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Reunion at Reunion

Janet Deering Bruen ’79, left, and Betsy Powley Wallingford ’54 embrace during the parade of classes at Reunion 2009, June 4-7. A reunion photo gallery is online at www.colby.edu/reunion.

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Margaret Campbell Timberlake keeps active by line dancing every week and going on occasional trips. “Walter Emery has travel plans of his own. In early fall he hopes to motor to New Brunswick to visit relatives, and, later in the year, he heads for Chapel Hill, N.C., to celebrate Thanksgiving with his niece and nephew.

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We have made it to our 65th reunion! No small accomplishment. As I write this I have no idea how many of the Class of 1944 will make it to the June reunion. “Nancy Curtis Lawrence lives with her daughter, grandson, and granddaughter in Sequim, Wash. Nancy did not come east as there was a family reunion at that time. She is gardening and still swims at least twice a week. This summer she’ll take the 11-year-old to the hot springs about 100 miles away. “Naj and Harold Joseph took a trip to visit their daughter, Tenley Joseph Baxter ’79, in Laguna Beach, Calif. Tenley married a golf pro, Kris Baxter. Harold attended the Pro Senior Tournament with Kris at the Valencia Country Club, where Kris’s buddy, Dan Fosman, won on the last hole with a birdie. Very exciting.” Edith Sturtevant Cunningham called me from Oakland, Maine. I was delighted. She attended Colby only her freshman year and lived at home, so felt she never really got to know many of us. She and Gene Struckhoff attended Colburn Classical the same year. She has two grandsons that graduated for Maine Maritime Academy. She originally retired in 1979 but has gone back to doing the books for the Rome school system. “In May I’m going on a 19-day trip with a group; none of them have I met previously. We’ll fly 18 hours from Washington, D.C., to Johannesburg, South Africa! We have all sorts of activities programmed, including two safaris as well as a visit to Victoria Falls. I’ll report on that next time. (I do plan to return!)

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Dorothy Cleaves Jordan regrets that a recent hospital visit for a bout of pneumonia prevented her from attending reunion this year. She hopes she will make it back to campus next June.

1948
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We received a letter Feb. 7 from Elizabeth Coombs Corke Myers. She wrote just before she departed for Sanibel, Fla., for two months. She was sorry to miss our 60th reunion but was happy to have a meeting with Alice March Miller and Nancy Semonian Newlove ’49. Elizabeth’s granddaughter, Lauren Corke ’10, spent the past semester in Botswana. Elizabeth reports that it was the coldest, snowiest winter in Pittsburgh in years, but what a Super Bowl! “How about our Steelers?” “In March we had a reunion at a Palm Beach restaurant with Jordan Kaplan, Aaron Sandler (he drove from Sarasota and stayed with us in Jupiter), and Burt Silberstein ’49 and wives and significant others. We really had a good time and the Colby bonds are strong. We plan to do it again next winter.” Janet Gay Hawkins wrote, “I will be moving April 15 to Peconic Landing in Greenport, N.Y. It is a continuing-care retirement community overlooking Long Island Sound. I will be in a cottage overlooking the water—so all is not lost. All things considered, this is a wise choice for me. I have lots of friends there (some from early childhood) and there is so much one can do if one wants to. And all I have to do is pick up a phone if something goes wrong! No more house hassle.” “Mike and Kay Weisman Jaffe had a wonderful trip to Russia in October. That meant they spent the cold and snowy winter in the Berkshires. In early April they visited with family in New Jersey and North Carolina and their Pennsylvania “contingent” was with them for a mid-April weekend. Their great-grandchildren count is now up to five (three boys and two girls). What’s the highest our class can boast? With a grandson’s wedding coming up Memorial Day weekend, they look forward to more in a year or so. Kay writes that they are both well (with all the usual aches) and hope ’48ers are healthy, too, with minimum soreness. She sent regards to us and all our class! “We hope the brevity of this news will motivate classmates to write so that in the future the column will have more news.

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Unfortunately, I received no news for this column. I certainly hope that there will be lots of 60th reunion news in the next issue!

1950
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Charlie ’49 and Ginny Davis Pearce were in Naples, Fla., for a short time this winter visiting friends. They also managed to see a Red Sox game. Their grandson, Ben, who goes to Penn State, was in a gymnastics meet at James Madison University and they drove up from their home in Pittsboro, N.C., to see him perform. In April they went to Belgium and Holland, spending three days in Bruges,
then were on a river boat for the rest of their trip. • Harriet (Sargent ’48) and George Wiswell spent two weeks in May traveling, first to Baku, Azerbaijan, to visit their son Sandy and to see the country and the hotel he has rebuilt. Baku is directly on the Caspian Sea, which is BP’s largest petroleum reserve. Then to Moscow to spend a few days with son Tim and his fiancee, Natasha. Tim was just promoted by Deutsch Bank to head of equity trading in Russia! Home via Prague, where they visited friends. Once home they’ll attend grandson David’s graduation from Columbia. Their son Geof and his wife, Karen, live in E. Haddam, Conn., but will be in Toronto temporarily because Geof works for S.A.P. as a computer programmer on assignment for IBM.

1952
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Greetings ’52 classmates. Spring is definitely in the air here on Cape Cod, and it’s time again for the next issue of our column for Colby. • Dave Morse e-mailed right after receiving the request for news. Many thanks, Dave! Dave wrote, “Many of you have seen our Boothbay Harbor home and enjoyed the view and boating activity in front. We have decided that the time has come to downsize, the term currently in vogue. We will move into a condo in Wells, Maine, hopefully this fall. We look forward to fewer responsibilities and all the amenities that area offers.” Much luck to Dave and Joan, and welcome to the retirement community kind of life. It’s really quite enjoyable. • On April 25, at the Coonamessett Inn in Falmouth, Mass., Sheila and Don Hailer celebrated three milestones: their 45th wedding anniversary, Don’s 80th birthday, and Sheila’s 75th birthday. Celebrating with them were Judy and Herb Nagle, Carl and Audrey Morgan Leaf, and George “Lumm” Leberher. The Hailer children did a splendid job with the details, in particular keeping the occasion a surprise right up to the opening bell. • As for yours truly, after a hiatus of a year and a half I’m once again rehearsing a play here on the Cape. It’s lots of fun doing it, but oh, it’s a lot harder learning those lines than it used to be! Best wishes and good health to you all until next time.

1951
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Ernie Fortin turned 80 on Valentine’s Day. His wife, Patti, planned a surprise party that included his children from Massachusetts and friends from Florida. Ernie was so surprised he was speechless. On March 27 Ernie was one of about 50 alumni who attended an alumni event at the Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota, Fla. Colby Professor of Art Veronica Plesch and Alexandra Libby ’03, assistant curator of European art at the Ringling Museum, narrated a tour of some of the museum’s art collection. Also in March, after serving for six years with The Meadows Community Association (MCA) board in Sarasota, Ernie stepped down stepped down due to term limits. An 18-year resident of the Meadows residential community, Ernie has served multiple roles with the MCA and was a driving force behind a sidewalk widening project. Ernie hopes to volunteer next at the Memorial Hospital in his community.

1953
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Ginnie Falkenbury Aronson has most of her summer planned. Around June 1 she hopes to get together with three other Colby friends. During July she will entertain two or three of her grandchildren, separately, for a week in Richmond. In August she will attend a family reunion in upstate New York, which will be the first time she and her sisters will be together in nine years. Moving on to September she plans to attend her 60th high school reunion and see at least three friends from the ’40s. • This reminds me that I, too, will be attending the Swampscott (Mass.) High School reunion in July. I love receiving e-mail from Colby friends. I keep busy now with my two old cats and the two golden retrievers. One is almost 17, the other just about a year and a half. • Tommi Thompson Staples has been a local hospice volunteer for 13 years. She’s been asked to co-facilitate a support group on utilizing writing as a healthy tool. Hospice will submit this curriculum to demonstrate it to national professional groups. This summer Tommi plans to travel again with each granddaughter: with the younger one on a cruise to Bermuda and, for the older one, to shows in New York City. • Flo Fisher Krejci and her husband are still traveling. Their latest trip took them to Budapest by river with a few days in Prague. Last fall they traveled to California and Gold Country. By mid-March they found themselves in an Elderhostel in interior Alaska. Her two eldest grandsons have graduated from Pomona College and Villanova; the Villanova grad went on to London School of Economics. Flo noted that the deceased Mary Ellen Betts Harrison’s husband now lives in Concord, N.H. This was incorrectly reported in a past column. • Chase and Nan Murray Lasbury plan to summer in Camden and then take a three-week trip to Croatia with a group from Colby and other colleges. • Ben and Carolyn Doe Woznick will spend a couple of weeks in Italy. They’ll have a few days alone in Rome then rejoin the British-based tour group in Mantua and Ravenna, where they hope to view mosaics. • Loretta “Rex” Mearns Setter sent me a friendly “hello” note. She said she is glad she spent the winter in San Diego and missed the bad weather in the Northeast.

1954
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By the time you read this column, our 55th reunion will have passed, so I hope to have seen you all there. • Mary and Vic Scalise celebrated their 51st anniversary Dec. 28, 2008, with a trip to Maui, where they’ve vacationed for the past 26 years. They spend summers in their cottage in Ocean Park, Maine, where there is an open invitation to “drop by.” Vic has served for the past year and a half as pastor of the Somersville, Mass., Community Baptist Church. • Merrill Healey Decker is president of her area American Association of University Women, and Karl presented more of his work for Vermont Life magazine’s ongoing series on small towns at our 55th reunion. • Ned Shenton informed me that Stan Doughty has been elected to the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame.

30S/40S NEWSMAKERS

ALUMNI AT LARGE

Berry Wellersdieck Piper’s husband, Eric, underwent a successful heart transplant at the end of 2008. BRAVO! ♦ We shall miss Ellie Larned Petrlik, Barbara Kleinman Lainere, and Barbara Ayers Haslam, who were staunch members of our class. Ellie was a close neighbor of ours when we lived in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, in the ‘60s. We loved her wonderful sense of humor, and she also endeared herself to our son, Rich ’86. She taught reading at Birch Rock Camp, where Rich was a camper, counselor, and now a director. Ellie was there several years and was beloved by the campers and staff. ♦ I hope many of you will attend our 55th reunion in June 2010. We plan to hold our own class reunion even though we are 50-plus alumni. Watch for more information to come. Cheers to all!

1956
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Hello again from the mobile Marshalls, who managed to mingle with many of you over the last few months. How’s that, Professor Carey? We enjoyed brief overnight stops while going and coming with Sherry and Don Rice. At a Colby dinner on Datav Island with Warren ’57 and Barbara Faltings Kinsman, Naomi and Hugh Anderson, Pam and Karl Honsberger, they reported that all goes well with the South Carolina contingency. Don’s son, Tim ’81, won the club championship at Oldfield, by the way. All of those Rice Oil charity tournaments paid off! ♦ From Janet Nordgren Murveyweather, “This winter Steen and I traveled up to ‘Wewa’ or Wewahitchka near Panama City to visit Otto and Nancy Hubbard Greene. They have a grandson graduating from Maine Maritime Academy who is getting married the next day. We attended the Colby gathering in Sarasota, a guided tour of the Ringling Museum, followed by a social hour. The only contemporaries there were Norman ’58 and Charlotte Clifton Lee ’61 and Lois Munson Morrill ’58. Bob Raymond married the Morrills 21 years ago! On our way home from Florida in April, we saw Christine Layer Larson in Media, Pa. ♦ How can I describe the Kodak moment as we stood on the decrepit wooden deck of an outdoor bar overlooking the inland waterway while David Sortor dialed John Jubinsky in Hawaii? Together we all sang “Happy Birthday, Dear Jube” and chatted briefly. Jube sounded great. He, of course, reiterated his open invitation to all classmates to visit him. After arriving home Rosie (Crouthamel Sorter) wrote, “What a grand day we had with you in Vero! I have to tell you about getting my beach plum jelly home on the plane. I packed it in my carryon, not wanting jelly all over my clothes, knowing it wouldn’t pass inspection. Sure enough the agent said I couldn’t take it. My pleading went in vain, but Dave spoke up with a “Surely, the jar is less than three ounces.” The agent concurred and we are enjoying your homemade beach plum as I write.” We plan to see the Sortors soon with Lou ’55 and Kathy McConaughy Zambello and Tom ’54 and Susan Miller Hunt. ♦ We fully understand that all of us are preoccupied with health and family issues, but we beg you to stay connected. Let us hear from you. It is, in fact, a way of keeping young! Both John and I bid fond wishes to each of you.

1957
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Ah, spring in Maine! A fine omenor, when there ever was one. As we say up here in God’s country, our winters make us enjoy summerthathumble much! Although, as I write these notes, we have had a long stretch of sunshine to warm our winter-weary bones. ♦ Congratulations are in order! Breathing a big sigh of relief, Pat Martin Maloney will be graduating from the Hartt School of Music at the University of Hartford with another bachelor’s degree, this time in music history, with organ as her instrument. In the course of more than four years, Pat’s studies included a semester in Germany taking German courses and literally checking out 16th- and 17th-century Baroque organs in the central and northern parts of the country. Pat will enjoy a much-deserved and relaxing summer in southern New Hampshire and will play locally for churches in her area. ♦ Larry Roy sends word from Brigham’s Cove that he is very busy with his family therapy practice in South Portland, as well as caring for his wife, Kathy (Niles ’59), who was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s 15 years ago. Larry also has a fascinating hobby of polishing gem stones and making jewelry in his cellar studio. He finds bicycling to be a great stress reducer and plans to bike in Tuscany this summer with his younger brother. After a bicycling trip in Austria soon after our 50th reunion, those hills in Tuscany will come as no great surprise! ♦ Kyp Piqueres Greenwood sends us sad news: her partner and best friend, Howard, died unexpectedly last December. Still reeling from her loss, Kyp feels fortunate to be living in a place that she thoroughly enjoys (Sun City in Las Vegas), where she has found fulfilling volunteer work as an educational surrogate parent appointed by the court to a family in need of guidance. It must be a challenge and a very worthwhile one. ♦ Last fall Mac Blanchard’s travels took him to New Hampshire, and while driving along Mac remembered that Bob Egb ’56 lived nearby. Taking a chance that Bob might be home, Mac drove right up the driveway and the two reconnected with a great visit after not seeing one another since 1956!

1958
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Each month Jim Bishop gathers folks for a storytelling session at one of the local wineries, a bookstore, or other meeting place in Sedona, Ariz. He establishes a theme like “‘yes we can,” water awareness, or gifts from the earth, and the tellers spin their tales. All agree that storytelling is the oldest profession; “stories have been bouncing off red rock canyon walls for at least 10,000 years.” ♦ After 50 years Nancy Derderian Bagdasarian and Robin Hunter Clutz reconnected over coffee at Starbucks in Salt Lake City. Both have daughters who live in that area. Nancy says, “We had no trouble recognizing each other!” ♦ Tony Kalloch recently headed for a reunion of the class of ‘49 at a school in Switzerland, then to Italy for a visit to Naples, Capri, and Amalfi. He also has adopted a Chiweween, a cross between a Chihuahua and a dachshund. “Life is good.” ♦ Brad and Helen Payson Seager are proud grandparents of their sixth (and last) grandson. Their daughter, who survived Hodgkins disease in 2000, observed her fifth anniversary following treatment and has been given a clean bill of health. “It is not too late for us to send Peter Ré a belated 90th birthday card.” ♦ In July Bruce Blanchard and John Edes will play in their annual golf tournament to benefit “Special Friends.” Bruce says he will, “as usual, provide them with a presentable score!” ♦ Sara Stewart Johnson is a volunteer for the Children’s Vision Foundation, founded in Bend, Ore., in 2001. Their work has caught the attention of state legislators, and they hope to see a vision-testing program mandated for the entire state. Ten volunteers spend a day in each elementary school, administering tests to each second and fourth grade. Anyone interested may learn more online. “This is one of the most rewarding volunteer projects I’ve found so far!” ♦ Archie Twitchell keeps busy teaching classes, making spaghetti and rhubarb pie for the grandkids’ weekly dinner visit, and cleaning up branches after an ice storm. He recently talked with Don Dinwoodie ’57, who was in real estate and now lives in Colorado Springs on seven acres with horses, which his grandkids love. ♦ Class president Brad Sherman (already looking forward to
June 2013) still teaches at the local high school. “What a joy to have some students show a real interest in economics and to depart from prepared lesson plans and talk about the real world, using examples from papers and news magazines.” He was also getting ready to open his hot dog cart on Memorial Day weekend and wondering how his little corner of the business world will be affected by the economic downturn. Dean and Phyllis Hardy Peterson spend summers on Long Pond in Belgrade and love being at Colby to visit the museum and fitness center and watch early football games. They are proud of the efforts and hard work of son Michael, musical director of the Waterville Opera House, who has directed at least 10 big musical shows recently. “He and director Debra Souci have put the Opera House back on the map!” He has also worked for Colby as the guest director of Fantastics. Michael is keeping the Peterson’s connection to Waterville and Colby alive and well.

1959 Joanne K. Woods classnews1959@alum.colby.edu

Ed Tomey spent several days in March with his son, Josh, at his place in Miami. The trip included going over to Ft. Myers for an overnight and a Red Sox-Phiillies spring training game. He also spent parts of two days with Josh at his workplace on Fisher Island, just off Miami Beach, consulting with him and his colleagues on a business venture. After 40-plus years as a consultant, Ed says, “This felt like the ultimate acceptance of what I do—as well as a highlight of bonding experiences over the years. I’m sure many of you know what I mean.” • Fran and Boyd Sands left in April for a cruise to and a stay in Barcelona, Spain. • The ninth edition of Art Goldschmidt’s textbook, A Concise History of the Middle East, is now coauthored by Lawrence Davidson. • My next column will feature news of the 50th reunion, but also please keep your own news coming.

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Raymond Paris and wife Alberta moved to Cypress Landing, a community in Chocowinity, N.C., in 2000. Ray reports, “Best move we ever made!” The 500 families in CL are about 75 percent retired. They enjoy a “beautiful” golf course, a 250-slip marina, and a “great” fitness center. “I’ve discovered a whole new life in retirement: Alberta and I traveled often, primarily with our timeshare. Now I found my retirement niche as tour director of our community, arranging small group (16-24) travel to New Zealand, Greece, and Ireland with Overseas Adventure Travel, Spain and Italy with Odyssey, and six cruises with Holland America. Not only has it been enjoyable for us, we opened up the world of travel to friends who, on their own, would not have taken these trips. The side benefit has been the group savings, which I split evenly among the group.” Ray’s next trip is a July riverboat cruise on the Rhone and Danube with five other couples. • Gail Holtz Golden Hartstein’s brother, Jerry Holtz ’52, who served on the Colby Board of Trustees, died in January and is greatly missed. Gail recently authored a book published by Routledge: In the Grip of Desire: A Therapist at Work with Sexual Secrets. “Life is good here in Burlington, VT., and I have twin grandchildren 15 months old; a boy, Xander, and a girl, Clara.” • Penny Dietz Sullivan, a former class correspondent, has accepted a temporary job working on the 2010 census. She is very busy with Fairfield Harbour “fun” activities. “In addition to socializing, I play golf, dominoes, bridge, and canasta. This is the life.” • Jeanette Benn Anderson writes from Fort Myers, FL. “The fabulous food down here never changes. • Keep in touch and let us know what you’re doing for fun!

1962 Patricia Farnham Russell
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Irina and Ceylon Barclay visited with Penny (Wheeler ‘64) and Ralph Bradshaw in San Francisco, where Irina delivered a paper at an academic conference. They spent time at the Bradshaw’s in-town condo and at their mountain retreat in the big redwoods embracing Sea Ranch, “both lovely, tres cher homes.” Irina went to Moscow and St. Petersburg in May with some of her students, and the Bradleys planned to see the U.S.A. this summer. • Bob and Brenda Phillips Gibbons are involved in starting up the Little Washington Sailing Club, which hopes to get young sailors, 10-18, out on the water. For 15 years Bob and Brenda sailed from Marion, Mass., to the Vineyard and the Elizabeth Islands, and they now sail on Pamlico Sound in Little Washington, N.C. • David Jacobson still works at Brandeis University. During a sabbatical this fall he plans to finish a book about how people behave online—Framing Online Interaction: Context and Meaning in Cyberspace—and visit kids and grandparents in Hawaii, San Francisco, Santa Fe, and Denver. As is their custom, Dave and his wife will visit national parks near his kids’ homes. • Traveling for Harry and Judy Hoagland Bristol has slowed due to the economy, but they plan to visit Boyd and Mary “Muff” Symonds Leavitt for a week at the Santa Fe Opera this summer. They discovered a mutual interest in opera during a pre-reunion visit in Cape Elizabeth several years ago. Judy is still campaigning for a get together in midcoast Maine before our 50th! • John Chapman is the first recipient of the Alumni Service Award presented by Lincoln Academy in Newcastle, Maine, at the class of 1958’s 50th reunion. He’s been a member of the board of trustees of the school for 28 years, with a term as president. As summertime neighbors, Michael (McCabe) and I (Nancy MacKenzie Keating) see John and his wife, Allison, frequently, along with Debby Price and Allen and Jean Hamilton Workman. • Diane Allen Bassett wrote in for the first time. “We’re so happy to hear from you, Diane. She lives in Brattleboro, VT., where she was born and raised and to which she returned after a hiatus of more than 20 years. She works in the legal field, calling herself “the oldest paralegal in the state of Vermont,” and plays golf with a passion and the hope that her “handicap will kick back to what it was when I was 13 years old.” • Jean Gaffney Furuyama sends greetings from France, where she is on vacation visiting her sister, who has lived there almost 40 years. Jean will most likely retire next year and she’s looking forward to more travel and fun. • Graham Barkham, tongue firmly in cheek, writes: “My life is pretty boring. If you had made a videotape of my life over the past 12 months, and then edited it down to the most thrilling 30 minutes, it would put you right to sleep.” Well, Graham, I remember a lovely wedding in Santa Barbara where I saw you for the first time in many years—and, I confess, I thought you were pretty exciting. But that’s just me. • Michael (McCabe) and I are back in Harpswell, Maine, for the summer after winter travels and major home repairs. We spent two wonderful weeks in Santa Fe, N.M., and then traveled to see friends in Beaufort, S.C., and family in Fort Myers, FL. The home repairs—not worth mentioning. We look forward to a summer of sailing and fishing and putting the finishing touches on our house. Michael spends a lot of time at Colby in his position as class agent and member of the Alumni Council. Plans are already afoot for our 50th reunion. The College is a beautiful, active place, and the food is good—it’s worth a trip in 2012 to see!
Bless you all! I got lots of feedback from my recent mailing. I have too much for one column, so there will be more coming later. — Last summer Montana Public Radio broadcast *Dick Friary reading the Fastest Hound Dog in the State of Maine*. He writes, “It took 26 or 27 minutes to read, and I rehearsed aloud for hours before recording the tale, until the cat and the dog covered their ears. The story was compiled decades ago by the late Maine humorist John Gould. I crated in Down East dialect, adding and subtracting r’s like a word processor gone awry: hoss collah, soder watah, and hahd likkah. The reception may have been favorable, to judge from the sample of e-mails sent me by listeners. Neither message was a death threat.” — *Marcia Phillips Sheldon* is retired from teaching and writes, “My most recent evening of entertainment? I served on a ‘blue-ribbon panel’ of microbrew beer tasters for the New Jersey newspaper *The Star Ledger*. It was a hoot!” — *Martha Farrington Mayo* writes, “I’m still riding high after producing a community variety show to benefit our local Chocolate Church Arts Center. This was our fifth Hot Chocolate Jubilee, and the theme was ‘Around the World in 80 Ways.’ There were more than 150 people ages 12 to 82 on stage and behind the scenes. It’s a lot of work but well worth it!” (I can add that the tambourine line that Martha seemed to be leading was fabulous!) — *Beth Ham Kunz* writes, “We are always looking for the next big project, but in the meantime are still 100-percent involved, me with my law practice and nonprofit connections, presently as chairman of the Southcoast Hospital Group trustees. We ski every weekend, golf, spend lots of time on local waters, and cruise to Maine every summer. I’ve always grown vegetables and fruits and have been harvesting 12 months of the year in Massachusetts, all organic. I buy very little. When my daughters were small, they referred to my garden as “Mom’s shrink.” — *Jack Ross*’s life has been interesting since Colby. “I lived in Damariscotta, Maine, for 15 years where I owned a small group of ladies apparel shops called House of ross until the year in Massachusetts, all organic. I buy very little. When my daughters were small, they referred to my garden as “Mom’s shrink.” — *Jack Gow* writes: “For me Colby was the perfect college, in size, philosophy, faculty, and atmosphere. Had I then my present wisdom, I would only change that experience by increasing my level of participation in social activities. At that time, and continuing to this day, my then-girlfriend, now wife, preoccupied my non-academic attention. Nonetheless, I acquired a fantastic education at Colby, not only from the biology department but from various inspiring faculty and classes. Moreover, my junior year Jan Plan, followed by first year of employment, placed me under the consummate researcher and 1980 Nobel Prize recipient, George Snell. What an unbelievable foundation for my 31 year career in science teaching.”

**1965**

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**SPRING BREAK** - Lew Krinsky and Ellen hosted 14 Colby students over the March spring break. They were in Houston to perform community service helping to restore homes damaged during Hurricane Ike last September. These young people were exemplary in their service and magnificent representatives of Colby. We took them to Space Center Houston and later to an authentic Mexican restaurant for a big festive dinner. The Colby students we have hosted over the years have, to a person, been outstanding young people and a joy to be with. We look forward to hosting more of them. [At insideColby.com, search for “Texas” to see a story by Lauren Pongan ’09.]

**Marty Dodge** is still swinging his axe for Finger Lakes Community College. The April meet was at Dartmouth with a variety of activities: singles canoeing, log rolling, splitting, ax throw, single buck, fly casting, etc. Marty’s FLCC men’s team came in a close second overall. His Jack-and-Jill team placed 11th. AAAAAAND. Colby placed seventh with the Colby Jack and Jills placing 13th. Marty led his 2009 spring break group to Grand Canyon National Park and to Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument to help control invasive weeds and enjoy the desert.

**Dave Hatch** continues to pretend that he is “going to retire within a year.” This is the same Dave Hatch who retired and then went back to teaching, etc. He has been taking the newly restored ’91 Mazda RX7 north to Venice, Fla., to see Dale “Peanut” Rottner Haas. “Be well and prosper” he advises. — *David Fearon* is taking the other road. “Here’s an Alice in Wonderland touch. I am starting my un-retirement from university teaching. At 66, I could not retire even if I want to (which I don’t). ‘Market meltdown,’ said the caterpillar. ‘Oh no!’ said David” — *Duane Record* packed it in two years ago after 30 years of medical practice. Duane and Sharon enjoy traveling. He enjoys woodworking and is restoring a 20-year-old, 28-foot sailboat. His two daughters are both Colby grads. “Retirement after a long and very busy career is wonderful and I highly recommend it.” — *Jim Foritano* is a staff writer for Artscope magazine in Boston and reads his poetry at various Boston area venues. *Pam Pierson Parziale* continues with Sycamore Pottery & Heirloom Baskets in Kearneysville, W.Va. She and husband Ren had an “open studios” event last May. Pam wrote “We do get to Maine each summer and see longtime friends Jim ’66 and Donna Brown Salisbury. Ellen Mitchell Lehto, Callie Holmes Marsh, Pat Campbell, Pam Harris Holden, and Chip and Nancy Newell Burnham. We are lucky enough to have a lovely cottage on the coast [Saco area] that we rent to family and friends.” Pam’s quintessential Maine cottage is available to rent. Check out Bayberry Cottage at www.elderdowncottage.com/bayberry. — *Halm*, Colby, Hail.

**1966**

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Bill Koster, former CEO of a Connecticut biotech company, retired early in 2008 and moved with wife Ginger to Boston. Bill brought his 32-foot Nordic Tug to Boston in a nor’ester for a summer of cruising Boston Harbor and Cape Cod to Long Island Sound with Ginger and daughter Katie, “living in a Jimmy Buffett song wandering from one harbor to the next.” Cold weather and reality returned. Bill now has a pharmaceutical consulting business and is managing director of Loree Newmyer Sulkowicz, LLC, a unique executive recruiting firm that focuses on the psychology of the search. Congratulations to Linda (Brooks ’68) and John Perkins, who completed 40-year teaching careers at Kent School in Connecticut. Son Dan’s wedding in Hawaii, daughter Rena’s gift of a first granddaughter, and an anticipated move to southern Maine complete their good tidings. — Bad news from Karen Riendeau Pacheco, as her February hip replacement went wrong and had to be redone. She and Joe looked forward to going to Portugal and the Azores in early May, however. — Floridian Gary McKinstry attended a Colby alumni gathering at the Ringling Museum in Sarasota where Alexandra Libby ’03 is the assistant curator of European art. — *Class President Stan Marchut* writes: “We are on the down slope, two years out from June 2011, our 45th reunion. It’s not too early to touch base with old friends and start making plans. The reunion committee for our 40th continues to party on, most recently at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury, Mass. We’re always looking for new recruits, so if you want to work on our 45th drop me an e-mail: StanM1304@comcast.net.” In April Stan saw Paula Mc Namara at a new photo gallery featuring a collection of New England portraits and places by Paula’s husband, Jack McConnell. Paula and Jack have completed three photo murals for the newly renovated Hartford Public Library, and Stan says they are spectacular. — *Doris Chalmers Bedinger* and her partner, Pete, travel to Honduras, Nigeria, and Peru to assist NGOs with amateur radios, comput- ers, generators, water pumps, etc. Pete’s the engineer and Doris is the logistics person and a licensed ham. They helped build the first ham radio station in Nigeria for use by the blind, among other projects. That work, plus a new grandson, keep Doris young and thankful. — The Mt. Washington Valley is still home to *Bayard Kenneth* and family. Wife Theresa is project manager for the publicly funded rural county bus system. Bayard still enjoys the commercial real estate business despite too much time between successes these days. Son Chip, of Alexandria, Va., is a legislative assistant to Maine Senator Susan Collins. Son Tanner is a recent college grad and bartender in the Mt. Washington Valley area. — *Gayle Jobson Poinsette* and Garfield Barnes checked in from Arizona to report on their winter travel to Florida, Panama, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, and Utah. Home to Vermont for summer and fall. — *Woodworker Carl Ford* doesn’t play violin but likes the challenge of building one in his retirement. Both daughters are married and live nearby in Connecticut. Carl’s parents, ages 99 and 92, still live in Farmington, Maine. — *Anne Ruggles Geré* is the new director of the University of Michigan Center for Writing, enjoying being an academic administrator. She’s also a Brownie scout leader for daughter Denali’s troop. — Continuing work on Sue Turner’s rammed-earth house in Maine means they will spend this summer traveling to see relatives in Wisconsin, Montana, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, kayaking in the Apostle Islands, and visiting some Canadian national parks. — Babe Ruth Softball has initiated a program to honor a state volunteer of the year. Russ Monbleau is New Hampshire’s first recipient, and the award will be henceforth known as the NH Russ Monbleau Volunteer of the Year Award. — *Mike Brodinsky* is sliding into retirement and has a couple of projects to wrap up before he’s done with his law practice. He’s still active in Connecticut politics as chairman of the town council in Wallingford. — For lots more class news online, including Ted Houghton’s book list, please go to www.colby.edu/mag.
**Doris Kearns Goodwin '64**

Doris Kearns Goodwin '64 received the 2009 Common Wealth Award for Mass Communications. The Common Wealth Awards for Distinguished Service were established by Delaware philanthropist Ralph Hayes to inspire greatness by rewarding excellence in eight fields. Recipients in other fields this year included astronaut Buzz Aldrin, novelist Don DeLillo, and actor Kevin Spacey. Goodwin also received Vanderbilt University's Nichols-Chancellor's Medal May 7. • **Robert J. Master '64**, founder of Commonwealth Care Alliance, a non-profit care delivery system for vulnerable populations, was honored by the National Committee for Quality Assurance for proving "that the quality of medical care can be raised and costs can be better managed through effective and compassionate primary care," said Senator Edward Kennedy. The NCQA Master Honored along with Peter Orszag, director of the Office of Management and Budget. • **Attorney Peter Jost '68** was elected president of the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys, an organization of attorneys who represent local government boards, including municipalities and counties. Jost serves as municipal counsel for several municipalities in New Jersey.

**MILESTONES**


**1967**

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**Ron Boothby** looks forward to the lovely Maine summer so he can break out his golf clubs and play the course near his summer home in Prouts Neck. If any of you want to join Ron on the links, look him up. • From a climate as different from Maine as one could find, **Lystra Wilson Gaskin** writes from Trinidad and Tobago that she enjoyed reconnecting with college friends last year. After arriving in Boston, Lystra traveled to Cape Cod with **Georgia Bizios, Judith Freeman, Jane Morrison Bubar '68, Janet Semonian Czarnetzki, and Dorothee Rothenbach**. Lystra remembers that she, Georgia, and Dorothee felt a special bond being foreign students, and that connection has remained vital over the years. After visiting in the Boston area, Lystra and Georgia headed toward campus, taking their time to relish the beauty of southern Maine. The campus looked lovely but different from her memory, Lystra writes. She says that to this day she is grateful for the liberal arts education she received while at Mayflower Hill. After leaving campus, Lystra and Georgia made one more stop, in North Carolina, where they visited **Laila Wali Allidina** and renewed more college connections. We wish Lystra the best as she waves the Colby banner in Trinidad and Tobago. • **Sandy Miller** has a story from the “what goes around comes around” file. While visiting her son she found that he collects a certain type of jigsaw puzzle. The puzzles were designed by Sandy some 42 years ago! Even though she has attained ‘collectable’ status, Sandy has not retreated from the world of design as she continues to create silks for her store. Sandy shares a humorous moment with her 8-year-old granddaughter, who was reading her mother’s driving license. She looked at her mother, aghast, and said “You failed sex!” upon reading Sex-F. Sandy’s daughter assured her (once she could stop laughing), she was actually a female. There were many people who failed sex back in the old days. • Jim Helmer’s son lives in Santiago, Chile, where he works for a company that places students in South American businesses. Jim’s daughter has relocated to North Carolina, where she works for a company with headquarters in Portland, Maine. While Jim and Nancy spend a lot of time hiking and biking in Colorado, they still bounce back to New England now and then. The attended their daughter’s graduation from BU’s business school this spring.

**1968**

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Ed Quinto writes, “I retired from my law practice last year. I’m following in Marc Edelstein’s footsteps. I’m now teaching at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Va. The students remind me of myself and my life 40 years ago. There is a drastic difference in technology, but the classes themselves haven’t changed much. They still have to do the work, read, study, and take tests. I teach a prelaw course to mostly seniors in the hope of giving them a head start when they go to law school, a very satisfying change from practicing law.” • **Betty Carvelis** writes, “I retired in June 2007 after 39 years of teaching. I miss the kids, but I’m trying to stay busy. I work part time as an educational consultant for a group at the National Academy of Sciences, and I’ve taught college courses that take me and my students to Costa Rica and Andros Island, Bahamas. John ’66 is retired from teaching economics at St. Michael’s College (but he plans to return in the fall as an adjunct.) We’ve spent time in St. Augustine, Fla., the past two years because we’re both tired of Vermont winters. In June 2008 all 10 of us who lived on second floor Sturtevant senior year spent the weekend in NH, and we’re planning to repeat our reunion again this year. We are Judy Dionne Scoville, Margie Reed McLaughlin, Jolan Force Ippolito, Susan Davidson Lombard, Marty Holmes Nickerson, Jane Brown Krieger, Maxine Allison Anderson, Dianne Radune Poland, and Nancy Schweitzer O’Malley. Since 2002, I’ve worked with an Arctic researcher in the Bering Sea and Arctic Ocean. We’ve been out on U.S. and Canadian icebreakers, but this September I’ll head back to the Arctic on a Russian ship.” • **Steve Ford** writes “We welcomed our first grandchild in March. I expect that I will have some resistance to pointing Hannah Katherine Rauch towards attending Colby when she is of that age because both her parents are Brown (undergraduate) and Yale (graduate) alumni. However, I am confident Colby and I will be up to the challenge.” • **Judith de Luce** advises that after 35 years of teaching at Miami (Ohio), she will be retiring next January. “I have thoroughly enjoyed my career here, but it is time to go out and do other things. I’m especially eager to do more community service than I can manage while teaching full time. This summer I’m finally going to Eastern Europe. In fact, I have just had total knee replacement in anticipation of going in fine fettle for the trip. I’ve spent so much time in the Mediterranean that I have recently been traveling to non-Greco Roman places to make up for my narrow vision of destinations.” • Anne and Ken Young plan to visit their daughter Sarah, a Peace Corps volunteer in Zambia. Sarah is teaching boys and girls and “living in a two-room mud hut with a grass roof and appears to be thriving.” Anne is retiring from her job as a third grade teacher and Ken is enjoying his eighth year at KVCOG, the regional planning and economic development council serving Colby’s hometown and surrounding areas. • Thanks for the news. Be sure to send an e-mail to your class correspondent!

**1969**

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It’s now midsummer and our 40th reunion has come and gone. I hope everyone who attended had a wonderful time renewing friendships and catching up. For this issue of Colby I received more responses then I could include in detail, so a class letter has gone out with all the information submitted. If you would like a copy please contact me or the Alumni Office. • **John Burnham** is an internal medicine physician and teaches medical students and residents at UMass. John had a visit last summer from Debby (Williams ’70) and Steve Anderson and Peter and Mary Holden Brown. • Robert ’67 and Susan Newbert Goodrich recently built and moved into their retirement home in East Boothbay, Maine. • **Craig Stevens** is finishing his 21st year as professor of photography at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga., and this summer will be photographing on the Maine coast.

• **Laurie Kilcho Wiggins** lives in Fairhope, Ala., where she retired at 50 and keeps busy directing curriculum for the lifelong learning school and singing in a church choir. • **Jay and Emily Kreinick Gallagher** married two weeks after graduation. They live in Albany, N.Y., where Jay is newspaper reporter and Emily has a psychotherapy practice. They planned to join Jeff Clunie, John Kusiak, and their spouses at reunion. • **Brad Kelly** lives in Dana Point, Calif., and is one of four partners in Spur Capital Partners. • **Cheryl (Moriarty ’70) and Bud Higgins** live in the Portland, Maine, area where Bud has had an active career in emergency medicine at Maine Medical Center and has held a variety of medical staff and administrative posts. • **Mickey Jake** has been working with special needs people for the past 27 years, and has authored a book on what is true or untrue about different religions (Confronting Believers). • After retiring from 30 years as a high school English teacher and English department chair at Camden-Rockport High School in Camden, Maine, **Penny Post Crockett** started a second career with her husband, Charlie, as videographer and producer of television travel documentaries and sports events. • **Warren Heller** has been an attorney in Milford, Mass., since 1974. • **Karen (Knapp ’70) and Bill Lyons** spent the spring months teaching at the University of Leiden in the Netherlands; Bill will teach law at the University of Miami this fall. • **Anne York Samson**, a clinical psychologist for Kaiser-Permanente in Denver, Colo., is manager of the geriatric psychiatry service, a program
ON SCIENCE, MUSSELS, AND MILK | CARRIE JOHNS ’75

Want to know how environmental science has evolved over the past 30 years? The career of Carrie Johns ’75 provides some examples. After graduating from Colby with a degree in biology, Johns earned a Ph.D. in botany at the University of Montana and conducted postdoctoral studies in Montana and San Francisco. She moved on to teach environmental science at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., and was hired to fill the third tenure-track position in the developing department, where she has been ever since.

“The kinds of issues have evolved a lot in twenty years,” she said. “We were just starting to talk about global warming in 1988 and, having been out west, I wasn’t hugely [familiar] with acid-rain issues, which of course were very big in the Adirondacks. One of the really fun things was that I was in a position where I got to learn new things constantly, which kept me fresher about teaching.”

St. Lawrence’s environmental science program was designed to “link science and policy” by teaching the scientific aspects of the subject in concert with economic and political solutions. The department has expanded along with the academic field and now includes five tenure-track faculty members, an ES major, and 10 combined-major options.

Johns teaches courses in air pollution, forest environmental issues, and environmental sustainability in addition to introductory environmental science. This fall she will teach Sustainable Agricultural Systems and Water Pollution. She stresses an interactive classroom, avoiding long PowerPoint presentations, because “it’s too passive. They get a little bored.”

Instead Johns takes students into the field. For her water pollution class, she shows students her research sites in the St. Lawrence River. They find beds of zebra and quagga mussels, two introduced species that dominate Great Lakes ecosystems.

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Skip Wood sent word that Peter Gifford, of Sherborn and Nantucket, died of melanoma/cancer April 3. Peter was happily married to Peggy Wiehl ’71. Our condolences go out to Peggy and the rest of Peter’s family. He will be missed. * All is well with Skip. He’s lived in Duxbury, Mass., for the last eight years and has never been happier. He often sees and talks with his three children, who are at UMass, Williams, and Columbia. * A medical mission last May found Roman Dashawetz providing anesthesia for world-famous pediatric plastic surgeon, Dr. Pavy. Pavy is descended from a long line of famous pediatric plastic surgeon, Dr. Pavy. His name is on the hospital in Rome. * Judy Moeckel is retired and living in Conn., where she volunteers as a lay chaplain at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown. She also keeps busy teaching music and singing in a chamber choir. Her ongoing Colby contacts include Debby van Hoek Abraham and Linda Patton.

1971

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As the temperatures rise above 80 here today, we are thankful that this long winter of 2008-2009 is over in the Northeast and that spring flowers are bursting forth with eager anticipation. * In January Jerome Layman went skiing with Paul and Jane Hight Edmunds at Loon Mountain. Jerome talked to Larrie Trippet over the Christmas holidays and reports that he is doing well. * As most of us head into this new decade of our lives, Fred Copithorn writes that he feels the pain. Is this because more body parts are making themselves known with aches and pains or is it just Fred? * After having started work at 16, Jacques Hermant writes from Paris that he and his wife are preparing for his upcoming retirement. He began as a welder mechanic in 1963 for British Petroleum. Seven companies and
12 universities later he’s decided it’s time to enjoy his grandchildren and gardening. Again this year they hosted an Iraqi child who underwent major heart surgery. Another classmate has survived a terrible accident: Richie Beaty on a motorcycle trip in May. Fortunately he had no major injuries. He’s been married 28 years and has three children, the eldest of whom is 18. He occasionally sees Chris Palmer ’72 and would love to hear from anyone else. After a lifetime of working for companies, Jon Stone enjoys his consulting work in Florida with assignments in Rhode Island and Wisconsin. He is expecting his second grandchild in June and the experience is “amazing!” From chily Wiscasset, Maine, Linda (Howard ’72) and Ron Lupton had just paid a visit to Jim Faulkner in Concord, Mass. Ron reports that Jim keeps busy both with his two sons’ school activities and at Sugarloaf, where he is on the ski patrol. Ron and Linda often see Dennis Prunau at Sugarloaf during the ski season. Dennis is an engineer with Stryker Biomedical in N.H. Ken Bigelow’s daughter graduated from UNH in May—Ron and Linda had visited Ken earlier this year. Ron and Linda’s daughter graduated from Mount Holyoke, where she was active on the crew team. Following her graduation, she will study abroad as a Fulbright Scholar in South America. Linda still works as a school counselor in Boothbay Harbor (Ron says: “counseling students, not the school”) and Ron continues his work as a “humble public servant” as an assistant attorney general for the State of Maine. As for me? I continue to keep myself busy with my a cappella vocal jazz group in the Boston area, with my yellow Lab, Clementine, who has been a gift from God to me, and with my many loyal friends who are there for me all the time. I hope this finds you all happy and fulfilled.

1973

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Greetings to everyone and thanks for news shared. While responses were not plentiful this time, I look forward to catching up with more of you next time. John Krasnaveg looked forward to the 10th Chopper Confab at Portsmouth Circle, which took place in April. I asked John to please give us the history of the term ‘Chopper’ as it has been used by Lambda Chi brothers to describe one another since my time at Colby, at least. He’s not sure but promises to check. If anyone knows the history of the word, let me know. John continues to work for the University of Maine, supervising practicum students, consulting for SAP 3, and enjoying himself. Dave De Long returned to Colby recently where he gave a talk titled “They’ll Miss Me When I’m Gone: Leaving a Legacy in Your Nonprofit Work” to students of Professor Tom Morrione ’65 in a class on nonprofits. Dave reports that Colby is really committed to increasing civic engagement among the students, and he was addressing the challenges of building sustainable nonprofits. Dave said it was great to see Tom and hear about his experiences teaching at Colby for 38 years. Dave is doing some interesting research on the evolving baby boomer job market. He describes this as being particularly relevant since “many of us now are going to be working well into our 60s.” Check out Dave’s new Web site for more information: www.LostKnowledge.com. Linda Kagels Johnson keeps in touch with Dave and he reports that she “is prospering in Florida and enjoying the newfound time that comes with being an empty-nester.”

Robin Barnes, a member of the department of history at Davidson College in North Carolina since 1980, has been awarded a fellowship by the American Council of Learned Societies to complete a book about astrology and religion in early modern Germany. Robin is in frequent contact with Rick Gauthrop, now professor of history at Franklin College in Indiana, who works in related scholarly fields. Wells Pile writes: “After 15 years in the fund raising business, I decided it was time for a change. In September 2007 I enrolled in the marine systems course at The Landing School of Boatbuilding, in Arundel, Maine. Graduating last June, my wife, Marguerite, our poodle, Oscar, and I moved back to Rhode Island where I am employed by Goetz Custom Boats and also do work on the side. I’m having the time of my life. In one week I installed gear on a brand new Volvo open 70 (PUMA) and repaired the engine on a 105-year-old Friendship sloop. I am now working on a custom 82-foot boat that will be delivered in May 2010.” Marguerite is an artist, and they live in a loft in a former mill building in the heart of the Pawtucket Arts District, enjoying life.

My forever Colby friend Lisa Kehler Bubar reminds us to please please please provide Colby with our current e-mail address. Go to www.colby.edu, click on alumni, and then CAN (Colby Alumni Network). There’s so much information to miss out on, not the least of which is the opportunity to contribute to this column! I will gather, once again, with all of my forever Colby buddies at the end of June at Mohonk Mountain House, where Jackie Niener Appeldorn has graciously arranged for Lisa, Chris Mattern Way, Debbie Mael Mandino, and me to have our regular Colby fix of nonstop talking and bridge playing. Talk to you all soon. In the meantime, I wish you all good things.

1974

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Michael McNamara has retired from the practice of law and is working full time as a Spanish teacher at the Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Sciences in Manahawkin, N.J. His son John works as a financial analyst for Stifel Nicolaus in Baltimore and his son Andrew is a junior at Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia.

Richard Vann is completing 20 years at Booz Allen, a management consulting firm in the D.C. area. His wife, who is originally from Armenia, manages the Armenian Language Service at the Voice of America. One daughter studies IT at Guilford in North Carolina and the other is in the piano program at Indiana University. Michelle “Shelley” Ziff Hanson has become a seashell reader, wherein she takes a role as a seashell to teach others. She has authored a few books on the subject. She says she does a lot of public speaking and the shells have literally brought her out of her shell and made her less shy. Her latest joy is teaching on the Internet where every student has a front row seat. She believes her name has a lot to do with her success as a shell.

Susan “Diana” Stork is director of the Multi-Cultural Music Fellowship, a California nonprofit. She has performed and directed concerts of world-class harps in major concert halls in the San Francisco Bay Area and throughout the U.S. Diana founded and directs a number of youth harp ensembles—some for underprivileged children—teaching them music from different countries on folk harps. Her vision is to bring the world together through the harp.

Cindy Vieter Kahle and her husband took a trip to Greece and Turkey in the fall and flew fished in Argentina in February. Callie Dusty Leef works as a process improvement specialist for a defense contractor in San Diego. She volunteers for her church and her daughter’s theater group. Callie and her husband, Bud, celebrated 25 years of marriage with a cruise to Alaska in May. Callie’s oldest son, Jim, was married last fall and her daughter, Tina, has been accepted at the University of California Irvine as a junior.

Jackie Olivet and her lifelong partner, Jean, were married in Provincetown, Mass., Aug., 21, 2008. Jackie continues to teach government, economics, and law classes at a local high school and also teaches at a community college paralegal program. If that isn’t enough, Jackie coaches the high school mock trial team and came very close to winning the national championship. In her spare time she kayaks, runs, skis, and has added dog agility competitions to her pursuits. Mardi Moore Fish went back to school last fall and completed a CNA/HHA certificate. She works per diem for the Visiting Nurse Association. She recently attended the Enamel Guild/North East Annual Conference and is pursuing the exciting medium in which glass is fused to metal.

Cliff Brittain took a job at the St. Paul Public Library 10 years ago to just mark time until he found something permanent. He says the best part of working is it is just like Christmas with new books under the tree each day. He also built a 25-foot boat that is a replica of a 1920s
70s Newsmakers

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Milestones


1975

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Vinnie Cassone has begun a new job as chair of the biology department at the University of Kentucky. He is busy reforming the curriculum, building the department, and developing two new labs. The first will study the molecular biology of biological clocks and the second is a field station and wet lab for the study of behavioral ecology. Sue Staples Smith reports that, after 10 years as a software tester for The Echo Group in Conway, N.H., she started a new career path last September at the Memorial Hospital in North Conway. She is implementing a new computer system that uses a patient identification card with a securely encoded chip that contains demographic and insurance information to speed up registration at the small regional hospital. The Smart Card is well received by the public since it saves a lot of time. Sue and husband Richard, who turned 80 last March and was honored with a surprise party, live in the nearby village of Chocoura along with their two alpacas, Geraldo and Frederico, and their walker hound, Flo.

Janet Hansen’s son, Christopher, graduated from Worcester Polytech in May and has already accepted a job in Lexington, Mass. Her daughter, Sarah, a sophomore at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, Calif., is studying in Buenes Aires for the semester. The family plans to visit during the Argentine winter. Joan De Salvo Mansour is returning to Plymouth, Mass., to spend the summer and work on her annual golf tournament to raise money for cancer research. She is also developing plans to build a new home in Flagler Beach, Fla. Edwin Walczak is the chief investment officer for U.S. equities at Vontobel Asset Management in New York. He was recently featured in a Business Week article, Inside Wall Street, talking about investing in the stock market after the current meltdown. He would like to work on developing a network for exchanging investment ideas between alumni who work on Wall Street and the Colby endowment team. Any interest? Please keep sending me news and let me know what is going on with you.

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Once again, I have news from quite a few classmates. First of all, I hope Leslie Warren van Berkum doesn’t experience the same kind of “excitement” this summer that occurred last summer: “On July 24, 2008, our nursery had the extremely dubious honor of being the ‘official beginning’ of a 50-mile tornado track through the middle of New Hampshire. In the weeks following, Peter, I, and the staff were thrilled by over 2,000 volunteer hours to get van Berkum Nursery back on its feet. We lost all our trees, nearly 800 of them. It all goes to show that, ‘yes, it can happen to you.’” Iris Kennedy lives in the Boston area and enjoys the travel that comes with her sales and marketing job. Her son graduated in May from Providence College and her daughter will be married in July in Charleston, S.C. Jane Hoffman has never stopped believing in the educational value of small liberal arts colleges. She’s now a private college admissions advisor and runs the CollegeAdvice-101.com Web site. Jane’s daughter, Rachel, graduated in May from Smith College with a B.A. in art history, and her son, Daniel, will attend Oberlin this fall. Ken Beland remembers playing intramural hockey with me freshman year. What I remember about that is being like a member of the audience out on the ice, watching Ken and everyone else skate past me. Ken’s love of the outdoors never diminished: he spent 25 years as a fisheries biologist working with Atlantic salmon in Maine. Now he has about 18 part-time occupations, including high school ski racing coach, community college instructor, environmental consultant, family cook, and sports dad. Ken’s wife, Judy, is a psychiatrist in Bangor, Maine. Their son Luke is a college sophomore studying the modern Middle East, and younger son Chris is about to graduate from high school, heading into electrical/computer engineering.
Cohen is now chair of the department of modern languages and cultures at Slippery Rock University. She notes: “I'm still not sure if this is good news or bad news.” She's recently published an article in the online journal ISTMO (from Denison College), and her translation of the Melvin Mendez play The Old Man’s Wings will be performed by the Slippery Rock University theater department next spring. “So things are going well for me.” ❧ Sandy Pardee lives in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, and works at the FedEx office there. He still plays music with his band the Delta Knights. At this summer’s reunion (for Class of 1979, et al.) Sandy performed with other members of the circa 1976 Colby band Pearl. They played multiple sets of danceable tunes. ❧ Jeff Olmstead sent a note saying he sees Jeff Stafford every few weeks. They live in neighboring towns and have stayed in touch ever since graduation. ❧ Jeff Stafford is apparently a great way to reconnect with former roommates, because my freshman roommate Bill Yovle contacted me with an update. Bill lives in the Chicago area and runs Barrington Medical Imaging, which sells and services CT and MRI equipment. His son graduated last year from St. Lawrence University with a degree in economics and is currently in advanced flight training in Phoenix. Bill’s daughter graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in aviation and is currently in flight training in Phoenix. Bill’s daughter is “having lots of fun finally putting her human development degree to work” as director of Apple Country Music Together, which brings music to families with children from birth through kindergarten in Mass. (www.applecountrymusictogether.com). Music Together is an internationally recognized early childhood music program with classes all over the world. “Things must be coming full circle,” adds Alex, whose recent clients include Meg Lawson Hyde ’99, Cathy Ryan Kolakowski ’92, and Jen Lock Beauvais ’94. ❧ After serving for 14 years on the professional staff of the U.S. House of Representatives’ Committee on Appropriations, the last two as staff director of the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, Dale Oak left public service to become a principal of the Podesta Group, a government relations and public affairs firm in Washington, D.C. Dale is part of the firm’s appropriations practice and helps clients navigate the federal appropriations process. ❧ I recently returned from Tucson, Ariz., where I visited Jenny Bolice, my sophomore year spring semester roommate who was at Colby on an exchange program from Pomona College in Claremont, Calif. Jenny made quite an impact in her brief stint on Mayflower Hill, enjoying KDR pyramid parties, being a fellow groupie of Mick and the Malignants, playing on our winning intramural softball team, and celebrating a memorable birthday at You Know Whose Pub. Needless to say, that semester was a big highlight of my four years at Colby. It was great to see her again.

1978
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Valerie Brown has lived in Naples, Fla., for the last 10 years. She enthusiastically writes that she loves every minute of Florida living and does not miss the seasons or the snow. Her son, Kirk, graduated in May from Vanderbilt University School of Engineering, and her daughter, Meg, is a sophomore at Davidson College, in Davidson, N.C. ❧ Al Sheehy lives in South Portland, Maine. After 15 years at the University of Southern Maine’s Muskie School of Public Service, Al took a position as a data analyst at the MaineHealth Center for Quality & Safety focusing on safety and improvement within the MaineHealth system. Al has run into Mike Slavin several times in Portland, where they both play in an adult hockey league. He also plays in an old-timers group at North Yarmouth Academy and sees Peter Masterton ‘77. Al is happily married to a wonderful woman who is a clinical social worker in a private practice in Yarmouth. His summer plans include skating three times a week, participating in the Trek Across Maine (his sixth time), and finishing the cedar shingle residing of their home and garage.

Karen Jo Giannusso Shapiro ‘86

Jim Plumer ‘83 and Greg Cronin ‘86 were both named 2008-09 Coach of the Year—Plumer for NCAA Division III women’s ice hockey and Cronin for Hockey East (Div. I). Plumer has coached Amherst since 2003 and led the Lord Jeffs to their first women’s national Division III ice hockey championship. Cronin led Northeastern men’s hockey to a second-place finish in the league, their highest since the 1987-1988 season. ❧ In May David Bullock ‘87, managing director for Advent Capital Management, persuaded GMAC, the financing arm of General Motors, to apply to become a bank holding company in order to receive TARP funds. According to the New York Times, Bullock advised that the move would allow the company to “apply for billions in capital from the government and have its senior debt temporarily backed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.” ❧ In an interview on National Public Radio for National Poetry Month, Karen Jo Giannusso Shapiro ‘86 read poems she wrote for preschool to middle school children. The poems were set to the rhythms of some of the most famous poems. Shapiro is the author of two books of children’s poetry: I Must Go Down to the Beach Again and Because I Could Not Stop My Bike.

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Elliott Pratt’s daughter, Katie, finished her sophomore year at Gettysburg College and will spend the fall semester studying in Florence. Elliott’s twins, Michael and Christopher, will be high school seniors and continue to pursue their respective passions of tennis and soccer. Elliott is busy once again in the mortgage business and is president of FC Greater Boston Bolts soccer club. His wife, Tricia, is selling Worth clothing. ❧ Bob Glaser and his wife, Cindy, have lived outside Los Angeles for the past 12 years. Bob recently left private equity and now pursues angel investments. His daughter, Nicole, loved her freshman year at Middlebury and his son, Reid, is a high school junior and spends most of his time playing soccer. ❧ Rachel Lavengood, Lydia Mason, and Lisa Turner spent a few days in May camping on Janes Island on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. They canoed through the marshes, took a day trip to see the wild ponies of Assateague Island, and were eaten alive by mosquitoes! ❧ That’s all the news I’ve received. As we get ready for next June’s 30th reunion, I hope more of you will write about your lives, your families, your adventures, and your Colby connections.

1981
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We have a brief but exciting column! I hope to hear from many more of you, especially those who haven’t sent updates in a long time. ❧ A summer wedding is planned for Peter Clerkin and Carrie Wysocki of Bloomfield, N.J. Peter is a managing partner at a Chicago investment firm. ❧ Virtuoso flutist Alex Andrews (Chrisy Gauss) is “having lots of fun finally pursuing her human development degree to work” as director of Apple Country Music Together, which brings music to families with children from birth through kindergarten in Mass. (www.applecountrymusictogether.com). Music Together is an internationally recognized early childhood music program with classes all over the world. “Things must be coming full circle,” adds Alex, whose recent clients include Meg Lawson Hyde ’99, Cathy Ryan Kolakowski ’92, and Jen Lock Beauvais ’94. ❧ After serving for 14 years on the professional staff of the U.S. House of Representatives’ Committee on Appropriations, the last two as staff director of the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, Dale Oak left public service to become a principal of the Podesta Group, a government relations and public affairs firm in Washington, D.C. Dale is part of the firm’s appropriations practice and helps clients navigate the federal appropriations process. ❧ I recently returned from Tucson, Ariz., where I visited Jenny Bolice, my sophomore year spring semester roommate who was at Colby on an exchange program from Pomona College in Claremont, Calif. Jenny made quite an impact in her brief stint on Mayflower Hill, enjoying KDR pyramid parties, being a fellow groupie of Mick and the Malignants, playing on our winning intramural softball team, and celebrating a memorable birthday at You Know Whose Pub. Needless to say, that semester was a big highlight of my four years at Colby. It was great to see her again.

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I went to Colby over April school vacation for a campus tour with my son, Craig, a junior. The campus looks great and there have been lots of improvements since we were there. I hope he decides to go to Colby but I’m trying not to pressure him too much. ❧ I was happy to see Keith ’80 and Cami Yale Davis in the base lodge at Saddleback this winter. They were enjoying spring skiing and I was there watching my son in a race. Both of their kids are in college and they are enjoying empty-nest syndrome. ❧ Kim Smith McCarty’s son, Will, may be joining the Class of 2013 at Colby. He hasn’t made his decision yet but Kim promises to let us know. Kim wrote about her friend Ann Skinner Rider ’82, who is a children’s book editor working for Houghton Mifflin from her home in Minnesota. Two of her books have won the Caldecott Medal, most recently this year. ❧ Ann Renner Stillwater received her second bachelor’s, in nursing, in May from Penn State University, Harrisburg. She’ll continue with college classes to obtain her Pa. school nurse certificate. It’s much harder
going to college when working full-time! Ann’s 18-year-old daughter is more than halfway through her year with AmeriCorps at L’Arche in Tacoma, Wash. Spouse JD and Ann look forward to a late summer visit there. Their 23-year-old son reminds her too much of herself at that age, traveling around the country. But he has an SUV, freelance computer skills, and a credit card, which she says “is waaaaay ahead of where I was at that age.” Ann actually graduated in ’81, but entered with the Class of ’82 and was closest to us. • After Doug Sacra left Colby he ended up going back to school to become an architect and now specializes in green design—the natural progression for an environmental biologist. He lived and worked in Cambridge for many years but recently moved to Wayland, Mass., with his wife, Deidre, and their daughters, Haley, 16, Hannah, 14, and Maddi, 12. He started his own architectural firm, Maple Hill Architects, a few years ago and has recently completed a major church addition and renovation project at Trinitarian Congregational Church in Wayland, where his family is involved. He has developed several net-zero energy super green homes in his neighborhood. Doug spent a day with Brian Sanborn and one of his daughters jet-skiing and swimming last summer at Brian’s lake house in Maine. • Carolyn Berry Copp has joined the ranks of the laid off, but she’s using that to her advantage and has revived her marketing and development consulting business. She’s working with nonprofits to help them attract more customers and turn those customers into donors. A number of her clients are in the arts, but she’s beginning to branch out into social services. She’s trying to use her down time to practice the piano and spend more time with her family. She’s building her social network on Facebook and LinkedIn and has many Colby friends there. She would love to hear from more classmates. • I really appreciate how many of you sent news. Thanks and we’ll see you in the next issue, if not before.

1989

Yes, you’re still young and hip, but let’s face it; you have more than just yourself to worry about now…

Take some time this month to create or revise your will—you’ll feel better about your future, and theirs.

After you have taken care of your own family, please consider including a provision for Colby.

1984

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Dan and Sharon Kehoe Miller and son Curtis took a three-week trip to Central America last winter and enjoyed some amazing snorkeling off the barrier reef in Mexico and Belize as well as the spectacular ruins at Tikal in Guatemala. When not traveling they live in Cody, Wyo., where she chases 3-year-old Curtis around with lots of time left over for hiking, biking, and skiing. • Sam Staley recommends Facebook; he’s been in touch with Al Jones ’81, Don Gallo ’83, Jeff Clements and Nancy Heselton, and David ’85 and Nancy Bennett Beers ’85. Al’s work on transportation policy keeps him busy traveling outside the U.S., most notably China. He’s been involved in fact-finding trips to Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu, Xi’an, Chongqing, and Hong Kong over the past two years. His group is working on projects with Chang’an University in Xi’an (home of the terra cotta warriors) and Chongqing, the “biggest megacity you’ve never heard of.” Sam is also thick into his second children’s novel about a teenager forced to use martial arts skills as a ninja to fight gangs. (The first novel, Pirate of Panther Bay, was published in 2006: www.pantherbay.com.) • A first-time note came from Brian Hesse. After graduation he went to work for his dear friend David Rosenberg at his dad’s car dealership in Danvers, Mass. Brian got married in 1990 and shortly thereafter followed his boss to a dealership that he purchased in Lawrence, Mass, where he’s been for almost 18 years. Leaving “Rosie” was a painful and difficult choice but they’ve remained friends. Brian and his wife, Tammy, have two fantastic children, Taylor, 16, and Cody, 12, who Brian hopes will play hockey for Colby in 2016! Tammy is director of marketing for Upromise and they live in West Boxford, Mass. He’s coached and even found himself on the bench at a hockey tournament in Lake Placid, where their team won a gold medal on the same ice where the U.S. team won the gold in 1980—the Miracle on Ice! Brian also mentors inner-city youth in Lawrence. • John Gagne has officially passed his PSIA Level II Alpine exam, so now he’s Level II Alpine and Level I Telemark. Telem Level II will probably be next. So when dental disease is cured and his career dries up, he’ll resort to being a full-time ski bum. • Jay ’81 and Maureen “Moe” Hagerty Polimeno are happy and busy, working harder than ever in this challenging time for real estate. They have three businesses in North Woodstock, N.H.: Alpine Village Properties (vacation rentals), Polimeno Realty (sales and long term rentals), and Polimeno Business Sales. They recently joined a bunch of Jay’s high school friends (including Peter Gent ’81) for a cruise to celebrate all of their 50th birthdays! Their daughter, Kat, is a sophomore at Rollins College. Aimee, their youngest, is a junior in high school and thrilled to be starting her third varsity softball season, playing for coach “Dad.” • David Ballou practices law, raises two daughters, coaches peeewee hockey, and drives a nice new Toyota Sienna thanks to Dave Rosenberg. • Valerie Miller was married Oct. 6, 2007, to Laine Brancato. He’s a NYC police officer and they met on the job. For the last 23 years Val has worked for the NYC fire department and is currently a lieutenant and paramedic. Their son, Theodore “Theo,” 15, is on the honor roll and active in band and chess. They live in East Northport, N.Y. Val will retire from the fire department in
Imagine yourself a young American lawyer working in Zürich, delving into Swiss banking laws amidst the insider-trading trials of the late 1980s and early ’90s.

The opening of a crime thriller? Not for Rebecca Brunner-Peters ’80.

Brunner-Peters, director of U.S. legal matters in Credit Suisse’s legal department, is in many ways a special case. One of the few women in senior management at Credit Suisse, Brunner-Peters is not only an American lawyer, but she earned both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in English literature. “English at Colby helped me to think analytically,” Peters said, chatting at a Zürich café.

Now thoroughly acclimated to an international lifestyle, she recalls that going to Colby was an eye-opener for a Midwestern teenager. She continued east for a junior year at Oxford University. The experience, she said, “showed me there was more out there.”

There also was an obstacle. After her junior year, Brunner-Peters was hit by a car while biking and suffered serious facial wounds. “I guess I threw myself into the books,” she said.

Brunner-Peters won a Fulbright scholarship to study the legal aspects of the Swiss financial marketplace, and over two years her articles—on Swiss banking secrecy and hostile mergers and takeovers in that country—were published in U.S. law reviews, and her research contributed to scrutiny of both the secrecy and compliance with foreign governments on the part of Swiss banks.

With her knowledge of both U.S. and Swiss law, gleaned through her studies and practical experience, Brunner-Peters was eventually hired by Credit Suisse.

Currently Brunner-Peters says she is “trying to balance family and work.” She lives just outside of Zürich with her husband, Bernhard Brunner, and their 14-year-old daughter, Nicole. Brunner-Peters points to the cultural and historical treasures, as well as the quality of life, as reasons for deciding to make the permanent move to Switzerland. Another major advantage, she said, is the proximity to other countries: a half-hour to Germany, forty-five minutes to Austria, an hour to France, and just over two hours to the Italian border.

“I wonder sometimes if I am losing my English,” she said, slipping easily in and out of Swiss German dialect at the waitress’s approach. As the warm sun beat down on Zürich’s streets, Brunner-Peters was off to meet with a group of banking regulators. Just another day at the office.

—James Violette ’11

Thank you for all the great submissions. It’s wonderful to hear from you all.

John Robinson just moved back to Manchester, N.H., from California where he teaches at Southern New Hampshire University. While in California John drove a limo for extra cash and got to drive Jessica Simpson around clubbing one night! Barbara Knox (who is still in California but evidently driving a soccer carpool but not any Hollywood starlets) has been working for the Oakland Unified School District for almost nine years. She teaches ESL to adult immigrants and will be presenting at a state conference on Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CATESOL) by using feature films in the classroom. Barbara is proud of her scholar athlete son, Dylan, who made the varsity soccer team as a freshman, and of her daughter, Savannah, who made the all-star soccer team and will play Class III competitive soccer next year.

Terry Martin made his first trip outside North America in April, when he and his new wife went to Athens, Greece. After several years of silence, Tom Claytor, our official class expatriate, wrote with regards and to say he is in western Bhutan, where he got to captain the Mercedes team in the 2009 King’s Cup elephant polo tournament in northern Thailand. Tom was pleased that amongst the 12 competing teams, his team won the bronze trophy and, most importantly, no one fell off! He did not, however, say whether he’d be flying in for reunion next year.

Eliot Kolodny and friends have been busy with an equally dangerous “sport” of their own. In his note he described getting together with Brad Whitaker, Keith Turley, Rich MacNeill, John Prorok, and Doug Turley ’87 for their Annual Baccanalia. They tell their spouse’s it is a fantasy baseball draft weekend, but evidently that’s really just an excuse to get together, drink, and pretend they are still in college. Missing this year were usual suspects Chris Lebherz, Jim Ifrench, and Duff McDermott ’86. But Elliot says, “Since the stories and antics usually remain unchanged from year to year we could easily fill in the blanks for them.” Most significantly the group has resolved to resurrect Green Death for the 25th reunion. All are invited and evidently the T-shirts are already on order!

Sue Lang sent the best message about class columns that “gives voice to all the ‘average’ Colby grads out there.” I’m sure her observations are shared by many of us who enjoy reading up on our former classmates.

You can read Sue’s entire entry on our online column at www.colby.edu/mag.
the league. In his fourth season at NU Greg guided the Huskies to a 25-10-4 campaign and a second-place finish in the league’s regular-season standings, their highest finish since 1987-88.

1987

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I’m sad to report that we lost a valued member of our class recently, Art Nagle. I didn’t know how many of you encountered Art or were lucky enough to know him well while at Colby, but if you spent even five minutes with this tall, magnetic gentleman, you instantly recall his genuine smile and radiant warmth. You knew he was one of those people who made the world more connected just for being in it. Sometimes I think those are the people who are called away first, because they are just a bit too good, a bit too valuable to wait for the next life. Send his family your positive thoughts, and hug your kids. Jeff Russell says, “I recently joined Merrill Bank in lovely Bangor, Maine, as a wealth management guy. It’s a perfect amalgamation of my liberal arts, college development, legal, investment, and marketing careers to date. I really enjoy helping clients get things sorted out. Otherwise, it’s full-time parenting per usual. The kids are hilarious too, and I recently spent a weekend flying an antique airplane around the Midwest visiting friends, listening to St. Louis blues guitarists, and eating as much KC strip steak as I could get my hands on.” (Two words for you Jeff: rice cakes.) Jane Nicol Manuel loved seeing Teri Scally Kinsella, husband Tim, and three boys in Charleston for spring break. “We took Ft. Sumter by storm! I then broke. “We took Ft. Sumter by storm! I then

1989

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I have sad news to report after we’ve just celebrated our 20th reunion—our class has two fewer members than when last I wrote. Jon Robinson died Feb. 24, and Rob Garland died April 25. If you want memorial information for Rob or Jon, let me know. Thanks to Heidi Dill LeBlanc, who let me know about Jon. Please keep their families and friends in your thoughts. Kaari Busick relocated from Seattle to Chicago, where she is freelancing as a writer and editor. She had a visit from Jennifer Joseph, and she hopes to return to the favor by visiting Jen in Pittsburgh. Kaari got to see Mary LaPointe Farley before she left Seattle. Kaari is reconnecting with lots of classmates on LinkedIn. Add a prestigious journalism award to the honors Tim Burton has received. Writing as Rosette Royale for Seattle’s Real Change newspaper, Tim won the small-circulation feature-writing award from the Society of Professional Journalists. You can read about Tim’s award and get a link to his award-winning article at http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/localnews/2009079250_realdchange18m.html. Congratulations, Btu! Jon Nash is now director of business development for NewStreamH2O, which focuses on industrial wastewater management, materials recovery, and waste-to-energy. His company is transforming its 260-acre campus in Attleboro, Mass., into a regional clean tech hub, and Jon is eager to talk to other companies that might be interested in relocating. Lilly Dimling just returned from a year in Sydney where she got a master’s in sustainable development. She also spent time volunteering in Africa and traveling in South Africa, Kenya, Egypt, and Jordan. She looked forward to a mini-reunion in St. Louis with Louise Tranchin, Lisa Troeger Kalar, M’evie Mead, and Melissa Early Runwitz. Suzi Schumann Van Alstyne is busier than all of us—she had triplets October 11, 2007. Suzi and her family live in Lafayette, Colo., and frequently see Kim King Poplawski and Julie Lewis Petersen with their respective kids. Andrew Ian Dodge spoke at reunion on Saturday and signed his book and CD with his wife, Kim Benson Dodge. The ice storm knocked out power to Debbie Mann Johnson’s home in Harvard, Mass., for a week last winter, but she is happy for the extra firewood and the sunshine that now makes its way through the treetops! Debbie started a new job as administrative secretary for a professor in the research department at McLean Hospital in Belmont, Mass. As part of her job she is editorial assistant for the journal Archives of General Psychiatry. Debbie’s husband, Andy, ’87, works at Protein Forest in Lexington and tends his two beehives at home. Unfortunately, I wasn’t at reunion this time around. I had my own reunion with Tracy Gionfriddo and her daughter but hope to make it to our 25th. I hope those of you went had fun. Send lots of pictures and stories!}

1990

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It’s been an active first quarter for the Frymier clan. First, in February, Matt and his wife, Catherine, welcomed twins Cole, a boy, and Morgan, a girl, who join sisters Parker and Hadley, bringing them to four under 4! Second, in January, Matt was named head of global strategic capital for Bank of America Merrill Lynch, managing the combined companies’ strategic alternative investment portfolio of approximately $10 billion. Dan Spurgin’s son, Nathan Grover Rushmore Spurgin, was born Dec. 17. They already requested and received a Colby admissions application for Nathan! Dan, Angie, and Nathan expect all you 90ers out there to block out early June 2010 for a reunion trip to Waterville! Paul Neidich wrote that his second son, Ethan, was born in 2002.

1991

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As the Class of 1991 closes in on 40th birthdays, several classmates celebrated with a ski trip to British Columbia: Sandy Colhoun, Doug Fenn, Jeff Fort, Kurt Whited, and Noah Smith ’98. Sandy is the director of development at New Hampton School. He and his wife, Selina, have a 9-month-old daughter and live on a beautiful dirt road in central N.H. Doug bought White Otter Rafting Company based in Sunbeam, Idaho. Jeff sells shrimp and is building a business empire. Kurt married Dawn Ellen Kirkland in July. Sandy also reports that Dana Stinson is in Africa doing amazing work (find her on Facebook). Don Stauffer is working for Kodak in New York, and Bill Borton is building high-end homes in Sun Valley, Idaho. Brad Willard and his wife, Anju, welcomed twins Chase Parkash and Zara Eastwood in early December. Brad also met up with Fred Stewart on a sales trip in Austin; Fred lives in Portland and is a sales manager for Widmer Brothers brewing. Patricia (Trish) Biros has been “backwards but busy” since graduating Colby: she bought a house at 23, finished grad school at 26, continued a successful career as director of the Pediatric Cardio-Pulmonary Exercise Laboratory at Hasbro Children’s Hospital for over 15 years, had a son via artificial insemination at age 37, and is now engaged to Daniel K. Mitchell at age 40. My old roommate Rob Deacon and his wife welcomed Logan Wyatt Deacon in January 2008. Rob reports that Logan is absolutely the most amazing thing he has ever done in his life. Also welcoming their first children are Chris and Becca Pratt Bromark and Glenn and Beth Perry Brown. Juliette Isabelle Bromark was born in June 2008 and they look forward to lots of outdoor adventures this summer. Erica Brown was born in November 2008, and prior to her arrival Beth was “showered” with nursery hand-me-downs from Ellen Donaldson, Charlotte Reece Moore, and Kinda Remick Priestley ’90. The farthest update came from Cory Snow in Wanaka, New Zealand. Cory is wrapping up his sabbatical studies with a trip to Otago University to see how teachers are trained in literacy. He’s had a lot of visitors lately, including Jay Stable in ’89, and looks forward to seeing many Colby friends on his return to the Northern Hemisphere in July. Chris Brown wrote from Vermont on a few final days of skiing at Stowe. He has been teaching skiing on the weekends and holidays. During the week he owns a real estate advisory firm that continues to grow as individuals seek alternatives to the stock market. His wife, Rebecca Winsor, recently “retired” as a practicing sports medicine
The National Housing & Rehabilitation Association named Todd Alexander ’92 winner of the 2008 I. Timothy Anderson Award for Excellence in Historic Rehabilitation. The award, in the large affordable housing category, honors outstanding real estate projects that involve rehabilitation of older, historic buildings using federal historic rehabilitation tax credits. Alexander and AB Apartments in Portland, Maine, are the developers, and the award is for a project in Kansas City, Mo. The John Burroughs Association announced that Franklin Burroughs, author of Confluence: Merrymeeting Bay, won its 2009 Burroughs Medal Award. The book’s photographer, Kate Conklin Ciriello ’98, is also recognized for her depiction of Merrymeeting Bay’s rich marine life. Perry’s work has appeared in Maine Times, Dive International (UK), Le Monde (Paris), and Georama Experiment (Greece). BusinessWest named Kate Conklin Ciriello ’98 one of the 2009 40 Under Forty program honorees. Ciriello is an executive-development program consultant at MassMutual. She helped organize the company’s United Way Day of Caring, a campaign that gets workers to volunteer at local nonprofits. Ciriello was also elected to serve on the board of directors of Square One, an organization that supports low-income families in Springfield, Mass.

Deaths: W. Corbett Bishop ’93, May 1, 2009, in Anusha, Tanzania, at 38.


World Vision | Graham Macmillan ’97

Some 400 million people worldwide, most in rural areas of developing countries, do not have access to simple reading glasses. Graham Macmillan ’97 and his partners at the nonprofit VisionSpring have developed an innovative way to address this problem—but they’re not giving it away.

VisionSpring's business model is rooted in theories of microfinance: They train low-income people in India, Bangladesh, Ghana, Guatemala, and El Salvador, among other countries, to start microfranchises to sell reading glasses. And the benefits go beyond the individual seller. “Using reading glasses for the first time, aging farmers can again work fields efficiently and career textile workers can sew faster and more accurately,” Macmillan said. Indeed, the incentive of greater efficiency and career longevity has led to sales of 240,000 pairs of reading glasses worldwide in the past six years by VisionSpring’s 900 entrepreneurs.

To start off, VisionSpring sets up each entrepreneur with, quite literally, a business in a bag. It is filled with about 25 pairs of reading glasses, 15 pairs of sunglasses, a uniform, and cleaning cloths. The entrepreneurs are then trained how to screen for presbyopia, or up-close blurry vision, and other related eye problems, and they learn how to successfully run a sustainable business.

The vision entrepreneur then travels door to door, some village to village, screening for presbyopia. Those who show symptoms of presbyopia then have the option to buy glasses for between four and nine dollars, which in some communities is a substantial percentage of the buyer’s income. “The price hurts enough where it makes a difference,” Macmillan said, “but it also enables the customer to say, ‘I don’t have to buy this, you aren’t giving this to me.’ It’s the dignity of choice.”

The innovation yet overall simplicity of the model has led to accolades. The Economist, NBC Nightly News, National Public Radio, and the International Herald Tribune have profiled the foundation, while former President Bill Clinton called the foundation his “favorite commitment” from his Clinton Global Initiative meeting in 2007.

Despite the media attention, VisionSpring, like Macmillan, keeps its focus on the service provided. “There is so much power in this simple product, because the benefit is instantaneous,” Macmillan said. “You put on a pair of glasses and you can immediately see the difference.”

—Brendan Sullivan ’06
and Erik Mitchell, Linnea Basu ’96, Nozomi Kishimoto Reichow ’96, and Kyle Taphorn Thoma ’96. The Indian wedding celebrations were larger and longer and were followed by a fabulous trip to Kerala. Prashant and Kate now live in the San Francisco Bay Area, where Kate works as managing editor of publications at the Institute of East Asian Studies at UC Berkeley.  Cur and Simone Kaplan Cote welcomed a daughter, Margot, Feb. 8, 2009. Simone saw Rob Gimpel recently while he was visiting Boston and she sees Tay Evans and Dave Hanauer pretty regularly. Everyone is doing well. Richard and Cindy Blissen Wolff welcomed their first child, Isabella, in August 2008. Cindy was recently promoted to intake director for Community Psychiatry and Substance Abuse Services for North Shore–LI Glen Cove Hospital in Long Island, N.Y.

Pat McBride shares the following: “Andrew Pease recently purchased a small propane plant and has obtained his pilot’s license—he is in the process of putting a landing strip in the backyard of his (somewhat) newly purchased home in Andover, Mass. Andrew Black and John Hebert returned to campus Feb. 14 for a dinner honoring Colby head basketball coach Dick Whittome and, much like riding a bicycle, found their way to AMS, where they played beer de with underclassmen until 2:30 a.m. Dave McLaughlin reached the 100-win mark as the head men’s basketball coach at Stonehill College, advancing his team to the NCAA tournament and a top-25 national ranking.”

“Cartier Davis and his wife enjoyed spring in D.C. with their 1-year-old, Maisie. They were host to Mark and Chrisy Killheffer Sinclair for spring break with their twin 4-year-old daughters. They all visited with Cy Stahlberg, who also lives in D.C. Carter wrote, ‘We’re waiting for the next Colby wedding (?) to try and catch up with others.’” Kara and Mark House had a little girl, Laura, June 6, 2008. Big sister Sophia was and continues to be very excited. Sam and Wendy Ridder Bergh welcomed their daughter, Violet, March 8. They cannot wait for Violet to meet all of her Colby friends.

Anna Thompson Patterson lives in Bozeman, Mont., with her husband and her daughter, Quinell. She shared, “I recently ventured a few blocks down the road to Molly Stratton’s house for some dinner and bananagrams. I also see Hilary Peterson Kreg regularly with her daughter, Carson, and her son, Finn. The Colby contingency is strong here in Bozeman. Funny little side note: our pediatrician went to Bates ... should I trust him?” Jennifer O’Neill and Tom Killie is engaged to be married in August in York, Maine. Mike Outslay and his wife welcomed their first child, Anastasia, Feb. 13, 2009. They live in Colorado. Greg and Amanda Sprang Manick left the ExxonMobil project on Sakhalin Island, Russia, after 11 years and eight years respectively. After a brief stint at home in northwestern Pennsylvania on their whitetail deer farm, they now work in Brisbane, Australia, before another move to the new ExxonMobil LNG project in Papua, New Guinea. They look forward to the new adventure.

“After nine great years in Cleveland, Andy Kruppa moved to Miami Beach this winter and passed the Florida bar exam. He expected a visit from LuiWaan in May. 1998

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Tina Goudreau Collison was recently granted tenure and is an associate professor of chemistry at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Congratulations also to Andrew Porter and his wife, Becky, who, along with their 3-year-old son Wyatt, welcomed a new baby Jan. 26: Owen Matthew Porter. Owen gets his middle name from Becky’s brother, Matt Huse ’99. Shannon Baker had a second child, Benjamin Baker Klemesrud, Feb. 14, 2009. She still practices family medicine in Texas. Her husband is an F-16 pilot for the Air Force reserves and has been deployed to Iraq for a short tour. Amy Forre and Erik Waters ’00 had twins Feb. 4, 2009: Elsa and Olin. Becky Troeger planned to marry Mike Ostrowski June 7 in Canterbury, Conn. She met Mike about 20 years ago while in junior high together. During recent travels to New Zealand, Katherine and Andrew Littell completed seven consecutive tandem bungee jumps in order to commemorate their child-hood friend, Lundgren.

Claire Overgaag Barnaba has lived in the San Francisco Bay Area since her move from Boston in 2002. She has since gotten married and has one boy and expected a baby girl in May. She works as a nurse practitioner in a private OB/GYN practice. Keith Pifer and his wife, Molly, had their first baby, Harris Streeter Pifer, Feb. 2, 2009. He was born 19 inches long, weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz., and is growing like a weed. Molly, Harris, and Keith are happily living in Milton, Mass. Bianca Guzman and Alexander Wick are very happy with their ZaschaTinsley Wick, now 16 months. Bianca’s business as a fashion stylist for toddlers/children—Mini Fashionistas in Training—is going strong despite the recession. They currently live in sunny Paradise Valley, Ariz., and will spend most of the summer in Laguna Beach, Calif., and at their ranch in Colorado.

Hope the summer is going great!”

Keep sending the good news!

2000

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David Barr Kirtley excitedly announced that his short story, The Skull Faced Boy, was published in the zombie anthology The Living Dead, which also featured work by authors Stephen King, Clive Barker, and Neil Gaiman. C. Bradley Russell continues to live happily in Boston with her husband, James, and her hound dog, Dudley. She works for Oke USA, a fair trade banana importer. Although he still calls Melbourne home, Jeff Daniels’ work on a documentary about the controversial Jewish advocacy group,
Jewish Defense League, has him jumping between Australia, Los Angeles, and New York City. If you’re hunting for auto parts, Adam Cramer may be your man. He recently started an Internet company called the Frugal Mechanic (www.frugalmechanic.com), which allows customers to quickly and easily find the lowest prices on auto parts. On March 28 Megan Davis Poor and husband Jared Woodward-Poor celebrated the arrival of Max Walker Poor, who joins older brother Jesse, 2. The family lives in Burlington, Vt., with their three-year-old dog, Brian. Laurel Genetti Kemp is thrilled to announce the arrival of her first daughter, Bella, born March 27. She celebrated with Miranda Eberle Freberg at her baby shower. Laurel enjoyed a few months of maternity leave before returning to her work three-year-old dog, Brian.

The family lives in Burlington, Vt., with their three-year-old dog, Brian. The lowest prices on auto parts. allows customers to quickly and easily find what they’re looking for. Tim Schaaf is finishing her first year of Thunderbird’s M.B.A. program. She’ll travel to Nepal this summer to study microfinance and intern with Grameen Trust in Bangladesh. Annie Eisinger Powers graduated from the University of Utah with her M.D. and Ph.D. last May and will be starting her residency in pediatrics in Salt Lake City this summer. She and her husband, Matt, had their first baby, Nora Eisinger Powers, Aug. 9, 2008.

Pam Foxley Ariffin continues her work as a southern California resident. She and her husband, Greg, just bought a house in Pasadena, Calif. Corey Strangehoener celebrated her sixth anniversary with Enterprise Rent-A-Car in human resources and is setting up shop with her boyfriend in St. Louis. She looks forward to celebrating her 30th birthday in New York City with a gaggle of Colby friends. Venola Mason plans to ring in her 30th year in St. Martin with Mieko McKay. Rob Egleston was promoted to regional sales and product training manager for Subaru Great Lakes Region and has moved from San Diego to Chicago. Amanda Adams lives in Providence and just finished her third year working at the American College of Radiology Imaging Network Biostatistics Center at Brown University. She passed along word of Alyson Nickse’s upcoming wedding. Elcia (El) Carmichael and Ben Henveeld ’01 look forward to returning to their tree farm in Costa Rica for their July 4 wedding in New Hampshire. They will then move to Ithaca, N.Y., where Eli will begin an M.B.A. program in sustainable business as a Park Fellow at Cornell’s School of Business. This fall.

Kelly Kenney and her husband, Steve, live in Westwood, Mass. She works at State Street in Boston and keeps busy coaching a girl’s basketball team and tutoring high school students in biology and chemistry.

Matthew Carter and Meredith Strasnick ’02 had their first child, Max Benjamin Carter, in January. Tim Grayson and Melanie Stein are planning a 2010 wedding in Jackson Hole. Tim represented Colby at the alumni night at Jackson Hole High School recently and thinks he may have some applications on the way! He has been teaching special education at Jackson Hole High School this year. Tim sees Jon Natkin frequently, when Jon isn’t sking the high peaks of the Tetons. Lauren Schaaf is finishing her first year of Thunderbird’s M.B.A. program. She’ll travel to Nepal this summer to study microfinance and intern with Grameen Trust in Bangladesh. Steve Hooper will attend Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth this fall. Matthew Koontz graduated from Ross School of Business with Devon Douglas ’03 and moved to Seattle this summer to join a slew of other Colby alumni. Greg Jaboin lives in Utah and works for Fidelity Investments, Inc., as an advisor. Stephanie Looney lives in San Diego and works as a pediatric RN at Rady Children’s Hospital. Stephanie recently got engaged to Tadesuz (Ted) Smykal and set a wedding date for June 2010 in Massachusetts. They’re planning a two-week trip to Poland this summer. Andy Keiser has moved out of Florida and now works as a corporate pilot in Portsmouth, N.H. Pierre and Jeanette “Jay” Gribben Chalhoub had their first baby in March, Leila Maria. Briana Wright Bizler was recently hired at Perry Technical Institute in Yakima, Wash., as an instructor in the Computer Applications and Medical Office Administration Program. Briana worked as an administrative assistant for Montana State University before returning to school to earn her master’s in religion from the University of Chicago Divinity School.

Briana Wright Bizler is working as an editor and proofreader of Spanish textbooks at publishing company GEX, Inc. In the evenings Victor works with people with disabilities as a mentor for Emarc, Inc. Bill and Kate St. Germaine Simpson bought a house in Brookfield, Mass., and had a baby girl, Edith Adeline, in February. Bill runs his family’s lightning rod business and is finishing up his M.B.A. at Babson. Kate works part time in the town library and does some proofreading on the side. Chris Collopy and Will Kendall were married May 2 in South Carolina. Fraser Ross is marrying Robert Maloney in August in Newport, R.I. Josh Lewi reports that life in NYC is grand and he regularly sees Chris Delucia, Markus Mende, Chris Leach, and Eleanor Jackson. As for me, I’ve been accepted to the Bainbridge Graduate Institute for an M.B.A. program in sustainable business on Bainbridge Island, Wash. I’ll be multitasking with work and school for the next two years. My husband, Chris, and I are looking forward to a delayed honeymoon in Scandinavia this summer before school starts up in the fall. Thanks to all who reported in!

2003
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Hi all. Hope everyone’s enjoying the warm weather. broadband Fitzpatrick spent the last few years living in Baltimore, Md., while attending the University of Maryland School of Law. Despite the Charm City’s reputation for murder and corruption, Brendan really enjoys it, and he’s accepted a position working as an attorney for a firm downtown. He lives in the Federal Hill neighborhood with Alida Malcom and would love to hear from any alumni in the area. Bianca Belcher will start her M.P.H. at Dartmouth this July—perfect timing given the swine flu outbreak this past spring! Kate Hughes Herd still lives in England, working as the buyer for a music publisher. Kate, Liz Jackson, and Christiana Salah plan a roommate mini-reunion when they’re all back in the NY/Boston area this summer. Andrew Umans is also stationed abroad—he’ll spend the summer working in Bangalore. Anyone passing through Bangalores? Aliya Al-Aufy and her husband have plans to relocate to Oman in the near future. She graduated this spring with her M.B.A. from Brandeis. DJ Young started her first position as an associate attorney at Price, McCluer, & Piachecki in Winona, Minn., this May. John Knoedler graduated from medical school at Penn State and has started his residency in urology at the Mayo Clinic. Garrett Kephart is in Washington, D.C., drowning in stimulus dollars. Karli Jaffe spent a quick weekend in Las Vegas and had the chance to see Melv Ladera. Their B-list celebrity sighting was former Hollywood Madam Heidi Fleiss! Karli still lives in Portland and was promoted to director of Jewish Family Services, a social services agency providing support to members of the community. She’s working towards a clinical social worker’s license. Rob Wykoff reports that life in Park City is going well. He’s in his third year working at Backcountry.com and thoroughly enjoys his new role as an assistant buyer. After an epic winter—with snowfall totaling over 600 inches in Park City—and several powder days spent skiing with Colby folk, including Brett Lurman ’02, Lilly Meyers, and Kenny Allgyer, the summertime is shaping up to be a blast, with plans to catch up with Rob Morse, Alex Yarbrough, Nate Lindsay, Nick Falker ’05, and others on the West Coast in August. Now to weddings and, hopefully, new, future White Mules! Michael Fincuc ’02 and Danielle O’Sheen got married last fall in West Park, N.Y. Colby folks in attendance included Pete Chapin, Lucy Baker, Jesse Newman, Caitlin Stuart ’04, Tracy Schloss, Aaron McLuskey, Evan Woolley, Patrick Swilling ’02, Mairead Carney ’02, Alexis Detwiler ’02, and Michael Berman ’02, and Helena...
Most Caucasian foreigners who stroll through the town of Nioro du Rip in central Senegal elicit cries of “toubab,” the local slang for “white person.” But residents greet Chris Andrews ’07 far more personally. “Moussa,” they say, echoing his Senegalese name, “Nanga Def?” (How are you?)

Andrews began his two-year stint with the Peace Corps in September 2007. Living with a Senegalese family and speaking Wolof, he has adopted the lifestyle of his neighbors.

The Vermont native didn’t speak any Wolof when he arrived in Nioro. Now Andrews speaks the local tongue not only with his family but also with dozens of women he’s helping build small businesses. “People accept you quicker and are more open to you, more willing to work with you, if you’re doing the work in Wolof instead of French,” he said.

Using loans from the United Nations and Senegalese government, the women’s groups are creating restaurants, sewing shops, and Internet cafés with the Colby economics major’s guidance as they learn to price goods, track expenditures, and market their products.

The job requires an understanding of cultural and technical obstacles, such as frequent power outages. “You have to slow down your expectations for everything,” Andrews said. “If someone says something is going to get done tomorrow, there’s a good chance it won’t.”

In Nioro Andrews has running water, electricity, and even Internet access, unlike his peers in nearby villages. But he’s still an hour-long bus-taxi ride away from other amenities: other English speakers, a bank with an ATM, a “proper” restaurant.

He eats with his host family in traditional Senegalese-style, sitting on the floor around a large bowl that everyone shares. Although he sometimes uses a spoon, he has mastered the technique of eating with his right hand, rolling food into a ball in his palm before bringing it to his mouth.

He can never eat enough to satisfy his host mother. She uses the French word for “eat” familiar to speakers of Wolof, French, and Italian: “Mange!”

—Alexis Grant ’03

Chris Andrews meets with a female entrepreneur who’s opening a street-side food stall.

Helpful to the Corps | Chris Andrews ’07

Tubis ’02. The newlyweds live in Washington, D.C. Mike’s an attorney at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s office of the general counsel and Danielle is an incoming M.A. art history student at George Washington University. • Kara Watson is getting married at the end of August to Darren Sutherland. The two met in Sun Valley six years ago and now live in Park Slope. • Last, but certainly not least, Jonathan and Sarah Mason Eck are expecting a baby in September—we’ll have to wait and see on this one: skier or swimmer?! Sarah graduated from Dartmouth last June with a Ph.D. in biochemistry. • Congrats to all the big accomplishments and thanks for sharing all the exciting news!

2004

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Nicholas Meintel works as a registered financial services professional at New York Life/NYLIFE Securities, and lives with friends in Brighton. • Nick Gambino married Meghan Wyman July 12, 2008, in Boston. In attendance were Michael Hildebrandt (groomsman), Steve Bayes, Ed Smith, Steve Migausky, Chris Roberts, Andrew Raser ’05, Rob Mehlich ’05, Nathaniel Hulme ’05, and Rob Zondervan ’07. Nick is a territory manager with OsteoMed, an orthopedic device company, and he started his M.B.A. part time at Boston College in January. • Meghan Finneran found a NESCAC love connection and got engaged to Chris Grant, Middlebury ’04. • Susannah Magrane has worked with a start-up web company for the past year in New York City. The site, www.oyster.com, will launch in June. • Will Sander graduated from veterinary school at University of Wisconsin-Madison and is starting a one-year small-animal internship at a couple of clinics outside of Chicago. • Kevin ’03 and Kate Wheeler Brunelle had a baby girl July 17, 2008. • Jeremy Jamieson and Karsten Solberg recently got engaged and are getting married this summer in Connecticut. Last summer Karsten received her master’s in architecture from the Rhode Island School of Design and now works at Sasaki Associates in Boston. She is designing a new campus center and basketball arena for Fordham University. Jeremy finished his Ph.D. in psychology and this summer is starting a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University, where he’ll conduct research on how cardiovascular and endocrine systems react under stress. • Erica Joseffy graduated in May from Boston University with her M.S. in speech language pathology. She’ll travel in Australia for a few months this summer and then start working full time as a speech language pathologist in the Boston area. • Amanda Belden got engaged and graduated from Tufts Dental School May 17. • Amy Tolsdorf started her internal medicine residency at the University of Washington in Seattle last June. • Ana Prokic finished her M.B.A. in finance and international business and started working for Loyola University Chicago as a financial manager for Loyola’s ITS division. She got engaged last February on a trip to New York City and plans an October wedding in Chicago. During the NYC trip she caught up with her Colby roommate for all four years, Kate Heidemann, and her husband. • Reese

C. Kelly is doing interviews with transgender folks for the dissertation project entitled “Borders That Matter: Trans Identity Management.” Reese was awarded the 2009 Allen E. Liska Dissertation Research Award as well as the 2009 Woodrow Wilson Women’s Studies Dissertation Fellowship. In the fall Reese will teach Sociology of Gender and Transgender Studies: Histories, Identities, and Politics at Middlebury College as a visiting instructor. • Holly Brown lives in LA and works at Will Smith’s company, Overbrook Entertainment, as the film department coordinator. She had her first onscreen credit on Lakeview Terrace. She frequently sees Breilyn Brantley, who works on Family Guy, and Michael Hepburn, who works as an associate manger for Kritzer Levine Wilkins, who represents acting talent. • Shannon Hopkins is engaged and getting married in August in Denver. • Emma McCandless and Karen Prager still live in south Texas and teach for IDEA Public Schools. In May Emma completed her master’s in library science from Rutgers, and in August Karen will begin a program in educational administration through Lamar University. • Eric Roy finished his Ph.D. in oceanography from University of Maine. He works for a startup sensor company and lives in Bangor, Maine. • Amina McIntyre wrote and produced a play, The Most Eligible Bachelor, which ran at Wabash College April 16-18. • Micah Siegel started his clinical rotations at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch, N.J.

2005

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Julie Morrison and Sean Baron were recently engaged, as were Steve Markesich and Sarah Belden ’06. My neighbor in Brookline, Emily Goodyear, will hear wedding bells soon with fiancé Kevin Forgett. Scarlett Slinker was recently engaged to Andy Macilwaine, whom she met studying at Vermont Law. They plan a July 2010 wedding in Vermont. • Shawn Sato recently completed medical school and began an intern year in Des Moines, Iowa, before he begins his radiology residency at the University of Iowa. His fiancé, Kate Durda, works at the university as a genetic counselor after finishing graduate school at Northwestern in 2008. They planning a June wedding in the Champlain Islands in Vermont. • Gabriel Reyes will marry Chhunry Chhean, a Cal State Long Beach and UC Berkeley School of Law graduate, in Fort Worth, Texas, July 26. Tsering Wangdi, Joseph Okeyo, Pawel Brodka, and Archana Prasad ’07 plan to attend the couple’s traditional tea ceremony. Nicholas von Mertens, who returned to the U.S. after teaching for four years in Japan, England, and Tunisia, will
also be in attendance. Nicholas will be joining the U.S. Foreign Service. • Amy Campfield graduated from medical school in May and is moving west to start her surgery residency at the University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver. • Peyton McElyea is working for Houlihan Lokey in L.A. this summer doing restructurings and bankruptcies. • Carreau Mueller recently went to a wedding in Vail with Caitlin McCusker, where they met Alex Riddler and Adam Grassi ’03 for some skiing. Carreau ran the 113th Boston Marathon.

• Adelin Cai works in NYC and in her spare time makes music with her band “beta.beta” as a keyboardist and vocalist. They have an EP out on iTunes, Amazon, and eMusic and also play live shows regularly in Brooklyn and Manhattan! • Catherine Pappas will attend NYU Stern in the fall in the full-time M.B.A. program. • Nora Gouge is still working toward her doctorate in clinical psychology in NYC and was recently engaged to Todd Moore, who proposed on her birthday at a restaurant in the East Village. They plan a January 2010 wedding. Todd is a third-year at Fordham law school and recently had an article published in the Fordham Law Review Journal. • Ilana Saxe is headed to Europe for two years to work at The American School in Lugano, Switzerland.

• Megan Loosigian traveled to Panama in March to visit her sister. Megan teaches Spanish at the Governor’s Academy and is working on her master’s in Spanish. • Kevin Yardi is sad to announce that his place in Baltimore, known to many as “4515” or the annual headquarters for “D.C. Doghead,” is closing its doors. For the past few years, a number of Colby 2005ers have lived there including Rich Downing, Marc Kassin, Chris Van Wagenen, Jeremy Little, Steve Bogden, Pat Semmens, and Will van der Veen. He assures us that there will be an upgrade!

• Katie Siemp and Greg Sawyer ’03 will be married this August in Connecticut. • Abigail Robson graduated from the Curry School of Education at U.Va. and plans to stay in Virginia to teach. • Josh Taylor is currently a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Fellow at the University of New Brunswick in a M.Ed. program, film- ing Wolastoq First Nations elders to build up an archive of language, knowledge, and narratives. He plans to motorcycle between Maine and New Brunswick this summer to share time with Kate Braemer ’07, who teaches at Chewonki, in Wiscasset, Maine.

• Nick Miller will officially stay in Boston for the next three years with Mary Olsson and attend Boston College Law School.

• Christian Allen adventured to Australia for five weeks in January and then moved to L.A. for a new job with Macquarie Cook Energy. In early April he moved to Houston and now lives just a few short miles from Jay McMurray

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An attorney at the firm of Wiggin & Nourie P.A., Luke Webster ’03 joined the board of directors for Amoskeag Business Incubator in Manchester, N.H. He graduated from the Franklin Pierce Law Center in 2008 and is a member of the business law and real estate, land use and development practice groups. Webster was formerly a national field consultant for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee in Washington, D.C. • Rhode Island Sea Grant named Nicholas Battista ’04 one of two winners of a one-year, $43,500, National Sea Grant College Program Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship. The fellowship matches distinguished graduate students interested in ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources with hosts in the legislative or executive branches of the federal government. Battista is working in the Washington, D.C., office of Rep. Chellie Pingree of Maine on marine and coastal issues.

Nicholas Battista ’04

MILESTONES


Births: Benjamin J. Chandler ’02 to Melissa Rocco in Woodbury, Mass. • Corey W. Gittleman ’05 to Alicia L. Munson in East Northport, N.Y.

2006

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The Hamilton Tiger-Cats announced the signing of offensive lineman Dan Oliphant. The Hamilton Tiger-Cats are a Canadian Football League team based in Hamilton, Ontario.

• Alex Brougham graduated from the Northeastern University School of Law. He’ll spend the summer studying for and taking the bar exam and then will begin a one-year term as law clerk to Hon. Joel B. Rosenthal in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts.

• Anu Bhatnagar lives in London with Joerose Tharakan ’08. Anu has worked at Morgan Stanley for a year now. She attended the Colby in London dinner in February and had an amazing night. She has recently met a lot of Colby people and has met up with Nina Korolyova, Kip Kiprop ’07, Pranay Sonalkar ’07, and Andra Ofosu ’07. • Kendra King is moving to Cairns, Australia, to earn her SCUBA diver instructor certificate and to party it up Aussie style. Her brother, Logan ’09, is joining Kendra as well. Kendra asks that everyone come visit down under!

• Wedding bells are in the air for the Class of 2006! Sarah Belden is engaged to Steve Markesich ’05, whom she met her freshman year when they both lived in Grosman. John McKee and Lindsey Boyle are also engaged! He proposed while they were skiing in New Hampshire, and they are planning a wedding for the end of next summer. Colby Chapel anyone? • Jenn Corey lives in Portland, Maine, and manages a fine art’s supply store. She’s been accepted into a five-year Ph.D. program for English literature at Iowa University, Iowa City in the fall. Hurrah! Jenn writes that her heart will always be in retail and middle management. • Francis Chapuredima is now working at the Holderness School in Plymouth, N.H., where our very own Bro Adams attended. Francis teaches mathematics and can’t wait for winter to hit the slopes big time! • David Cheng has been accepted to law school in San Francisco and will be starting this fall.

• Mike Fleming moved to South Boston and started a new position as a research associate for Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research. His dog, Guinness, just turned 2! • Garry Bertholf is a fourth-year Ph.D. student and William Fontaine Fellow of Africana Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, where he received his A.M. in historical musicology. This past winter Bertholf held an appointment as an adjunct assistant professor in the department of history and politics at Drexel University, where he taught a course on the intellectual history of the African diaspora. In March Berthol

asked the news, as well as fellow Colby-in-Dijon Leslie Peterson. • Riley Doyle lives in San Francisco and works as a bioengineer for Genentech. • Tara Bergin wrapped up her first year of veterinary school at the University of Edinburgh and will work with large animals on various farms around the U.K. this summer. In August she’ll visit Japanese vet schools before beginning clinical veterinary medicine. Keep up with her (mis)adventures on her blog: http://vetscapes.blogspot.com. • Ali Fulrude is headed to Baltimore this August to commence four years at the University of Maryland Dental School. Ali looks forward to having tons of Colby reunion weekends this summer. • Alisa Perry will be attending Yale University’s School of Nursing pursuing her perinatal nurse practitioner degree.

• Erin Schlossman will attend Tufts School of Medicine Maine Track in the fall. • Katie Maland, Julia Hutchinson, Karli Gastea zo, and Tammy Lewin visited Natalie Ginsburg in Clarksdale, Miss., for the 18th annual Juke Joint Blues Festival. After visiting Ms. Ginsburg’s third-grade classroom, they enjoyed Kool-aid pickles, blue bands, fried green tomatoes, yoga in the park, and ran a 5K, in which Tammy placed first for women!

• Allison Cogbill is leaving New York City to attend the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison. • After spending a year in Beijing, Canna Morse now lives in Boston and is applying for a Cultural Research Fellowship from the Chinese government to obtain paid...
look for Canaan’s translation of He Qifang’s return and study opportunities in Beijing. Look for Canaan’s translation of He Qifang’s return and study opportunities in Beijing.

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works as an assistant editor at Princeton. Allie Dunn moved to LA and recently finished writing a screenplay about a computer who falls in love with its owner. She’s currently looking for an agent.

Ashley Hunt finished her second year teaching pre-K with TFA in Navajo, N.M., and headed to NYC to attend Columbia’s Mailman School of Public Health, where she will be focusing on forced migration in the population and family health department. Tammy Lewin, Ellen Newcomb, and Taylor Snook ’06 have been enjoying D.C., the festivities surrounding President Obama’s inauguration, and the cherry blossoms. Taylor currently is in Nepal volunteering at an orphanage. They regularly see John McCormack, CJ Donnelly, Jordan Henry, and many other Colby alums.

Josh Handelman worked on Al Franken’s Senate recount in Minnesota, where he ran into Karl Gasteazoro at a Roller Derby bout. Josh now works with Congressman Paul Hodes’ campaign for U.S. Senate in New Hampshire. In addition to tuning their Guitar Hero skills, John DeBruicker and Josh Gerber are training for the 11th annual Central Park Race, where they’ll “bomb down Broadway—on skateboards that is!” Ian Cross ran a marathon through Death Valley Feb. 7, 2009, as a fundraiser for Little Field Home Orphanage. This summer Ian will return to the orphanage and continue to hike the Appalachian Trail. Last but certainly not least, Jon Bandi is spreading joy, love, and the celebration of life in Belmont, Mass. Keep the updates coming!

2008
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I hope you’re all having a wonderful summer. It’s hard to believe that more than a year has passed since our graduation. It was wonderful to see so many of you at our reunion in June—I hope you all had as much fun as I did! Meaghan Fitzgerald will extend her stay in the U.K. after fighting with the home office for more than three months to receive a propersiva. Now she won’t be forfeit kicked out of England until 2014! Meaghan works for www.spoofed.co.uk doing marketing, PR, and community management. She hopes that her Colby friends will visit her in London this fall.

Julie Bero was in D.C. for the election season working on ballot initiative strategy, where she frequently met up with Julia Stuebing, Eric Hansen, Luke LaViolet, and Katherine Koleski. Julie also caught up with Sarah Schleick ’06 and Josh Handelman ’07. Julie now lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., and works at a political organization called Progressive States Network, which works with state legislators to pass progressive policies nationwide. She’s also involved at NYC Planned Parenthood as a clinic volunteer. Julie has enjoyed showing Kirla Heymann and Liz Bower, who moved to the city this winter, around Brooklyn, as well as spending lots of time with her boyfriend, Rishi Chattrath. Julie was thrilled when she ran into Jeronimo Maradiaga ’09 on the street near her job—they were able to catch up over pizza. Julie loves being back in the city and would welcome the opportunity to show any visitors around!

Laura Perile lives in Philadelphia with Sarah E. Clark and works with Mady Ragan at the consulting firm Clear Admit. Laura is excited to be attending Brown in the fall for her Ph.D. in history. Christina Feng enjoys teaching ninth and 11th grade social studies in New York City. In July Danielle Nielsen is moving to La Serena, Chile, to work at the Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory on a Spitzer Space Telescope warm mission. She will be attending a conference in Rio de Janeiro to present some of her research. She is looking forward to visiting Abby Hall, who lives and teaches English in Santiago.

In March Rebekah Fasel graciously hosted Emily Butler, Tim Miller, and David Sternesky in Atlanta, Ga. The weekend was spent celebrating St. Patrick’s Day in true Colby style, and a wonderful time was had by all. Thanks for the updates and enjoy the rest of summer!

Marjorie Hooper Lawler ’32, May 11, 2009, in Amesbury, Mass., at 98. She was an elementary school teacher in Attleboro, Mass. for 25 years, an organizer for the Water Village Church, and a member of the historical society. She did cross-stitch and at 90 won a blue ribbon at the Topsfield Fair for a cross-stitch entry. Survivors include her children, Nancy Lewis and Richard Elwell, a stepdaughter, eight grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Lucile Blanchard French McMullen ’32, March 6, 2009, in Waterville, Maine, at 97. She lived in Waterville her entire life, working for the Morning Sentinel, at a nursery school, and as clerk of courts. She belonged to the Waterville’s Women’s Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Mayflower Society. Predeceased by her brother Webster C. Blanchard ’38, she is survived by her daughters, Margaret and Faith. Christo T. Nasse ’32, April 5, 2009, in Ormond Beach, Fla., at 102. He worked as a foreman with American Optical Company for 20 years, after which he earned his master’s in education from Worcester State College in 1961. He taught high school in Massachusetts until 1976. He played shuffleboard and bowled. Predeceased by his brother, John T. Nasse ’29, M.D., he is survived by his children, Francis and Sharon, one granddaughter, and one great-granddaughter.

George T. Pugsley ’34, March 28, 2009, in Peabody, Mass., at 97. He served with the Navy during World War II, retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1972. He held management positions at A.C. Lawrence Leather, was a member of the Danvers Historical Society, and belonged to the Congregational church. Predeceased by his father, John B. Pugsley 1905, he is survived by daughters Gerri Hill and Marcia Pugsley, two grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Frederick A. Schreiber ’34, Jan. 10, 2009, in Beverly Hills, Calif., at 95. He worked for the Federation of Jewish Welfare Organizations and then enlisted with the Army during World War II. He was a government employee and was named the 1970 Outstanding Defense Supply Agency Employee. He was a Colby overseer from 1980 to 1989, played golf, and was interested in East Asian studies. He and his wife, Eve, raised two children.

Arthur W. Stetson Jr. ’34, Nov. 8, 2008, in Mechanicsburg, Pa., at 97. He earned an L.L.B. in 1937 and a J.D. in 1987, both from Boston University. He served with the Army in World War II, practiced law, and then worked as a consultant with the Veteran’s Administration. Predeceased by his father, Arthur W. Stetson 1907, he is survived by two children, Arthur W. Stetson II and Nancy Starling, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Howard C. Pritham ’36, April 30, 2009, in Orono, Maine, at 94. He earned his M.D. from Tufts in 1940 and then served as a physician in World War II, where he earned a Purple Heart. He practiced medicine in Maine and then in the Panama Canal Zone for 26 years. In retirement he fished, hunted, and made canoe paddles, pack baskets, and seven cedar canoes. Survivors include his first wife, Dorothy Van Arsdale, seven children, 10 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

O B I T U A R I E S
Margaret Libbey Darlow '37, April 17, 2009, in Westborough, Mass., at 91. A homemaker and mother, she loved to read, feed the birds, and travel. Predeceased by her grandfather, William Libbey 1871, she is survived by four children, Ruth Hrenko, Richard Darlow, Peter Darlow, and Paul Darlow, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and cousins, including Martha S. Fleming '73.

Robert H. Neumer '38, April 25, 2009, in St. Louis Park, Minn., at 91. He served with the 10th Mountain Division ski troops during World War II. He was a founding partner of Dundee Landscaping Company, where he worked into his 80s. Survivors include his daughter, Joann Armstrong, and a grandson.

Brewster A. Branz '40, April 5, 2009, in Portland, Maine, at 90. He served with the Army during World War II. He was president of Guardian Finance Corporation and was a director and president of the Credit Bureau of Greater Portland. He served the Jewish community, taught ESL, and volunteered with the visually disabled. He traveled, learned languages, and played golf, tennis, and bridge. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Muriel, three sons, and seven grandchildren, including Naomi Branz '07.

Ruth Levensalor Crowley '40, March 22, 2009, in Farmingdale, Maine, at 91. In 1990 she received an honorary A.B. from Colby as she had left after two years to attend Boston University School of Law. She practiced law from 1941 to 1966, when she was appointed Maine's first woman assistant attorney general, a post she held until 1978. She was a past worthy matron of the Maine Order of Eastern Star. She traveled extensively and volunteered in hospices in Maine and Florida. Survivors include her son, William, a granddaughter, and two great-granddaughters.

Roger M. Stebbs '40, May 22, 2009, in Sequim, Wash., at 91. He served as captain in the Army during World War II and then worked as a buyer for Sears, Roebuck and Co. for 33 years. He was active with civic boards, Kiwanis, and the Episcopal parish church. He golfed, painted with oils, grew roses, and traveled extensively. He was predeceased by his sister, Ruth Stebbins Cadwell '41, and brother, Seabury T. Stebbins '48. Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Ruth Gould Stebbins '40, a son, three grandchildren, and sisters-in-law Marjorie Murphy Shuman '37 and Dorothy Gould Rhodes '56.

Barbara Partridge Dyer '41, March 15, 2009, in Yarmouth, Maine, at 89. She was a secretary and bookkeeper until 1954, when she devoted herself to her family and home. She played bridge, read, and enjoyed needlepoint. Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Vernelle W. “Cappy” Dyer Jr. '40, three children, Dee Lynne, Bruce '77, and Donna, and five grandchildren.

Claire Tilley Henderson '41, March 24, 2009, in Beverly Hills, Fla., at 89. While raising her children and keeping her home, she was a substitute teacher in New Jersey and Connecticut. She was proficient in quilting, making braided rugs, knitting, and crocheting. Survivors include her daughters, Anne and Mary Claire, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Helen Henry Merritt '42, May 12, 2009, in DeKalb, Ill., at 88. She earned a master's in art, a master's in fine arts, and was a scholar of Japanese prints. She taught school at all levels and received the 1990 Distinguished Teaching Award at Northern Illinois University. She preserved historic houses, donated 40 acres of original prairie to DeKalb County, and endowed an art scholarship and lecture series at NIU. Survivors include her husband, Jim, a daughter, two grandchildren, and a brother.

Jean C. Lesaar '43, March 15, 2009, in Winter Springs, Fla., at 87. He was a counterintelligence officer for the Army during World War II. He worked for an advertising agency, but his passion was stamp collecting. He owned three retail stamp stores in Chicago and he volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and Audubon Birds of Prey sorting and selling donated stamps. Survivors include his wife, Susan, three sons, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Elia S. Nawfel '44, March 31, 2009, in Waterville, Maine, at 86. He earned a D.M.D. from Tufts Dental School in 1946 and then served in the Army Dental Corps. He practiced dentistry in the Waterville area for 60 years, retiring in 2008. He enjoyed the violin, sports, and reading. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Jamila, his children, Rose-Marie Nawfel Stamboulides '80, Richard D. Nawfel '82, and Elia J. Nawfel '84, five sisters, and three grandchildren.

Lottie Wanagel Roy '44, March 29, 2009, in Manchester, Conn., at 86. She received her master's from the University of Connecticut and then taught school in Connecticut for more than 30 years. Survivors include her husband, George, two daughters, two granddaughters, and a brother.

Elizabeth Lohnes Grudin '45, April 9, 2009, in State College, Pa., at 87. She earned a master's in early childhood education at Columbia University and then taught kindergarten in Granville, Ohio, where she also coached the high school chess club. She was active in the Democratic party, worked to preserve the environment, and served 20 years on a local board to end poverty. Survivors include her sons, Jonathan and Thaddeus, four grandchildren, and a brother.

Elizabeth Richmond Anthony '47, Jan. 12, 2009, in Houston, Texas, at 83. She taught English in Maine, Massachusetts, and Texas and at the American Academy for Girls in Uskudar, Turkey. She was active in her hospital auxiliary, her church, and the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Survivors include her sons, Jonathan and Susan Munson, a brother, and two grandsons.

Beverly Bailey Beaulieu '48, April 23, 2008, in Lewiston, Maine, at 82. She was a bookkeeper and a secretary in Livermore Falls, Maine. She quilted, painted with watercolors, and belonged to the Livermore Falls Historical Society. Predeceased by her father, Carleton M. Bailey '18, she is survived by her children, Brian, Jay, Roberta Simoneau, and Nancy Dallessandro, 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and cousins including Philip Bailey '51.

Gordon T. Miller '48, March 9, 2009, in Briarwood, Mass., at 86. He served with the Army's Medical Services Corps during World War II, earned an M.B.A. from Harvard, and worked in business for more than 30 years. He served on numerous professional and community boards and was president of Colby's Worcester (Mass.) Alumni Association. He attended Elderhostels, was active in his church for more than 70 years, and attained life membership at the Worcester Country Club. Survivors include three children, Donna Barrott, Elfreda Skidmore, and William Miller, a brother, and four grandchildren.

Gilbert Y. Taverner '48, April 22, 2009, in Concord, Mass., at 88. He received a master of divinity degree from Boston University and an honorary doctor of divinity from Simpson College. He was an ordained Methodist minister, and from 1948 to 1982 he served churches in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He delivered sermons without notes and rewrote familiar hymns using contemporary words. From 1982 to 2002 he served St. George's School as assistant chaplain, professor, and historian. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Elizabeth, a stepdaughter, two grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters.

William G. Hurley '49, Oct. 19, 2008, in Spring, Texas, at 84. He served with the Air Force and then worked as a regional supervisor for Shell Oil Company.

Dorothy Goodridge Donovan '50, Jan. 14, 2009, in Vienna, Va., at 79. She worked for GTE (now Verizon) and was a homemaker. Survivors include a cousin, a sister-in-law, and two nephews.

Margaret Brown Christie '52, March 18, 2009, in Hartford, Conn., at 78. She worked as a technician in
Jeanne Strickland Larcher ’53, May 1, 2009, in Perdido, Fla., at 77. She earned two bachelor’s degrees, in nursing and in psychology, and two master’s degrees, in nursing and in counseling. Her 50-year nursing career included teaching, mental health counseling, and surgical nursing. She was a voracious reader and enjoyed sailing, fishing, and cooking. Survivors include her partner, Richard Hanks, five children, and two grandchildren.

Richard H. Berns ’54, March 17, 2009, in Hilton Head, S.C., at 76. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War and then returned to Colby to finish his degree in 1956. He held various positions in sales and marketing, most recently with the Marriott Corporation. Survivors include his wife, Joan, three sons, six grandchildren, and two brothers.

Joel Farbish ’54, Dec. 18, 2008, in Worthington, Ohio, at 75. He served in the U.S. Army and then earned an M.B.A. from New York University in 1958. He was a controller in the Food Division of Borden Food Corp. for 30 years. Survivors include his wife, Phyllis, two daughters, and six grandchildren.

Constance Rhodenizer Knight ’54, Dec. 30, 2008, in Laconia, N.H., at 76. A mother and homemaker, she was a reader, gardener, and Red Sox fan. Predeceased by her sister Jean Rhodenizer Fontaine ’46 and her brother Harold Rhodenizer ’42, she is survived by her husband, Alexis, six children, a sister, a brother, and six grandchildren.

Donald E. Miller ’55, April 11, 2009, in Pompano Beach, Fla., at 76. He was an executive for Merriam-Webster, Inc., and he loved animals. Survivors include his sister-in-law, Edna Miller, two nephews, and his beagle, Lulu.

Robert R. Russo ’57, April 9, 2009, in Pensacola, Fla., at 74. He worked as a manager for Warner Cable (now Cox Communications) and was active with the Methodist church. Survivors include his wife, Edie, six children, 15 grandchildren, and two sisters.

John W. Parkes ’64, March 29, 2009, in Clifton Park, N.Y., at 86. He served in the military from 1941 to 1966 and earned a World War II Victory Medal and a Bronze Star for service in Vietnam. He earned his Colby degree while stationed as part of the ROTC staff from 1960 to 1965. His second career was as a budget analyst for the New York Department of Labor. Survivors include his wife, Pauline, a daughter, two grandchildren, and a sister.

Ann Drinker Retherford ’66, May 21, 2009, in Mystic, Conn., at 65. She earned a master’s in education from Lesley College and was an elementary schoolteacher. Survivors include her husband, Earl, two children, six grandchildren, her mother, and a brother.

Jonathan B. Welch ’68, March 16, 2009, in Boston, Mass., at 66. He earned a master’s from the University of New Hampshire and a doctorate from the University of Connecticut. He taught for 32 years at Northeastern University, where he chaired the finance department and was associate dean of the graduate school of business. He was a consultant for utility, financial services, and technology companies and taught in France, Ecuador, Ireland, and Spain. He sailed the New England coast and was active in his church. Survivors include his wife, SueEllen, three daughters, and three grandchildren.

Peter G. Gilfoyl ’70, April 3, 2009, in Sherborn, Mass., at 61. He was the third generation to run the family business, Gilfoyl Distributing Company. He played tennis, golfed, and summereed on Nantucket. He was predeceased by his father and mother, Donald A. ’40 and Helen Brown Gilfoyl ’40. Survivors include his wife, Margaret Wiehl Gilfoyl ’71, two sons, and two sisters.

Christine Schopp Kennedy ’73, March 21, 2009, in Naples, Fla., at 57. She worked in publishing doing translations and later worked as a design assistant. Survivors include her husband, David.

Meredith Jewly Libby ’73, March 30, 2009, in Buxton, Maine, at 59. She taught elementary school in Maine, enjoyed nature, and logged wood in the forests of southern Maine. Survivors include her husband, Eugene, a son, her parents, and a brother.

Susan Reilly Szum ’78, May 30, 2009, in East Walpole, Mass., at 52. She worked as an audit manager for the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, retiring in 2002. She died of cancer. Survivors include her husband, John, three children, her parents, a sister, Kathleen Reilly Bolduc ’81, two brothers, and cousins Karen Reilly Quirk ’88 and Matthew Quinlan ’10.

Michael F. Romano ’81, March 18, 2009, in West Hartford, Conn., at 49. He was an insurance executive for 10 years and founded the Center School for Martial Arts. An accomplished athlete, he was also an avid supporter of his children’s sports teams. He died of cancer. Survivors include his mother, Ann, his wife, Leslie, four children, and a sister.

Arthur C. Nagle ’87, April 16, 2009, in Los Angeles, Calif., at 44. He earned a master’s in education administration and then taught English, coached basketball, and was an administrator in private schools in five states. He ran the Long Beach Marathon in 2005 and completed the Los Angeles Triathlon in 2008. He died of cancer. He was predeceased by his great-grandmother, Molly Pearce Putnam 1908, his grandmother, Cordelia Putnam Inman ’33, and cousin Hannah Putnam Burbank ’41. Survivors include his parents, Robert and Molly, his wife, three children, a brother, and two sisters.

Robert J. Garland ’89, April 25, 2009, in Los Angeles, Calif., at 42. He earned an M.B.A. from Monterey Institute of International Studies and then worked at ING Advisors Network and at Capital Group, Inc. He had a passion for experiencing other cultures, coached youth sports, and savored time with his family. He died of cancer. Survivors include his wife, Hillary, three children, his parents, his grandparents, a brother, and a sister.

Jon A. Robinson ’89, Feb. 24, 2009, in Urbana, Ill., at 41. He was a building services foreman at the University of Illinois who golfed, read, and traveled. He was an avid Red Sox and New England Patriots fan. He died of cancer. Survivors include his wife, Julie, his parents, a son, and a brother.

W. Corbett Bishop ’93, May 1, 2009, in Arusha, Tanzania, at 38. A climbing guide, first in the Pacific Northwest, he guided in Tanzania and climbed Mount Kilimanjaro more than 100 times. In 1996 he started Corbett Bishop Safaris, which he ran until his death of an apparent heart attack. Fluent in Swahili, he founded Ol Tukai Conservancy in Tanzania, wrote articles and lectured about conservation, and produced programs for the Discovery Channel. He was a musician, birder, and a truth seeker who respected the land. More at www.corbett bishop.net. Survivors include his children, Luca and Ella, his parents, his stepfather, the mother of his children, and his grandparents.

Shareen Abbasy ’05, March 17, 2009, in New York, N.Y., at 26. She worked as a paralegal and most recently at the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Described as a strong and courageous spirit, she died of cancer. Survivors include her mother, Diana Abbasy, her brother, and her maternal grandparents.