails that after 50 years his silence is broken! But the way he broke it is a mystery to us, as he asked if we knew who the “older guy” was—a Korean War veteran who sold sandwiches and drinks every night in the dorms. If you know the answer, please e-mail us at gvig@yahoo.com. This is a better memory test than any crossword puzzle ever thought of being.

1958
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Judy Brown Dickson and friends took the Alaska marine ferry from Homer to Dutch Harbor, on the Aleutian Islands. “It was an incredible journey. We visited local villages and saw whales, porpoise, grizzly bears, and birds of all kinds. Because the weather was so great we saw volcanic peaks that the naturalist on board had not seen in nine years. This ferry will run twice a month next year; I recommend it for an adventurous group of folk!”

In March Marion Woodson Springer moved back to her hometown, Shelburne Falls, Mass., and is enjoying the friendliness and beauty of the area. She and husband Wolfe are ending their 14-year marriage and Marion plans to simplify her life and take advantage of new opportunities. “This small, quaint village has become a tourist attraction—the old trolley bridge is now a beautiful bridge of flowers, art, music, and yoga. The proximity to the five-college area in Northampton and Amherst has helped give this place a wonderful boost.” Marion plans to be a substitute teacher, continue with her music, and join a couple of “help groups,” still keeping time for travel and visits with friends and family.

Daniel Yett recently took a three-week trip up the Volga Canal from Moscow to St. Petersburg. He went regularly to both the five-college area in Northampton and the Colby Museum of Art for a exciting tour led by Director Sharon Corwin and were able to view some of the new bequests. We joined the Class of 1954 and the Willows Society for a reception and dinner. On Saturday morning a very warm and touching memorial service for our deceased classmates, arranged by Ed Tomey, was held at Johnson Pond. After the name of each departed classmate was read, a stone was thrown into the pond in his or her memory. A poem written for the occasion by Ed titled At Johnson Pond was read, and the service concluded with the singing of “Hail, Colby, Hail!” Mike Farren, the class marshall, led us in the parade of classes to the Harold Alfond Athletic Center, where the class gift and alumni award presentations were made. Congratulations to Ed Goldberg and Jay Whitman for their Colby Brick Awards. Our class, under the able leadership of Jack and Barbara Hunter Pallotta, had a participation rate of 77.3 percent to the Colby Fund, a new high for the class, and Bob Kettle led a very successful planning giving effort for the campaign. Thanks to Carolyn Kim- berlin, Sue Conant Cook ’75, and Kate O’Halloran for their assistance. After enjoying the lobster bake, about 20 hardy souls joined Skeeter and Penn Williamson ’63 on the baseball field for fun and games. Saturday afternoon brought programs by alumni, including Colleen Cruise Reynolds, who gave a presentation on “Seeking Balance with Today’s Child,” and Art Gold- schmidt, who gave a special lecture on the Middle East. The busy day ended with the class picture and reception and dinner at Foss Hall. We enjoyed songs by the After Eight and the Colby Eight alumni, including Keeton Arnett, Jay Whitman, and Ed Tomey. Jay Whitman was introduced as the new class president. Jay thanked Skeeter for his wonderful leadership over the past five years. Jane Mills Conlan and Tom Connors entertained us with fun facts from the survey. The evening ended with dancing and chatter. On Sunday morning goodbyes were said and classmates departed. All agreed it was a wonderful weekend with many shared memories. Tony Ruvo wrote that one of the highlights for him was a visit with Coach John Winkin. “What wonderful memories, great stories, and yes, a few tears were shed, too.” Throughout the weekend we had a hospitality room in Foss. Keet Arnett had updated a slide show of our class and arranged a display of the names and photos of our deceased class members. Thank you to Steve Levine for being the reunion photographer. Kudos to Skeeter and his reunion committee and to Meg Bernier Boyd ’81 and her staff for assisting the committee. Many of you wrote regarding your reunion activities and I will incorporate them into my next column. I look forward to serving another five years as class correspondent.

1959
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The sun was shining brightly as we gathered in Waterville for our 50th reunion. The first event was a reception and dinner at Cotter Union, where we were treated to an enlightened speech by President Bro Adams. Skeeter Megathlin, our class president and reunion committee chair, recognized and thanked the members of the reunion and anniversary gift committees. He congratulated Bob Auremma on receiving the C Club Award and thanked Brian ’58 and Carole Jelinek Barnard for their design of the Colby scarves and ties given to the classmates, and Ann Segrave Lieber and Carol for their outstanding work on the reunion book. Skeeter also recognized leaders Bob Bruce, John Shore, and Jay Whitman and those couples who are among the 40 percent of the class married from 46 to 51 years. Skeeter then acknowledged classmates who had travelled the farthest, Peggy Lippincott Brezel and Gary Hagerman, who both came from Hawai- i. Peggy reports that this was her first-ever reunion, and “it was worth every one of the 12,000 miles round trip.” On Friday afternoon we chose from several lectures by Colby faculty, including an informative session with Professor Sandy Maisel on the Obama administration. We then gathered at the Colby Museum of Art for an exciting tour led by Director Sharon Corwin and were able to view some of the new bequests. We joined the Class of 1954 and the Willows Society for a reception and dinner. On Saturday morning a very warm and touching memorial service for our deceased classmates, arranged by Ed Tomey, was held at Johnson Pond. After the name of each departed classmate was read, a stone was thrown into the pond in his or her memory. A poem written for the occasion by Ed titled At Johnson Pond was read, and the service concluded with the singing of “Hail, Colby, Hail!” Mike Farren, the class marshall, led us in the parade of classes to the Harold Alfond Athletic Center, where the class gift and alumni award presentations were made. Congratulations to Ed Goldberg and Jay Whitman for their Colby Brick Awards. Our class, under the able leadership of Jack and Barbara Hunter Pallotta, had a participation rate of 77.3 percent to the Colby Fund, a new high for the class, and Bob Kettle led a very successful planning giving effort for the campaign. Thanks to Carolyn Kimberlin, Sue Conant Cook ’75, and Kate O’Halloran for their assistance. After enjoying the lobster bake, about 20 hardy souls joined Skeeter and Penn Williamson ’63 on the baseball field for fun and games. Saturday afternoon brought programs by alumni, including Colleen Cruise Reynolds, who gave a presentation on “Seeking Balance with Today’s Child,” and Art Goldschmidt, who gave a special lecture on the Middle East. The busy day ended with the class picture and reception and dinner at Foss Hall. We enjoyed songs by the After Eight and the Colby Eight alumni, including Keeton Arnett, Jay Whitman, and Ed Tomey. Jay Whitman was introduced as the new class president. Jay thanked Skeeter for his wonderful leadership over the past five years. Jane Mills Conlan and Tom Connors entertained us with fun facts from the survey. The evening ended with dancing and chatter. On Sunday morning goodbyes were said and classmates departed. All agreed it was a wonderful weekend with many shared memories. Tony Ruvo wrote that one of the highlights for him was a visit with Coach John Winkin. “What wonderful memories, great stories, and yes, a few tears were shed, too.” Throughout the weekend we had a hospitality room in Foss. Keet Arnett had updated a slide show of our class and arranged a display of the names and photos of our deceased class members. Thank you to Steve Levine for being the reunion photographer. Kudos to Skeeter and his reunion committee and to Meg Bernier Boyd ’81 and her staff for assisting the committee. Many of you wrote regarding your reunion activities and I will incorporate them into my next column. I look forward to serving another five years as class correspondent.
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“It was good to bring closure to the Vietnam War chapter of my life,” Mac writes. This summer Mac took a two-week cruise to Alaska. “Had a wonderful time, with humpback whales putting on a show on two different occasions.”

Dick Peterson still works as CEO of a start-up company offering positive psychology learning content researched and developed by UPenn and delivered on the Web. After visits to clients in the UK, Sweden, and Beijing this summer and fall, he plans to retire at year end. “Can’t wait!” Dick looks forward to visiting friends and making new friends. They four sons visit during the winter. Barbara and Ron Weber live in Florida, which “adds ten years to our life.” Dick Peterson continues to work as a water resource management consultant.

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60S NEWSMAKERS

Alex Lloyd '64 is included in “Best Lawyers in America (2010),” a list compiled through peer-review surveys of law firms throughout the United States. Lloyd is a specialist in health-care law for Shipman & Goodwin LLC, a firm based in Connecticut. Maine Gov. John Baldacci appointed Justice Joseph M. Jabar Sr. ’68 to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court in September. Jabar, most recently a Maine supreme court judge, has served on the Family Law Advisory Commission, Criminal Law Advisory Commission, Media and Courts Committee, and the State Sentencing and Corrections Council. + Charlie ’69 and Elinor Bartel Miller ’70 received the Edmund S. Muskie Access to Justice Award for their more than 60 years combined service to the cause of civil justice in Maine. Nan Heald, executive director of Pine Tree Legal Assistance, said the Millers are giants in Maine’s legal service and were attending the Festival of St. John in Cutadela, Minorca. There were a number of very charming, very drunk young Spaniards roaming about, who no doubt needed the jeans more than we did, but it was inconvenient. + Betsy Crockett Tyson-Smith: “I am extremely busy running the NPO I began in 2006, the Virginia Thuston Healing Garden, in Harvard, Mass. David and I spend as much time as we can in good weather at our little house on Indian Point, in Georgetown, Maine. Can you believe it: Indian Point was a favorite retreat for Colby profs Dr. Birge, Dr. Perez, Yeager Hudson, and dear Jim Carpenter. I have met their children and heard some of the wild tales the residents tell of them in the ‘60s, especially at nights on the beach!” + Yikes, out of space! 

MILESTONES


Zilly and Peter live in their 1915 bungalow in Cabin John, Md., near a beautiful bend on the Potomac River. Daughter Judy lives in Bethesda and son Brad’s family, including three granddaughters) live in D.C. Younger son Andrew and wife live in San Francisco. + Jim Westgate came halfway around the world for his 50th high school reunion at Girard College (a school for fatherless boys) in Penn., followed by a tour down memory lane across the U.S., visiting Judy Magalhaes Garcia and me as well as other friends and family. During Reunion Weekend we visited Colby and heard Professor Jenny Boylan’s talk. + Keep in touch and keep sending photos (old and new) for our 50th reunion. 

1964

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Gloria Shepherd started a Facebook group for the Class of 1964—she hopes you will join. She was in Spain in June visiting friends she met 47 years ago during her junior year at the University of Madrid. She saw Madrid, León, Villaviciosa, and nearby fishing villages in Asturias, La Coruna, Santiago de Compostela, and Ourense, and Riba das in Galicia plus fabulous day trips and a wonderful exhibit of Sorolla paintings at the Prado Museum in Madrid. + George Shur: “It was good to see so many classmates at our reunion. Martha and I especially enjoyed the seminar presentations—what a thrill to see the pedagogical expertise of our Colby faculty and fellow alumni. We were also impressed by the number of 1964ers whose children attended Colby. I tried, but our kids didn’t fall for my sales pitch. We are spending the summer in Illinois but will get to Maine in August to visit old friends, Sabago Lake, etc. Then, it’s back to Sarasota. Golly, retirement is tough.” + Larry Dyhrberg: “Michelle, the girls and I leave next week for three weeks in Normandy. We’re very much looking forward to reuniting with friends from our year in Bayeux. I’m getting ready to understand 10 percent of every conversation I experience. No matter; the food and friends are great.” + In the spring semesters of 2007, 2008, and 2009 Ed Baker was a visiting professor at Hanyang University’s Research Institute of Comparative History and Culture and taught Modern Korean History and East Asian History and Culture in the division of international studies at Hanyang University in Seoul. + Sue Sawyer McClary: “It was fun to hear about Parks’ Diner—that was Brian ’63 and my first date. He sprung for a jelly donut. We are still trying to retire and move to Virginia but it doesn’t seem to happen, so I guess we’ll just keep working. We have been married 45 years in June and rewarded ourselves with a Mediterranean cruise in May: Venice, Athens, Istanbul, and a few islands in between.” + From Lois Lyman: “I’ve been living since 1998 with my husband, Ross Fanue, and two cats in a mountainside home we built in Lincolnville, Maine. I sing in the Quasimodal Chorus, play and sing folk music, garden, and sail when I can. After being a corporate librarian with the now-defunct Digital Equipment Corporation for 17 years, I retired just ahead of a layoff and am currently self-employed part time as a freelance vocabulary/classification specialist and indexer of, mostly, online information.” Lois is indexing primary 18th- and 19th-century slavery and anti-slavery documents from England, France, and the U.S. She recently attended a live taping of the public radio program “Says You” at the Camden Opera House. Sue recounted a story from 1994 when “on a three-week sail with friends in the Baleares Islands, my husband’s blue jeans, festooned with other laundries about the rigging, were stolen as we were attending the Festival of St. John in Cutadela, Minorca. There were a number of very charming, very drunk young Spaniards roaming about, who no doubt needed the jeans more than we did, but it was inconvenient.” + Betsy Crockett Tyson-Smith: “I am extremely busy running the NPO I began in 2006, the Virginia Thuston Healing Garden, in Harvard, Mass. David and I spend as much time as we can in good weather at our little house on Indian Point, in Georgetown, Maine. Can you believe it: Indian Point was a favorite retreat for Colby profs Dr. Birge, Dr. Perez, Yeager Hudson, and dear Jim Carpenter. I have met their children and heard some of the wild tales the residents tell of them in the ‘60s, especially at nights on the beach!” + Yikes, out of space! 

1965

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PASSIONS. We have reached a stage in our lives when long-felt needs to do fun things can be indulged. One thing led to another and she is well on her way to a pilot’s license in her Piper Warrior. “I had always wanted to learn to fly since I was a kid, but never got around to it... so I’m learning to fly now, and loving every minute of it! I’ve ‘found my passion’ as they say. It’s never too late to learn something new, and flying is the best.” Cheering her on are seven grandchildren and a great-grandson, one of whom said, “Nana Jann rocks.” + Dave Hatch, our retired/not retired classmate, will teach at a small private high school in Fort Meyers for a year before moving to Venice, Fla., to be with “former flame” Dale Rottner Haas. + Bruce Hertz has followed his passion for theater by directing his second play for Gaslight Theater of Hallowell, Maine. He’s on their board. Still on the job, he is working on a marketing plan for the Maine State Museum, of which he is a commissioner. + Jim Fortitanio “fished for stories about Gloucester’s Rocky Neck Art Colony as a writer for Boston-based Artscope magazine. Also enjoyed a trip to Peru with my partner, Madeleine Littman, bumping in a bus from one end of the Andes to another, occasionally alighting to enjoy the views, the history, and the simply ravishing simple Peruvian cuisine.” + Bud Marvin and Tiger Woods share a passion for golf. The Budster was following his bliss in Sarasota when, like Tiger, he noticed his game was off. Unlike Tiger, Budster needed a six bypass visit to the chest docs. “I had to spend six weeks in Florida to gain strength for the drive north after a week in the hospital. Happy to report that recovery seems to be going very well and I am back on the links trying to regain my swing.” Our Tiger is back! + Your scribe has a passion for international travel and has visited his favorite beach in Jamaica, found a new “favorite” spot on Maui last May, and by the time you read this hopes to have found yet another on Cyprus. So many beaches, so little time. Do it now, follow your bliss! Hail, Colby, Hail. 

1966

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The summer of 2009 found Anne Ruggles Gere and family at golf camp in Belgrade, Maine, so that Anne could try out her clubs, which husband Budge gave her for Father’s Day two years ago. + Rob Sears was in the U.S. this summer for a wedding and enjoyed taking Amtrak from Chicago to Seattle. + Adventurous Debbie Anglim Higgins wrote from Chennai, India, a stop on her five-week Indian journey, which included a wedding, safari, houseboat trip on the west-coast, a tour of the “golden triangle,” and a side trip to Sri Lanka. + Gayle Johnson Poinsrette and Garfield Barnes took a road trip with young grandchildren from Vermont to Tennessee to attend a family wedding, including a stop at Garf’s grandparents’ farm in Bardstown, Ky.—a test run for future road trips with the grandkids. + Pam Harris Holden wrote from Scottsdale, Ariz., where it was 115 degrees! She was looking forward to her August housesitting stint in a cooler San Diego. + Doris Chalmers Bedinger and her partner, Pete, checked in from Lima, Peru, where they assist NGOs with electronic improvements. + Liz (Drinkwine ’68) and Ted Houghton upgraded to a larger RV and were off to Nova Scotia for the month of August before heading south again for the winter. Ted writes, “This getting old gig sure ain’t fun.” His ailments list includes Grove’s Disease—very itchy—and something called DSAP: Physical therapy.
and an injection of Sinus One were treatments for his arthritic knee. Sue Turner and Karl left the East Coast for a summer of travel that included biking, paddling, a week with their daughter in Madison, Wis., and many state and national parks in N.Y., Ind., Minn., N.D., Mont., S.D., a visit to an Ontario friend, and ending up at their rammed earth house in Maine for September and October. A broken foot along the way slowed Sue down only slightly. Joe and Karen Rendeau Pacheco traveled to the Azores and Lisbon in May and spent time on Cutthunk Island off Cape Cod in June. Congratulations to David Beney on his Jan. 11, 2009, birthday marriage to longtime girlfriend Laura. (Less chance of forgetting their anniversary, says David.) He has retired from the restaurant business and enjoys time to pursue other interests. He and Laura will take an Alaskan tour in late fall. Bob and Merri Aldrich Egbert’s retirement priorities are family and travel. Merri’s mother passed away last year, but Bob’s mom is in a nursing home in N.J., where they travel from their Virginia home to care for her. They had “doggie day camp” while caring for two granddogs for a week, making Indian headresses, bandannas, and a camp pendant. “Hmmmm—do retirees have too much time on their hands?” asks Merri. They are gardeners and walkers and enjoy a Meals on Wheels route to house-bound folks who appreciate their visits. The family vacations at Hatteras Beach, NC., each summer, and Bob and Merri will travel to Italy this fall. They do NOT text, twitter, or tweet and still cling to newspapers and books. A new granddaughter named Molly is Betty Ann Hernberg Went’s happiest news. Molly joins brother Ethan. Never a dull moment for Betty as she cares for them, but twice the fun. Now for some great female bonding: Ellie Caito Thomp-son, Marty Walker Marchut, Gretchen Wollam O’Connor, and Linda Kaiser Want-man had a fun annual weekend catching up in Newport, R.I., in July, and their class correspondent hosted Beth Peo Armstrong, Lynn Seidenstuecker Gall, Pam Harris Holden, Linda Buchheim Wagner, and Diane Leach Wilbur in Waterford, Maine, in June. We started this tradition five years ago in honor of turning 60 and celebrated 65 this time around. Intentions are to do it at least every two years from now on. Colby friendships are precious.

1967
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Two of our classmates have rediscovered the elegant, romantic, golden age of steamship crossings. Eric Meindl and his wife, Vickie, spent five days crossing from Miami to Amsterdam. Don and Joyce Dem-kowski Henckler took their crossing on the QE2 as they followed the James Taylor concert cruise. What a lovely way to recapture times gone by. When Eric isn’t going port-out-starboard-home, he works for a nonprofit called Senior Solutions, which transports patients between home and medical appointments. In addition Eric and Vickie volunteer at an animal rescue center in Greenville, S.C. Prior to the aforementioned ocean voyage, Joyce and Don had an active spring when their first grandchild was born to their older son, Adam. Later, their young-er son, Aaron’03, completed his M.B.A. at the Tuck School. Eric Rosen is pleased to let us know that he is doing very well and practices law when and how he pleases. His focus, however, has become courses at Hebrew College and Andover Newton Theological School. The two schools share a picturesque campus in Newton Centre, Mass. The courses are co-taught by a rabbi and a minister and have lead Eric to become very active in interfaith dialogue as he deepens his understanding of the roots of both faiths. Eric and his wife visited Normandy. Eric is in regular contact with Jim Thomas and would like some word on Harry Graff, Jim Wilson, and Jim Bright. If any of you see this note, give Eric a call. Finally Eric had the pleasure seeing Dave Aronson and Pete Swartz ’66 at a Brookline High dinner. Sally Ray Bennett has arrived home in Rhode Island after several extensive trips to exciting spots such as the Mexican Riviera and Peru, where she visited Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca, and Lima. She then headed far north and spent more than a week in Finland and the Arctic. All that does not count her yearly visit to the more mundane, but very hospitable, Gulf Coast of Florida. You would be mistaken to think that Sally has come home to rest. Oh no, a week after she arrived back in the Ocean State, she entertained her children and grandchildren—14 in all. Sally will be arranging and rearranging bedrooms for several weeks and, from her note, enjoying every moment. Sally has been in contact with former Sigma Kappas Louise Melan-ton Belknap ’65 and Barb Bibby ’68. Mark and Sue Barden Johnson have been hiking in France. Sue writes that her roomie, Dorean Corson Maines, is now the program manager for the Partnership for a Tobacco Free Maine and in charge of major funding. An April 2009 editorial in the Boston Globe stated that “Maine... has consistently spent a large share of its tobacco settlement on smoking prevention and cessation programs—last year it was 62 percent of the recommendation of the federal CDC. ... the incidence of high school smoking declined 64 percent in Maine over the past 10 years. Congratulations, Maine!” And congratulations to Dorean on the success of her program!

As we file this column, many of us are nearing our 65th birthdays and beginning to file for Medicare. But members of the Class of 1967 are redefining retirement and remaining actively involved with their communities, proving that Colby Rocks!

Drop us a line or an e-mail and let us know about your family, your travels, and your passions and your pet peeves so we’ll have news for our next column.

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Joe Boulos writes: “I successfully climbed Kilimanjaro in March. Also just completed my fourth and final year as Chairman of the Board of the College. Colby gave me an honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, at graduation.” Steve Freyer reports that: “Our youngest, Alexandra ’09, graduated in May and earned magna cum laude. It didn’t need amplification that her GPA was about double mine. Adding to the special day was seeing Joe Boulos receive a well-deserved honorary doctorate. We now refer to him as ‘Dr. Joe.’ We continue to represent and manage the affairs of some professional athletes and broadcasting personalities. No interest in retirement for the moment, but it’s nice to have a less frenetic schedule.” Hope Jahn is singing with a women’s barbershop group, Sounds of the Seacoast. “We compete and do performances at many different venues in New England and Canada. I’m loving it!” John Leopold says, “I continue to work as a mediator/arbitrator/special master and enjoy it greatly. It provides the best of my judicial career (working for the parties and counsel and helping resolve cases in mediation; deciding tough issues in arbitration) with none of the undesirable elements (i.e. chief judging, which simply didn’t suit my personality).” John also writes: “Earlier this year we had two experiences which, upon reflection, were serendipitous. In March we spent a few days in Arizona. This included my first trip to the Grand Canyon. That day was truly moving. When one looks at the work of the Colorado River over billions of years, one has to be humbled. The Psalmist said it best: ‘When I look at the heavens, the work of Thy fingers... what is man that Thou art mindful of him?’ An extraordinary experience, indeed! About a month later the Academy of Ancient Music, one of the preeminent period instrument groups in the world, played Bach’s sixth Brandenburg Concerto in Denver. In retrospect, this program offered a look at an early part of the evolution of music. I wonder how far down the beautiful canyon walls one would find the Brandenburgs. I wish I could speak with Professors Ermanno Comparatti, Gus Todrank, and Hal Raymond, all in the same room, and get their take on this.” Thanks for all your communications. Please keep in touch!

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It’s now fall, and I am sure that most of us who attended have some wonderful memories of our reunion. Although I was unable to attend Saturday and Sunday events, I still had an opportunity to catch up with many friends and acquaintances. The weekend started on Thursday evening with a gathering at Eddie Woodlin’s home in Scarborough. Eddie was a wonderful host and the weather cooperated beautifully, allowing the several dozen of us who gathered to enjoy lobster, clams and other fare well into the evening. Hopefully, in five years, many of you who were unable to attend this year will join your classmates at a similar event. I extend thanks to Donna Massey, who served as our class president over the past five years, and Cherrie Dubois, who will be class president until our next reunion. James Skinner has been designing and creating jewelry with the Brown & Goldsmiths Co. in Freeport, Maine, since 1980. Previously he trained as a sculptor, earning a M.F.A. at the University of Pennsylvania, and taught studio art at the SUNY system in Geneseo, N.Y. Later he attended the Pacifica Graduate Institute in California and worked in clinical counseling at Carroll County, N.H., mental health services, on staff at Memo-rial Hospital, North Conway, N.H., and then on staff at St. Mary’s Hospital in Lewiston. He then returned to the arts and creation of fine objects at Brown & Goldsmiths. Two years ago Jim married Kat Riseman. Together they enjoy sailing their old Morgan 30 sloop on Casco Bay and garden-ing and refurbishing their 1840s house in Gorham. Kat works at Tyler Technologies in Falmouth in marketing and communica-tions. Jim’s son, Gabriel, works at CAD design for Davinci Pools in Austin, Texas. They recently shared in the joy of the marriages of Kat’s sons Max and Ben and are looking forward to her daughter Alexi’s wedding next year. Max’s twin, Sasha, may also have a wedding in her future. Max works with computers, coding for businesses, and as a weather person on MPBN radio. Ben is in graduate school studying resource eco-
Deb Fitton Mansfield '70

greg andrews is the new comptroller and director of finance for saddleback (maine) ski resort. he’ll assist with new ventures for the ski and snowboarding resort as well as manage the accounting, human resources, it, and ticketing departments. greg, who has an m.b.a. from the tuck school at dartmouth, has worked in administration, human resources, and finance for a variety of companies (information please, pro cd, cambridge soundworks, boston acoustics) during their start-up phases. be sure to visit greg’s online shop, the snowsource general store, at www.snowsource.com. we look forward to seeing you at the 40th reunion, greg—waterville isn’t far from the colby convention in saint paul, minn. it was such a worthwhile experience that he took the fall semester off and was a paid employee for senator john mccain’s campaign in penn. daughter mimi is a sophomore at ohio wesleyan university, where she played on the varsity field hockey team as a freshman. her team made the playoffs for the first time in 17 years. youngest daughter sarah is a sophomore at millbrook.

1970

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Greg Andrews is the new comptroller and director of finance for Saddleback mountain ski resort. he’ll assist with new ventures for the ski and snowboarding resort as well as manage the accounting, human resources, IT, and ticketing departments. greg, who has an M.B.A. from the Tuck School at Dartmouth, has worked in administration, human resources, and finance for a variety of companies (Information Please, Pro CD, Cambridge SoundWorks, Boston Acoustics) during their start-up phases. Be sure to visit Greg’s online shop, The SnowSource General Store, at www.snowsource.com. We look forward to seeing you at the 40th reunion, Greg—Waterville isn’t far from the Colby convention in Saint Paul, Minn. It was such a worthwhile experience that he took the fall semester off and was a paid employee for Senator John McCain’s campaign in Penn. Daughter Mimi is a sophomore at Ohio Wesleyan University, where she played on the varsity field hockey team as a freshman. Her team made the playoffs for the first time in 17 years. Youngest daughter Sarah is a sophomore at Millbrook.

70s Newsmakers

The New England League of Middle Schools awarded Deb Fitton Mansfield ’70 one of two 2009 Master in the Middle Awards for more than 20 years of teaching at the Jefferson Village School in Jefferson, Maine. The award honors teachers who are devoted to their students and committed to best middle-level practices in teaching. Gregory N. Andrews ’70 was named the new controller and director of finance at saddleback mountain ski area in rangeley, maine. CEO and general manager of saddleback Warren Cook said he trusts Andrews “will raise the bar on [saddleback’s] budgeting and accountability across the board.” Christopher N. Duncan ’73 was featured in the Daily Gazette of Schenectady, N.Y., for his scrap metal sculptures that, the Gazette says, “mock the laws of nature.” A Guggenheim Fellow in 1986, Duncan currently works as professor of visual art at union college, where he is preparing for a 2010 group residency at the Salem Art Works. Duncan’s pieces have been shown around the world, from Miami to china. The Royal Bank of Scotland group announced that William T. O’Donnell III ’79 will return to the firm as managing director and head of U.S. Treasury strategy within its global banking and markets division. O’Donnell previously worked at UBS and at RBS Greenwich Capital.

Milestones

The Gulf of Maine Bookstore on Maine Street in downtown Brunswick is the kind of place where, to paraphrase Robert Frost, when you go there you want to read a book. Gary Lawless ’73 and his partner Beth Leonard opened the store in 1979, and despite the inroads of the Internet and competition from bigger stores, the Gulf of Maine remains a successful and vibrant enterprise.

A nationally recognized poet, Lawless has published 16 collections of poems (12 in the U.S. and four in Italy). A literary Johnny Appleseed, he’s traveled across the country and around the world, reading his poetry, leading workshops, and sharing the wonders of the word in Italy, Slovenia, Lithuania, Latvia, and Cuba. Closer to home, he’s led writing classes for several nontraditional audiences, such as artists with disabilities at Spindleworks in Brunswick, the homeless population at Preble Street in Portland, refugees living in Lewiston and Portland, and war veterans back from Afghanistan and Iraq.

“Poetry gives people on the margins the chance to be respected, tell stories, and join the conversation,” Lawless said.

He began his own “conversation” in Belfast, Maine, where he grew up two doors down from the city library and was one of its most frequent patrons. At Colby he worked in Miller Library (“A real treasure trove,” he said) and was co-editor of the Pequot, the literary magazine.

Lawless’s literary life has included seeing the poet W.H. Auden read at Colby in sweatshirt and slippers and a stay in the home of poet Gary Snyder in northern California, where he was Snyder’s apprentice. Lawless met many renowned Beat poets at Snyder’s house and saw his mentor’s star rise when Snyder won the Pulitzer Prize the following year.

“Words for me are living entities,” Lawless said, and he has built his life around them, both in his own writing, his teaching, and in his bookshop, where fellow lovers of language gather.

“There’s lots of good reason for hope,” he said, “with so much good art and music being created around the world.”

—David Trudwell
question about Colby friendships, Norm commented: “We have not stayed in close touch with anyone, but with three sons and a daughter-in-law all from Colby, I guess the school exerted some sort of massive gravitational pull on us.” • Anne Badminton Cass can’t believe that she has spent 35 years in education, with 20 of those in administration. Anne has moved from Manchester, N.H., to Portland, Ore., to Brookfield, Conn., where she currently is head of upper school at Wooster School. She has remained in close touch with Jan Hueners Crook and Roberta Rollins Wallace. During a January visit to Mohonk Mountain House for a conference, Anne saw Jackie Nieneber Appeldorn, who is general manager there. • I recently had the privilege of staying at Mohonk, as Jackie’s guest, along with forever Colby friends Lisa Kehler Bubar, Debbie Mael Mandino, and Chris Mattern Way. It was a most amazing way to celebrate 40 years of friendship. • I hope this column can help unite and reunite classmates. Anne Badminton Cass would love to hear from Martha Bernard Welsh ’74, And I would very much love to hear from Cindy Santillo. I encourage all classmates to give Colby your e-mail address to make sure that we continue to stay connected. I look forward to hearing from you all again soon.

1974

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This column is the first of many during the next five years that Vicki Parker Kozak and Jill Gilpatrick Richard will be co-writing. Vicki and I hope to hear from lots of you during this time. We would like to acknowledge S. Ann Earon’s commitment to the column these past five years. We were sorry not to have had her at reunion but know she was committed with her daughter’s eighth grade graduation. For those of you who were able to make it to Waterville in June, we had a great time reconnecting. For those who couldn’t make it, mark your calendars for our 40th in 2014. • The Thursday evening after reunion Debbie Wa-then Finn and Vicki Parker Kozak joined Robin and Artie Bell, Diane and Mark Curtis, Rocky Goodhope of the Seattle area, and Gail and Remi Browne on a trip to the Chebeague Island Inn. It was a great way to get warmed up for the reunion activities to come. • People came from far and near to attend our 35th! Phil DeFord has returned from his decades-long career in the financial industry in Singapore. He now hangs his hat in St. Louis and is thrilled to be back home. He is serving a term as our class agent. • Brian MacQuarrie, feature writer for the Boston Globe, recently published his first book, The Ride, and gave a great talk, Channeling the Muse, discussing the process of researching and writing a book. His book was excerpted a few months ago in the Globe Magazine and sold out at the Colby Bookstore during reunion. • Joe ’72 and Martha Hamilton Benson made the trip east from Minneso- ta. Both of them are involved in the real estate business • Linda Krohn Kildow was unable to attend as her triplets were gradu- ating from high school. She vows she will make it in 2014 if not before. • Janet Hansen ’75 and Bruce Drouin were at reunion and had just returned from a wonderful trip to Argentina to visit their daughter, Sarah, who spent a semester in Buenos Aires. Bruce started a new job in the banking in- dustry in northern Maine. Bruce, thanks for all of your hard work as class president for the past five years. • Dick and Liz Belsky Miller couldn’t make it to reunion as their daughter, Emily, was graduating from Lex- ington (Mass.) High School. She’s bound for Colgate in the fall. • Jane Dutton is a sociology professor of longstanding at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and is on sabbatical for the next several months travelling through the Middle East and then staying in the Boston area for research. Jane was able to join us at reunion and afterwards at Windfall, a huge oceanfront cottage near Rockland, Maine, that we rent each June. Jane joined Debbie Marden, Cathy Morris Killoran, Martha Hamilton Benson, Deb Wathen Finn and her daugh- ter, Stephanie ’07, Barb Powers ’73, Sue Yovic Hoeller ’73, and Vicki and me. A great time was had by all. • Bonnie Nielson lives in Augusta, Maine, teaching gifted and tal- ented students in grades K-6 in the public schools. She will complete her master’s in gifted education next May. She also moon- lights at Barnes & Noble to support her book addiction. • Priscilla Ballou writes from Roslindale, Mass. that she is enter- ing her 28th year in the MIS department at Boston University. She is very involved as a lay leader at the Episcopal Cathedral in Boston, where she serves as advocate for transgender folk and organizes around gaining transgender civil rights at the state level. • Anne Callaghan wrapped up her second tour at the American Embassy in Rome this summer and is back at the State Department. She says that leaving Italy was difficult but she looked forward to living closer to her daughter, a senior at University of Virginia. Anne kept up with Colby friends in the foreign service and hopes to see other alums in Washington, D.C. • That’s all for now. Please let us know what’s new in your life.

1975

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Thanks to those that wrote to me with news. Mike ’76 and Mary Bastron Harper spent long weekend summers at their Lake Okojo home with family and friends. Mike took up sailing again and is getting good at windsurfing—when he is not a staff neurolo- gist and clinical practice chair at the Mayo Clinic. Son Nick is working at a commer- cial real estate investment firm in Chicago, daughter Sarah is in a master’s in Spanish program at UT Austin, and daughter Cait- lin is beginning her sophomore year at St. Olaf College following her summer lab in- ternship at Mayo. Mary Jo is still keeping busy with volunteer work, sports leagues, and gardening with her dad. • Mike and Carolyn Deuringer Dupont live in Balti- more. After a lengthy career at Baltimore Gas and Electric, Carolyn has turned to tacking the garden: the weeds almost won this year. Mike is VP and chief actuary at XLHealth. Their daughter, Jackie ’04, works for Hardys Girls Healthy Women in Water- ville while completing her master’s at the University of Maine. Son David graduated from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, where he specialized in charac- ter animation and is trying to break into the field professionally. Youngest son Justin is a high school sophomore. Carolyn and Mike are planning trips to visit their children across the country. • Debbie Seel Palman retired after 30 years in the Maine Warden Service and is now training dogs profes- sionally. She and her husband are moving to a small ‘gentleman’s farm’ in a nearby town. • The Kennebec Journal reported that Bob Duchesne has poured more than four years of hard work into creating a land- mark publication for Maine’s outdoors. The Maine Birding Trail is a companion book and field guide that outlines the best 82 bird watching spots in the state. Bob ex- pects to add sections to the trail in the future. • Jay ’76 and Mugsie Nelson Sarson retired after selling their 30-year-old office products company. They have four children: two graduated from Notre Dame, one from Tufts, and one from NYU. Three kids are in finance and the youngest is a film major who works at Nickelodeon. When turning 50 they were faced with dealing with seri- ous illnesses. Jay was diagnosed with bone cancer, but thankfully he is now fine after chemotherapy. Mugsie’s MS is controlled by medication, which allows her to enjoy golf and the beach. They split their time between Massachusetts and Florida and traveling to visit family. • I was fortunate to attend the Colby class reunion in June to prepare for our reunion next year. It was great to touch base with my friends from 1974 and attend all of the activities. I especially enjoyed the various discussion groups led by different members of the reunion classes. The College does a great job with this weekend and the campus has changed in many ways. Our class presi- dent, Rod Jones, is the chairperson of our committee, which started planning for June 2010. Although you will be hearing more details in the coming months, please start now to ‘fire up’ your friends and plan to come back to Mayflower Hill June 3-6.

1976

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Hi everyone! I hope you all had a terrific summer. We’ll start this round with Paul Bishop’s debut in this column. I used to see Paul for lunch in Boston in the late ’70s when he was an ADA for Massa- chusetts and I was still in my 20s. Since then Paul and his family have lived in Westwood. Paul has practiced law in Quincy since 1984 and has had his own partnership for 15 years. Paul special- izes in domestic relations and civil litiga- tion, his partner in construction litigation. Paul’s wife, Theresa, is a research project manager at Mass General Hospital, where she helps coordinate cardiac research an- alyzing the DNA of participants for mark- ers that can be traced to heart disease. His daughter, Julianne, is a sophomore at Brown, plays ice hockey and lacrosse, and is leaning toward business studies. His son Andrew us at Williams and hopes to play baseball. Paul concludes, “My family is great, I feel blessed, and life is action packed for all of us in the Bishop family.” Just promise, Paul, that you won’t make us wait 33 more years! And for all of you others who have never written—now is the time! • Lydia McNamery was finally old enough for a knee replacement after 34- plus years of wear and tear. Just before her surgery her family attended the Winnipeg Folk Festival in Canada and celebrated son Andrew’s graduation from high school. Daughter Rebecca will graduate in 2010. Lydia and John just celebrated their 20th anniversary. Congratulations! • David ’75 and Harriet Buxbaum Pinansky finished renovating their old farmouse in Sebago, Maine, that they use in the summer. Colby friends are welcome to drop by. Mean- while, their children keep moving farther away. Son Sam lives in Tokyo and trans- lates anime into English. Daughter Sarah just moved to Seattle, where she hopes to find a good job market for art majors! • Martha and Rob Bell are planning the
wedding of their oldest daughter, Victoria, to her college sweetheart. Martha is the newly elected president of her Unitarian Universalist congregation in Paramus, N.J. She juggles that with work and graduate studies in strategic communications at Columbia. Younger daughter Madeleine is a junior at The College of New Jersey and spent five weeks in a study-abroad program in Rome. Rob’s business is going strong after 30 years, working in marketing and association management. • Gary Jones and wife Mary Lynn have been in Bend, Ore., for six years. He reminds all potential visitors of great opportunities for hiking, kayaking, fishing, golf, skiing, and drinking wine. (Gary, don’t be surprised if 50 of us or so show up at your door!) This summer Garry visited son Josh, who if 50 of us or so show up at your door!) his grandson, Thomas.

• Paul Boghossian notes that the best address for e-mailing is paulboghossian@gmail.com. His son, Chip, just transferred to Colby and daughter Lynn just graduated from Brown. • Jenny Frutchy Ford doesn’t even need to write to me (she just thinks it) to deliver the message of asking for your help with the Colby Fund. Keep our class record a strong one! • Lastly, on a personal note, I was just nominated for a Perry Award (statewide for New Jersey community theaters) for Outstanding Production of an Original Musical. I produced and performed in an all-Sondheim concert last fall. What they say is indeed true: it really produced and performed in an all-Sondheim concert last fall. What they say is indeed true: it really produced and performed in an all-Sondheim concert last fall. What they say is indeed true: it really produced and performed in an all-Sondheim concert last fall. What they say is indeed true: it really

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David Abrahamson retired after 20 years in the U.S. Army as an infantryman, intelligence officer, and specialist on Japan to begin a new career as a pilot for Delta Connection, one of Delta’s regional airline partners. David lives in Reston, Va., is based in Detroit, and loves flying. David says hello to his Pi Lamb brothers. • Jeanne Greiter Fine’s oldest daughters graduated from college in June (Trinity University of San Antonio and American University in Washington, D.C.). All of her kids are Texas natives, so she doubts that her other two children will be inclined to go as far north as Colby either. • Susan Jacke Littlefield has lived on Block Island, R.I., for 27 years, where she and her husband, Chris, own an apiary. They sell their honey for 27 years, where she and her husband, Chris, own an apiary. They sell their honey income. She chose a Colby annuity plan because it will provide her income in retirement and will support Colby in the years ahead. For more information on Colby annuities contact: Susan Conant Cook ’75 800-809-0103 giftplanning@colby.edu

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Hello all! Another reunion has come and gone. I’m back for another term as your class correspondent and happy to share news with you. • Doug DeAngelis lives in Oregon and works for Wells Fargo Insurance Division as an insurance broker and retirement-plan specialist. He’s been in Oregon since 2004, and his son, Alex, (whose mother is Doug’s first wife, Vicki Mains Henderson) will graduate from the University of Oregon this spring. Doug regrets missing the reunion. He does see Tom Marlitt ’80 in Portland and gets back to New England every spring for the Phi Delta reunion at Fenway Park. • Coloradan Greg Jalbert works full bore on a novel loosely based on growing up along the Allagash River, where he apprenticed with world-renowned guides—his father and grandfather—and eventually operated his family’s hunting and fishing lodge on Round Pond. A chapter of Greg’s novel appeared in Narrative magazine, and you can read the published chapter at www.narrativemagazine.com/issues/winter-2009/ lac-au-mirage. He still lives in Evergreen, Colo., (beautiful location!) amid deer, elk, mountain lions, and bears. • Kathy Quimby Johnson did make it to the reunion, where it was great to catch up with friends she’s known since freshmen year—Doug Taron, Greg Pfitzer, and Bruce Brown—see the changes on campus, and know that some things—walking around Johnson Pond, the lobster bake—never change. • The last year, 2008-2009, has been a red letter one for Elizabeth Armstrong and her family. Living in Kyoto, Japan, Elizabeth worked on and completed several projects, worked on translations (Japanese to English), did research long put on hold, and taught a new course in translation studies. Daughters Rebekah, 14, and Mariah, 10, thrived at the Kyoto International School, and husband Erik Lofgren (brother of Kristen Lofgren Dennison ’80) enjoyed his work with the Associated Kyoto Program. It was this same program that brought her to Japan 32 years ago during her junior

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For this issue I heard from Jon Hickok, who is still an active member of the Colby community. Jon’s oldest graduated from Colby in May and his youngest attended Colby soccer camp this summer. Jon has also started the “Colby College Class of 1977” group on Facebook. There are currently 15 of us in the group. • Deb Cohen sent an update from San Jose, Costa Rica, where she has been taking students for summer study for the past several years. Deb is interim chair of the department of modern languages and cultures at Slippery Rock University. In February the SRU theater department will be staging her translation of Costa Rican author Melvin Mendez’s The Old Man’s Wings. It will be the world premiere of the play in English, and the author will be in attendance. • I didn’t hear from Charlie Burch, but he was in the Southern Maine news recently: he’s joined the lacrosse coaching staff at the University of New England after having been Kennebunk boys lacrosse coach for the past 12 years. Charlie is a history teacher at Massabesic High School in Waterboro, Maine. • That’s it for now!

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year and provided her with the formative experience that guided her career choice.

- Sonny Omatseye wasn’t able to attend the reunion. He is in Nigeria in Warri, Delta State, where he leases marine equipment to oil and gas multinational companies. Sonny visits the States, vacationing in Arizona, where his children attend college, and New York. - It has been a rough year for me, but I’m happy to say I am back working. Being home for eight months allowed me to slow down, enjoy my girls, heal my foot (knee surgery), and realize that redirecting my career wasn’t a bad thing to do. My oldest, Kayleigh, has moved back to Colorado Springs (not home) to complete her last semester locally and will graduate in December from Mesa State College (Grand Junction, Colo.) with a certified degree in athletic training. My youngest, Meredith, started her junior year and got her license. So the next 30 years for me are just beginning.

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It’s less than a year away, and plans for our 30th reunion are underway. Put June 3-7, 2010, on your calendars. A reunion committee has formed. Please contact Lynn Collins Francis at lynncollins00@yahoo.com or Lisa McDonough O’Neill at lisa-oneill80@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping or have ideas you would like to see implemented to make our 30th memorable.

- And speaking of reunions, Tom Eyman wrote that on a whim he made it up to Waterville this June to party with the class of ’79. R.P. Higgins ’77 and his band played at their dinner and was fantastic. The band included Geoff Becker and Tom Stratton ’81 along with Sara Frolio ‘79, John Smedley ’79, and Sandy Pendee ’77. Tom had a great time catching up with Howie “Hoops” Ingraham ’79, Bill Muller ’79, Jim Coull ’79, John Longley, Chuck Jones ’79, Lindy Williams ’79, Libby Maynard Gordon ’79, Weid Butler, and Tom “T-man” Trainor ’78. Tom (Eyman) and family are still in Franconia, N.H., and he took his teenage daughters, Julia, Isabelle, and Caroline, on a self-guided tour of Colby this spring.

- Liz Yanagihara Horwitz plays in a small jazz group with Bill Zoli. Once a month they do an educational cable TV show from Gloucester. Liz writes that her former roommate and sister-in-law, Sue Horwitz Kerr, has both her sons at Colby. John is a junior and Peter started his freshman year in Dijon. This year Sue will be the interim director of the Wellesley College Child Study Center. - The big highlight this year for Tina Chen Starke was remodeling the family’s 1964 New Jersey bi-level to bring it into the 21st century. The four-month job turned into a nine-month project. Tina’s husband, Larry ’81, is a senior director of regulatory affairs at Schering-Plough Corp., a job that keeps him very busy. The Starke were planning an August trip to Maine and are looking forward to next year’s 30th.

- Bill Linnell has a full-time “shore job” for the first time in about 25 years. He still works at the juvenile corrections facility but now is the program manager for Jobs For Maine’s Graduates, helping graduating students get jobs as they transition out of high school. “I’m working too hard, but having a lot of success.” Bill has been taking courses for the last couple of years at the Maine Advanced Technology Center in Brunswick and recently took the test to become a certified composites instructor. He’s interested in the boatbuilding applications, but composites will dominate much of the future in manufacturing cars, airplanes, trucks, wind power blades, as well as boats and industrial components.

- In addition to playing at the Class of ’79’s reunion, Geoff Becker has a new story collection, Black Elvis, that will be published in October by the University of Georgia Press. A novel, Hot Springs, follows next February from Tin House Books.

- Tamara Hannah had a great couple of months with two sailing trips to St. Barth’s, a boat delivery from Antigua to Newport, R.I., and a beautiful trip to Costa Rica. She has become a certified raw-food chef and enjoys spending time with her nieces and nephew and her two dogs, Greta and Ginger. She’d love to hear from anyone in the Chicago or Miami area.

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First, two ends of the employment spectrum: I lost my job in July, while Jeff Neville, “knock on wood,” has been at Merrill Lynch for 24 years. I have had roughly 20 different employers in that time, but who’s counting? Such is the life of a teacher! I am now doing private tutoring for grades 3-12 in the greater Waltham, Mass., area. Please contact me or refer me to your friends, relatives, and anyone with whom you ever shared the Earth’s atmosphere—stephanievrattos@yahoo.com.

- Last winter Beth Pniewski Wilson ran into Adam Levin while skiing at Wachusett Mountain in central Mass. Beth also saw Jimmy Roberti in Boston at their Suffolk Law School 25th reunion. To celebrate their 50th birthdays, Beth, Ellen Owens Dion, Lauren Hampton Rice, Darlene Howland, Lynn McLaren (who flew in from Seattle), Nancy Welsh Isbell, and Lynne Bruen Winter enjoyed a spa getaway weekend in May at Breton Woods Resort in N.H. - Elisabeth Eustis Paine and her Colby sophomore roommate, Elizabeth Stuart Bailey ’80, fulfilled a 25-year-old pledge to travel to Turkey and Greece for their 50th birthdays. They spent a fantastic month “scrambling through ruins representing more than 3,000 years of history, from hot-air ballooning in Cappadocia to kayaking over Lycian ruins.” - Dale Oak is excited about son Eric entering Miami University in Ohio this fall. - Alex Jones and his wife, Carol, are celebrating the birth of their fourth grandson. They helped Riverton Fair’s 100th year celebration, held in northwestern Connecticut over Columbus Day weekend (www.rivertonfair.org). - It was Karen Pfeiffer Jones’s turn to host Karen Baumstark Porter, Michele Adams Prince, Susan Robertson Kuzia ’82, and Tracy Don MacDonald ’82 for their annual summer get-together at her home in Rochester, N.Y. She and her family moved there in 2007 after spending 20-plus years in the New York City metro area. - Christian Melby lives in Milton, Mass., with daughter Lily, 10, and his wife, who is originally from Shanghai and Beijing, where they have visited. Christian owns a real estate brokerage company that specializes in South Shore, Mass., properties. - In honor of turning 50, Mimi Pratt Valyo began “chipping away at her bucket list” with a family trip to the Kentucky Derby. - Satoru “San” Orlandella Asato still lives in Edina, Minn. He left Merrill Lynch in 2004 to become a partner, financial coach, and investment advisor with McNellis & Asato, a private wealth-management firm. San was selected as a Top 200 Trusted Advisor by Minnesotan Law & Politics and named a Five Star Best in Client Satisfaction Wealth Manager by both Minneapolis-St. Paul and Twin Cities Business Journals. - Judy Greene Stewart’s daughter, Ramsay, will be a freshman this fall at Hamilton College. Judy celebrated Chris Ahlstrom Russian’s 50th birthday at a party given by her husband, Dana ’79. Also in attendance were Marty MacMillin, Margaret Carlton Bash, Eric Rosengren ’79, Barry ’79 and Liz Yanagihara Horwitz. - Ginny Bulford and Victor Vesnaver have their son, VJ (Victor Jr.) ’11, and now daughter Valerie ’13 at Colby. “The pressure is now on the high school junior we have at home!” Finally, fellow Red Sox fanatic Bob Ryan has been following the team around the country while on business trips for Stallion Oilfield Services in Houston, where he is deputy general counsel. Bob is looking forward to our 30th reunion, “now less than 20 months away.” He encourages anyone who wants to help organize reunion events to contact him at ryan@sofs.cc.

Happy 50th birthday, everyone!

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Greetings! I was pleased to catch up with Tom McKeon at a wedding reception recently. He practices law in Portland and was married two years ago to an old friend of mine, Mary Whited. - Karen Varnum Matt started a new job as tourism, public relations, and marketing manager with the Central Massachusetts Convention & Visitors Bureau. Her “baby,” Stephen, who is 6 1/4”, is heading to Roger Williams University. His brother, Sean, soon turns 21. Karen sees Bob Reynolds ’81 occasionally, and she visited Jay ’81 and Maureen Hagerty Polimeno ’84 last spring in New Hampshire. - Bruce Anderson recently met up with Richard Robinson, Lou Piscatelli, and Ric Agnes. Unfortunately it was at the funeral of fellow KDR Mike Romano ’81 in West Hartford, Conn. Bruce and Leslie (Perkins ’84) have a son, Eric, who is at Sarah Lawrence this fall for freshman year, and a daughter, Laura, who is now in high school. They have lived in Essex, Conn., for 10 years. - Sheila Kineke and her husband, Gary Bernstein, have spent the last seven years living just outside of Philadelphia, where she works at St. Joseph’s University and Gary is a professor at UPenn. Their twins, Andrew and Lewis, are 12. - Ginny McCourt McCurdy’s eldest daughter, Kate, graduated from McGill, and her third child, Ryan, graduated from high school. Daughter Annie, a junior in high school, is at home. Eldest son Rob is still traveling with his band, The Morning Of, and taking courses online. Bob ’81 is hoping the family business keeps afloat; Ginny is grateful that the education business continues regardless of the economy. She’s still teaching at Newburgh Free Academy in Newburgh, N.Y. - Ginny’s former roommates have news too: Diana Riley Young’s daughter, Victoria, graduated from high school and is attending Skidmore; while Donna Holt Archibald’s son, Sam, is at Wittenberg University in Ohio. Ginny’s son, Ryan, will attend Finger Lakes Community College in Canandaigua, N.Y. - Cathy Leonard Swain and her 17-year-old daughter, Gretchen, spent a month in Spain. They each took a class in Sevilla then traveled around Spain for two more weeks—a wonderful mother-daughter trip! - Kelda Caldwell Simpson in Rockville, Md., where she is a manager at the World Bank. Her husband, Rick, works at the SEC. Daughter Molly, 13, has been working towards her black belt in Taekwondo, and...
daughter Sally, 10, has placed on a classic soccer team. Kelda had a chance to catch up with Susan Reese Kretav and Christin Chamberlain Manning ’83 in June when she was in Boston. * Mark Hopkins is busy raising five kids in the Cleveland, Ohio, area, all of course with the same wife. They have one that has graduated from college (Miami University) and is getting married soon. Another one is in her second year at Bowling Green on a soccer scholarship. He has a son in his third year at Miami University-Ohio and another son in high school. His youngest daughter is in middle school. Mark has taken over the whole East Coast in sales for his Chicago-based company and finds himself on the move a lot trying to keep up with eight sales guys. He occasionally catches up with John Crowley and Peter Eshbaugh. * Richard and Debra Nelson Freeman have lived in Pittsburgh, Pa., almost 24 years. Two of their three kids have graduated from college and are about to complete grad school. Their third is entering his senior year of college. The last alumni they saw were Jeff Brown (in Pittsburgh) and Darryl Scott (in Ithaca, N.Y.). If any alumni are in the area, drop them an e-mail at jarfree@msn.com. * Diane Zavotsky and her husband, Daniel, had a great visit with Eric Ridgway and his wife, Cindy, in Sandpoint, Idaho, on Lake Pend Oreille on their boat followed by a lovely dinner at a local restaurant. They hadn’t seen each other in more than 20 years. They both live in Idaho, so hopefully it won’t be that long again. Eric organizes an annual swim in the lake in which Diane hopes to participate next year with a group from her hometown of Salmon.

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Be kind. Its my first time manning the pen, my fit of post-reunion nostalgia has burned off, and there’s no wine in the house. First, many thanks to Cynthia Mulliken Lazzara for her 10 years at the helm of our class notes; I’ll be looking to you for advice. Cynthia moves on to class VP, no doubt doing all the work for president Dana Hanley, despite his efforts to turn down his appointment. Dana prefers the term “benevolent despot” and he still refuses to attend any meetings; but promises that the beheadings will be fun. * Report from our 25th. It was my first time back in 15 years, but when Lauren Mogensen, who graciously picked me up at the Portland Jetport on her way up from Boston, and I walked into the pub and smacked into Ted Jenkins, Brian Preney, and Eric van Gestel enjoying some post-golf drinks, it was as though we had never left. Had a great time catching up with Cindy Mulliken Lazzara, Peggy Hale Ralphs, Kate Shaw, Joy Valvano, Lori Sturgeon Davis, and Tracy Weiner for the first time in 15 years, as well as my freshman roommate Sheryl Baltit. Note to Kitty Willbur: next time we’re coming for you! Many of us are trying to stay in touch over Facebook. Peggy Hale Ralphs reminisced with fellow Colby-in-Caen expats Kate McLaughlin Hibbert and Amy Carlson and their families. Certain missing DUs (Nils Gjetesby, John Karoff ’85, and Bill Sheehan) be forewarned: David Rosenberg asked if I can put you on the terrorist watch list for additional airport “screening” if you bail on the 30th. (I’ll take it under consideration pending submission of updates from each of you for the next column). Those not so faint-hearted include Warren Burroughs, Tom Gratzer, Bernie and Kayla Vittands Hefele, and Juan Colon, accompanied by his lovely daughter, Ali. Dave Ballou passed on his thanks to Jane Kendall Murphy and Diane Grundstrom Lemoine for bringing the photo albums! He enjoyed reconnecting with his Water Street housemates and hockey buds and reminiscing about freshman spring break trip to Florida with Beth Gardner Goodrich and Kam Marquardt.

* In non-reunion news: Congratulations to Sarah Rogers McMillan, who recently completed her doctorate in psychology and also became a partner at Howland & Spence, Boston’s oldest educational consulting firm. She and husband Don celebrated their 25th anniversary with a trip to France accompanied by their two teenage sons, Noah and Cameron. * Stephanie Curtis lives in Toronto with her husband and three children (5-11). They plan to move to Fontainebleau, France, where her husband will be doing a sabbatical year at INSEAD (2009-2010) while she and her children will be studying French and enjoying a slower pace. Stephanie recently reconnected with Hannah Howland Judson ’87, who also lives in Fontainebleau with her family. * Closing in on my word limit, so please send any reunion stories or other news for my next column.

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Another summer of rain, at least in New England. Next year, in June 2010, I have it on good authority that the weather will be perfect for our 25th reunion at Colby. I hope you are all making plans to attend because I know Cici Bevin Gordon and Bruce Hickey have already begun to make arrangements for a great weekend. * When it hasn’t been raining here in New Hampshire I’ve had a chance to catch up with some old friends. One morning I met up with my former roommate Lynn Rawlins Brophy in her hometown of Newport, Mass. Lynn recently began teaching eighth grade math at a public middle school in Lawrence, Mass. She says it’s quite a change from her years of staying home and raising two boys. Lynn and her husband, Jim Brophy ’80, are major league Jimmy Buffet fans and managed to survive his June concert at the Comcast Center despite a passing tornado or two. I also had a chance to meet two of Julie Sands Causey’s three boys when they stopped by my house in July on route to Boston after a visit to Colby. Julie and her husband, Chris, are just beginning their first experience as chauffeurs for the “college search.” When she isn’t cheering her boys on in their many sports endeavors in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Julie is a banker and an avid canoeist at their family getaway on a lake in Canada. I also saw Tom Colt and his bride, Megan, while attending a conference at St. George’s School in Newport, R.I. Tom says he is really enjoying his new life in Pittsburgh but he is definitely still a New England sports fan. * Debbie Neumann-Dubovsky didn’t let the iffy weather bother her this summer. She and her husband had a fantastic week-long vacation on their sailboat with their 19-month-old twin boys. Sailing from Long Island, N.Y., to Block Island, R.I., and back along the CT coast, the whole family did great. When Debbie isn’t sailing the high seas she works as a cardiologist in Huntington, N.Y., and would love to know if any classmates live on Long Island.

* Carol Eisenberg has been building a new house—just a few hundred yards away from the house she’s lived in since 1986 on Peaks Island, Maine. Her husband, David Simpson ’86, designed a super-insulated house that should be toasty warm and almost entirely off the grid thanks to an innovative solar energy plan. * Shireen Shahawy has been busy as usual. She recently completely the Leadership Intensive Program at Portland’s Institute for Civic Leadership, and was invited to join their board of directors. Board training included a three-and-a-half day Outward Bound experience complete with solo overnight—a “real departure for me,” Shireen said, but the class was “life-changing” for her. Additionally, she co-chaired Maine Youth Leadership’s 29th Annual Leadership Seminar for Maine High School Sophomores, an event which brought more than 100 high school sophomores from across the state together for a four-day leadership symposium. On the health front, Shireen just completed the first part of an interesting medical journey. She required donor tissue for her cornea and came through (with flying colors) a partial cornea transplant procedure. Her other eye is scheduled for surgery at the end of the year. In the transplant process Shireen challenged friends to list themselves as organ donors on their licenses. * Enjoy the fall and don’t forget to start planning for June 2010 in Waterville.

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Well, it was bound to happen. Only one person wrote with news (with the exception of a few hellos, which are always welcome). It was almost zero, but then Colleen Balch swooped to the rescue. When other people read this column, like all the award-winning scribes of the New York Times, President Obama, and Dolly Parton, they may think to themselves: “Gosh, a class with only one graduate. That must be some impressive school.” Fortunately, it is. So here we go. * Colleen Balch bought a house in Tintmouth, VT. She calls it “a handywoman special.” It has a beautiful acre of land, little pond, lovely gardens, and any old friends welcome to visit. “Really, I’ll let you rest between projects!” She has also been volunteering for years at a festival that takes place every July in Tintmouth, which conducts workshops on a wide range of sustainable-living and alternative-energy topics. It even features a totally solar powered music festival: Solarfest. Check it out on line at www.solarfest.org. Last year Colleen commented that they needed a wellness tent to keep people healthy over the three-day event. So this year, they made her head of it. Louisa Bell Pausheter (her Colby roommate) planned to visit with her kids this August, the same time her own sister and kids will be dropping by, so the house will be hopping. Says Colleen, “We like to feature daily swimming hole and ice cream stand forays during the Big VISIT and will be publishing a critics’ guide to both later in the year. Since I work at a year-round school and work with high-school aged, at-risk teenage girls, I’m also busy teaching biology, ecology, Earth science, environmental science, and dabbling in some other short-course stuff that’s fun, too. My students and I just wrapped up a
few weeks of field-work finding, identifying, recording, and reporting amphibians in the Green Mountain National Forest. We send our reports to a Middlebury prof (Jim Andrews) who uses data from all over the state to construct the VT Herpetological Atlas. (Being a herpetologist, Jim then eats the Atlas, so nobody actually gets to read it. But it’s still a great achievement for our Colleens.) 407 words used. That leaves, after this sentence, 232 allotted words. So what does a person write with a whopping 232 words? Actually, make that 208 after wasting two sentences contemplating about what to write. Here are some random questions that need answering: Can a person actually unnervingly take steroids? (“Gee, I thought it was just ginger ale. Are you telling me it had HGH in it, too? Go figure.”) Did the Gin Pup ever read a book from cover to cover that didn’t begin with the words “Once upon a time…”? What do they do all day at think tanks? Do they just sit around and reflect quietly, then somebody blurts out: “I love the smell of fresh coffee in the morning, but never at night,” then they debate? Do job recruiters talk to their spouses with the same fake voice they use with us on the phone? Did Isaac Newton ever get zazzled at school for having such a goofy name? Albert Einstein probably didn’t fare too well, either. Has there ever been a CEO who said, “Whoa, that is a ridiculous bonus! For what I do? No way, I’m giving some back.” Is anyone who is reading this sending a little cash-money to Paul Mooney at clamsHELLMUNI.org? The man is still looking for transplants, so if you have a spare lung or two…okay, maybe cash would be better. Even a little makes a big difference. Until next time, be well.

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I expected many more reports from reunion than I received. If you have a good story or just your thoughts on how it was to see your classmates after 20 years, send them along and I’ll put them in the next column!

Congratulations to Rob Erdmann, who on August 1 became an owner and partner of his insurance firm, now called Felton, Berlin & Erdmann Insurance Services. Congratulations also to Kimberly Matthei Briggs, who welcomed Killian Blythe Briggs on June 23. Kimberly says that she and her husband are using all of their survival skills to cope with three children under 5. She could get some tips from Suzi Schumann Van Alstyne, who had triplets in October 2007. Suzi made it to reunion with Liz Schwartz Anderson and Julie Lewis Petersen, where she “had a good time seeing how much our fellow colleagues have grown up, built beautiful families, and adventured around the world.” Steve Rand left Hannaford this summer to start his own company: Five Star Golf Cars & Utility Vehicles, which sells and services EZ-GO golf cars and utility vehicles throughout New England and eastern N.Y. state. Sounds like an excuse to go golfing to me, Steve! By the time you read this David McCauley and his wife will have had their first child, a boy, expected in September. Congratulations!

Gretchen Kreahling McKay has taken on yet another new role at Daniel, as director of the Center for Faculty Excellence. She remains the president’s assistant for special projects and just joined the board of her local library, President Cotter would be proud! Krisan Evenson took her first summer vacation since the 1980s, although her vacation sounds more exhausting than my work! She is still involved in researching children and armed conflict, focusing now on the relationship between the U.S. military and local children in Iraq and Afghanistan. Krisan is also planning the second go-round of her university’s Jan Plan course called “Piecework for Peacework,” during which students crochet afghans for the people of Afghanistan. Krisan has some advice for all of us: be in touch with Jim Connolly as he kicks off our next round of fundraising. As she said, “If those who didn’t give last year matched those who did, we’d double our contribution.” I was sorry to miss reunion, but I had my own reunion with Tracy Gionfriddo and her daughter, Emma, who ventured to far-off Minnesota for a visit. I have sworn that I won’t miss the 25th, so I’ll see you all in 2014!

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Shelley (Horton ’89) and Brad Olson had a great time at Shelley’s 20th and said that the school looked awesome. Brad looks forward to our reunion next year. Brad and Shelley live in Summit, N.J., with kids Zack, 10, Isabel, 8, and Henry, 4. Brad just left Merrill Lynch to join Nomura as CFO for Americas in NYC and is enjoying the change. Jill Vollweiler ran the 2008 ING NYC Marathon in 2:55:16 and was the 47th women, 5th Masters, 3rd New York Road Runners Master. In so doing, she helped her Central Park teammates and got second place in Open Women and first place in Masters Women team awards.

After spending the last eight years in Texas and four previous years in Mass., Dave and Maureen McGlynn Chakraborty and daughters Lauren, 9, and Andrea, 7, moved to Ridgefield, Conn. Last October Maureen was named managing principal of the NY office of Analysis Group, Inc. Chris and Janet Boudreau Ceddia have three kids, Nick, 8 1/2, Jillian, 7, and Julanna, 5. They’re busy with school projects, swimming, karate, tennis, soccer, and gymnastics. Janet and her husband continue to run their own contracting company based in Hudson, Mass. “Despite these crazy economic times,” write Janet, “we’re growing sales and still hiring. An increasing amount of work comes from federal contracts. And, we’ve had some cool accolades including winning Prime Contractor of the Year from the Small Business Administration this year.” Janet had the good fortune to see Jen Millsop Millard while she was in Boston for a trade show. (Jen’s doing great—helping to grow a start-up specialty retailer out of San Francisco.) Facebook and LinkedIn have helped Janet reconnect with Laura Senier, Dave and Dawn Pitcher Batchelder, Erin Coye Giessar, Geoff Bysshe, and Doug Kaplan.

Carol Lockwood had a second son, Ethan William Lockwood, Jan. 20, 2009 (Inauguration Day!). Big brother Nicholas, 4, is utterly enthralled with his little brother. “We’ll see what happens when he’s mobile and starts stealing toys,” writes Carol.

1991
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Greetings classmates! I hope that you enjoyed your summer. It was a very wet season here in the Northeast, but there were a few good weather days and the diving has been excellent. On to the latest news. Tim Christensen (aka wailer) is happy living up in Maine, starting a small farm, and continuing with his art career (making black-and-white drawings on porcelain). He and wife Jenna have a ton of animals and are about halfway through building their house. They lobster in the bay every day in the summer and usually have a young seal that follows them as they pull up the traps. Last winter was a little chilly, so they have about six cords of wood put up for this year. In July Stacey O’Brien, Karen Crebase, Heather Anderson Quest, Kerry Morgan, and Becca Brackett Price decided to do a girls’ weekend in Florida to celebrate turning 40. They enjoyed four nights of great dinners and even better company. The beaches were wonderful as well. Becca wrote that they couldn’t believe we had graduated so long ago! Some very sad news came from Jim McVay, who wrote, “A good friend of mine from our class just died: Sean Glew. He was a quiet guy, but just a great human being. He was diagnosed last October with a rare form of cancer, and battled it from Holderness (where he taught) to the National Institute of Health (where he was part of a study, as fewer than 100 people in the world get this cancer each year). Sadly he died in Portland.
An hour-long ferry ride across Maine’s Penobscot Bay brings you to beautiful North Haven, a Manhattan-sized island with the quaint charm of a Norman Rockwell painting. Island native Amanda Hallowell ’93 has come home and embraced that local spirit wholeheartedly as chef and general manager of The Restaurant at Nebo Lodge and Nebo Lodge itself, a bed and breakfast.

Hallowell has capitalized on the burgeoning local and organic food movements by working almost solely with locally grown and harvested foods. Offering everything from the half shell to island-grown produce, Hallowell says being committed to local growers and harvesters is “less expensive, fresher, and a real marketing charm.”

“I grew up eating veggies from our garden and cooking with what we had on the island,” she said of her upbringing on North Haven, where her dad, Barney Hallowell ’64, is school principal. Today, despite the transportation challenges and weather woes associated with island life, she is able to produce what locals and tourists alike say are sophisticated menus. “It’s just the way people are out here. We make it work without every convenience,” she said.

In the future Hallowell expects her commitment to local suppliers and her restaurant business to grow with the help of Jen Porter ’93, also of North Haven. Porter is expanding an organic greenhouse and farm on the island, and Hallowell said they will provide much of Nebo Lodge’s produce in the near future, allowing the restaurant to expand its farm-to-table menu year-round.

“Thinking alternatively is more essential than ever before,” she said, “but knowing we’ve got the support of our neighbors and visitors makes all the difference.”

—Alexandra Dechanters ’12

### 1993

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Let’s get right to it: Ryan Friel reported via Facebook that he has been splitting his time among Montana, Alaska, and British Columbia for a good while. He owns property in all three and has “five horrifically paying jobs trying to pay for them.” Ryan works as a ski patrolman and fishing guide managing a lodge up in Alaska. He is putting his government degree to good use as a city councilor in Whitefish, Montana, and has started a literary journal called the Whitefish Review with co-mule Mike Powers and a Dartmouth buddy. David and Cristen Coleman Mastroianii are thrilled to welcome their first child, Jake Coleman Mastroianii. Jake was born in April. Cristen and her family live in the Boston suburbs and Cristen is in her 12th year at Fidelity Investments working as a finance director of business and Economics in Maastricht, the Netherlands. She has resided in Maastricht for 16 years now, and recently received Dutch citizenship. 

—Glendon Roy recently started a new job working for Bayer Healthcare in Berkeley, California, in global biological development. He has lived in San Francisco for 14 years and loves the West Coast. Glendon and his partner, Patrick Gaeran, recently shared a lovely dinner with Hillery Hugg and her husband in San Francisco. Glendon also keeps in touch with new Bay Area friends Sara Regan and Matt Sullivan and catches up with Kelly Mendonca, who is currently working on her Ph.D. in New York City at Yeshiva University. 

—Joe McKenna wrote on Facebook that he recently caught up with Dave O’Shea and his wife, Carolyn Hart ’94, during their vacation in Joe’s hometown of Harwich Port on Cape Cod. Dave and Carolyn live in Maine, where Dave works for Iedex. On a sad note, as reported in the summer issue, our classmate Corbett Bishop passed away in June. His funeral in Houston, Texas, was attended by many loved ones, including Doug Morrione, Dave Nicholson ’94, Soren Peters ’97, Jodi (Schwartz) ’96 and Matt Belson ’94, Cameron Richardson ’94, and Scott Koles ’95. Corbett leaves behind an amazing and inspiring legacy; you can read more about Corbett and his life at www.CorbettBishop.net. In addition to amazing photos and information about Corbett and his life in Tanzania, the Web site serves as a place for friends and family to exchange memories and thoughts of Corbett. Please take a look and consider...
adding a comment or a memory of my family very much appreciates this effort. Thanks to Doug Morrione and Bree Jeppson for sharing this information.

1994
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A big hello to our class! I love this new position as it’s wonderful to hear from so many classmates. Reunion was a great time with perfect Maine weather and lots of catching up with friends. For those athletically inclined, I’m proud to report that Michelle Tadros Eidson is running Reach the Beach, a 200-mile relay race in New Hampshire with her team, the Dozen Dashing Dames. I recently read Jeff Carter’s blog for Outside about riding in the Breck Epic, a six-day mountain bike stage race. And Ross Nussbaum reported that his golf handicap is down to 15 and falling, in addition to becoming head of U.S. Real Estate Equities Research for UBS. Michelle Mathai started working as director of operations for a nonprofit that helps educate girls in India. When she’s not at work in San Francisco, she’s in wine country and taking a professional pastry chef course. I’ll be right up! Bruce and Sue Benson Panalilais didn’t make it to reunion as Bruce is recovering from severe pancreatitis. After a long hospitalization he is back to coaching two of his sons’ baseball teams, directing the junior choir at church, and singing in the senior choir. Sue and her two oldest sons took part in a Mexico missions trip, helping to build an orphanage outside of Juarez. Ana Maria Vaa de Silva started her own procurement and logistics business after working at the U.N. Wedding bells: Elizabeth Bancroft married Eric Hoch March 14, 2009, in Morrristown, N.J. Elliot and Bonnie Johnson Barry, Zach and Kim Kessler Rubin, Sara Barker, Justin ’95 and Sarah Whitely D’Ercole, and Bill Bradley ’95 were there. Jennifer Hurd married Brock Lyman in August in Stowe, Vt. And we have lots of baby and baby-on-the-way news: Lynette Millett and her husband Steven Bogart are happy to welcome Marcus Millett Bogart, born June 19 in Virginia. Peter ’95 and Dawn Kalloch Murphy ’94 had a second son, Aidan Patrick Murphy, Nov. 3, 2008, joining big brother Connor. Katie Morrison and her partner, Curran Reichert, expected the birth of a little girl in August. Katie says she was one big pregnant mama! Jennifer Chasin Davis expected a baby boy in July. He will be their second child and a baby brother to Ethan, 3.

1995
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Regina Wlodarski Kruger debuted as an independent sales director with Mary Kay in July. Specialist Abe Rogers has completed his tour in Afghanistan and is now the head swim coach of the Cambridge masters swim team at Harvard University and is planning to attend graduate school at Boston University in the fall. Cristina Harris Faherty gave birth to Piper Rose Faherty on June 4, 2009. Piper joins brother Connor, 5, and sister Regan, 2 1/2. Tina and her family live in Orlando, Fla., and Tina works as the education and training manager for Westaw. Madeline Susan Harris was born July 1 to proud parents Tim and Katie Kimball Harris. Marsha Magnus graduated from law school and has been working for the public defender’s office as a law clerk in the San Francisco area. She recently moved back home to Maine to take care of her mother and is now applying to business school.

1996
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Aran Ryan writes that the summer after Colby Mike Branca helped him move to Philadelphia for what he thought would be a two-year stint, but after 13 years he’s still there. He repaid the favor by helping Mike and Amy Chamberlain move to Philly from Bath, Maine. Aran recently finished his M.B.A. at Wharton. Jen Pope has been in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire, for two years, working for PSI doing health and development work. Jen says that Africa has become part of her blood, but a move back to the U.S. might be in the cards in the relative future. She was jacked up about Colby’s women’s lax success, and even watched a few games via D3SportsCast when the Internet connection was strong enough. Colby women’s lacrosse in Africa? That knocked me on my mkunda. Casey McCullough has been named Chief of Minimally Invasive Urology at William W. Backus Hospital in Norwich, Conn. Rumor has it that a Bates grad was named to the Maximaly Invasive post. Jamie Geier and family welcomed a new baby last December, Zachary Geier Stewart. Brother Charlie, 4, wasn’t sure about Zachary at first, but recently embraced his new “big brother” role with gusto. Jamie’s still trying to figure out what work/life balance really means but reports enjoying the juggling act. Lineau Basa works at Northeastern University, running a co-op program for economics and math students. She placed about 130 students this year and if anyone is looking to hire a bright, motivated co-op for six months, certainly let her know. She recently visited California to see Kyle Taphorn and Kate Lawn Chouta ’97 and Skypes with Nozomi Kishimoto, who is busy traveling the world for various weddings. Amy Darling, in her first Colby notes report, says that she graduated with a clinical master’s in oriental medicine in 2007. After graduation she hit the road for five months of travel over three continents, then returned to Seattle where she now practices acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine, and tuina massage in Seattle. Brian ’94 and Rima Lathrop Carlson live in the upper peninsula of Michigan with their two girls, Estherline (adopted from Haiti 18 months ago) and Anya, 2. They recently traveled to New England to visit Kara Toms ’95 her husband and three kids. Ed Bourque just moved to D.C., and is looking for pub recommendations. Bill Epps and his wife, McClain Sampson, completed their Ph.D.s at The University of Texas at Austin (hers in social work and Bill’s in history). Three weeks before graduation they welcomed a daughter, Lainy Marjone. They moved to Houston this summer, towing 2-1/2-year-old Nathan Richard behind. Bill begins a new teaching position, and his wife will work as a social science researcher. Maine authorities e-mailed me to report a James Colligan ’95 sighting at Gritty McDuff’s in Freeport. Charles and Betsy Low Bowman reportedly smuggled Jimmy C in from Mexico. The Class of ’96 baby boom continued as Mary (Thach ’98) and Alex Chin debuted Lily Barbara Chin on June 29. Heather and Jason Jabar welcomed triplets, daughters Lauren and Giselle and son Jackson. 18. Last but certainly not least, my wife Peg and I welcomed a lovely red-haired daughter, Helen Grace, May 26. “Eli,” named after her maternal great-grandmother, keeps us up nights but we couldn’t be happier with our little one. Thanks to everybody who wrote in. Do keep the news coming!

1997
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As always, we have lots of baby news this time around. Please be sure to read the milestones section to see several birth announcements sent in by other members of the Class of ‘97! Jennifer Soules Wik an-

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Jennifer Lily Kent ’90
Manny Diaz in August. Fernandez, a law clerk in the land-use practice group at Akerman Senterfitt, holds a J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law and brings to the position, “an experienced hand” in management, said a spokesperson for the mayor.

MILESTONES
Births: A son, Drew Parker Johnson, to Jennifer Gesicki and Eric Johnson ’92 A daughter, Cecelia Anne Smith to John ’93 and Becky Bridle Smith ’92 A daughter, Alice Leal Netto Campos, to Rafael and Marina Grande Netto Campos ’94 A son, Marcus Millett Bogart, to Steven Bogart and Lynette Millett ’94 A son, Aidan Patrick Murphy, to Peter ’95 and Dawn Kalloch Murphy ’94 A daughter, Lily Barbara Chin, to Alex ’96 and Mary Thach Chin ’98 A daughter, Violet Annika, to Sam and Wendy RIDder Bergh ’97 A son, Alexander, to Jody and Nate Pierce ’97 A daughter, Tegan Audrey Ellis, to Flannery Higgins ’99 A daughter and a son, Mia Goldye and Anthony James, to Amy and Tony Pasquarello ’99
nounces the birth of her second child, born in January. She is taking a break from her wildlife work to focus on raising her children for now. She and her husband, Paul, reside in Clarkston, Wash., where Paul is a wildlife biologist. • Weyron and Mary Hofmann Henriques welcomed Timothy Peter April 25, 2009. Mary writes, “Big brother Aidan, 3 1/2, has been a big helper and we’re all doing well!” • Stephanie Blackman Stokamer was married in May in Portland, Ore. She teaches at Portland State University and is enrolled in their doctoral program for educational leadership. She occasionally helps her husband with his business, “a waffles and coffee place that’s part of Portland’s thriving food cart scene.” She reports there were several Colby folks living in Portland for some time, and she’s wondering who is still around. • April Armstrong Campbell shares, “My hubby, Shawn Campbell ’93, and I will have been together for 18 years [gasps] as of October 11 (we met in Dana), and we hit the ‘I’ve been with him half my life’ point.” Shawn and April expected a child in early September. Big sister, Molly, 2, couldn’t wait! April works as a vet tech and sings for the Common Ground Band of Boston. She received another B.A. (biology) from Assumption College last spring and plans to attend vet school after her children are in school. • Erin Duggan left her job as spokeswoman for N.Y. Governor David Patterson. She now works as the communications director for Cy Vance, who is running for Manhattan District Attorney. She writes, “It’s going to be a long, hot summer in this three-way Democratic primary. We have a Colby 2012 intern on the campaign!” • Peter Sheren has moved—again! He and his wife (soon to celebrate their second anniversary) have relocated in Singapore, where Peter works for Goldman Sachs. Peter raves about the weather and welcomes anyone willing to make the 16-hour journey! • Congratulations to Heath Laycock, who received his Juris Doctorate from Georgia State University in May. • Finally, Jon Levin shares that his second son, Liam, was born July 8, 2009. He and his wife, Beth, as well as their oldest son, Nicholas, are very excited about their newest addition to the family. • That’s all for now. Keep that news coming!

1998

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Will Chamberlain writes that Josh Walton got hitched in Montana. Deb Shea, Nicky Moody, Brendan Kearney, Alex Roth, Leah and Ken Raiche, and Kristen (Haley ’99) and Will Chamberlain were there to root him on. • Steve Higgins’s family is doing well in Oregon. They visited family in Maine this summer and hoped to run into Colby friends.

1999

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Jesse (Bates ’00) and Sandra DuBarry Laflamme celebrated the first birthday of their daughter, Piper Hazel Laflamme, who was born July 31, 2008 at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Sandra and Jesse have enjoyed watching all of Piper’s firsts at their home in Monroe, N.H. They were excited to watch her take her first steps a few weeks before her first birthday!

2000

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Nikki Grasso and Patrick Gallagher welcomed their first child June 25, a baby girl named Adela True Gallagher. • Matt Smith recently married Amy Schluensen in Carmel Valley, Calif. After the big day they headed to Banff in the Canadian Rockies and Whistler, B.C., for their honeymoon.

2001

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Hello all! I am back to writing this column after my maternity leave (thanks Emily Mahlman!). Baby Ellison Charette is doing so much fun, and Lauren included Mindy Mraz, Katie Stewart, and Jenny Burbick Engel in her bridal party. • Liz Frankel and Teddy Rave were married August 8 in Essex, Conn. (with Salt & Paper designed invitations after reading about my site in the Colby newsletter). • Bliss (Woolington ’02) and Patrick Bernal welcomed Jude Lovett Bernal June 1 in NYC. • (Eliot ’02) and JJ Abodeely welcomed Porter Elliott Abodeely Mary 7. • Angela Makkas graduated from Thunderbird with an M.B.A. in global management and is in Jersey City, N.J., working for Johnson & Johnson in their Human Resources Leadership Development Program. • Venola Mason caught up with Miekio McKay in Saint Marten for a week to celebrate her 30th birthday while enjoying the sun and the beach. • Michelle Sturkan is in her second year of medical school at St. Louis University. Last summer she worked on cancer research in a lab at Washington University and feels that St. Louis is the best kept secret in the U.S. • Joel and Julie (Drew) Hall Williams welcomed Joel Andrew Williams in July. • Chad Creelman is engaged, turned 30, and moved to Las Vegas. • Corey Stranghoener and Brian Reuuse got engaged June 14 and are planning their wedding in St. Louis in January 2010. • Aiello and Ria Calong-Russo are excited to share in the celebration as Corey’s bridesmaids, along with a bunch of other Colby friends in tow. Ria just finished her first year of business school at Boston College. In her summer internship at Philips Lighting, she was pleasantly surprised to intern in marketing with Brad Wand, who is attending business school at Rutgers. • Eric Lantzman and his wife, Maggie, are moving to Anchorage to work with the Alaska Native Medical Center. A little adventure for a few years! • Lauren Scaha is in her second year at Thunderbird’s M.B.A. program and did a summer internship with the Gramene Bank in Bangladesh. While in that part of the world she traveled through Nepal, hiked to Annapurna base camp, and went to Thailand. This fall she is in Brazil working on a project about gluten-free adventure travel. • Mat Solso got a new job working in Concord at Franklin Pierce Law Center in database management. • Ann Farley married Christopher Kent in Morristown, N.J. last May.

2002

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It’s baby time! Jason and Lizzy Rice Giffen welcomed their first child, Wyatt Alexander Giffen, June 7, weighing in at 8 lbs. • Parker and Hillary Lavelle Corbin welcomed their baby girl July 21, Lively Pyne Corbin, who weighed 10 lbs. They report that they...
**World Changers | Caitlin Colegrove ’06**

It’s not every day that you get to meet the founder of the first liberal arts college in Ghana or the inventor of a peanut-based nutritional drink for malnourished Central Americans.

Unless you’re Caitlin Colegrove ’06.

Those are the sorts of people Colegrove sees in Washington, D.C., at the Aspen Institute, where she works in a program called the Aspen Global Leadership Network, which helps transform business entrepreneurs into the leaders of tomorrow. Nominees for Aspen fellowships undergo a rigorous selection process. Selected fellows then participate for 18 to 24 months in a series of retreats and seminars that challenge participants to consider how they might play a role in shaping the world.

“We foster leadership, and when you’re surrounded by an incredible group of peers, you hold each other accountable,” Colegrove said.

The goal is for each class to create a socially innovative project. Some of Colegrove’s favorites include “Project Rebirth,” a series of videos documenting the lives of people who were affected by 9/11, and the “Panchachuli Women Weavers,” an Aspen program that now that employs more than 800 women in the Himalayas, helping them use traditional weaving and knitting to gain economic and social independence.

Over sushi rolls at a downtown restaurant, Colegrove said it took her some time to find her niche.

are doing very well and enjoying their time at home together. • **Eddie Watters** and his wife, Cam, recently welcomed a baby girl, Cora. • **JJ ’01 and Piper Elliott Abodeely** welcomed a baby boy, Porter Elliott Abodeely, May 7, weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz.

**Jason Hoag** extends his congratulations to those individuals and couples who remain resistant to rising prospective-grandparen
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“1 was right out of school and playing with going to law school,” the international studies major said. She started off working at the National Legal Aid and Defender Association but longed to be back in the international arena. “To me, that’s what it’s all about,” Colegrove said. “Even domestic issues are affected by international events.”

In the last year one of her biggest projects has been linking fellows and Aspen alums by creating a directory that includes searchable profiles and project descriptions. “The only drawback? Working with amazing people every day, she said with a smile, makes for “a very humbling job.”

—Jenny Chen ’12

Caitlin Colegrove in Washington, D.C.

with an estimated graduation date sometime in 2010. • **Elyssa Ford** spent five years in Arizona for graduate school and was actively finishing up her dissertation for a Ph.D. in history when she wrote. She spent seven weeks in Cambodia over the summer, where she worked in a dorm for young women. This coming year she will be in Romania on a Fulbright, where she will teach U.S. history at several universities. In January Elyssa made time in that busy schedule to see **Grete Röd, Whitney King, Susannah Parke**, and **Joanne Head** on a visit to Boston. She reports that Grete married Kevin Simons ’02 this summer and that they are moving back to Norway this fall. Elyssa attended **Monika Kraft’s wedding**—in April in Chicago—and saw **Courtney Fry Letch** who is expecting her first baby! Congrats! Also expecting a baby in the fall are **Dan and Laurel Burnham Deacon—a girl!** • **Nat and Jessica Wyso Chamberlin** spent a bit of time in Alaska, vacationing, this August. • **Peter Brush** moved over to Royal Bank of Canada in the rates sales group from Merrill Lynch covering hedge funds, prop desks, and asset managers. • And no worries, **Garrett Kephart** is still in D.C., helping to spend stimulus dollars! • **Liz Frederick** received her doctorate in biochemistry from Duke and got engaged to Will Gersch. They plan a **July 2010 wedding**. • **Annie Hall** still lives large in Lakeville, Conn., working at Hotchkiss and enjoying the concept of summers off. She was in San Francisco over the summer where she had lunch with **Gretchen Groggel**, who was studying for the bar exam, drinks with **Matt Danziger**, who is marrying in October, and received a personalized, very exclusive driving tour of SF with **Brooke Harris**. Annie also saw **Andrea Breau** in Ohio, where she is pursuing a fancy degree at OSU. • **Jay Johnson** is the new boys basketball coach at Natick High School. He also teaches at Kennedy Middle School in Waltham, Mass. • Lastly, **Scott(y) Sivo** has been named the new assistant principal at Hull High School in Mass. Scott taught for two years with Teach for America in North Carolina and then went straight to Hull HS to teach history. He has been at Hull since 2005. Congrats and good luck with the new position! • Have a wonderful fall and best wishes to the newfyweds and new moms and dads!
June in Massachusetts. Elizabeth is attending Boston College working towards her Ph.D. in sociology. • Will Sander graduated from the University of Wisconsin veterinary school in May and in June started a year-long small-animal rotating internship outside of Chicago. • Erica Bauer began graduate school this fall for school psychology at William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va. She has spent the past five years working as an analyst in Washington, D.C., and living with Katie O’Neill. Erica and Laurel Woodward traveled the east coast of Australia together this summer. • Nick Markham married Laura Tharpe in Birmingham, Ala., June 27. Emily ARELL and Doug Melzer ’03 attended. • Jo Schroeder has been playing in the Rocky Mountains of Idaho along the Continental Divide all winter/spring/summer: snowshoeing, rafting, hiking, etc. She headed to Austin, Texas, in mid-August to start an M.B.A. program at the Acton School of Business. • Nat Brown started at Boston College Law School this fall. • Christina Dotchin has been working as the associate director of admission at Proctor Academy (Andover, N.H.), but was just promoted to director of financial aid. She was also named president of the New England Prep School Girls Ice Hockey Association back in May. • Jenn Withnell is engaged to Brian Hawthorne. • Matt Ritter was named co-chair of the Municipal Law Committee of the Connecticut Bar Association’s Young Lawyer’s section. Matt is an attorney with Shipman & Goodwin in Hartford, Conn.

2005

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Lisa Reinhalter and Justin Burner were recently engaged and plan a wedding for next summer. Lisa is in graduate school studying Spanish at the University of Illinois while Justin is teaching high school math at Villa Grove High. • Emily Honig was recently engaged to Aaron Arnold. Emily is in her last year of law school at the University of Virginia. • Chelsea Pawlek accepted a student services manager position at Lexia International, a study-abroad organization based in Hanover, N.H. She will help to create experiential-based semester-long trips. • Jackie DAO married Thomas Shu in Rhode Island July 30. Many alums were in attendance, including Tara Studley, Abbey McGuire, Jessica Hardy, Kevin Yardi, Jeff Lederman, David Acker, and Catherine Pappas. • Adrienne LeClair graduated from dental school at UConn and works in downtown Boston as a dentist. • Sara Nicolette married Joseph Boyd Carnak III in May. The newlyweds reside in Falls Church, Va. Lauren Wolpin, Lydia Durant, and Alison Stewart Barazs were in attendance. Sara works as a higher education analyst for The Advisory Board Company in Washington, D.C. Lauren recently found a new job in Boston at Ceres, where she is a development associate helping to raise money to support organizations that address sustainability challenges such as global climate change. • Mary Olsson and Nick Miller were engaged on Mary’s birthday, June 5, in Boston. I look forward to having them in Boston for another few years while Nick studies at Boston College Law. • Melissa Hernandez married Nicholas Mwai ’06 in March. • Julie Morrison and Sean Baron are planning their July 2010 wedding. Julie just graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of N.J. with her doctorate in physical therapy and now works in a private practice in Hamilton, N.J. Sean is working toward his Ph.D. at Princeton. • David Acker traveled across country in August with Brad Kasnet alongside to keep him company. He started his M.B.A. this fall at Stanford. While he was traveling in South America this summer David had a serendipitous run-in with Brandon Binder in Quito, Ecuador. • Dan Saganey left the Harvard football program and has taken a scouting job with the Cleveland Browns. He will spend half of his time scouting Atlantic Coast schools and the other half working with coaches to prepare scouting reports on their opponents. • Whitney Johnson spent the summer in Vermont and is in her first year of the Bread Loaf School of English M.A. program (alongside Scott Smith ’04, who is in his second year). • Kara Lanahan is pursuing her master’s of landscape architecture at the University of Virginia as part of the Class of 2012. • Alex Humphreys moved to Boston, where she is working toward her master’s in elementary education at Lesley University. • Rich Downing spent the summer in St. Paul, Minn., working for 3M’s Strategic Business Development Group. His summer project, “Markets of the Future,” had him identifying and analyzing markets that are projected to materialize or experience significant growth in the next five to 10 years (e.g. thin-film solar materials, biofuel processing). Rich’s Neutral Development Project, the fundraising group that he started after Colby, which supports clean water initiatives in Africa, hosted their third annual fundraising benefit at the Liberty Hotel in September. • Ryan Crotty began a two-year master’s degree program at the School of International Affairs at Penn State. We will miss having frequent visits with him in Boston! • Amy Squires traveled around South and Southeast Asia earlier this year and began her M.B.A. at the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia this fall. • I was pleased to catch up with Jonah Waxman, who recently moved to Boston and works at Curium Capital Advisors. Jonah will marry fiancée Sandra Reid this November in San Francisco. • Melissa Plante also heard wedding bells. She and fiancé Jeff Dubois were married over Labor Day weekend on Seneca Lake in upstate New York. • Katie Sigalow is in her second year of medical school at the University of Toledo. She spent part of her summer in Guatemala, where she learned medical Spanish and spent the evenings salsa dancing the night away. • Hope everyone is well. Take care!

2006

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Chris DeSantis is the new Georgia Tech swimming and diving assistant coach. Most recently, Chris was the assistant coach at UPenn and just completed his master’s in applied positive psychology. • Sarah Kelly is in Guadalajara, Mexico, co-directing Adapting to Scarcity, a community water rights and media empowerment project. www.adaptingtoscarcity.org. • Lindsay B. Masters was engaged to Roberto Lastrico July 4! She’ll attend Colorado Law in Boulder this fall, focusing on environmental law. • Caitlin Peale spent the summer in Boston as a legal intern for the EPA and will be in her second year at Columbia Law this fall. • Hillary Easter received her master’s in chemistry from the Colorado School of Mines and will move to Juneau, Alaska, to start her new job! • Bennett Barmwell married Heather Schmidt July 25 in Portland, Ore. They honeymooned in Montana, doing some hiking. Nate Stone, Drew Moreland ’07, and Stephen Pianas were groomsman. • Kirsten Lawson is engaged to Cris Brancoquin. The couple live near Fenway Park in Boston, a short walk from Annie Lewallen, Emily Greene, and Josh Kahn ’05. • Jessica Varnum has been selected as a National Security Institute Scholar. She will work at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., while studying for a Ph.D. in the National Security Affairs Department. • Josh Montague still works hard in grad school but has been doing a bit of rock climbing with fellow Mule Kali Abel ’07! • After working on the Obama campaign and inauguration, Zach Russem settled in D.C. working at the secretary’s office at the Department of Energy on the implementation of the Recovery Act. He writes, “It’s way too hot down here.” • Jen Coliflores is engaged to Eric Rosenthal (University of Rochester...
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Salem public schools, gradu-

Noah Balazs

Matt DeLoria

Maddy Horwitz Boccuzzi

Institute in london and still lives in london perform songs from the four CDs she has

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Kendra works as a divemaster for a scuba diving company on the Great barrier Reef.

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Wheelock writes, ‘I’m totally crushin’ it in

and has raised cumulatively over $6,000.

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Rachel Terry ‘07, Tom Wilson ’05, Martha Alden Ellis ’70, Marty McCall Grant ’70, Alice Osmer Olson ’72, and Louise Nurdin Sidelinger ’72.

2007

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Heather Murray lives in southern N.H. and has a part-time job at the local Target. She started grad school this fall at URI’s Graduate

School of Library and Information Studies, working towards an MLS/MULS.

Leigh Audin plans on staying in Colorado another year, chillin’ with Katie Price. Leigh enjoyed a summer visit from Kyle Haskett.

Leigh has been busy skiing, hiking, biking, and working on his SCUBA certifications including divemaster, which he planned to

when he visited his brother in Australia in August.

Julia Csikesz left Chicago and moved back to Boston this fall to study art history at Tufts and looked forward to being closer to Colby friends again! Jill Greenstein was promoted to senior consultant with IBM. Over Memorial Day weekend Jill was joined by Beth Hirschhorn, Allison Cole, Meghan Church, and Lindsay Kohlhoff for a reunion in the District and Balti-

more. Krissey Thatcher is engaged to her high school sweetheart, Eric Morin, and will get married November 14 in the Twin Cities.

Other than planning wedding festivities, Krissey is busy with grad school and playing Ultimate Frisbee for a women’s team called Pop. Elisa Chinriata lives in Cambridge and began her new job as an associate community manager at Communispace this summer. Elan Gonzales will live and work in Bulgaria for the next two years as a Peace Corps volunteer. She’ll teach English to fifth through eighth graders in a town of about 5,000 in northern central Bul-

garia. Before heading to medical school at Drexel, K.T. Weber gathered with Adrian Gilmore, Greg Engel, Claire Conger, Alicia Thiibeault ’08, and Mike Howard ’06 from their different corners of the country. They all went to the beach! Meghan Church finished her two-year commitment with Teach For America in Baltimore, where she taught history and government to grades 9-12. In May Meghan graduated from Johns Hopkins University with an M.A. in teaching and has decided to continue teaching AP U.S. government at Northwestern High School.

Before completing her first Olympic length triathlon this summer in the dirty Jersey, Tammy Lewin gathered with Erin Schlussman, Katie Maland, Ali Fulreader, Meg Davis, Alisa Perry, Mary Warloumient, Annie Mears, Nata-
lie Ginsburg, Betsy Smyth, Jamie Kline, Karl Gasteazoro, Maddie Given ’08, and Dan Schupack at Roadtest 2009 in Toadfoot Mountain Ranch in Minnesota. Festivities included tubing, bbqning, snuggles, gather-
ing twiddle, playing Pop S, and creating the web. Kate Biddiscombe finished her second year teaching English at Chote Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Conn. This summer she continued work for her M.A. through Middlebury’s Bread Loaf School of English in Asheville, N.C. In Au-
gust, Kate was in a wedding for Caroline O’Connor ’06. This summer Robin Respaul and Ethan Abenson spent almost a month traveling through Nicaragua and gallo pinto. In July Amanda Vickerson finished her term as an AmeriCorps VISTA and enjoyed a visit from Claire Conger. Claire is headed into her third year of film school at Chapman University in Orange, Calif. They toured the Boston area via DuckBoat, stayed with Jen McAleeer (who still teaches sixth grade math at The Carroll School), and saw Leslie Peterson, Chris Holcombe, Megan Deeley, Claire Deeley, Jamie Singlais, Alex Shaffer, and Shake-
speare in the Park! Lee Kozaklewicz is continuing to pursue her Ph.D. in immunol-

ogy from Albert Einstein College of Medi-
cine and doing research on tuberculosis.

After earning her M.S. in exercise and sport studies from Smith College in May, Laura Williamson was hired as the top assis-
tant women’s soccer coach at Stevens Institute of Technology. Elise Washer married Eric Neumann ’02 in Shelburne, VT, and third at the San Francisco Half Marathon in July. Carolyn Litty married Zach Ellis at Point Lookout in Northport, Maine, July 25.

Her maids of honor were Kristin Blodgett and Sandy Beareggard. Also in attendance were Emily Judem, Rachel Terry ’07, Tom

Wilson ’05, Martha Alden Ellis ’70, Marty McCall Grant ’70, Alice Osmer Olson ’72, and Louise Nurdin Sidelinger ’72.

2008

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Hi everyone. I hope you’re doing well! It’s hard to believe, but here at Colby another school year has begun and the campus looks beautiful. Here’s what our classmates are up to! Jeffrey and Jessica Iwaski Mullins have returned from Okinawa, Japan, where Jess was teaching English with JET. They were living with fellow classmate Ryan Collins, who is still teaching abroad. Jeffrey has accepted a job with Booz Allen in Virginia and the two will move down to the D.C. area with their newborn son, Chase Iwaski Mullins. They couldn’t be happier.

Jackie Grady lives and works in D.C. at a political firm called B&D Consulting doing public policy and communications work. In August she moved in with Tanyo Rosbash, Annie Feutz, and Lauren Duvall ’09. Emily Wilson is attending graduate school this fall at the Memorial University of Newfound-

land to study seabirds, where Martin Connelly will join her. Austin Ross lives in Madison, Maine, where he coaches for the Maine Winter Sports Center. This fall Raven Adams started law school at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. She recently moved into a new home with her boyfriend, Mark Phillips ’09, who will attend law school as well. Julie Wilson, Christina Evriviades, and Emily Parker recently celebrated their 23rd birthdays at the South Street Seaport Water Taxi Beach in New York City. Friends and classmates traveled from across the U.S. to celebrate with a BBQ and margaritas and enjoy the New York skyline. Maya Kluber is very excited to move to Manhattan and start this fall at Columbia’s School of Social Work. She had a great time reuniting with fellow Colbyettes Marina Stakes ’06 and Caroline Cotter ’06 at Colby in June. While driving back to Palmer McAuliff’s house for Reunion Weekend, Maya and Patrick Sanders saw two moose. They were thrilled, as it was the first moose sighting for both of them. Since the end of March, Patrick has been working as the special assistant to the CEO of Equal Justice Works, a national nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. In June he met Skylar Sutton, Dustin Hilt, and Brendan Brankin for dinner in Chino-
town in Washington, D.C. Over the Fourth of July, Patrick met Palmer and Drew McKech-
nie ’04 for brunch at a diner in Arlington, Va. Patrick, Emily Wagner, and the Class of 2008 Colby Fund Committee are very excited to announce that they successfully raised over $5,000 from 39 percent of the class and would like to thank everyone who participated. Keep in touch!
William H. Steinhoff ’32, March 8, 2009, in Hanover, N.H., at 103. He was a management analyst for Oyster Bay, N.Y., and Nassau, County N.Y. With his wife, Blanche, he raised two sons, William and George.

Milton Paul Kleinholz ’35, June 4, 2009, in Brunswick, Maine, at 94. He was a chemist who worked for oil companies, retiring from British Petroleum. He held a patent for an anticorrosive lubricant. An avid birder and wildlife observer, he traveled extensively in search of unusual birds and wildlife. Predeceased by his brother, Lewis H. Kleinholz ’30, and his uncle, Frank Kleinholz ’23, he is survived by his stepchildren, Peter Graham and Kristianne Andrews, and a cousin, Burton Krumholz ’48.

James N. Lewis ’38, May 26, 2009, in Portland, Maine, at 92. He was a sales engineer for the Foxboro Company until his early retirement in 1973. He moved to Maine, where he lived half the year. He cultivated a garden, traveled, and supported the Nobleboro Historical Society. He played bridge and badminton, enjoyed music and the theater, and discussed history and world affairs. Survivors include his daughters, Nancy Nash and Sally Pearce, five grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Lois Britton Bayless ’39, June 18, 2009, in Katy, Texas, at 91. She taught Latin for several years in Maine and Texas, but her main focus was her home and her children. Survivors include sons Steve and Robert, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Violet Hamilton Christensen ’39, May 21, 2009, in Columbus, Ohio, at 92. She earned a master’s from Curry College and taught English, speech, and drama in New York and New Jersey. She worked in libraries and was a storyteller and freelance writer. Predeceased by her uncle and aunt, Alpheus 1912 and Ruth Hamilton Whittmore 1912, her survivors include sons Richard and Geoffrey, three grandchildren, and two brothers.

Janet Hollis Doswell ’39, July 19, 2009, in Auburndale, Mass., at 92. A mother and a homemaker, she was active in her church, the Auburndale Women’s Club, and the Humnewell Club of Newton. Predeceased by her brother, Harry K. Hollis ’38, she is survived by four children, Janet Zocchi, Penny Armstrong, Stephanie D’Inncenzo, and Robert Doswell, 13 grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren.

Susanne Rose Bessey ’42, July 12, 2009, in Waterville, Maine, at 88. An involved and active Waterville resident, she was a supporter of the United Church of Christ, the Waterville Women’s Club, and Colby, receiving a Colby Brick in 1982. She was hostess and “project manager” for her many family gatherings, was a 25-year veteran in the annual Maine Audubon Ioon count, skied and golfed, and traveled the world. Survivors include her children, Earle Bessey, Camilla Thompson, and David Bessey, 11 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Kenneth C. Hawkes ’42, July 26, 2009, in Westbrook, Maine. He was ordained in 1938 and ministered in churches in Maine and Massachusetts. He held administrative roles for the Universalist Church, marched with Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in Selma, Ala., and was an elder of the Maine Society of Mayflower descendants. Survivors include his wife, Janet Beiling, three children, two stepdaughters, a sister, and 33 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mary Farrell Lacombe ’42, Aug. 8, 2009, in Webster Groves, Mo., at 89. She was a teacher and also worked as a legal assistant. She and her husband, Raymond E. Lacombe ’42, established a scholarship fund at Colby. She is predeceased by her husband.

Alice Lyman Young ’42, May 18, 2009, in Beverly, Mass., at 86. She earned an M.S.W. from Boston University and then established a North Shore office for The Children’s Friend and Family Services. She was an interior designer and started Old Harbor House, a decorating business. A sailor, a chef, and a bridge player, she loved to entertain. Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Robert, two children, and three grandchildren.

Russell E. Brown ’44, April 28, 2009, in Valley Forge, Pa., at 86. He earned two master’s degrees from Andover Newton Theological School and was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1947. He was a missionary for nine years in Burma, where he established a medical clinic and literacy program. He studied Buddhism, wrote hymns, and worked for the Baptist headquarters. He was awarded honorary degrees from Colby in 1968 and from Central Philippine University in 1969. Survivors include his wife, Becky, four children, a brother, a sister, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Robert A. St. Pierre ’44, Aug. 28, 2009, in Brunswick, Maine, at 89. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He taught high school in Jay and in Brunswick, Maine, and was a coach at both schools, earning his master’s in education from the University of Maine along the way. He played semipro baseball and was an avid golfer, scoring two holes in one. Survivors include his sister, Lucille Curtis, five children, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Paul G. Gaffney ’46, May 1, 2009, in Falls Church, Va., at 86. He left Colby to serve with the Army during World War II, when he fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He graduated from Brown in 1949 and was a standout halfback. He played semipro football, worked in business, and then became a realtor. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Effrieda, two children, a sister, and a granddaughter.

Mary Louise Strait Smith ’46, June 18, 2009, in Ballston Spa, N.Y., at 84. A home-maker and mother, she enjoyed gardening, ceramics, and camping. Survivors include her husband, Donald, two children, and two grandchildren.

Margaret Scott Carter ’47, June 10, 2009, in Portsmouth, N.H., at 83. She was an antiques dealer and owned M.S. Carter Antiques in Portsmouth. She served on boards at Strawberry Banke and the Portsmouth Athenaeum and belonged to the New Hampshire Antiques Dealers Association. Survivors include her children, Melissa Alden, Elizabeth Alden, Roberta Schultz, Nancy Carter Clough ’69, Harriet Field, R. Forrest Alden, and Ted Carter, 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and a brother.

Vida Harrison Neilson ’48, July 30, 2009, in Westwood, Mass., at 83. She graduated from the New England Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. A mother and homemaker, she was active with her church and a crafter’s group. Survivors include her husband of 60 years, Steve, three daughters, four grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Frederic S. Hubbard ’49, May 29, 2009, in Berlin, N.H., at 85. He served with the Army during World War II and then as a medical physicist who worked for the state of New York. He enjoyed history books, movies, and working with his computer.

Hugh B. Jordan ’50, June 20, 2009, in Tinton Falls, N.J., at 80. He worked as a field geologist in Texas and New Mexico, and then as a geologist for Esso Eastern and Esso Middle East. He later worked in public relations for Exxon, retiring in 1985. He belonged to the historical society and the volunteer fire department, was active with his church, and enjoyed golf and fishing. Survivors include his wife, Audrey Fountain Jordan ’49, three children, two granddaughters, and two sisters, including his twin, Mary Jordan Magargee ’50.

Allen F. Langhorne ’50, July 28, 2009, in Camden, Maine, at 82. He served as a Navy seaman during World War II. He earned an M.D. from New York University and practiced medicine in Maine and in Florida. He established a scholarship at Colby, where his children, Rachel Langhorne Grogan ’78 and William A. Langhorne, attended. He is also survived by his wife, Nancy.

Paul F. Christopher Jr. ’51, June 14, 2009, in Haverhill, Mass., at 83. He served with the Army Air Corps during World War II, after which he graduated from Tilton School and then Colby. He worked for the Massachusetts Division of the American Cancer Society for more than 33 years, retiring as executive director. He was the chairman of Democratic Ward 7 Committee and a member of the Haverhill Housing Authority. Predeceased by his father, Paul F. Christopher ’14, he is survived by his wife of 60 years, Alice, and four children.

Catherine Burns Hudson ’51, Aug. 3, 2009, in Terre Haute, Ind., at 80. She received a master’s and a doctorate from Purdue University. An educator and counselor, she worked with Head Start, founded cooperative preschools, and was a professor of child development at Indiana State University. She served on professional and civic boards, played bridge, and spent time at the family lake cottage. Survivors include her husband, Dale, three daughters, six grandchildren, and a brother.

Albert S. Johnston ’52, Aug. 28, 2009, in Woodlands, Calif., at 81. He got his bachelor’s from Stanford and then worked in insurance. He served on the planning commission and participated in the Marines’ Toys for Tots drive. He was a duck hunter, a fisherman, and a golfer. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Gail, three daughters, and five grandchildren.
Richard A. Noonan '54, July 17, 2009, in Colorado Springs, Colo., at 77. A member of ROTC at Colby, he had a 32-year career with the Air Force as a B-47, B-52, and O-2 pilot. He was also a maintenance squadron commander and director of logistics. He enjoyed golf, hunting, camping, and reading. Survivors include his wife, Ann Burger Noonan '53, six children, nine grandchildren, and two sisters.


Mary Ellen McGoldrick McGowan '55, July 24, 2009, in Woodbury Lake, N.J., at 75. She earned a master's in education from Harvard and then was a teacher, director of Head Start, and educational consultant. She fought for improved education programming, was committed to social justice and the environment, and was a poet. Survivors include four children, Colleen Hardin, Maureen McVail, Sean McGowan, and Brian McGowan, four siblings, and seven grandchildren.

Ruth McDonald Roberts '55, Aug. 12, 2009, in Rochester, Minn., at 76. She volunteered while her husband served in the Air Force in Europe and the Americas. They returned to Waterville, where she entertained and volunteered at the Women's Interim Club, the First Congregational Church, and the food bank. An avid bridge player, she made a grand slam the day before she left for cancer treatment. She was awarded a Colby Brick in 1995. Predeceased by her mother, Helen Dresser McDonald '23, she is survived by her husband of 54 years, David L. Roberts '55, daughters Susan Roberts Dangel '86 and Linda Roberts Pagnano '88, and five grandchildren.

Paul W. Christie '56, June 22, 2009, in Halleiford, Va., at 74. A businessman, he was president of a glass company, owned a car dealership, and later owned a restaurant. He was predeceased by his father, Lindon E. Christie '30, an uncle Donald M. Christie '32, and a cousin Dawne C. Shisler '62. Survivors include his wife, Jessamine, two children, a stepdaughter, four grandchildren, two brothers, including Lindon E. Christie Jr. '54, and nieces and nephews including David P. Christie '76.

Kenneth A. Houston '57, July 9, 2009, in Newport, Maine, at 74. He served in the Air Force and was stationed in Germany. In Maine he held various jobs including log driver, newsmen, researcher, and radio announcer. He was a five-time Maine state pistol champion, played the guitar and mandolin, and was a reader and a writer. Predeceased by his brother-in-law, Gideon George Picher '58, he is survived by his wife of 50 years, Annette Picher Houston '57, and three children.

Carl M. Cobb '59, Aug. 17, 2009, in South Chatham, Mass., at 74. He served in the Army as a medic and then began a career in journalism. He was a medical writer for the Boston Globe and won the 1968 Lasker Award for Medical Journalism. He later worked as an administrator at Children's Hospital in Boston and at Seattle Children's Hospital. Predeceased by his father, Edward S. Cobb '31, he is survived by his wife of 51 years, Deborah Robson Cobb '58, two children, and four grandchildren.

Nancy Nelson Hellequst '59, June 14, 2009, in Springfield, Mass., at 72. She earned a master's from American International College and then taught fifth grade for 28 years. She served with the AFS Intercultural Programs, the Agawam (Mass.) Counseling Center, and the Feeding Hills Kindergarten. She played in nationally sanctioned cribbage tournaments and belonged to the American Cribbage Congress. Survivors include her daughters, Karen Carpenter, Lisa Gore, and Christine Impoco, nine grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, and a sister.

Courtney L. Davis '60, Aug. 5, 2009, in Wakefield, R.I., at 71. He earned a master's from Boston University and then taught economics and was a high school guidance counselor. He sang tenor with various groups and was the founding member of the South County (R.I.) Chamber Singers. He spent summers sailing the Maine coast, volunteered at the Kettle Pond Visitor Center, and enjoyed photography and growing tomatoes. Survivors include his daughter, Holly Davis, and his brother, Richard Davis '56.

Andrew J. Hayward '61, May 9, 2009, in Boston, Mass., at 69. He earned a master's in education from the University of Maine and then a master's in mathematics and science education from Colby. He taught math at colleges and high schools in New Hampshire and Maine, coached and played soccer, was an avid fisherman, and played tennis. Predeceased by his father, Bertrand Hayward '33, he is survived by his wife, Carolyn, four children, a sister, a brother, and nine grandchildren.

Dennis D. Hammer '64, Sept. 16, 2008, in Beaufort, S.C., at 66. He earned a M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and was an oral surgeon in the Navy Dental Corps. His hobbies were photography, showing cats, and building and flying radio-controlled aircraft.

Patricia McClay Gauer '65, June 13, 2009, in Waterville, Maine, at 65. She taught French and Spanish at Waterville Junior High and Senior High schools for 33 years and taught part time at Thomas College and at the Let's Talk Language School. She was active with the Franco-American Heritage Society, loved to cook, and traveled extensively. Survivors include her husband, Ernest A. Gauer '58, two children, four grandchildren, her father, two sisters, a brother, and her uncle Paul F. McClay '55.

Lorraine Rudman Armstrong '67, Jan. 25, 2009, in Prescott, Ariz., at 63. She worked in business and had a special bond with animals, specifically greyhounds, which she adopted and raised. Survivors include her former husband, Christopher Armstrong '68.

Mary Ellen Lyle Henry '69, Aug. 17, 2009, in Washington, D.C., at 62. She earned an M.F.A. from the University of Hawaii and a Ph.D. from American University. She taught history and college writing at American University and was a freelance writer. She belonged to the Organization of American Historians and the American Sociological Association, volunteered for the March of Dimes, and sang in her church choir. Survivors include her husband, Douglas, three sons, and two sisters.

Alison L. Smith '72, July 9, 2009, in Woonsocket, R.I., at 58. She worked in the medical supply manufacturing industry, most recently with Contech Medical, Inc. She worked on her family's farm, Christiansen's Orchards, and was a lifelong member of the Slatersville (R.I.) Congregational Church. She died of emphysema. Survivors include her parents, George and Shirley Smith, a brother, a sister, and nieces and nephews.

Alan M. Linsky '73, July 10, 2009, in Kaneohe, Hawaii, at 58. He earned a M.B.A. from Babson and then became a computer programmer, a business owner, and a Web designer. He was a photographer, enjoyed canoeing, fishing, and bicycling, and competed in triathlons. Survivors include his wife, Deborah H. Ikehara '74, two daughters, and two brothers, including David P. Linsky '79.

Mary Wadsworth Barney '74, Sept. 21, 2009, on Monhegan Island, Maine, at 57. A renowned baker and cook, she baked for the Trailing Yew Inn on Monhegan Island, cooked for 12 years on the schooner Mary Day, was a licensed yawl operator, wrote a cookbook, and won the 2004 Windjammer Weekend Schooner Pie Baking Contest. She knitted, made soap, spun oinkum used to caulik wooden boats, and played the accordion and squeezebox. Survivors include her sister, Ann, and several cousins.

Martha L. Dewey '76, June 26, 2009, in Ithaca, N.Y., at 55. She earned a bachelor's degree from Kalamazoo College and a master's from Yale Divinity School. A musician and dramatic artist, she was a lecturer, teaching assistant, musical director, and artistic director in many locales and venues. She died in a car accident. Survivors include her husband, Kent Goetz, two sisters, and a brother.

Nancy Wilson Maltez '76, Aug. 9, 2009, in Springdale, Utah, at 55. She served in the Peace Corps in Africa and later was a systems programmer. She was involved with The TreePeople, helping re-tree the Los Angeles area. She died while hiking in Zion National Park. Survivors include her husband, Byron, three children, her mother, and three siblings.

Catherine Fulton Teeven '80, Aug. 21, 2009, in Naples, Fla., at 51. She taught AP history at high schools in Florida and was a coach and swim official. She was an avid runner and played the piano for her church. Survivors include her husband, Gerry Teeven '79, two children, her mother, and a sister.

Thomas P. Noel '86, Aug. 12, 2009, in Providence, R.I., at 44. He was an inventor and the founder and president of Modular Thermal Technologies. He was previously a commercial fisherman. Survivors include his parents, Governor Philip and Joyce Noel, and four siblings.

Sean A. Glew '91, July 12, 2009, in Portland, Ore., at 39. He was chair of the history department at Holderness School and, at the time of his death from thymic carcinoma, a graduate student at Wesleyan. He coached sports, mentored students, read nonfiction, and explored New England and the Pacific Northwest. Survivors include his wife, Nicole, two children, his parents, three brothers, and a grandmother.
It was the last thing I remembered as the surgeon was putting me under. The IV was in for my wisdom tooth operation, and already I could feel my awareness dimming, reason and thought draining from my head as if he had pulled the plug that held in my brain. I heard him ask me where I was going to college. “Colby,” I told him. The room began to dim, my body buzzing with nerves and nausea, and through the haze I heard him say, “Colby? Where’s that?”

They have nothing but good intentions. They mean well, and I know that. But that makes the sentiment no less exhausting, whether scrawled on well-meaning congratulation cards or delivered with a smile in the produce aisle on a chance meeting.

“That place must be really small.”

“You’re just trying to get away from your parents, aren’t you?”

“Why are you going so far away?”

“Isn’t that in Russia?”

It’s not that my family and friends are ignorant. It’s just that they’re all a little too... West. My home in Denver, Colo., is somewhere around 2,000 miles from Waterville, Maine, and we speak different collegiate languages. Maine speaks UMaine, Bowdoin, and Colby. Colorado speaks Colorado State, CU, and Colorado College. So if I were to introduce myself as “Melanie Brown, attending Colorado State in the fall,” then there would be all manner of recognition and understanding. But I am “Melanie Brown, attending Colby College in the fall,” and the blank stares come rolling in.

Sometimes I wish I had simply stayed in Colorado. That I had applied to the well-attended, hulking state schools and never considered the far-off possibility of Colby College. By now I would have made it through the overnight orientation stay and toured the campus until I could map my path to all my classes. Come August I would be planning to make the hour drive to a familiar campus full of comfortable high school friends and a skyline that I’ve known for most of my life. No nervous fear of the unknown, no scrambling to outfit my wardrobe for a new climate, no emotional, plane-flight journey to a school where I am the only person I know.

Out of respect and a bit of respectful fear, I would never think to disrespect Mainers. But I think that the out-of-state kids, a significant majority of the Colby population, have something special about them. A resilience, a willingness to stride forward with the confidence of warriors and the visual perception of bats. We are one great horde pulled from across the world by many reasons to a common place, some of us without having even set foot on the campus. And at times, it’s hard to fall in love with a place like that. It feels like an eHarmony romance, as if I’ve committed myself for the next four years to an elusive profile, a collection of words and numbers. When we meet, will he like me? Will I like him?

Will I still feel the connection?

It’s a powerful thing, that devotion that drives us thousands of miles from our homes and friends and families to a new place. I’m scared, sometimes, to think that I’m about to commit myself and four years of my precious life to a campus that I’ve only seen on a cursory, hour-long tour. But, for whatever reason, I feel that pull, that sense that the fates have conspired and are sending me to the place I’ve been searching for. And it’s difficult to explain that connection to my aunt’s husband’s brother, who means well but is still convinced that Colby is an all-male school in Texas.

It’s all part of the experience. The trusting, the doubting, the second-guessing, the goodbyes and pains and tears. It’s knowing that I am one of 480 bold and blind, and that come September 1, we’ll all be together—students who know just what I mean when I introduce myself as “Melanie Brown from Denver, Colorado, and I’ve always just known that Colby is the place for me.”

No geography lesson required.

Melanie Brown ’13 comes to Colby from Centennial, Colo., where she attended Arapahoe High School. This essay was selected as the winner of an essay contest open to members of the bicentennial Class of 2013.
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Silver lining

The economic recession forced some alumni to make career changes. Glenn Connell ’79 and others say that for them that was a good thing. Page 20.