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still live in Boston with a year-round house in East Orleans on Cape Cod. Arthur keeps active as a member of the board of directors of two large companies, writing a book, and keeping up with all the grandchildren. • And lastly I heard from Ann Jennings Taussig in California. She will be back at her home in Wolfeboro, N.H., in April for the summer. She looks forward to our reunion and is excited to be returning to Colby. • Remember, June 2009 is our 60th reunion and I’m looking forward to seeing you there!

1950
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Dick Leonard has been retired for 10 years. He spends time in Center City, Philadelphia, with his computer, trying, among other things, to learn German so he can access German literature. He listens to a lot of music, much of which was introduced to us 60-plus years ago by Dr. Comparetti. Every summer he and Dottie (Washburn ’52) go to Europe for a time and then to a house that they’ve rented for 30 years on Swans Island off Mt. Desert. They have four children and seven grandchildren. Dick heard recently from Don Jacobs ’51 in San Antonio and every so often sees Chet Brigham and his wife, Anthea. Chet has recently written two interesting books about Gloucester, where he now lives. • Bud Everts has three sons and seven grandchildren, all living close by. Two are in college, Ithaca and Elon, one will go to Gettysburg this fall, and one is still making his decision. • Barbara Hill Millett and her daughter, Robin, visited Ireland, where they saw Robin’s daughter, Thayer, sing with the Boston College Choral Club gathering. The two women who put it together were Class of ’05. “We then felt that we might be aging, slightly, in view of the fact that our oldest grandson graduated in ’01.” George knew of the event, but working in Moscow made it impossible to attend both, and even more so because his friends held a birthday party for him on the same date. In Sochi, a ski resort in the Ural Mountains and site for the next winter Olympic Games. • Bill ’51 and Ellen Kenerson Geollete took a cruise to Alaska with friends from Arizona, where they spend the winter. They visited Ketchikan, Juneau, and the amazing Glacier Bay.

1951
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Cass Lightner happily reports that his diabetes has subsided to the point that he’s been taken off all diabetes medicine. He also reports that the Colby Fund participation rate for our class remains strong. Please continue to give what you can. • Charlie Tobin winters in Sun City Center, Fla., and summers in Den- nisport on Cape Cod. Charlie’s only grandson graduated from Colby last May, and the entire family celebrated on Mayflower Hill. Last summer Charlie had lunch at Clancy’s with Jan “Sandy” Pearson Anderson ’52 and George ’52 and Betty Winkler Laffey ’53. • Cynthia and Walt Russell traveled to Egypt last April. Their fabulous trip included a week in Cairo, day trips to the Valley of the Kings, the pyramids, and the Sphinx of Giza, and a train ride to Alexandria. A cruise up the Nile rounded out their vacation. They also took an extended trip down the West Coast, beginning in San Francisco and ending in San Diego at the Lawrence Welk Resort. • Bump Bean serves on the board for the Friends of Minute Man National Historical Park in Concord, Mass. Bump focuses on member- ship development as the park prepares for its 50th anniversary this year. • George Wales became a member of the Newton (Mass.) High School Hall of Fame—a much deserved honor. George was a super athlete at Colby, Ed Fraktman ’53 was also honored. • I haven’t heard from Ted Shiro lately but will look him up in Naples, Fla., this winter. Hopefully he is well and still playing some tennis. I also hope to see Bruce Carswell in Naples and any other Colby alumni in the area. • Hope and Stanley Sorrentino celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this year. In July they’ll travel by train to Indiana for a family reunion and then travel to Buffalo for the Society of American Magicians annual conference. Stanley still practices magic as a hobby and is active in Rotary and his Masonic Lodge. Last summer he came in first in the 80- and-over division for the Little Compton (R.I.) Road Race—a 4.9 mile race. • Happy and healthy 2009 and keep in touch.

1952
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Greetings from the Northeast! We don’t have much news this time around, but a couple of items I will pass along to you. Anne Plowman Stevens drove out west last summer and was very pleased to have marvelous weather for all 5,000 miles. She said, “We went as far as Yellowstone and even stopped on the way back in Ann Arbor to see where I had taught in the 50s. My biggest accomplishment on the trip was to go up in the arch in St. Louis, as I am afraid of heights. No problem though— it was great. I’m still working in the library— frequently check out Robert Parker’s ‘54 books as well as books by Annie Proulx ‘57 and then a recent book by Peter Cameron (Don and Sally Shaw Cameron’s son). Small world.” • Another sad note: our local Cape Cod paper had an obituary for Jerry Holtz, who passed away at 77 from myelofibrosis. We send his wife, Jane, and the rest of the family our condolences. • Dave Lynn reports that as a self-appointed Colby Eight representative, he and his wife, Sara, attended the centennial concert of the Yale Whiffenpoofs in New Haven. Dave says the concert compared well to the 50th and Colby Eight reunion concerts, except in proportion and fashion. Their venues sat 2,600 and the “Whiffs” (their own nickname) were white tie and gloves. Interestingly the Whiffs are seniors selected each year from the more than a dozen a cappella groups at Yale. The finale of all the Whiff concerts is their theme song, The Whiffenpoof Song. Whiff alumni in the audience were invited on stage to join in its singing—there must have been 200 people standing side by side. When pressed, the Whiffs reluctantly admit that the melody for The Whiffenpoof Song was, perhaps, written by a Harvard man. • That’s it for this time around, folks. Hope you are fairing well and will share all kinds of news the next time.

1953
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The mail has been almost nonexistent this winter, but I did have a couple of contacts with classmates. Ginnie Falkenbury Aronson sent a note about her unusual Christmas gathering: 18 guests and eight dogs. She didn’t go into detail, only mentioned that they all survived. • The other piece of news is on the somber side. Nelson Beveridge phoned me about the passing of Judy “Jay” Veever. Nelly sent me the obituary, which mentioned that at the time of her unexpected death she was a communications and marketing consultant. She supported many charities and was involved in so many philanthropic and community services, they were too numerous to be listed. I am sure she will be missed by her family, friends, and community contacts. • Jan “Sandy” Pearson Anderson ’52 was nice enough to call me about the passing of my husband, Pete Mailey ’57. I told her that I would pass on the news that she is doing very well after the loss of her lifelong companion/husband, Chuck. • I hope to have more news from our class in the next column. Write me, won’t you?

30S/40S MILESTONES


SPRING 2009 CLASS NOTES

1954
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Dave and Betsy Powley Wallingford’s plans for 2009 are to stay healthy, stay connected to friends, stay active, count their blessings, have fun, and attend ’54’s 55th in June. • In the December 2008 Pastel Painters of Maine exhibit, Judy Jenkins Totman received the Best of Show Award for her work titled "A Taste of Maine".
Back Dear Bobbie will be missed by all. • Happy news from Jan Nordgren Meryweather, who is enjoying Florida after finishing up all her treatments mid December. • Susan Miller Hunt is back singing in both her church choir and the Wellesley Choral Society. • In December my husband, John, sang with The Outer Cape Chorale an all-Beatles program to three nights of standing room only. We will see David and Rosemary Crouchmal Sortor when they visit Christine Layer Larson. Reunion will be hot topic. • Coach Don Rice and wife Sherry left South Carolina for the month of February to watch a granddaughters play basketball in Greenfield. • Until next time, know that John and I are grateful for each and every one of you. God Bless.

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making plans to go to Waterville in June. The reunion promises to be a wonderful one, and in addition to the dinners and lectures, there will be a memorial service to recognize deceased classmates, so please come. I look forward to seeing you then.

1960

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Greetings Classmates! Are you keeping your year’s resolutions? One of my goals is to become a bridge life master—I’m only about two-thirds of the way there. We have a large duplicate bridge club here in Sarasota, so I have my choice of days to play. It’s hard to imagine that we will celebrate our 50th next year. I will definitely be there and will look forward to seeing you. What about sending me some suggestions for our 50th? 

August and Judith Allen Ferretti took a fabulous trip to the Galapagos! Judy considers this a must do for anyone who loves animals, birds, and marine life. The blue-footed and red-footed boobies are quite beautiful, and the reproductive iguanas, with their bright blue or green markings, are striking! Highlights included watching a newly hatched sea turtle race to the ocean, seeing a newborn sea lion with its umbilical cord attached, and having a young sea lion hop up on the back of their boat and stay for close to an hour. He was urged to leave when he started climbing the stairs.

Michael Silverberg works full time and continues to enjoy the challenge. He and his wife, Gale, have four children and six grandchildren. His son, daughter-in-law, and daughter are all Colby graduates. He sees Dick Fields ’61 and Hank Silverman ’61 frequently. Life is great! Michael and Gale boat around Long Island Sound and participate in an aggressive exercise program.

Ralph Nelson, who was formerly on Colby’s woodsmen’s team and a former scoutmaster, represents his church in overseeing its 50-scout troop in Wilmington, Del. Ralph says we should all “take a hike!” and he recommends reading Last Child in the Woods, a book that notes how much less time children spend in natural surroundings now (versus 1950) and describes many benefits of nature walks with parents and friends.

Linda and Andrew Sheldon are still in the Florida panhandle, which remains fresh five years after their move from Montana. They celebrated the arrival of their first grandchild and the passing of the last parent. Linda’s activities as a personal keeper help her busy. Free from faculty meetings and administrative chores, Andy is reducing his unpublished backlog and working on new projects in stream ecology in the southern Appalachians. His lifetime event was two months at a rainforest field station in Brunei, Borneo, where he spent hours in a clear jungle river eye to eye with some of the newest freshwater fishes he’d ever seen. Closer to home they garden, volunteer, and paddle in the bay with the dolphins and along the rivers of northern Florida. And one can read thrillers without guilt. Computers have transformed the nature of retirement as Andy can access science journals through his former university and maintains a global scientific correspondence with old and new friends.

Daniel Parish submitted a poem for our column, which can be found in our online class column at www.colby.edu/mag. I hope that many of you who read this will be challenged to send me an e-mail and keep in touch.

1961

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All of you are no doubt busier than ever in retirement or second careers. For the first time, I did not receive any mail over the holidays—or responses from the recent Colby e-mail asking for news. Are you planning and preparing for the 50th Reunion, now only a little more than two years away down the road? Remember, you can always call Hawai’i—or fly to Honolulu for our Colby regional meeting in January 2010—and we can talk! Warmest Aloha.

1962

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Apologies that miscommunication resulted in no column in the last two magazines. Here’s some news from last summer: Tony Kramer’s daughter, Stephanie, is a junior at Colby. They went scuba diving in Mexico, and then headed to Ecuador to work at a health clinic and took a course or two at the local university. His son, Stephen, is at the University of Kansas. Tony and his wife, Linda, split their time between the Chicago area and Nuevo Vallarta. Last year they visited Tom ’61 and Dorothy Boynton Kirken-dall ’61. Ceylon Barclay has a visit from Penny (Wheeler ’64) and Ralph Bradshaw at the Barclays’ home in the mountains of North Carolina. Hiking the Blue Ridge and taking old times were the agenda.

Gail Macomber Cheeseman went on African safaris last summer in Botswana, Zambia, and Kenya. They returned from Bhutan, where they will offer wildlife and heritage tours. She describes wonderful birds and langurs (look it up) as well as the Buddhist culture that reflects so beautifully in the people and architecture.

Bill Barnett works part time as a private investigator and looks forward to retirement next year, when he’ll have more time for the local Rotary Club and fishing for trout and striped bass. Last April Bill and wife Marge traveled to Tahiti and visited six islands in French Polynesia, as well as the island of Ratanoga in the Cook Island chain.

Judy Hoagland Bristol attended Alumni College at Colby last July, preceded by a trip to Green Island (127 miles north of Quebec) with friends from their home in Houston and followed by a few days in Connecticut for Judy’s 50th high school reunion. Judy is class president for the current five year term, and will be in touch about our 50th reunion. It’s never too soon to start! The consolation prize to all who attend ... it’s totally free!

Michael McCabe and I (Nancy Keating) are getting settled in our new home in Harpswell, Maine, painting and decorating. We love this little town and participate in local activities, taking full advantage of our close-to-water location. We had a visit from Bud and Patch Jack Mosher, including a great lunch with Debby Price, a close neighbor in Brunswick. Patch and Bud had just returned from the wedding of Maria Ingraham ’02, daughter of Bill and Olive Pingree Ingraham. And now more recent news: Jan Griffith, former dean of Georgia State University College of Law, has been selected as vice president for Academic Affairs at Suffolk University in Boston. Congratulations, Jan. Jan also serves as an overseer at Colby.

Jim and Sue Welch Bishop have seven grandchildren and two granddaughters ranging from 16 to 14- month-old twins. They have both been to their 50th high school reunions—interesting to see old (no pun intended) friends and to compare notes with those who are experiencing the same life changes. Jim and Sue live in Wilbraham, Mass., and keep thinking about downsizing. Pat and Dennis Connolly have experienced a year of medical problems. Pat has had three surgeries for breast cancer; son John two surgeries for two broken noses from basketball; son Andrew is scheduled for knee surgery; and Dennis has had hernia surgery. Dennis is self employed as a litigation expert, mostly in cases against liability insurers. The Connollys campaigned door to door in five different states for Obama.

Jean Faggury Furumya has semi-retired and works three days a week at her dental practice. She is president of the Japanese Medical Society of America. Jean and Toshi celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in December. Their only son, Ken, lives in Maryland. The Connollys campaigned door to door in five different states for Obama.

Jean Gaffney Furuyama served as an overseer at Colby.

1963

Paule French

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Mel and Janet Thomason enjoy retirement by cruising north in the summer and south in the winter in their trailer. In between cruises they relish visits with children and six grandchildren. They spent several months in Trinidad in last year and will do volunteer work for the Bahai’s faith again this year. Peggy Fuchs Singer has had a challenging fall—three surgeries for breast cancer, the last one a bilateral mastectomy. The good news: no chemo or radiation, and her prognosis is excellent. The implant reconstruction process is going along well, and she expects to be back to herself by spring. Daughter Ilana, who returned from a wonderful year in Jerusalem, will be married in the Berkshires in September. Peggy is anticipating the publication (by the University of Alabama Press) of her memoir Legacy of a False Promise: A Daughter’s Reckoning, due in October. The book is a family history which deals with her parents’ experience as left-wing activists in the ’30s and ’40s and her trauma when she learned of their political history just as the McCarthy Era was in full swing. Peggy looks forward to seeing everyone at our 50th.

Ron and Bunny Read McDowen

are next on the list. Her daughter recently became engaged and Brenda is in charge of pre- and post-wedding excursions.

Bill Alexander spends lots of time traveling the U.S. by car or train, restoring Model T Fords, and working with the Downeast Scenic Railroad in the Ellsworth area. The group is rehabilitating 30 abandoned miles of rail track and has acquired six railroad cars and a locomotive. Wife Julie retired from Thayer Hospital (now MaineGeneral), so more traveling, a bigger garden, and lots of relaxation are on tap. Peter Duggan has had contact with Ed Cragin, Bruce Marshall, and Rich Simkins. Peter and Mary spend two months in Naples, Fla. Pete is still involved with The Storm King School, which concentrates on the performing and visual arts with about 140 students. Pete is involved in education, health, and town planning, serving on a board representing each. He and Mary are also active in philanthropic activities where everything flows out and nothing but satisfaction comes back.

Last fall (Pat Farnham Russell) reconnected with Jo Littlefield Jones, Pam Taylor, and Jean Kouchak-Young. We attended a concert at UMO and then had dinner at my new digs here in Hampden, Maine. Rolie and I are very happy in our “cottage” in a retirement village, a five-minute walk from our son, Jeff ’87. We are officially snowbirds and will return north to Millinocket and our beloved summer cottage for the warmer months.

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ALUMNI AT LARGE

have returned from Santa Fe, a place they both love. Ron is a wonderful photographer and has been doing a lot of exploring. They spent a day at the Acoma Pueblo, which is perched on a mesa 370 feet high. In early February Bunny and her sister, Ginger, went to Guatemala for two weeks with Friendship Bridge, a microcredit organization that gives loans to women to begin small businesses. They spent most of the time in villages on Lake Atitlan, in Nebaj, and in Antigua. • Pen Williamson had a ball rowing in the Head of the Charles regatta last October in the veterans class (next to the oldest!); he was happy to finish in the top 25, cheered on by lots of students in the Colby tent! • Bill ’62 and Barb Haines Chase went to Honduras in October with a medical team of 20 from New England. They worked in five locations, some far outside the city of Danlí. They treated about 1,000 people for various problems. In November they traveled to New Orleans with a group to help with reconstruction. They were a group of 21, some skilled, some not (that would be me, says Barb). They worked on three homes damaged or destroyed by Katrina. In many parts of the city and surrounding areas, there has been only 85-percent recovery. She goes on to say, “I believe that most of the U.S. thinks that all is well there—it isn’t so.” • Bob and Beth Simonds Branson moved to Venice, Fla., last year and enjoy their life there. • Jim and Anne Quirion Connaughton live in Virginia. Anne spent the last several months preparing their house in the Shenandoah for sale. She went to Home Depot so often they offered her a job! In 2009 they hope to visit the home they built in France many years ago. Their daughter and son-in-law live in Paris, where he will have an exposition of his art in April. It was great talking with them after 20 years! • Jim Westgate says, from Thailand, that he has two water buffalos! • Your correspondent is trying to stay healthy and will go to Mexico with her yoga class in March. I thank you for your news and look forward to hearing from you often. Best wishes for a great spring!

1964

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AUTHOR, AUTHOR!! Pam Plumb Carey, Delray Beach, Fla., has published her first book: Minor League Mom: A Mother’s Journey through the Red Sox Farm Teams. It recounts “the chronicle of stamina” Pam and Charlie ’63 endured as they experienced their two sons’ progress through the six levels of professional baseball leading up to Fenway Park from 1992 to 1999. It is available from Amazon.com in paper (affordable, says Pam) and the Colby Bookstore. “Now, on to the next one!” • Jim Foritano, Cambridge, Mass., writes for Artscope—New England’s Cultural Magazine. An arts magazine published by the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, it’s “available at most art galleries, public and private,” writes Jim. “I would love to hear from classmates about matters artistic and non.” • Tom Donahue, Denison, Texas, takes “courses that appeal to me, history mostly, and do a lot of writing relating to my reading and travels. That and taking care of animals and this property definably fill my days until it’s time to kayak and sail again.” Tom spent some tourist time last December in Hannibal, Mo., and focused on the Mark Twain attractions. “I had the place to myself in the sleet and cold. All that Twain describes in the two novels that start there is plainly visible yet.” • Jane “Jemmie” (Michener ’66) and Matt Riddell enjoy life in Hendersonville, N.C., where Matt is golf operations manager for a local country club. They enjoyed a cruise to Alaska in 2008 and “spoiling five grandchildren.” • Lew Krinsky, Houston, Texas, was elected national chair of American Friends of Magen David Adom in October 2008. This is the American affiliate of the official Red Cross organization in Israel. MDA operates Israel’s national blood bank and a fleet of 700 ambulances. Lew led a delegation to Israel in February to review needs relating to the recent rocket attacks. • A Christmas card note from Sunny Coady, New London, N.H., recounted her tale of a Zimbabwe safari adventure last October with Rick and Nancy Winslow Harwood, East Lyme, Conn. They visited Johannesburg, Soweto, and Seychelles “for a week of sailing, snorkeling, and exploring the wildlife and beaches.” Then they went to game parks in South Africa and Zimbabwe. They helicoptered over Victoria Falls. • Nick Locsin has moved into the Woolwich, Maine, house. You may recall he spent much of the time on our 40th reunion Portland harbor cruise in lengthy phone negotiations about this project. Now a short 48 months later they have moved in. “The quality of life can’t be beat and I plan to do some deep water fishing this spring/summer.” • John ’63 and Nancy Godley Wilson, Lexington, Mass., spent 10 months planning and building a year-round home on Deer Isle, Maine, they plan to use four to five months a year. “We cleared the land ourselves with the help of a forester.” They attended John’s 45th at Colby last June. • Ruth and Harold Kowal report from Brighton, Mass. “I will take a few minutes off from watching my retirement account go further into the tank to reply to your request for news. In 2008 about all I accomplished was to have installed two new knees. Now the pain is gone but I have not regained my
old 100-yard dash speed, which if truth be told, was not all that fast anyway. So here is a question for our class: who still has all of their original parts? One of these days, and I hope it’s soon, we’ll both retire. I hope you are well.” • Well, your correspondent has all his original parts. Some are in the Tooth Fairy box, but I have them.” Hope you do too. Hail, Colby, Hail.

1966
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Ah—news from classmates not recently, or in some cases ever, heard from! Sue Haber Babash, at Colby just for her freshman year, is preparing to retire after 15 years as controller for Nexus Software in Raleigh, N.C. She and husband Bill did a Viking River cruise on the Rhine from Amsterdam to Basel last October to celebrate 45 years of marriage, and a Danube cruise from Budapest to Nuremberg the year before. Highly recommended, says Sue. • Phil MacHale of Bronxville, N.Y., writes, “My kids don’t want to see me, my books aren’t selling, I’m off to China to teach by Crowley and Lodge is Ellie’s bible on how to live these next 30 years in good health. (Required reading for the Class of ’66?)

Like (pronounced Lika) do some travel as well. Emerald City, London, Berlin with their 40th anniversary last year with a trip to live these next 30 years in good health.


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Do you remember crowding around that TV in Runnals to watch The Beatles on Ed Sullivan? Remember laughing when they sang: “Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I’m 64.” Ah, how times have changed, and this year most of us will actually be 64.

Charlotte Killam has served as library board chairman in Greenwich, N.Y., and last summer her church activities included being in charge of the Summer Interfaith project, which served lunch in the park every day to about 150 children. The economic climate meant that there were more children than ever before. She’s travelled to California to visit family and went to Israel for a week with a group of friends in February. • Larry Sears started a new career as a professional counselor and will work for Family Services of El Paso, Texas. Larry made his way Down East last summer and had an informal reunion with Steve Dock and Dick Hunnewell. • In 2008 Betty Coffey Gross celebrated her 40th anniversary, her parent’s 70th anniversary, her mother’s 90th birthday, her father’s 94th, and her brother’s 65th! She and her husband, Mike, spend May to October at their place on Unity Pond (Maine). In the winter, for a diversion, she works with other retired teachers and does NEAP testing in Connecticut for the federal government.

Bill Loweth has been active, busy, and successful. Bill transferred to Syracuse and graduated with a degree in business and then went into development for an independent school. For the past 25 years Bill and his wife have lived in Houston, where Bill has started several insurance companies and has enjoyed being a Texan. He now spends much time with his two grandchildren. Good to hear from you, Bill. • Bob and Kathy Denely Lewis were among the many folks in southern New Hampshire who were without electricity after the big ice storm in December. They woke up Friday morning to the pops and crashes of trees but no power. They made it through the first night in front of the fireplace and quickly went through their meager supply of wood. Then they’d had enough. They packed up, drained the pipes, emptied the fridge, and headed off to Conn., where they stayed with daughter Jen until the lights went on in N.H. again. • Mark and Sue Barden Johnson celebrated a number of family anniversaries and birthdays and enjoyed their children and grandchildren at the holidays. They hiked through Wales with Country Walkers in June 2008 and spent another week around London tracing the family tree. Sue can now trace her family unbroken to 1300, and from there to 105 in Kent. She was thrilled to spend a day searching for the town of Borden (pre-American spelling of her maiden name). Mark was thrilled to have survived driving on the left side of the road for a week. They put another 100-plus miles on their hiking boots hiking the Arizona Trail as part of their preparation for hiking in and out of the Grand Canyon in October. “To fund these adventures, Mark and I remain employed, and probably will be until our 401ks get back on track (in 2020).” • Perhaps you noted the big event in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20. Michel (Mike) and Pam Cooper Picher watched it in style, since they had a connection. Their son Jean-Michel ’96 was deputy director of events for the inauguration. But Jean-Michel wasn’t their only Colby connection in Washington. Michel and Pam joined Phyllis Jablert at the Canadian embassy and watched the parade from a rooftop balcony. Michel kept Dick Lemiux updated on events well into the evening when they attended the Neighborhood Ball. • We’re getting older, and a few of us are losing our hair, but we know you’re out there experiencing life to the fullest. So, if you’d like to read about the Class of ’67 in the next issue, please do as the Beatles say and, “Send me a postcard, drop me a line / Stating point of view / Indicate precisely what you mean to say / Yours sincerely, wasting away…”

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Mary Jo Calabrese Baur writes, “In October, Steve Campbell and I and my older daughter spent 10 days in Sicily and found it an fascinating island. An incredible history and many sites to see from Greek temples to Roman mosaics and beautiful weather too. Great food was another plus. What a wonderful trip!” • Barbara Brown still resides in Eagle, Idaho, a rural community that is rapidly changing into a California/Seattle transplant area with an “artsy” quality to it. “My youngest daughter is getting married in Boise this summer. I love the new wedding traditions (actually lack of traditions). Allows people to be creative about this important event. Waiting impatiently for golf season to start anew. Plan to do a little snowshoeing soon.” • Ken Lane writes, “I’m in my 33rd year of medical practice (anesthesiology)—a career that has taken me through Boston, San Diego, Bozeman, Mont., Grand Junction, Colo., a city which shall remain nameless in the central valley of Calif., and now to Santa Fe, N.M. (which I hope is the last stop). Our big
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Railroad Square Cinema in Waterville will feature Huey: The Evolution of a Maine Filmmaker, about filmmaker Huey Coleman ’70, at a weekend MIFF (Maine International Film Festival) in the Morning screening. Coleman, longtime director of the Maine Student Film and Video Festival, will be on hand to show clips from his work.

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys News featured Martin Womer ’75 in a cover story that recognized his thoughtful contributions to the NAELA e-mail list. Woman’s practice, in southern Maine, focuses on elder law. The story says Womer uses the list “as a means of furthering his own education of elder law.”

Electronic Liquidity Exchange (ELX) appointed Karen Ogulnick ’76 as vice president and director of project management. Ogulnick has been an officer at the New York Mercantile Exchange, OnExchange, and the American Stock Exchange. Said Neal Wolkoff, chief executive officer of ELX, “Karen’s breadth of expertise will be highly valuable as ELX deploys technology that we believe will set the standard for fast, efficient execution of electronic trades.”

Richard Uchida ’79 received the New Hampshire Bar Association’s L. Jonathan Ross Award for Outstanding Commitment to Legal Services for the Poor. The Concord Monitor featured a profile on Uchida titled “The King of Compromise: Prominent land-use attorney commands respect, even from opponents.”

MILESTONES


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June 4 is just around the corner, and I’m hoping to see many of you on campus during Reunion Weekend! • Cherrie Dubois is an adjunct English professor at Salem State College in Massachusetts and is a library trustee in her hometown of Reading. Currently she is working with the Friends of the Library on their annual house tour to be held in May. She is also a volunteer driver for people who need transportation to medical appointments and is considering other volunteer opportunities for the future. Cherrie enjoys a recently completed addition to her home that includes a beamed family room/library with a circa-1750 look, an upstairs room, and an enclosed three-season porch. • I received a brief note from Eddie Woodin, whom we will be seeing at our reunion. As you saw in the last edition of Colby, Eddie was recently named the Scarborough Leader’s “Great Person” for his dedication and contribution to charitable organizations worldwide. Four years ago Eddie, an avid birder since he was 8 years old, started the organization Friends of Birds and Nature, whose mission is to protect bird habitats, and this year he started a program to provide birdseed to older adults who no longer can afford to buy seed to fill their birdfeeders. • Dave Noonan hopes to make it to reunion, his first since our 25th. He is in touch with Jon and Paula Joseph Eustis, and they expect to attend reunion as well. Although Dave trades Christmas cards with Dave Blair, he hasn’t spoken to him in quite awhile, but it appears he and his family are doing well. Dave Noonan’s life is very good in San Diego, where he practices law. His business litigation practice, (Kirby Noonan Lance & Hoge) has 20 attorneys who have been together since 1976 with offices over-looking Petco Park (home of the Padres) and San Diego Bay. Dave and his wife, Barbara, have four children—Tim graduated from the University of Arizona, is married, and works in commercial real estate; Sara graduated from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, works for Dave, and is applying to law school; Colleen is a sophomore majoring in business at Loyola Marymount in LA; and Kevin, a junior in high school, plays football on a team that won the California state championship last December. Dave doesn’t see retirement soon but says the law practice is still fun. Dave has a vacation home in Park City, Utah, for skiing and winter experiences. • In October I “semi-retired” from Concord Hospital in Concord, N.H., and relocated to Brunswick, Maine. I still go to Concord two days a week to do some follow-up work, but am enjoying extra-long weekends and joining my wife, Pam, in exploring and learning about the mid-coast region of Maine. I look forward to seeing many of you on campus in June!

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Looking forward to our 40th reunion in June 2010? Planning begins soon. In the meantime, if you haven’t been featured in our class column within the last few weeks, please e-mail your update! • Joani Katz writes from Newton, Mass., that she is hopeful about the new administration. She continues to develop her geriatric care management solo practice and plays tennis when not injured. She saw Debbie Anderson McPhail, Ben Kravitz, Bill Aldrich, Charles Terrell, and Anne Pomroy among others this year. Joani continues to help with the Colby Fund and enjoys catching up with folks during her fundraising. • In October Debbie Anderson McPhail resigned as director of the senior care program at Overlake Hospital, a community-based program for seniors, which she designed and built up for more than 22 years. Debbie volunteers as a community organizer, putting together an innovative new approach to aging, and has a small consulting practice called Innovations in Aging. Husband Michael develops ultrasound software for handhelds. Daughter Holly teaches English as a Second Language in Vietnam, and daughter Kim is a sophomore at University of San Diego. Debbie enjoyed getting together with Joani Katz and Anne Pomroy in the last few years. If you are in the Seattle area, contact Debbie at d-anderson@att.net. • Bill Aldrich’s 60th birthday inspired him to join the 37th RAGBRAI (Register’s Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa) with more than 15,000 cyclists biking across Iowa from west to east: 580 miles over seven days. One day he joined a “ratherrowybunch of fun-loving 20-somethings.” Bill continues, “I saw the damage that the June floods had done to western Iowa. I saw how the production of ethanol is wasting water and polluting the watertable. I also met lots of friendly people.” Bill encourages others to participate in future RAGBRAI rides. • Mike Self’s son, David, passed the bar and practices in Charlotte, N.C. Daughter Alllyson works at a home for troubled youth in Asheville. Mike wonders whether she could have helped the “troubled youth” at DKE during the ’70s. Mike enjoys a life of leisure in Charlotte, where he keeps an eye on the Red Sox and Colby hockey.

Martha Belden Kleinerman lives in Providence and is back in the legal profession, this time as a paralegal at a firm in nearby Massachusetts. She is also pursuing her avocation of raising dogs. • Terry Halbert has shifted from faculty to admin at Temple University, where she is now director of the new general education program. Her favorite part of GenEd is the way it mixes students’ experiences in Philadelphia with the new courses, and its themes of sustainability and community-based learning. “This is something like overlaying Colby’s Program II (1968 experimental program allowing 25 of us to invent our own curriculum) onto a huge urban research university. A good job for an old hippie.” • We’re looking forward to catching up with all the old hippies in June 2010. Mark Zaccaria reminds us that Jack Wood, who lives in Switzerland and visits the States only once a year, plans to attend. Mark wonders whether Ken Stead and Bob Kaufman might gossip about you, Jack, if you aren’t there to defend yourself. Perhaps there is Pepper Hall antique dirt to dish? Seriously folks—if Jack can attend from Switzerland, those of us within driving distance have no excuse whatsoever! • In the meantime, please e-mail your updates. The Class of 1970 wants to hear from you!
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Picking up where I left off in the last column, I can now report that I did have a wonderful long chat with Tom Gallant. Aside from his demanding medical career, he is passionately involved in the world of motorcycles and enjoys long-distance journeys across the country and up into Canada. Even during the cold winters in Wisconsin, he decks himself out against the elements and heads out. • Roger Shell writes in as a “longtime listener, first-time caller,” and has appreciated with enthusiasm reading about our classmates over the years. He is now the senior and managing partner of a prominent New Jersey cardiology group as well as being on the teaching staff of Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, N.J. His hard works allows him to play hard as well: skiing, tennis, and golf. He enjoys chasing his 5-year-old grandson around, and last fall he ventured with his wife to Tuscany to perfect their culinary skills. His three grown children conquered Mt. Kilimanjaro recently. Anyone passing through Princeton, N.J., is welcome to stop by. • From France Jacques Hermant reports that he and his wife are a host family for children who have to undergo major heart surgery. They have had children from Mali, Senegal, and Iraq. Jacques heads to Vietnam this spring to conduct a seminar in strategic banking. • Martha Smith Mickles continues as lead photographer for Lifetouch, Maine, which takes her all over the state supervising photographers of K-12 students, making sport images and senior portraits. In her spare time she does freelance photo work. Her partner, Calien Lewis, has offered Martha the opportunity to be a grandmother twice over, and she thoroughly enjoys the experience. She sees Donald “Nipper” Harding ’72, Kiki O’Connell ’68, and Emily Eaton Moore fairly frequently and looks forward to finding Leslie Anderson and Duncan Hewitt. She tells us that life on the other side of 60 continues to be fun and fulfilling. She and her partner celebrated Martha’s 60th by going to the U.K. to hear the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in King’s College Chapel on Christmas Eve. • Jon Weems ’70 updates us on Aaron Rhodes, who was in our class for one year before he transferred to Reed College. Aaron graduated from Reed in ’71 and earned a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He is an internationally known human rights activist who has lived in Vietnam since 1991. From 1993 to 2007 Aaron was executive director of the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights. He’s been active with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. He’s an essayist and frequent speaker at universities and NGO meetings. In 2008 Aaron was made a citizen of Austria for his “contributions to the Republic.” • Jon Stone loves being a grandfather. He has officially retired from the corporate world and plans to travel and consult for the next six months before deciding on his next challenge. Anyone heading south to Florida is welcome to visit. • Mark and Linda Ruggles Hiler sent me a link to a Morning Sentinel article acknowledging Coach Dick Whitmore’s 600th win in his 38th year as the Colby men’s basketball coach. Go Team! Go Dick! • I reconnected with Steve ‘69 and Debbie Williams Anderson ’70 at a surprise birthday party for Debbie, which was a wonderfully warm and happy occasion. I hear regularly from Faith Tiberio Dougherty, Nancy Neckes Dunhart, Bill Simons, and Harry Tamule. • Thank you all so much for writing. It’s your news that makes it our news.

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Carolyn “Lindy” Dewey moved from Norwich, Vt., to Whitefish, Mont., and loves “creating a life with outdoor recreation at the heart of it in and around an area called the ‘crown jewel of North America,’ Glacier National Park.” Her three sons are grown and live mostly in the Seattle area, where she visits often and she feels blessed with a 2-year-old granddaughter. She continues to study and practice touch therapies, primarily craniosacral, myofascial, and polarity therapies. “Life is good, actually life is awesome!” She hopes that time has blessed her classmates with “good health, a great family, a love for life, and enduring friendships that surprisingly get rekindled.” • Janet Holm Gerber’s oldest son works as an assistant golf professional in the Palm Springs, Calif., area and just went back to college to begin an architecture program. Her youngest son graduates in May from Vanderbilt University, where he studies music and business. Janet continues to love her work in administration at a local independent Episcopal school. In her free time she is trying to put a legitimate golf game together, chip away at projects in her beloved 1920s home, and tries “to laugh about the aging process!” She regularly sees Dave and Liz Ross Withnell, who are busy with their government law careers and their four children. • George Peabody has 35 years of experience in water treatment applications for electric power plants, which earned him a return trip to Europe as the power market technical director for Nalco Co. “Would you have guessed the useful durability of a Colby degree in chemistry?” His wife, Robin (Sweeney) ’74, and he moved from Colorado to The Hague, Netherlands, in August and expect to be there three to four years. He writes, “The Hague is a great small city to live in: friendly, full of parks, and easy to get around in. Happily, nearly all of the Dutch speak English!” He travels throughout Europe to support power customers, working with his local sales and service organization. • Mike Amster has been living in Concord, Mass., for the past 18 years. He’s in disbelief that he has finally joined the ranks of his classmates with a son who is a college graduate! His environmental health and safety company is in its 10th year. Since his 50th birthday he has run 17 marathons, three half Ironmans, and one Ironman. (You go, Mike!) • Lee Hobbs Steege attended Colby for two years before moving on to other colleges. Because to her learning disabilities, “It took me six colleges and 12 years to finish my undergraduate degree.” She worked for over 30 years as a medical technologist and married Steve Steege ’70 in 1982. They have two sons, Eric and Brian. “Steve and I are both retired and split our time between Ossipee Lake Freedom, N.H., and Boca Raton, Fla.” They keep in touch with Kathy McGirr and Linda Warren Simmons and would love to hear from Pat De Berry Nordstrom. • And finally, my husband, Steve, and I both still enjoy retirement and our time together. We spend a great deal of our time visiting our two daughters. We spent Thanksgiving and Christmas in Colorado visiting and skiing with our daughter, Kaylen. In March we went to Costa Rica for two weeks to visit our other daughter, Corrie, who is a teaching assistant in the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve. • May 2009 be a wonderful year for everyone—things can only get better! Love well, laugh often, love much!

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Hi everyone! It’s strange to write this column on the last day of January, knowing that you will read this after the deep freeze is behind us. Just as the animals slow down and some hibernate in the winter, so have some of us. I thank everyone who peeked out long enough to drop me a line. • Morrie Herman described his first-ever family cruise over Christmas. Morrie, his wife, and three teenage sons had adventures that included zip-lining 300 feet over a Honduran forest and cave tubing through underground caves in Belize. Morrie and his wife look forward to being empty-nesters next year with two sons in university now and their youngest entering in the fall. • Ward Briggs writes from Colorado that “life is good.” He works part time on his business, WBC-Ward Briggs Creates, partly through his Web site, www.WardBriggs.com, and partly through publishing. He encourages everyone to visit his site, where he creates wealth by giving. • Lisa Kehler Bubar writes with excitement about her new home in Durham, N.H., that she and James ’72 built and moved into last April. At Christmas Josh Bubar ’93 and Beth Cronin ’93 and John Bubar ’68 joined Lisa and James in their new home. Lisa says the Bubar B&B is open to Colby friends from near and far. Lisa and James went to North Carolina in October to Cap’n Rick’s Pig Pickin’, an annual event at the home of long-time friend Rick Leslie ’72. Before the party even started, Lisa, forgetting how steps work (their new house has none), slipped off a stair and broke her foot. The emergency room fixed her up so she didn’t miss a step (so speak) at the pig roast. • Janet Gillies Foley enjoyed our 35th reunion—her first time back to Colby since the 15th. Janet, Barb Powers, and Janice Johnson Petersen stayed at Chris Hannon’s sister’s home on the coast and commuted to reunion activities while taking the opportunity to catch up on old news. From this event, they made plans for another reunion later in the summer at Janice’s home in Rockport when Janice was venturing east again. The quality of this Colby friendship is a theme in Janet’s message, and she describes how amazed they all are at how much time can elapse between visits but they can pick up conversation where they left off—and how she will always treasure these friends as family. • Janet’s sentiment leads me to my last entry for this column. The quality of Colby friendships. Last week Debbie Mael Mandino, Chris Mattern Way, Jackie Nieneber Appeldorn, and I traveled to Durham, N.H., and spent the weekend at the Bubar B&B with James ’72 and Lisa Kehler Bubar. It was a wonderful reunion and, as Janet described above, a chance to reconnect. The Bubar’s home is unforgettable; an oasis for all of us. We played about as much bridge as we did in a typical weekend at Colby and simultaneously caught up with each other’s lives. James slaved over the stove, treating us to the most amazing homemade breads, pizzas, and smoked fish. The most notable of his creations was homemade pistacho frosted (yes, he roasted the pistachios himself) on the homemade chocolate cake. Wonderful French wine, naturally, accompanied all dishes. We left feeling connected and lucky to have such wonderful lifetime friends. • A reminder: it’s important to give Colby your current e-mail address. It helps class officers keep everyone informed. You can update your contact information in the Colby Alumni Network at www.colby.edu/ alumni and clicking on the CAN link.
in Europe, or coming to visit, can contact Robin at 46eklane@gmail.com. • Shelley Bieringer Rau has changed jobs and is now the occupational therapist at a small, rural elementary school in Leeds, Maine. She works with children with everything from physical disabilities to learning disabilities to autism. Her office mate, the school counselor, is Colby Class of 1980. Daughter Adrienne works at Akamai in Cambridge, Mass., providing back-end Internet services to companies like Amazon and Yahoo. Son Lucas is a high school choral music teacher in Middletown, N.Y., and performs with the Santa Fe Desert Chorale in the summer. Shelley’s husband, Rick, works as a psychologist with a family practice in Portland. They continue to enjoy their log home in Turner, Maine. • Harriet Huils King and her husband practice family law in Burlington, Vt. Their son attended the Colby basketball camp and was on the all-star team. He will graduate from Cardigan Mountain School in New Hampshire and will probably attend a New Hampshire boarding school for tenth grade. Her daughter, an eighth-grader, is starting to play the electric guitar. She is looking to soundproof the house! • Linda Krohn has a new job working for a State Farm Insurance agency less than two miles from her home. Her daughter, Lindsey Vonn, continues to wow the skiing world with wins in a variety of races around the globe, including this year’s World Cup overall and downhill championships. • Deborah Watthen Finn participated in the CAN Career Services Weekend at Colby, where she did a mock interview with a student and served as a moderator for an international-related careers panel. One student asking for advice was the daughter of Dave ’75 and Susie Benson tumbl ’75. Deb also attended the Colby-Middlebury football game and saw Colby win. She joined Gail and Remi Browne and their daughter, Christie ’10, as they cheered on their son, Ben ’12. Deb then spent the evening at Vicki Parker Kozak’s renovated “camp” on the Belgrade Lakes and enjoyed time with Vicki and Jill Gipps Richard and her daughter, Robin. The highlight of Deb’s year was an invitation to join a delegation of women executives from the construction and development industry on a nine-day trip to Israel in November. • Art Bell didn’t send me information on what he is doing, but he sent updates on Sten “Rocky” Goodhope and Howie “Beam” Lazar. While the rest of us were sitting down to Thanksgiving dinner last November, Rocky was sailing across the Atlantic in a 48-foot sailboat, taking part in the annual Atlantic Rally for Cruisers. Rocky’s boat, Amulet, finished 37th in its class. He was at sea for more than 13 days with more than 200 boots sailing from the Canary Islands to St. Lucia in the Caribbean. Rocky reports that “the Atlantic was a piece of cake—we had an uninteresting Atlantic crossing—wishes for more wind and a stronger spinnaker”—and the fact that “rum is cheaper than tonic makes for a powerful cocktail hour!” Howie continues to thrive as an attorney in Alaska and had some modest accomplishments in 2008: He broke 80 several times on the golf course, had only one trial in 2008 (but kept his 13-year trial win streak), and modestly admits he “wasn’t very good at catching fish this past year.” He did have one memorable day last July when his kids landed a 32-pound king salmon, a 40-pounder, and a Lazar-family-record 60-pound king salmon. Art, Rocky, and Howie will attend our 35th class reunion in June, and we hope the rest of our readers will join us in Waterville.

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Thank you for the new year’s e-mail from new and old contributors. • Rich Whitercar is retired and enjoyed working the press box for the Philadelphia Eagles for the past three seasons and keeping an active membership in the Sea Isle City, N.J., Polar Bear Club. • Laurie Fitts Loosigian loves her work at the service learning program at Phillips Exeter. After making her last college tuition payment and celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary, she and Wayne are in the process of owning a small apple orchard in southern New Hampshire. They planned to visit their youngest daughter, Emma, in Panama, where she is completing her McGill undergraduate work. Daughter Megan ’05 is teaching at a children’s book written and illustrated by Cape Ann native Virginia Lee Burton (her husband’s aunt). Pam was excited by the production, which brought art, music, and Gloucester together to sell-out crowds. • Many classmates wrote about family travels last year. Susie Gearhart Wuest spent 10 days visiting in London while offering support for 25-year-old son, Eric, a professional violinist who was in a competition. She and husband Paul traveled to Poland to meet newfound relatives and sightsee throughout

Leading Leaders | Alicia Rodriguez ’78

In her career as an executive leadership coach, Alicia Rodriguez ’78 waits for what she calls, the “Aha! moment”—the instant when her client “gets it.” Rodriguez works both with leaders who want to lead better and people who are moving into leadership positions for the first time. She helps clients to see how they are perceived by others.

“Coaching is a way of thinking,” said Rodriguez, who has spent more than 20 years coaching executives and started her own firm, Sophia Associates, in 2000. “I try to help people stand in a different place that they have never seen before,” said Rodriguez. “It’s like taking a snapshot of a person and showing them how they are being perceived.”

So, how does an executive coach or, as Rodriguez calls it, a “wisdom partner,” do her job?

From her home near Annapolis, Maryland, Rodriguez recounted a situation involving a company president who struggled with worker morale and decided to seek advice. Rodriguez surveyed the staff and discovered that employees felt their boss (Rodriguez’s client) “cut them off at the knees” during company meetings, making them feel inadequate and disrespected. The company president was genuinely surprised. She told Rodriguez she never meant to be domineering, she simply wanted to set a structured pace during meetings. Together, Rodriguez and this executive discussed ways to incorporate employee input into her tight schedule. “It’s the difference between giving someone a fish versus teaching someone how to fish. I work to build self-awareness.”

Rodriguez encourages clients to consider the context of their position within the culture of their organization. Rodriguez encourages what she calls “noticing”—teaching people to stop, to listen, and to consider their place in a situation. She encourages clients to notice the working atmosphere around them in order to perform their jobs better. “Is that really how you want to live your moments, your life?” is a question she asked in her 2007 book, EveryDay Epiphanies: Insights for Living with Purpose (Sophia Associates, Inc.). She follows that question with: “Because if it is not, what are you waiting for?” —Robin Respaut ‘07
the country. • (Rev. Dr) Peter Luckey spent five weeks last fall in India preaching to local congregations and visiting schools, mission sites, and orphanages. A highlight of the trip was meeting a child that their family had been sponsoring for the last 10 years. • Sarah Rosenberg still lives and works in Portland, Ore., but had just returned from a three-week family trip to Italy. • Marty Womer celebrated his fifth-year anniversary with his wife, Mary Keefe, and the first-year anniversary of his law firm in Kennebunk, Maine. He was on the February cover for the National Academy of Elder Law Attorney News. Marty spent two weeks visiting in Scandinavia including tracing his roots in Sweden. Marty has set up a Facebook group for the Class of 1975 and encourages classmates to participate.

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It was great hearing from and conversing with so many of our classmates in the past month. Patti Stoll reports that after a 25-year career in banking and investment management, she made the career jump into philanthropy. She is now deputy director of the Harvard NeuroDiscovery Center, a Harvard Medical School-affiliated biomedical research group focused on curing neurodegenerative diseases including Parkinson’s, MS, ALS, and Alzheimer’s. Patti’s role is marketing and fundraising. “It’s a terrific cause, and I welcome classmates to be in touch if interested in what we’re doing to tackle these truly devastating diseases!”

• Last summer Chris McKeown Burry had a great trip sailing 4,000 miles roundtrip from Chesapeake Bay to Newfoundland and back. In December she attended a neighborhood Christmas party and was introduced to the new neighbors who had just bought a home on her street: Bill Yoder and his wife, Lorri. More evidence, as Chris says, that “it is a small Colby world.” Chris continues to work at the Pentagon as an assistant deputy under the Secretary of Defense. She found it very interesting watching the transition to the new administration from close up.

• Melanie Doralin Green looks forward to attending Colby’s commencement this year, when her son, Kevin ’09, will graduate. Kevin is a computer science major and hopes to find a job in the Boston area. He is a competitive downhill mountain bike racer and he joined four other Colby students last fall at Sunday River for the ECCC mountain bike races, placing third in the downhill race (for Division I and II), and helping Colby win the Division II fall series. A few weeks later Kevin placed fifth in the DII downhill race at the nationals at Banner Elk, N.C. Melanie’s younger son, Connor, plays football at Middlebury. Daughter Kirby is out of school working in Boston. Melanie regularly sees Janet McLeod Rosenfield, who also has a daughter at Colby. Melanie lives in Wellesley, Mass., and works at Harvard with Vicki Johnson.

• Finally, I prodded my Colby roommate, Michael Rieck, into giving us an update. Mike is associate professor of computer science at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He’s been “stuck in Iowa” for the past nine years, but says being at Drake has turned out to be a very nice opportunity. Mike teaches mostly computer science, with an occasional math class tossed in. “I’m always hoping to give the students a sense of the enjoyment of the material that I first got from my good old profs back at Colby. When advising and mentoring, I sometimes think of my advisor at Colby, Professor Roger Metz, who encouraged me and went out of his way to help find opportunities for me. I’ll always be grateful to him and the whole Colby family.”

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Stephen Miller writes, “I’ve lived in the Tampa, Fla., area for 25 years now. My wife, Terri, son Max, 17, and I have lived on the beach in Treasure Island for 11 years. Quite a contrast to the frigid four years on Mayflower but somehow we manage.” Stephen owns a CPA firm in Tampa and works with medical and law practices. He also plays in a couple of bands. The Jammin’ Jews play religious music at Temple while Babs and the Morphys plays more secular music.

• Jennifer Meade moved to Walsdorbo, Maine, in December 2006 to be closer to her family. She works part time at an investment firm. Last summer she met up with Shirley Kydd Bastien ’49 when Jennifer and her mother were holding a Haitian arts and crafts sale at Shirley’s church in Skowhegan. Ray and Leslie Stiller Kissner are empty nesters and enjoying it. Daughter Emily ’08 lives in Portland, Maine. Their eldest son, Ben, is a junior at Johns Hopkins, majoring in mechanical engineering, and Andrew is a freshman at Kenyon, where he plays lacrosse. Leslie saw Izzie Rex Mackie a few months ago and “it was great to catch up and remember how silly we were so long ago.” • Martin G. Connolly writes that he has had some rough times. He is a recovering alcoholic and sober for a year and a half. Since graduating from Colby, he attended the New England School of Law before deciding journalism was his calling. While working at papers throughout the country, among them the Miami Herald, Boulder Daily Camera, Rocky Mountain News, and Lowell Sun, Martin was nominated for and received several journalism awards for his work, which focused on political corruption, social injustice, and the plight of the underdog. He lives in Billings, Mont., having moved from Kansas City, Mo., where he was an investigative reporter for the Kansas City Star. During that time he cared for his father, who had Alzheimer’s. With an interest in Native American language and culture, he is looking to start a new life in Montana, although he notes that, “Bob Woodward would find it impossible to land a job as a newspaper reporter!” He adds a “hello” to Jana Kendall-Harrison, James and Grace Coddington Thrall, Lucinda Kearns Hepp, Gary Weaver ’68, any of the wonderful Joseph family, and all the faculty in the Philosophy Department. • Nancy Piccin and her 12-year-old daughter had a wonderful time together on a road trip from Spokane to Idaho to Flathead Lake, Mont., for a family reunion in August. • Thanks very much to all who wrote in with news. It’s great to hear from people who wrote for the first time!

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Sam Koch had another successful year with UMass soccer, making it back to the NCAA Tournament. Unfortunately they didn’t make it as far as the previous year, as they were knocked off by the Harvard Crimson. Sam was one of the final eight coaches for National Coach of the Year for the second year in a row and will receive the National Merit Award for the College Soccer Coach from the National Referees Association. Sam says that most of the refs responsible for his yellow and red cards received while coaching at Stanford must have retired before votes were cast.

• Emily Grout Sprague still teaches senior English at Watertown (N.Y.) High School and is the teacher/adviser for the yearbook. It brings back fond memories of putting together the Colby Oracle, and she looks forward to pulling out our old book at reunion this June. Emily sees Stacey Cox Slowinski and family frequently, as well as Betsy Bucklin Reddy. They had a wonderful time celebrating Betsy’s wedding to Jim Reddy in the summer of 2007 and were thrilled to spend time with Nick and Kim Rossi Nichols too. Emily’s daughter Caroline will graduate from Hamilton College in May and daughter Julia is a sophomore at St. Lawrence. Emily and husband Phil have dealt with the empty nest syndrome by working hard and playing harder and traveling when possible (Scotland last spring with her dad, Don Grout ’54, was the highlight). Nick Mencher and wife Joan are settling in nicely to the empty nest syndrome now that Catherine and Peter are in their respective schools and off-campus living situations.

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Congratulations to Dan Salimone and his wife, Leilani, on the Oct. 12, 2008, birth of their daughter Gabriella, who arrived 12 hours after the Salimones moved into their new house in Campbell, Calif. Dan has been a medical technical consultant for the past six years, specializing in sports medicine, and in his spare time he is a test pilot for Pearson Arrow Surfboards. Leilani is the operating room charge nurse at Camino Medical Group’s surgery center in Mountain View. Dan and Leilani are planning a trip to the Philippines to visit family, show off the kids (including Arianna, 3), and surf! • Tamara Hannah is still in Chicago but trying to spend as much time as possible in Miami. Her law practice specializes in all types of real estate as well as small business corporate entertainment matters. Anyone doing a small business tax deferred 1031 exchange should contact her. • Rachel Lavengood, Lisa Turner, and Lydia Mason had a mini reunion in June at Rachel’s cabin on Camano Island, Wash. In November Rachel hosted Amy Butcher, who was in Seattle to receive an award as one of the winners of the National Novel Writing Month. • Andy Miller has been in northern New Mexico for the past six months, where he is a drill rig geologist performing groundwater investigations. In late 2008 Andy passed a national exam allowing him to register as a geologist in numerous states. Look for him this summer on Cape Cod, where he’s helping several towns find and develop new drinking water supplies. • In January Cate Talbot Ashton had dinner at Colby with Jonathan Bees, who was helping his daughter move in after spending her first semester in Spain. Cate’s sons are first-years at Allegheny College and the University of New Hampshire. She reports that, after a semester of adjusting, empty nesting is not so bad! • Grace Koppelman Drown recently joined the middle school faculty at Hebron Academy, where she teaches English and advises the winter drama productions. • And congratulations to Pete Lee, who recently had his ninth short story accepted for publication. He reports
that all is well with the Seeley/Lee family. • I recently had a blast from the past with an e-mail from Katie Taylor Oxnard, who was a Pomona exchange student our junior year. Katie lives in Acton, Mass., and was on campus this fall helping her son move in for his freshman year. • Don’t forget, our 30th is just a year away: June 2010! Anyone wishing to help with the planning and organization should drop me a line and I’ll make sure you’re included.

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After visiting Colby during Parents Homecoming Weekend to see daughter Claire, a first-year, Lisa (Sukeforth ’84) and Jay Donegan were reminded how beautiful and special Colby is. “Claire is very happy at Colby,” says her dad, and “her experience will undoubtedly be different, and hopefully even more enjoyable and rewarding than ours.” • Another set of proud Colby parents are Dan ’80 and Liz Pizzuzo Ossoff, whose son Ben is a junior and a runner like his dad! Dan and Liz hosted a slew of Colbyites in November for their annual “Colby Friends Thanksgiving” right before the actual holiday. Visitors included Doug and Amy Parker Cook, Bruce and Ellen Reinhalter Shain, Deb (Zarella ’79) and Richard Dube, Marty MacMillin and husband George Plesko, Steve Finch ’83 and wife Ruth (sister of Amy Parker Cook), and Gary ’82 and Anne Edwards Westerman ’83. Members of this group who couldn’t attend are Cheryl Carr Holt, husband Norris and three kids, Iain Hoefle ’82, and Greg and Ginny Low Pomeroy. “We rotate it around to different people,” says Liz. “We also get together every summer for a weekend at a place nice and beachy!” Dan and Liz saw Ginny and Greg the following week for dinner in Boston, where Greg was presenting at an orthopedic surgeons’ conference. • Paulette Lynch, husband Ken, and their son Gabriel attended President Obama’s inauguration. • Milwaukeean Faith Bramhall Rodenkirk was pleasantly surprised to run into Chicagoan Sam Weiser, who was officiating a meet at Faith’s swim club, where their sons were competing. • Kim Hokanson has enjoyed using Facebook to connect with lots of classmates, including Joyce Cannell, Lynne Bruen Winter, Paulette Lynch, and Karen Sondergeld Whitney. • Nancy Welsh Isbell gets to see Leslie Breton often, since Leslie teaches math at Lawrence Academy in Groton, Mass., where Nancy’s son is a sophomore. • Next fall both of Jen Sears Supple’s sons will be attending Colby: Will ’12 and Jared ’13. • As for me, I’m on a mission to get back to my Colby graduation weight—without the goalie equipment!

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Greetings from Maine. I’ve enjoyed seeing Tracy and Michael Beland at ski races this winter. My husband, Jay, coaches his son, Jason, in the Sugarloaf weekend racing program. Mike built a ski house at the end of Fox Hollow Road in Redington. He has been building furniture and cabinets professionally since 1995. • Kathleen Nicholson Massey writes, “Over the holidays I enjoyed a fabulous vacation in Paris, where we rented an apartment. Along with family and friends we walked all over the city, visited museums and othersites, shopped at the local markets, and feasted on delicious food. The trip brought back great memories from Colby in Caen. I would love to hear from anyone living in or visiting NYC at kathleen.massey@dechert.com.” • Carolyn Berry Copp writes, “After a 35-year hiatus I’ve started taking piano lessons again, and I love it. I no longer have to set an egg timer for 30 minutes of practicing. I’ve brushed up on some of my classical favorites that I played when I was 13 (at the peak of my career), and I’ve moved on to some more contemporary. I still can’t play and sing at the same time, so a career as a lounge singer/player won’t be for me. Anyone interested in supporting my performance in this year’s Performance can find me on Facebook!” • Eric Ridgway reports, “I took my wife and two step-kids to Italy this past summer to meet my mother’s side of the family, who live in Sicily. While in Italy we climbed the highest mountain in Europe, Mount Etna, as well as the actively erupting volcano on Stromboli, watching the fiery red embers busting into the air at night. Absolutely awesome! Visited Venice, Florence, Rome, and Pisa and ate lots of fantastic Italian food.” • Sue Miller lives in Victor, Idaho, with her partner, Greg Collins, and two feisty cats. She continues to be a mountain guide and avalanche educator in the Tetons. Her biology degree is put to use in the spring with a bald eagle study on the Snake River. She also grows vegetables for the local farmers market. • Gae Savannah says if you’re into contemporary art and live in New York or New Jersey, come on down to the three-floor, 30,000-square-foot gallery she’s involved with in Newark: Rupert Ravens Contemporary (www.rupertravens.net). All media, nothing conventional! • From Susan Reese Krevat: “Husband Matthew ’80, my daughter, my two sons, and I went to Colby at the beginning of December. My older son went for an interview and we all went on the tour. The campus is amazing! I loved all the new facilities and amenities, like a panini making station in Roberts dining hall. I was particularly impressed with the new science building with its two greenhouses and a science library. On the tour we learned that biology is the most popular major at Colby. My husband made sure to bring all of us

AGENT OF CHANGE | JIM DONAHUE ’88

No one could accuse Jim Donahue ’88 of backing away from a new challenge. But a decade ago, no one could have predicted that the banker and teacher would apply his turnaround skills to the 18th century.

Donahue is president and chief executive officer of Old Sturbridge Village, in Massachusetts, one of the country’s largest living-history museums. While the museum recreates colonial life, running it has called on Donahue’s very modern business acumen. After graduating from Colby with a degree in economics, he began what might have been a typical career route by landing a job with Fleet Financial Group in his native Providence, R.I. But teaching a high school Junior Achievement class inspired him to stay in the classroom to teach sixth-grade math and science and to serve as assistant headmaster at a Providence charter school. Donahue led a merger of the school with a nonprofit, serving as CEO of both.

And then, in 2007, it was time for another challenge. The new century has not been kind to living-history museums in general. Even the granddaddy of them all, Colonial Williamsburg, sees only about half the visitor numbers it had during its peak in the 1970s. And Sturbridge Village had seen a drop from a peak of 750,000 to just 220,000 in 2006.

It was time for someone to turn things around, and Donahue was, in the words of the president of the Sturbridge Village board, “the perfect candidate.” Quickly, the organization moved toward interactive exhibits (visitors to Sturbridge now can make their own candles and hammer their own pewter dishes). “People are looking for new experiences beyond just going to see and read,” Donahue said. “It’s all part of adjusting to different tastes and learning what brings in families today.”

Under Donahue’s leadership, the museum saw annual attendance grow eight percent in 2008, from 228,000 to 240,000.

“We need to do what we do best,” he said, “which is to present the region’s history in a compelling way.”

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Hello friends. It’s truly my pleasure to offer some news. FYI: Colby is cooperating with the universe by simultaneously banning wordiness and tree-wasting. The result is that my column is shorter by design. I’m not at a loss for words, just the space to have them printed. • Avaiva Sapers is the CEO of the Boston-based insurance, benefits, and investment management firm Sapers & Wallack, located in Newton. She is growing her client base with the innovative thinking and strategies that have been passed down to her by two generations of Sapers who preceded her in running the family business, founded in 1932. Avaiva’s top priority is helping people find peace of mind during these uncertain economic times. Avaiva is mother to two boys, Ari, 6, and Jonah, 4. She also sits on the boards of the Commonwealth Institute, the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, the Jewish Community Relations Council, and the New England Chapter of the Family Firm Institute. She is on the Presidential Advisory Board for Berklee College of Music. Aviva would welcome the opportunity to help any classmate and can be reached at sapers@sapers-wallack.com for a free consultation. • Mair Sirakides Hill is officially a professional model for Bally Total Fitness. • Kelly Zajechowski Raghavan has lived in Bangalore, India, for five years, working as a consultant with Aperian Global, working in cross-cultural training. Hubby Badri hopes to launch a start-up in clean technology. Kelly’s kids, Maya, 8, Molly, 6, and Charlie, 5, begged Santa for a dog, but instead Santa brought them a small tank of fish. • My own roomies, Liz Murphy Kloak, saw Jim Plumr in December at her daughter’s ice hockey game in Conn. Jim coaches the Amherst College women’s hockey team, which is ranked number one in the country. Liz still works at Ramapo College part-time as a development officer, and her schedule gives her flexibility with the kids. • Chris Easton’s son, Robert, joined the John Bapt High School (Bangor, Maine) ski team. Colby connections are coach Ken Beland ’77 and Robert’s Volki skis, which were purchased from the Colby ski team. • Noble Carpenter’s son, Noble, a junior, played on the Bronxville High School varsity soccer team, which won the Division B New York state championship last fall. His daughter, Nicole, a sophomore, played on the varsity field hockey team, which lost in the Division B New York state semifinals. Noble caught up with Jonathan Baskin ’82 last year and recently with Nick Sliotch, Mike Federle ’81, and Tyger Nicholas in New York City. • Peter Stahl wrote with updated e-mail addresses. • Matt Smith and his wife, Jennifer, moved to southern Oregon. Matt took a new position with Hach Company as marketing manager for their life sciences business. Following a quick trip to Vienna for a European sales meeting, the Smiths drove across the United States to Ashland, a wonderful community that has grown up around its Shakespearean theater. Any Colby people out that way? • The Rick Manley and Deb Fanton clan is doing well. Rick is busy at Edwards Angell Palmer Dodge law firm and Deb owns and runs two retail stores. They’ve been completing college applications with their son, George, this fall and winter. Colby’s among the lucky schools to which George has applied. George, like his mom and dad, who have each run several marathons, ran Boston at 17 last spring. Deb ran half of it with George for support! • Cynthia M. Mulliken Lazara
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Hi everyone! I hope you all are doing well. I haven’t heard from anyone this quarter, so I will assume no news is good news. As you know, our 25th reunion is this June and I hope everyone who is available will come up to Colby. It will be tons of fun; the school has made a big effort to ensure a good time for everyone. Please make your plans to spend June 4-7 in Waterville! See you there! • Gretchen Bean Bergill
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Not a whole lot of news this time around but as we gear up for our 25th reunion in June 2010 I would like to point out that Cici Bevin Gordon has put together a Colby College Class of 1985 page on Facebook. It’s an open group, and Cici and I would like to encourage all Facebook users to join it. So far there is a growing collection of old, ’80s-era photos as well as another album of recent candid. No one seems to be identifying the faces in the candids, which may actually be more entertaining, as it makes for a good guessing game trying to remember everyone. As we get closer to the actual reunion the page should become a good resource for tracking attendance and announcing planned events. • Cici Bevin Gordon suggested people search Colby ’85 on Facebook as so many of us have pages now. • John “Gin Pup” Collins responded to my request for news by writing, “I don’t have any news but I do have a comment. I don’t mean to pick a fight with another class column, but did you read in a past issue where 1987 correspondent Scott “Fab” Lainer said that the Class of 1987 was the ‘coolest’ class at Colby? Naturally, I think the Class of 1985 was certainly a vintage class year for coolness along with some other primo classes like 1954 and 1975 (and who could ever forget those partyers in 1949?). Mary Low’s class was probably the coolest at the time—we, at least for Mary Low.” When I responded to John with news of my own, I mentioned that my oldest was just about to turn 13 and that my husband and I have been watching for horns to emerge on his normally angelic head and John responded, “I’m well into the children bearing horns stage. My 17-year-old left-wing daughter, Meaghan, is a senior in high school and will be attending Mount Holyoke in the fall. My 15-year-old son, Jack, is a laid back, shoulder length hair, year-round surfer who plays guitar and plays in various bands in our area (we live near the Jersey Shore). I’m an insurance attorney at American Express (in NYC). My wife, Maureen, does public relations for a private school in our area.” John and his son are looking forward to a trip Boston in May to catch the Mets playing the Red Sox, courtesy of Brad Whitaker. John said, “The Colonels was kind enough to get two tickets for me. (In 2000 my daughter and I stayed at the Colonels’ family in N.H. to help Gore during the primary. In 2004 my daughter and I went again to stay with the Whitakers, this time for Howard Dean. We figured we skip 2008 and not jinx Obama—and it worked.” • That’s all this time. I hope to hear from more of you soon. • Henrietta “Hank” Yelle
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How Beth Schwartz finds time to coach soccer games, attend dance recitals, and watch theater productions with husband and daughters, Lauren, 14, and Meagan, 12, I don’t know. “Life is busy but wonderful!” says Beth, who was promoted to full professor in the psychology department at Randolph College in Lynchburg, Va., and is beginning a term as an assistant dean of the college. She also coauthored Optimizing Teaching and Learning: Practicing Pedagogical Research, a book published in January. Thanks to husband Joe’s sabbatical from Colby’s Government Department, Susan Maxwell Reisert, Joe, and kids Margaret, 12, and John, 9 enjoyed a classic three-month European grand tour last fall. They started “slow,” taking the Queen Mary 2 to London and ended in Paris. In between, they visited Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, Venice, Florence, Rome, Pompeii, the Cinque Terre, and Geneva. See the details at their blog jreisert.travelerspoint.com. • Peter Coley was travelling last fall, too, taking a respite from the financial markets and work at Citibank Smith Barney in Cambridge, Mass., to revisit southern Africa. His self-described odyssey involved a return visit to the Danhiko school in Harare, Zimbabwe, where he taught in 1985. The spiritually rewarding visit, coupled with witnessing the ongoing tragedy of that country’s collapse, has led Peter to begin setting up a foundation on the school’s behalf. During his trip he also visited the coast of Mozambique and rendezvoused with Dail Zimmerman ’87 and Swing Robertson ’85 for a mutual friend’s nuptials in Kruger Park, South Africa. • Dave Mace passes the cold winter in Montpelier, VT., by cross country skiing and snowshoeing right into March and sometimes April. When not outside, Dave works doing communications and PR for the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, having left journalism for corporate public relations. Dave will try to catch the Colby hockey team when they come to Northfield to play Norwich University—he says he grooves on being the only person in a Colby sweatshirt in a sea of rabid Norwich fans! • John Rafferty, wife Geri, and kids Molly, 5, and J.D., enjoy the warm winter in their new home in the Houston area. Having left Simsbury, Conn., and John’s longtime employer, MassMutual, for a new job with AIG last May, John knows “you might be saying to yourself at this point ‘holy cow, he really stepped in it,’” but notes you’re only partially correct. Things have settled down to almost normal, particularly compared to the surreal week in September when he and family were on the run from Hurricane Ike as Wall Street began to crumble and AIG’s fate hung in the balance. John has dubbed their new neighborhood (in a planned community north of Houston) Stepford—what it lacks in charm and character it makes up in convenience, amenities, and tidiness. John’s looking forward to our 25th reunion in two years, and I hope you all are planning on coming, too! Keep the news coming. Best, Hank. • Scott Lainer
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Quick reminder: class notes are always delayed by one issue due to layout process. So if some guy announces that he is having
A ballet recital this Tuesday, as I am, most people will not know about it in advance. And they will miss a spectacular show! Now the news: Cammy (Howe ’92) and Sven Dubie had a boy, Miles Cameron, Jan. 7. He joins brother Peter, who is going on 5. “We live in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, where I teach history at nearby John Carroll University and my wife runs an academic enrichment program for underprivileged middle school girls in the Cleveland area. Cammy’s folks live on Penobscot Bay, so we still get to Maine on a regular basis, but never quite often or for long enough.” (Here’s a reminder, Sven. It’s freakin’ cold.) • 2008 was an eventful year for Pam Blanchard Harrington. “We finished a one-year remodel of our house, had our third baby, Natalie, at 43(!), Sept. 22. My husband started a new job in Los Angeles, and we are moving south at the end of the school year!” (My best to George Clooney, Pam, who wears a wig and gets daily face lifts!) • “All is good out here in Oregon. I try not to get eaten by cougars and bears,” says Bill Cledenend. “Spending my weekends in the Cascades with my family in the winter, skiing, snowmobiling, and having snowball fights with my two boys, 9 and 6. In the summer, fishing, boating, waterskiing, and ATVing. No other critical life changes.” • Teri Sclaty Kinsella just moved from Scottsdale, Ariz., to Rockville, Md., with her family. “While we miss our friends in AZ, we are so happy to be back on the East Coast. Of course, it is only a matter of time before Obama calls me and begs me to take a job in his new administration, so at least I am living close by!” (Obama who?) • “For once,” quietly proclaims Heide Schmaltz Lasher, “I actually do have some noteworthy news: a new company, www.obama-bling.com, that has really taken off and gotten some national attention.” (Oh, that Obama!) “I am a jewelry designer and vintage jewelry dealer. When the DNC came to Denver, I decided to design rhinestone pins that were patriotic and political, but not stodgy or mundane. I got exclusive privilege from the Obama campaign to interpret the rising sun logo and designed a specific pin for the campaign and the DNC. I sent them to Barack and Michelle [please note the first-name basis, kids], and Barack actually named it ‘the Hope Pin’ in a letter I received. My partner, Ken, and I took a space in Denver and met people from all over the world. Our Hope Pin sold out! I had to rip my displays apart! Now Hillary Clinton, Nancy Pelosi, countless members of Congress and Senators, Vogue editor Anna Wintour, and Sarah Jessica Parker all have our pin. The Presidential Inaugural Committee asked me to design two lapel pins for the Inauguration. What a great honor to be chosen to work in this capacity. The Colorado Democratic Party bought big pins for the ball in Washington and also Colorado. We will be selling pins at all the outside events, where I hope to hook up with Bill and Erin Borgeson Castelli. [Are they still married? Dang, I lost that bet.] I have five different suppliers and created the Web sites redwhiteabbling.com and mccainbling.com. I have met all kinds of political people, including Barack and Michelle several times. They are delightful, normal people by the way. [I’m sure they say the same about Heide.] It is so good to see American patriotism again. Hope is everywhere, even though our challenges are great. But if you don’t have hope, then what do you have?” (Actually, I have run out of words, Heide. Stay happy and healthy, gang. Please, no Ponzi schemes!)

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Hello fellow 88ers. Obviously we are all busy with life, as I only heard from two of you, lucky for me, the two respondents happen to be two of my favorite people from Colby! • After stealing the show at my wedding as my most beautiful bridesmaid, Kimberley Ellis Fisher had her own stunning wedding, to Barry Fisher. They find themselves in Fort Myers, Fla., which is a surprise to them. “We [me, Barry, Ben, 12, Cameron, 11, Abby, 9, Will, 8, two dogs, a cat, and two turtles] have stretched our two- to three-year stay to five and have decided to stay until the kids graduate. Although we do not like many things about where we live—the snakes freak me out and some days I think I’m going to melt in the heat—it seems to be the right thing to do for the kids. We have good friends, I love the beaches, the kids are very happy, and we like their schools. We’re in the process of renovating our house. Barry and I will go to Will’s graduation in a UHaul and then head north. Our plan is to convince all the kids to go to college ‘up north.’ I’ve been telling them that, with few exceptions, there are no real colleges south of the Mason Dixon line.” Kim and brood spend lots of time up north in the summer. She sees JoAnn Koletsky Grazzaro and her family every summer and Betsy Lockhart Casey, Beth Kellogg Getto, and Donna Perrine MacLean off and on. Kim taught some education classes at a local college after a long career as a special education teacher. Currently she manages the driving, homework, and schedules of her family. • It was also great to hear from Jonathan Selkowitz. Jon is doing neat things in life and probably having a lot more fun than most of us. “I’m still skiing as much as most of my work is ski photography and I live in a great place to ski. Biz has been extra tough lately, although I will get by as I do not have any dependents and no longer any employees. Last week White Mule ski teammate Steve Masur visited with his girlfriend, Kim. They live in NYC and were making a ski tour of the inter-mountain west. In December Rok Zajec, another White Mule varsity ski team veteran, joined me for a few days in Beaver Creek, Colo., while I was photographing the Alpine World Cup races. Our fearless Colby ski team leader, RB Klinkenberg ’87, showed me the way up the mountain at Bolton Valley last spring.” • My threat to bore you with details of my paddle tennis season and children’s sports still looms. Please get your news in for the next issue. Also, as the latest bored housewife to jump Facebook (a real epidemic here in Fairfield County)—and, according to my 13-year-old son, something that makes me a real loser—it is fun to reconnect via that resource. Look for your classmates and say hi! You can also keep me posted with your news on my wall and I will include that in the next issue. Stay well!

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Everyone must be saving their news for reunion, because only five of you responded to my latest plea for column fodder. • Rachel Tilney is still at Kimball Union Academy, where she says Colby alums far outnumber those from Bates and Bowdoin. Rachel was promoted to assistant head of school for external affairs, which means she has lots of responsibility for admissions and fundraising, which is challenging in these economic times. • Also in academia is Mark Cosdon, who in addition to offering me half of his tuna-fish sandwich the other day via Facebook, earned tenure at Allegheny College. He is now associate professor of theater and performance studies, and his book, The Harlem Brothers: From Daredevil Acrobatics to Spectacular Pantomime, will be published in the fall. Mark will miss our reunion because the poor guy is being forced to lead a study tour of Italy at that time. In his spare time, Mark “cyberstalks” old Colby friends (and he emphasized “old”) like me, John Reynolds, Kerri Hicks, Chris Tremain, and Tim Fisher. • Ingrid Kasaks has returned to the corporate world after a five-year absence and is enjoying her work with JPMorgan Chase. • Tina Clifford Comparato just moved from Boston to San Francisco with her husband and three daughters. The move may be temporary, but she’s hoping to reconnect with Colbyites out there and hoping to make it to reunion, too. • Displaying his usual impeccable timing, Jim Klimek opened his own securities law practice in Indianapolis in late 2008. • As for me, I’m trying to survive yet another Minnesota winter. Finding classmates on Facebook provides a much-needed respite from the never-ending cold. Miracles never cease, because Meg Christie joined Facebook recently. If she can do it, so can you! And I hope to see everyone in June in Waterville.

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Brian and Sue Gouws Korn welcomed their second son, Justin, in November. Their first son, Jason, 3, started preschool last fall. In addition to the concrete company they recently bought, they own two bar/restaurants and real estate in New Mexico. Sue’s 10-year stint at Washington Mutual has been a roller coaster, with her falling victim to its historic demise in September (she joined in 2005 through an acquisition). Perhaps
2009 is the year the day job gives way to the entrepreneurial portfolio. • Jane Solomon Donovan lives in Stoneham, Mass., with her husband and two sons, Benjamin, 5, and Matthew, 3. With the boys in kindergarten and preschool, she returned to work part time as a commercial lines account manager for an insurance agency. She'd love to know if any classmate is in the Stoneham area. She often gets together with Jim '89 and Jen Cos Brayer and their two girls, Lindsey, 6, and Heather, 4. Recently Chris Horst, husband Wade, and son Zak ventured east from Colorado and joined the Brayers and the Donovans for a long overdue get-together. It's amazing how the years have passed but the Colby bonds and friendships remain strong. • Matt Melander has been on the 40th birthday circuit: last August Matt Dumas's 40th in Greenwich, Conn., Conn., included Dan Bouvier and Erik Potholm; in January in Denver, Colo., an improv performance for Walker Fenton included Keith Thomajan, Chip Smith, and Charlie Allen. Great fun! Dr. Melander reports that his sports medicine practice is growing and he is having a lot of fun with his girls, Willa, 5, Addie, 3, and Lucia, 1. • Susan Gerstberger Goggins writes, "I currently live in Washington, D.C., with my husband, Kyle, and our daughters, Addyson Mackenzie, 3, and Keaghan Cannon, 8 months. I'm a Secret Service agent on the Presidential Protective Detail and work at the White House. As you can imagine, it has been a busy few months preparing for the Inauguration! So after little sleep and many hours working in the cold, we had a successful day and a new president in the White House. It is a unique opportunity to participate in such a historical moment in our country and that is one of the things I love about my job. We are truly sitting in the front seat of history! In a small-world coincidence, I was working an event at the White House in December with President Bush and recognized George Moore as one of the attendees at the 2008 Recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom where his in-laws were honored. It was fun to see him and to meet his beautiful family. I recently reconnected with Colleen Halleck Taylor courtesy of Colby magazine. We've gotten together on several occasions and I've met her husband, Ray, and children Quinn and Campbell. I guess that's what the alumni columns are all about!" • She's right: stay in touch with your classmates and send me your news today!

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Dr. Margaret Russell Ewalt's book, Peripheral Wonders: Nature, Knowledge, and Enlightenment in the Eighteenth-Century Orinoco, was recently published by Bucknell University Press and is available online. Check it out. • Congratulations to Sarah Poriss, who got married Oct. 19 to Paul Spurito in Hartford, Conn. She's an attorney in West Hartford. • Lawrence and Molly Beale Constable, and their son, Webb, 3, welcomed Sadie in Greenwich, Conn. She's an attorney in West Hartford. • Janine Deforge wraps up her internship at DLA Piper in the Connecticut federal district. • Sarah's family visited with her husband, Ray, and  children Quinn and Campbell. I guess that's what the alumni columns are all about!"

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Shawn Behling Keller had her second baby, a girl, Josephine Susanne Keller, Oct. 27, 2008. • In September Scott Abrams moved from Waltham to Belmont, Mass. In the two months following, Scott set a personal best time in the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., and he and Favianna Vasconcelos were married on a catamaran off the coast of Key West. Laurie and Dave "D'oeau" Crittenden, Cindy and Dave "Tubby" Lauman, and Sary and Kelvin "Elvis" Lui '92 attended the wedding. • Gienice Hickerson Burke expected her second baby girl in January. • With $55,000 of graduate student bills, no job, slight weight gain, a receding hairline, and a 1997 Ford Escort that didn't pass inspection, Patrick Robbins looks forward to a summer of living at his parents' house. He would like to tell his fellow alumni that there is no excuse for not sending in their story. • Brian and Nancy Emerson Kress have two boys, Clay, 5, and Glen, 3, and are expecting another child this summer in their Lyme, N.H., home. Brian is a research professor in Dartmouth College's physics department and Nancy teaches math at Hanover High School. • Janine Deforge Olson works as a financial advisor with Smith Barney in Waltham, Mass. She and her husband, Sven, expect their fifth child in June. • Kathryn Steele Zoldan and her husband welcomed their second son, Simon Dylan, June 11, 2008. Their 4-year-old, Alexander, loves his brother very much, and they are all doing well. • Last year Sarah Burditt McDougall ran her first half-marathon since 1992. She thanks Coach Deb Atken for her early inspiration. She enjoys lots of sunshine and outdoor activities in Bend, Ore. Give her a heads up if you're in the area. She has also enjoyed catching up with some old Colby classmates on Facebook. • Marty Hergert and Amy Swan had their second child, Charley Martin, June 20, 2008, in Melrose, Mass. He tipped the scales at 10 lbs. 3 oz. ! Marty is a product manager at State Street Global Advisors in Boston and is pursuing his M.B.A. at Suffolk University at night. He enjoys exploring Boston's Chinatown at lunch and often catches up with Matt '92 and Laura Fogarty Nerney and Shirley MacBeth and Ben Berowitz.
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On Sept. 23, 2008, Jeff and Anna Lowder Monaco added identical twin girls to their family. Lyla and Grace joined their two big sisters Elly, 5, and Ava, 3. “It was quite a surprise to find out that baby number three was actually going to be numbers three and four!” writes Anna. She completed her school principal certification last year and is now the assistant principal at a middle school in Lexington, Mass., after being a special education teacher there for many years. • Karin Hansen lives in Somerville, Mass., and has been working as the visual arts director at the Boston Children’s Museum for almost four years. • John Dunbar and his wife, Sara, welcomed their daughter, Annika Pearl Dunbar, to the world Jan. 11, 2009, at 4:11 a.m. She joins big sister Keagan, 8, and big brother Andrew, 2. “The boys are now officially outnumbered in our household!” writes John.

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Georgia Brian and husband Dave Chen ’95 had a baby girl, Zoe, in October. Zoe joins big sis, Ava, 3. Dave’s company, NextWorth, a consumer electronics trade-in company, is growing and doing well. “If you have an old iPod and want to turn it into some cashola, check out his Web site, www.nextworth.com.”

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Alumni at large
In Stowe, Vt., to Brock Lyman. • Richard and Laura Eanes Martin live at The Gunnery, a small boarding school in Conn., with Isabel, 6, Luke, 4, and Amelia, 20 months. Laura is the director of financial aid. The kids enjoy skating and looked forward to a trip to Cincinnati in March to see Laura’s grandmother (and the zoo). Jessica Matzkin bought a cabin on a lake about 15 minutes away. Elizabeth Labovitz Smith came with her family to visit Jess’s new cabin. • Ramon and Jess Hill Trujillo had a son, Rafferty Seamus Trujillo, Oct. 28, 2008. • David Holtzman moved back to Boston after four years away and is a planner for two nonprofit community-development corporations in the Fenway and Allston-Brighton neighborhoods. David lives in Jamaica Plain. • Marsha Ann Ilmonen Marsh began working part time at Harvard Business School writing business cases for use in the M.B.A. program. Her triplets turned four last summer and enjoy their second year of preschool. Christmas was a big hit with lots of Santa excitement. They look forward to getting the camper out on the road this summer! • Josette Huntress Holland had her third child, Sophia Brown Holland, Oct. 12, 2008. • Alex Bici, wife Danielle, and big sister Gabrielle welcomed Matthew George Bici on Aug. 29. The whole family lives in Brooklyn Heights, N.Y. • Ason, Marcus Millett Bogart, was born June 19, 2008, to Lynette Millett and Steven Bogart in Alexandria, Va. • Heather Eskey welcomed Ronan Eskey Hamasaki on Dec. 29, 2007, at 3:27 a.m. (Tokyo time). He was 3532 grams and 52.6 cm long. Heath looked forward to visiting the U.S. in March. • Ingrid Renzi welcomed son Luke Joseph Renzi on Dec. 4, 2008. Older sisters Nia and Liv seem to like the little guy. The family lives in Essex. Ingrid ran into Patrick Regan and learned that they live close to each other. • Carolyn Read had a baby girl at the end of August. So 2-year-old Tarek has been joined by little sister Isabelle. • Melissa Wilcox had a baby girl in the beginning of October.

A Brooklyn Brewer | Robin Ottaway ’95
Brewer Robin Ottaway ’95 likes his beer. And he isn’t the only one.
“People are caring more about what they consume. They’re drinking less and drinking better,” said Ottaway, partner in and vice president of sales for the out-of-state division for the Brooklyn Brewery.
Nowadays the “Brooklyn” name carries marketing cachet and widespread appeal. But when Ottaway started working at the brewery in 1996, that wasn’t the case. “When we started, people would say, ‘Why on earth would you name a premium product after Brooklyn?’” Ottaway said. “But Brooklyn is sexy now.”

Sexy enough for the Brooklyn Brewery’s brands to sell in 23 states and 12 countries. “We’ll do about a million cases this year,” Ottaway said. “But when I got involved, I was going out on the street trying to scrape together a five-case deal.”

It took several years, but the three partners in the Brooklyn Brewery are making money now. But they’re not looking to cash out any time soon. “We don’t want to go public. We’ve been approached by a number of international brewers, but we have no interest,” said Ottaway.

“For years we weren’t profitable. Now we’re making a bit of money and we have no debt. We don’t want to get out now.”

Ottaway is definitive on that point. Ask him what his favorite beer is and that’s a different matter.

“Wow, that’s tough,” he said. “In our beer-geek world, we’re always asking each other, ‘If you could drink just six beers for the rest of your life, what would they be?’ For me, it’s wheat in the summer, something stronger as the weather gets cold... but I don’t think anyone can pick just one favorite beer.”

—Mackenzie Dawson ’99
Seattle for eight years. Joy works as a family nurse practitioner for Planned Parenthood and John works as a program director for the Alliance for Puget Sound Shorelines. They have two boys, Connor and Kieran, ages 6 months and 3 years. They saw Caleb Dolan over the holidays. Caleb and wife JoAnna plan to move to Boston from North Carolina in June. They also report seeing Miranda Miller. Joy and John also claim that Jess Boyles is still in San Francisco and Ben Otto works for a newspaper in Jakarta, Indonesia, where he seems to have few plans to come home any time soon. Marc and Courtney Marum Robaczynski welcomed their third daughter, Marlena Paige, Jan. 9. Big sisters Sabrina and Soren are happy with the new addition. Thanks to all for writing in after reading the column from the last issue. I still haven’t heard from about 87 percent of you, so please drop a note and let me know what you’re up to.

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The Class of ’97 has lots of baby news this quarter, including three sets of twin boys! Bill and Liz Baker Meehan welcomed sons Patrick and Thomas Dec. 10, 2008. Ashley Ring Gair gave birth to Jackson and Wyatt Dec. 18, 2008. Ashley is in her second year of her pediatrics residency at UT Southwestern in Dallas. Josh and Kate Charbonnier Oeljen welcomed Lucas and Benjamin Jan. 6, 2009. Born five weeks early, they join big sisters Olivia, 4, and Emma, 1/2. Kate writes, “Josh is working at Ocean Spray Cranberries in research and development. I’m still an attorney, but staying at home with the kids until everybody gets into preschool. We live in Marion, Mass., near Buzzards Bay and see Matt and Jen Robbins Doyle and Delaney, 2, quite a bit. Jen still works in Boston. We are also in good touch with Jen Mason Drolet, who works in Denver, Colo., for a firm she helped to build called IModerate. Jen continues to travel a ton, both for business and for pleasure and is usually planning her next trip. JJ Eklund McGawn had a baby girl, Janie, last June, joining her big brother, Brady. JJ works part time as an attorney for the same firm she was with before she had kids.” Jon ’95 and Denise Mailloux Bowden expect their first child in early June. Over the last three years Denise has been building her acupuncture practice (denisebowdenacupuncture.com) with a specialization in fertility, pregnancy, and postpartum health. She lives and works in San Francisco. Neema and Ryan Mayhugh welcomed son Cameron Dec. 5, 2008. Ryan shared, “His older brother, Connor, 1, thinks that we got another pet and is excited (maybe a little too excited) to pet Cameron’s head. Cameron is still waiting to experience his first Cleveland Browns victory, but everyone has high hopes for next year, as we always do.” Yawa Duse-Antony and Vanessa Newell Coutu are both expecting additions to their families early this spring. Zoë Kaplan Presley will become a certified psychologist when she graduates from Pacifica Graduate Institute this summer. She plans to start her practice, Sound of Healing, this fall in Portland, Ore., where she’ll combine depth-oriented psychotherapy with cross-cultural music and sound healing modalities.

Lauren Vitrano married Seth Wilson of Colorado Oct. 25, 2008. Celebrating with Lauren and Seth were Jenny Johns and Jon Bolton ’98, Sonja Noll ’98, Suzanne Stonehouse ’98, Shannon Sayer ’00, Dr. Don Allen (professor of geology), as well as Candace Kim-Scott ’98 and Brian Scott ’99 and their two children, Andrew and Elsie.

Lauren teaches at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics in Dallas. She and Seth are both members of the Sil International and have accepted assignments in mainland Southeast Asia. Lauren will coach people in learning unwritten languages, and Seth will do literacy work with minority language speakers. The Marin Independent Journal recently ran an article featuring our very own Liz Fagan Gottlieb. The article tells the story of Liz and her twin sister, Mary, who both teach biology and coach cross country at separate schools in Marin. Find the article at http://www.marinij.com by searching “Liz Fagan.”

I’ll finish the column with a bit of my own news. My husband, Sean, and I traveled to Seoul, South Korea, in November 2008 to adopt a beautiful baby boy, Owen Tae-hwan. He will celebrate his first birthday in March. Owen is our little charmer, and he makes every day more wonderful than the day before!

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Congratulations to Ben ’00 and Liz Magyar Stockwell, who had their second son, Adam Lawrence Stockwell, Oct. 26, 2008 at 1:32 a.m., just 22 minutes after they arrived at the hospital. Though 10 days late, once he decided to make his move he came in a hurry! Their eldest son, Ethan, is doing great in his new role as big brother. They’ve moved to Scarborough, Maine, work remotely out of the house, and enjoy the Maine lifestyle.

Congratulations to Casey and Melissa Carpenter Haire on the birth of their second baby girl, Isabelle Erin Haire, born Dec. 10, 2008. Courtney is 17 months now and very happy to be a big sister. Tara Falsani Harkins was named as a 2009 Rising Star in intellectual property litigation by Minnnesota Law and Politics magazine.

Paul and Katie Page Litterer relocated to Beverly, Mass., with their identical twins, Sophie and Madeline. Complications resulting from severe prematurity kept Sophie in the hospital for 109 days, but she is now home and thriving. They look forward to welcoming Maddie home very soon.

Peter Christo pher Felmy continues his karaoke singing at various bars around the Kittery, Maine, area, and is preparing for the upcoming spring competitions. Graham Quigley is enjoying his first year of acupuncture school at the Acupuncture and Integrative Medicine College in Berkeley, Calif. He also teaches acupressure for animals at the Acupuncture Institute in Berkeley. Alecia and Joshua Stevens White Scharback welcomed their first child, Noah Finlay Scharback, Nov. 1, 2008. Noah was waterborn at home in New York City, and the Scharbacks were featured in a New York Times article on homebirth, “Baby, You’re Home” (Nov. 13, 2008).

Jennifer Rose and Charlie Costanzo had a baby girl, Marie Elena, and they’re having so much fun being new parents. They currently live in Brooklyn, N.Y., but are making plans to move to the Bay Area, most likely Berkeley. Jen is in touch with Lizzie Ivy Cooper, who still lives in Westchester, N.Y., and is finishing up a campaign job with N.Y. Senator Chuck Schumer. Jen also reports the following: Emily Record Lane and her husband recently moved back to Maine and bought a house in Freeport; Christine Vaughn Hendrickson had a baby girl in October and loves being a mom; Lis Pimentel is in law school at UConn.

Congratulations to Charles and E.J. Levin Hammann, who welcomed their first son, Tucker Jackson Gordon Hammann, Dec. 29, 2008. Have a great spring!

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On Aug. 30, 2008, David Breen Lomasney and Kim M. Potvin were married on Kim’s parents’ property in Nova Scotia. Carolina Calhoun attended. Jared Woodward-Poor and Megan Davis Poor are expecting their

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Corridor Buzz covered Todd Olmstead ’06 for his contribution, as part of a four-man team, to organizing Mission Creek Music Festival—a local indie music festival in Iowa City. The festival takes place in early April and features at least 50 musical and literary performers. Olmstead is also running a record label that focuses on recording Iowa musicians. John Waller ’07, reporter for the Bennington Banner, won rookie-of-the-year honors in the New England Press Association’s annual Better Newspaper Contest. Waller, at the Banner since July 2007, covers education and the Northshire area. “Waller writes clearly and con cisely on a wide range of topics from sports to education. That he doesn’t come across as a rookie is one of the reasons he wins this award,” the citation said. First-year law student Jackie Rolleri ’06 was elected president of the Roger Williams University School of Law Environmental Law Society. The society collaborates with other organizations to promote awareness of environmental issues and works to create networking opportunities for students studying environmental law. Rolleri hopes to enter the field of environmental law and to focus on marine issues. She is pursuing both a juris doctor degree and a master’s in marine affairs.

MILESTONES

Marriages: Lesley Loss ’03 to Joshua Weitz ’03 in Naples, Fla.

Births: A son, George Henry Harker Humphreys III, to Christine and Ben Humphreys ’00  Y A daughter, Maya Karen Watanabe, to Yuya Koda Watanabe ’01
second child in April, around the time of the second birthday of their son, Jesse. They live in St. George, Vt. • Joe Anderson proposed to Jen Kassakian while they were skiing in the Cascades on her December birthday. The couple is deciding on a location and a date for the wedding; either Rhode Island or Washington State, either 2009 or 2010. • Scott Friedman and Melissa Bradbury were engaged a week before Thanksgiving. They became friends in their first year at Colby and started dating after their fifth reunion. Melissa is associate director of admissions at Tufts Dental School, and Scott has a career as an environmental consultant. • Jeremy Barron graduated from MIT’s business school last May. Since then he has started a software company, 3Play Media, that focuses on creating low-cost captions for Web video. • Sarah Cook is finishing her last six months of OB/GYN residency at Maine Medical Center in Portland and will be moving to New York in July for a gynecologic oncology fellowship at NYU. Sarah will miss Maine but is excited for new adventures in New York. • Jason ’99 and Jessica Porter Stauth welcomed Cailin Christine Stauth Aug. 1, 2008, in San Francisco. Jessica completed her Ph.D. at Berkeley in 2007 and now works as a quantitative research analyst with a financial services company. • Bryan Bibeau and Erin Darling were married Sept. 27, 2008, in Bethel, Maine. Courtney Ilgenfritz Beyer, Carrie Keeling Miller, Liz Hart, Karen Lee Baksi, Kate Davies Grugan, Andy Miller, and Hillary Evans ’01 were there to celebrate. • Morgan McDavitt and wife Suzanne welcomed their first child, Kathryn Karen Watanabe, a big baby born Dec. 12. They are all enjoying life in Kansas. • Maya Karen Watanabe, a big baby born Dec. 12. They are all enjoying life in Kansas. • Kait and Fred Floberg had their first baby, Isabella Katherine Floberg, Oct. 6. Fred works as a firefighter/paramedic in Carson City, Nev. • Coji and Yuki Koderu Watanabe welcomed Maya Karen Watanabe, a big baby born Dec. 12. They are all enjoying life in Kansas. • There are a lot of babies on their way this spring! Scott and Melissa Alioto Murley expected their second child March 3 to join big brother, Carl, 2. • Jon and Jenny Burbick Engel are expecting a baby two weeks before my husband and I (both babies are due in April). • Piper (Elliott ’02) and Jl Abodeely live in Seattle, and Piper is expecting their first child in May. • Ben Schreiner is engaged to Amanda Gorman and they are planning a 2010 wedding. • Jemison Foster moved from Auckland, New Zealand, to Bangkok, Thailand, where he took a job with a British international school. He spent a couple of weeks in Nepal over the winter holidays. He is always happy to see Colby kids, so if anyone is in the Southeast Asia area feel free to give Jemison a call. • Dave ‘00 and Grace Price Sherwood moved to Costa Rica two years ago. Grace works for L.L.Bean in their Latin American sourcing office; Dave works as a freelance environmental reporter, as well as researching and writing documentaries throughout Central America for CAVU, a Costa Rica-based NGO. • Owen Patrick married Christina Counselman Oct. 12, 2008, in Baltimore. In attendance were longtime COT friends Eric Lantzman, Annie Miller Orgad, and Steve Feldman. Owen’s groomsmen included Mark Cattrell, Bill Goldman, Steve Feldman, and Tony Frangie. • Mary Elizabeth “M.E.” Leroy and Andre “Coach” Picher were married outside Ashevile, N.C., in August. In attendance were Michel ’67 and Pamela Cooper Picher ’67, Jean-Michel Picher ’95 and Gregoire Picher ’98, Zack Kahn, Vanessa Pickett Moore, Sarah Castille, Dana Dupre, Kimberly Schneider, Anne Wulschlag, and Fred Perowne. • Kimberly Schneider lives in Portland, Ore., and works on economic development for the mayor with Skip Newberry ‘00. • Stephanie Nichols graduated with her Ph.D. in science and mathematics education from the University of Texas at Austin last May. • Melanie Morin graduated from her psychiatry residency program this spring and is moving wherever the Army sends her, likely Kentucky or Georgia, with her hubby and two dogs. She will deploy to Iraq in early 2010. We wish her a safe trip and a very safe return!

To most of us, it’s just beach grass. To Phoebe Zarnetske ’01, it may be changing the contour of our coasts.

For the last two years, Zarnetske has studied invasive beach grasses while working towards her doctorate in zoology at Oregon State. Ammophila arenaria, European beach grass, has been introduced all over the world to provide coastal protection from storm surge. Ammophila breviligulata, American beach grass, is native to the East Coast and Great Lakes and was introduced in 1935 to stabilize sand at the mouth of the Columbia River. Since then, American beach grass has slowly spread north into Canada, and Zarnetske recently documented its spread south to Oregon’s central coast.

She also has noticed drastic changes in dune structure on the Pacific coast. Native dune systems were originally low-light, open systems before European beach grass added a large, stable “foredune,” the area directly behind a beach. Zarnetske hypothesizes that the recent spread of American beach grass gradually modifies these dunes by creating a lower foredune.

How will this series of introductions change native dune structure and influence existing ecosystems?

To address this question Zarnetske models the effects of the dune-building grasses. She places planters containing varying quantities of the two introduced grass species and native beach grass in a wind tunnel at the O.H. Hinsdale Wave Research Laboratory and exposes them to different amounts of sediment. From this, she evaluates how much sand each species can capture and relates it to the type and abundance of grass. Eventually Zarnetske’s data will feed a larger predictive model of dune formation.

As we continue to engineer and shape—and reshape—the world around us, Zarnetske wants to understand what the effects will be. She hopes to have some influence on management and land-use policies through her ecological models, which she calls an “abstraction of the truth as best we can understand it.”

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Marcia Ingraham married Alexander Tatum (Bowdoin ’01) June 28, 2008, at the Wentworth by the Sea Country Club in Rye, N.H. Anna Beardslee, Becca Bruce Vail, Lauren Rodier Daily, Whitney Pearce Flitts, and Sarah Browne Trinward were bridesmaids. • More news about Meg Casella’s wedding. She married Thomas Hand in September in Salem, Mass. Mary Zito, Katie Nastou, Carolyn Lindley, Catherine Benson, Sarah Dressler, Dave Erlich, and Leah Roberton ’03 joined in the celebration.

Andrew Jaspersohn teaches art in a local elementary school and also teaches at the University of New England. He is busy with a printmaking cooperative that recently sold a portfolio to the New York Public Library’s permanent collection. He planned to race the Birkebeiner in Wisconsin this winter along with Chris Cogbill and several other alums. • Carl Tugberk started part time at Georgetown for a master’s of professional studies in sports industry management.

Jeff Brink and his wife, Anna, welcomed their son, Dylan Martin, Nov. 24, 2008.

Dane Hauser has been taking a lot of baths in California due to the lack of jobs and the economic downturn. • Rashad Randolph teaches at Packer Collegiate Institute and did a Habitat for Humanity project with his students in New Orleans. He’s accepted a teaching position at Middlebury College for the second consecutive summer. • Trevor MacDonald is currently the director for marketing and external relations in the athletic department at Washington University in St. Louis. His wife, Annica, is graduating with her M.B.A. from WUSTL in May. They expect their first baby at the end of May—it’s a girl. They plan to move to Indianapolis.

Colleen Creeden married Mahmoud Siddig ’99 in October in Chatham, Mass. They currently live in Brooklyn, N.Y. Colleen works in marketing at The New Yorker and Mahmood works in investor relations. Colleen stays in touch with Olivia Robbie, who lives in Providence, R.I., with Robby MacBain ’04, and works as a nurse. • Erika Goss moved back from London after living there for several years. She’s now off on a trip to India. • Ali Ghafari and his wife, Reyna Danieley, recently had a baby. Ali returned from a deployment to Afghanistan in October, flying FA-18s off the USS Ronald Reagan in support of the troops. They’ll move to Mississippi in April for his next tour of duty as a flight instructor. • Whitney Alford Mallozi was recently hired by People magazine in New York. • As for myself, I spent the New Year skiing the remote terrain of the Eastern Cascades with Katie Harris and Anna L’Hommedieu. • Be well ’02ers! Continue to keep us all updated.

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Happy belated Doghead, Class of 2003! Hope spring arrived like a lamb for everyone! • First, engagements, weddings, and babies! Gretchen (Black ’04) and Ben Tuff are expecting their second child in the beginning of June. Ben, Gretchen, and Wyatt are living and teaching at the Kent School in Kent, Conn. • Kate Carroll just got engaged! She will marry Iratta Kendall (Smith College ’06) in June 2010. Kate just finished up her first year of law school in San Francisco. • Michelle Keady got engaged on New Year’s Day to James Hadley, a UNAlum. • Aaron Henckeler got engaged to Mara Caruso (Bowdoin ’03) during a trip to Montrea last fall. Aaron and Mara are planning to get married sometime in late 2010. • Megan Shannon-Winterson and Dimitri Michaud are engaged, living in Silver Spring, Md., and planning an August wedding. Megan recently became senior policy advisor for Rep. Jan Schakowsky of Illinois after working for Rep. Tom Allen of Maine for four years, most recently as his legislative director. Dimitri works as the consumer finance analyst and information development manager for KGC, a D.C.-based strategic advisory firm. Congrats all! • Ellen Whitesides has ended her term as a teacher trainer in rural South Africa and moved back to New Orleans, where she is working now for the Recovery School District before starting grad school in the fall. Since she’s been back in the states, she visited Boston in December and got together with Stephen Hicks Hirst, Holly Niles Getty, Julia Boehm, Michelle Keady, Clayton Donahue, as well as Matt Getty ’04, Josh Gutierrez ’04, and Lindsay Antolino ’04. • An annual tradition of sorts was continued this past December when Laura Shufelt, Jill Geissler, Gretchen Groggel, Jenny Grace, Andrea Breau, Erin Bodner, Amanda Epstein, Sarah Dean, Beth Urstadt, Kira Vassar, Jill Gutekunst, Sara Schwartz-Mohan, Averell Ryland, Katie Spirer, Merrill Hawkins, Heidi Packard, and Ann Mau met up in New York City for a weekend of fun and of course, a visit to Serendipity. Laura had some additional news: Alyson Lindquist bought her first house in Mass.; Gretchen Groggel is almost finished with her J.D. at Berkeley and has accepted a position in SF starting this summer; Jill Geissler is finishing up her Peace Corps assignment in Guatemala this spring; and Amanda Epstein is still living and working in Kenya. As for herself, Laura started working on her doctorate in education at Northeastern this winter and just got a new puppy. She also works as an academic advisor at Northeastern. • Lexi Grant spent the second half of 2008 traveling solo around French-speaking Africa. • I’ll end with this:

Kim Niederberger Lynch completed her eighth marathon in Manchester, N.H., in November 2008. She ran for a little bit with Jordan Burke ’04. Maybe marathon number nine in 2009?? For those of you who find yourselves weaker in arithmetic, I’ll do the math for you—that’s almost 210 miles of running! Congrats!

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I hope everyone is getting ready for the reunion in June! • Katie O’Neill and Ted Farwell ’05 got engaged. They are both headed to the University of Wisconsin business school in the fall to get M.B.A.s. The wedding will likely be in the spring of 2010. • Brenlynt Brantley has been living in LA for four years with Michael Hepburn as a roommate. During the week she works on the show Family Guy as the animation producer’s assistant. Weekends she teaches ballet and tap to kids from the ages of 1 to 6 at Fox Kids Dance Studio. Ironically it has no relation to the Fox TV network that broadcasts Family Guy. • Kelly Welch recently got engaged to Cory Ernst ’05 and they plan a spring 2010 wedding on Cape Cod. She is graduating from the family nurse practitioner program at Boston College this May. • Shawn Legendre has been promoted to acting legislative director and senior legislative assistant for Congressman Mike Michaud, who represents the Second Congressional District of Maine (including Colby) in the U.S. House of Representatives. • Amy Toldorf flies all over the country for internal medicine residency interviews! She is especially interested in ending up in Colorado or the northwest. • Susie Blair married Peter Rufo in a small ceremony in her hometown of Manchester-by-The-Sea, Mass. Colby alumni in attendance were Caroline Blair McKay ’01, Marley Orr, Ande Nicoletti, Tim Smith, and Abby Wheeler. Susie attends Boston College Graduate School of Social Work and will graduate this May with her M.S.W. • Anne Olmsted recently appeared as Diane Lee in the Northeast premiere of the musical Bare with the F.U.D.G.E Theater Co. in Watertown, Mass. Her current show, Cabaret, opened in February with Concord Players, where she played Frenchie. • Steve Sarno will graduate in May from the joint-degree program with Pace Law School and Bard Center for Environmental Policy, just in time to send his partner to business school. • Rachel Tobie graduated from Portland State University with her master’s in writing and publishing. She does freelance book design and started working in the development office for Thomas A. Edison High School. Next August she will attend the weddings of Almea Jack, Meredith Crane, and Armit Burr ‘03. • Ryan Glennon is in his second year coaching lacrosse at St. Lawrence University and has one class left this spring to complete his master’s in educational administration. He will be looking for coaching positions as a DI assistant or DII head coach in much warmer areas like Virginia or North Carolina. • After a New Year’s rendezvous with Sam Poland, Danny Donovan, Andrew Will, and Dan Lake ’06 in Boston, Ben Cooper returned to Hidden Villa farm just south of San Francisco, where he is learning to raise livestock sustainably—and surfing whenever he gets the chance. • Matt Bacon finished his master’s program in art history at George Washington University and started a new job at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, where he handles art. • Cynthia Davies will be starting a two-year P.A. program at the University of New England in Portland, Maine. • Emily Bernier is already a P.A., and she started a job in Portland in January. She held a party at her apartment just after New Year’s with Katie Toole ’05, Sarah Chappelle-Sokol, Josh Gutierrez, Meredith Crane, Julie Carlson ’05, Eric Hill ’05, Chase Cohen ’05, Nick Battista, Lauren Henderson, Brad Seymour, and Lindsay Antolino and Andrew Jaspersohn ’02. • Boryana Mitева married Boris Tzetkov in Sofia, Bulgaria. She is studying for an M.S. in econometrics and mathematical economics at the London School of Economics. • Matt Ritter is engaged to Marilyn Kat. She is in her fourth year at UConn medical school.

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As the 2009 nuptial season approaches, more wedding plans are taking shape. Wendy Sicard and John Cole were engaged over Thanksgiving weekend in California. They plan an October wedding in Vermont. Laura Miller, Kristi Eck, Chris Van Wagelen, Tom Ireland, Dan Seifert, and Cory Cramer will be in the wedding party. • Nicole Wessen and Jared Cushman were engaged Christmas Day and are planning a summer 2010 wedding. • Katie Slep and Greg Sawyer ’03 were recently engaged and are planning an August wedding. • Nora Gouge reports that Eric Luth and Emily Quann ’04 will tie the knot in April. Nora is still in NYC working on her doctorate in clinical psychology at Yeshiva University. • Todd Moore is at Fordham Law and will be working at Weil, Gotshal & Manges this summer. • Ted Farwell will leave his roommate of seven years, Steve Whelpley, this summer when he heads to Madison, Wis., with fiancée Katie O’Neill ’04. Both Ted and Katie will pursue M.B.A. degrees this fall. • Newlywed Wendy Bonner and husband Ryan Spicer purchased their first home in northeastern Virginia, just outside of Washington, D.C.,
and are settling into married life after their August 2 nuptials. Caitlin Chamberlin is celebrating her recent engagement to fiancé Colin Bunnell and is planning their September wedding in Seattle. Caitlin was at Head of the Charles in Boston in October where she reunited with fellow rowers Sarah Dunham, Megan Loosigian, Caroline Andersen, Katie Jones, Ted Farwell, Steve Whelpley, Sam Gray, and Mike Feldman. Liz Maguire is moving to Scotland this fall, where she will pursue her master’s in museum and gallery studies at the University of St. Andrews. Megan Loosigian still enjoys her teaching position at The Governor’s Academy in Byfield, Mass. She is working toward her master’s in Spanish at Middlebury College during the summers and recently became a spinning instructor at her gym during the little free time that she must have! After three years living in San Francisco working at a software company, Brandon Binder decided to temporarily leave corporate America to travel in South America. His trip starts in Belize, down the west coast to Chile, and back through Rio. Mary Medlin is entering her second year of the M.F.A. program in fiction writing at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, N.C., even though she still lives in Boston. She recently took a trip to the Amalfi coast in Italy, where she attended a writing conference. Matt Bucklin is attending the Marine Corp Officer Candidate School. Alan Ashbaugh is currently ski bumming in Alta, Utah. Courtney Smith still lives in Aspen working as a ski instructor and recently applied to law school. She has plenty of Colby company in Aspen, including Bethany Peck ’06, Peter Atena ’07, Peter Carty ’07, John Crasse ’03, and Jake Moe ’05. Dan Ruiz finishes law school in May and is moving back to New Jersey, where he will take the N.Y. and N.J. bar exams. In September he will begin clerking for a criminal judge in the superior court of Morris County. I run into Jake Colognesi often at the gym and was happy to hear that he will attend the Tuck School of Business in Hanover, N.H., this fall. I also caught up with Kevin Yardin in Boston, who still enjoys his time at IBM consulting in D.C. I was also pleased to catch up with Emily Honig, Will van der Veen, and John Poliakowski, who spent time in their favorite town of Boston over the holidays. I write this column while on a flight to London to visit a friend. We plan to spend a couple of days in Paris, where I’ll fondly remember my time there in 2004 with Emily, Scarlett Slenker, Karina Johnson, and Jon Golden. Have a wonderful spring and summer!

2006

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Jessica Varnum completed an M.A. in international policy studies with a certificate in nonproliferation studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. She currently works as a research associate at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, where she manages a number of deliverables for projects relating to nuclear, missile, chemical, and biological weapons nonproliferation. She is considering moving back to D.C., but will hate to leave sunny California! Brandon Smithwood is still in Brookline and working for a renewable energy and energy efficiency company. Brandon is also applying for grad school. Liz Shepherd will receive her M.S. in teaching from Fordham University in May. She plans to continue to teach middle or high school English. Andrew "Todd" Lohsen achieved superior-plus proficiency in Russian after completing the Overseas Russian Flagship Program at St. Petersburg State University in May 2008. He works for the TASS news agency in Moscow but is looking forward to returning home this summer. Adam Atkinson-Lewis lives in San Francisco still, but started a job last August working for the Energy Foundation on climate and transportation policy in the U.S. He lives with Emilie Coulson and has fun with Charlie Hale, Katie Himmelman ’07, Mariah Whitney ’07, Meredith Major-Blaszcov, and a bunch more Colby grads. Meredith is in San Francisco, spent October volunteering in Indiana on Obama campaign, and still works at Google. Kristin Schmidt works for the Department of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C. She moved there in August and was selected for the position from more than 400 applicants. She received her M.S. in criminology from the University of Pennsylvania in May. Noah Balazs teaches middle school history and social studies and plans on finishing his master’s degree in elementary education this summer. He’s teaching himself how to play the banjo! Josh Montague’s big accomplishment for 2008 was running his first marathon on Labor Day! Ian London ’07 was there to cheer and take photos. Josh also attended a Christmas party held by Alexis Heimann ’07, Katie Price ’07, Kali Abel ’07, and Ian were also present. Melissa McNulty lives in D.C. with Aine McCarthy, Stephen Planas, and Nate Stone. Melissa writes that “Aine and I work for the RAND Corporation and we are both in the process of applying to grad schools. Stephen earned his master’s in music journalism from Syracuse last year and is now at the Kennedy Center. Nate earned his master’s in education from Pepperdine and teaches at the Maret School, where he came very close to having Sasha Obama in his class.” Eric Post and Meredith Hagner were married in New Hampshire in July. Ally Cameron Hamblin recently completed her first marathon! She ran on behalf of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Walt Disney World. She and Samantha Chun still live in Brooklyn, N.Y., and recently had dinner with Brendan Sullivan, Ed Kotite, Tim Geisenheimer, and Jairus Steed. Beth Foxwell and Jen Coliflores also met up with Brittany and Sam for a mini 40 Winter Street reunion in January. Sarah Kelly ran a marathon in San Francisco and Liz Turner ran the Chicago Marathon! Katy Sage Barus, Holly Eydenberg, Jenna Morrison, Kate Zeigler, Monty Hankin, and Todd Rockwood met up in Washington, D.C., to decorate gingerbread cookies. Nani Phillips and Jon Moss ’05 have a new puppy, Natty! It is, of course, named after their favorite beer—beer of choice during their Colby years. Brian Tierney and Courtney Zecher are engaged and have moved to Berkeley, Calif. Courtney is in her first year of a master’s of public health program in infectious diseases at UC Berkeley, and Brian works for Analysis Group in San Francisco. Brian Parise has been doing stand-up comedy for two years and performs regularly at comedy clubs and bars in the D.C. metro area. Jackie Rolleri was recently elected president of the Roger Williams University School of Law’s Environmental Law Society! She will spend this summer working for Senator Sheldon Whitehouse in Rhode Island. Thanks for the updates!

2007

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Bayley Lawrence married Nick Freeman on New Year’s Eve in Vermont. Emily Forman, Emily Wilbert, Jordan Levinson, Emma Carlson ’08, Natalie Ginsburg, Elisa Chinliara, Miriam Trotscha, and Claire Thompson ’08 attended. Amanda Lee James was recently promoted to special field claims representative in the St. Louis Residential Property Office of Farmers Insurance Group. In this position she trained several groups of new hires as they entered the world of property claims adjusting, was elected to the Claims Representatives’ Advisory Council, and headed a pilot program for handling customers’ supplemental payment requests. Mark Biggar continues law school at Northwestern and will be working in Chicago this summer for Paul Hastings as a summer associate. Mark, Geoff Buckle, Tucker Kelton, and Ryan Scott visited Tim Brown, Peter Carty, Jess Bernhard, and Peter Arlein in Aspen in January. Ian London lives in Denver where he pursues his J.D. at the University of Denver while skiing and rendezvousing with Alexis Heimann, Josh Montague ’06, James Cryan, Liz Cougan, Katie Price, and Kali Abel with some regularity. Chris Zajchowski teaches science at Teton Science Schools in Jackson, Wyo., and recently moved into a house with Erik Lambert ’04. He still moonlights as a wedding singer with Tom Rogers ’04 and recently traveled to Salt Lake City to take the Tabernacle tour with Jan Weidner, Tony Gill, Cliff Johnson, Anders Wood, Matt Wallach, Katie Price, Becca Flint, and Tom Goth. Last summer Ian Cross worked at the Little Field Home Orphanage in Chigamba Village, Malawi, Africa and hiked the Long Trail. Ian ran a marathon through Death Valley Feb. 7 as a fundraiser for Little Field Home Orphanage and is currently employed as a calculus teacher at Hebron Academy in Hebron, Maine. While still reporting for a New Hampshire-based newspaper, Robin Respaut is growing a fledging freelance writing career by contributing to local magazines and building her own Web site. Becky Anderson lives on Boston’s North Shore in Beverly and teaches study skills and coaches swimming at The Landmark School. After a year in Copenhagen Elisa Chinliara now works as the marketing manager for Preserve and lives in Cambridge. Last October Bryan Gattis began his yearlong around-the-world adventure and will be traveling mainly throughout Europe, East Africa, and South East Asia. Bryan is currently volunteering at a health clinic on Rusinga Island in Lake Victoria in Kenya. Jennifer Hinson lives in Brookline, Mass., with Alison McArdle, Sarah Eilers, and Lena Bachmair and began working at a small public involvement firm in downtown Boston, right across the hall from Charlie Patton. In January Jennifer flew to Dubai for 10 days to spend some time sunning, riding camels, and skiing indoors with Michael “Kip” Kiprop and Tunde Bamigboye.

2008

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Here it is—our first class column! I received a lot of great updates, and everyone seems to agree it’s unbelievable that we graduated nine months ago! Luckily for me, I’m still at Colby working as the assistant director of alumni relations, so feel free to contact me about anything “Colby.” Melanie Unger teaches English on a Fulbright in Austria at two business vocational high schools. She lives in Vienna and enjoys Austrian culture. TJ Kelley, Josh Reber, and Arthur Fritch live in Heerenveen, Netherlands, playing professional hockey for the Haje Flyers. Will Kinder and Jamie Waters took a road trip to Great Falls, Mont., where Willis serving a one-year AmeriCorps term as a legislative policy advisor at a nonprofit organization. He frequently visits Matt Hirsch in Jackson Hole, Wyo., where Matt is one of the resort’s most promising new lift attendants. Sasha Bartels works in Burlington, Vt., at Green Mountain Antibodies, a biotech company. Julia Gilsein spent the summer at the Columbia Publishing Course at Columbia News
Vesta Alden Putnam '33, Feb. 5, 2009, in Hallowell, Maine, at 97. Along with her husband, she operated Alden Camps in Oakland, Maine, while raising her children. Hostess, cribbage player, antique collector, and painter, she received an award from the Maine Tourism Association and collected many blue ribbons for her horticulture and flower arrangements. Predeceased by her father, Frank W. Alden 1898, and her husband of 70 years, George C. Putnam '34, she is survived by five children, Elizabeth Hinebauch, Priscilla Putnam Minkel '63, Deborah Putnam, Carol Putnam '69, and James R. Putnam '73; 12 grandchildren including Kristin E. Putnam '05 and Garret A. Hinebauch '88, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Eleanor Tolan Hooker '36, Feb. 2, 2009, in Attleboro, Mass., at 96. She taught medical scientific shorthand at Colby and served as assistant alumni secretary until 1940. She taught high school business for 27 years in Maine and Massachusetts, retiring in 1971. She was an active grandmother and belonged to the Holbrook (Mass.) Historical Society. Predeceased by her husband of 65 years, Wade S. Hooker '39, she is survived by three children, Wade Hooker, Ann Gventer, and Jean Carmichael, nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Rossiter W. Marcou '36, Dec. 21, 2008, in Portland, Maine, at 100. Before serving in the Navy during World War II, he sang baritone with the Paulist Choristers in New York City, sang with the weekly radio show “The Catholic Hour,” and performed at the 1939 World’s Fair. He was choir director at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland and taught high school physics. He enjoyed gardening, oil painting, cooking, and baking bread into his 100th year. Predeceased by his wife, Bernardine Libby Marcou ’32, and his brother, Rene J. Marcou ’28, he is survived by his grandson, Nicholas, and a great-granddaughter.

Louis G. Rancourt '36, Jan. 26, 2009, in Palm Bay, Fla., at 96. He graduated from Tufts Dental School in 1940 and became an oral surgeon, practicing in the Waterville area for 30 years. He served in the Pacific as a lieutenant in the Navy during World War II. Golf occupied his retirement, and he shot his age until he was 88. Survivors include his wife, Mary Alice, and two sons, Charles G. and Allan L. Rancourt ’75.

Kathryn Carson Smith '40, Dec. 30, 2008, in Dover, N.H., at 90. An author, poet, and historian, she earned her bachelor's in 1969 from the University of Southern Maine. She was a substitute teacher and literacy volunteer, a piano player, a genealogist, and a social and political activist. She read four newspapers a day until late in life. Survivors include her son, Edson, a sister, two grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

G. Flint Taylor ’40, Feb. 9, 2009, in Auburndale, Mass., at 92. He served in Europe with the Army during World War II and received a Purple Heart. He earned a master's from Boston University and then taught history, economics, and psychology at Worcester State College for 30 years, later becoming director of admissions. He earned a Ph.D. in 1958 from UConn. Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Elena, three children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Hoover R. Goffin ’41, Nov. 14, 2008, in Delray Beach, Fla., at 91. He served in the Army during World War II and earned a Victory Medal. He obtained a master's from Columbia University, and then taught history in high schools in New Jersey, New York, and Maine. Along with his wife, Ida, he raised two children. He was predeceased by his father, Herman O. Goffin '16.

Roger H. Poor ’42, Dec. 15, 2008, in Beverly, Mass., at 89. He was accepted to Harvard Graduate School of Business but was called to serve with the Army during World War II. He later earned a master's in education from Salem State College and taught school for 22 years. Survivors include his daughter, Elizabeth Jordan, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Raymond M. Tuller Jr. ’44, Feb. 10, 2009, in Bradenton, Fla., at 88. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was decorated with the Belgian Croix de Guerre. He worked in business, coached football, hockey, and baseball, and was involved with local politics and civic organizations. Survivors include children Raymond III, Christine, and Jeffrey, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Helen Fieldbrave Cserpes ’45, Aug. 28, 2008, in Menlo Park, Calif., at 86. A social worker, she worked at a Red Cross station hospital aiding returning World War II soldiers. She later worked for 25 years as an assistant credit manager for Sears. In retirement she volunteered helping seniors at the Little House in Menlo Park. Survivors include her brother, Theodore, and two nieces.

Florence Thompson Ward ’45, Feb. 21, 2009, in Burnt Hills, N.Y., at 83. She worked as a social worker, teacher, and librarian in New York,
Robert Singer ’46, Jan. 15, 2009, in Warren, R.I., at 85. He served in the Army during World War II and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He owned Hillhouse, Ltd., a men’s clothing store in Providence, R.I., for more than 50 years. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Harriet Glashow Singer ’46, three children, four grandchildren, and two brothers.

Annette Hall Carpenter ’47, Feb. 4, 2009, in Scotch Plains, N.J., at 82. She earned an M.S.W. from Catholic University and for more than 20 years was a caseworker for Plainfield, N.J., retiring as director of welfare for the city. Survivors include four children, Annette Freedman, Cynthia Jefferson, Lori Bembry, and Wayne Carpenter, five grandchildren, and two brothers.

Raymond F. Kozen Jr. ’47, Feb. 5, 2009, in Augusta, Maine, at 89. He served in the Air Force with the Air Transport Command during World War II. He worked in administrative roles for manufacturing companies in Maine, retiring in 1984, and belonged to the Rotary Club for 54 years. Survivors include his wife, Mary Campbell Kozen ’47, a son, a sister, and three grandchildren, including Alexander C. Kozen ’06.

Jerry M. Merrill ’47, Feb. 1, 2009, in Charlotte, N.C., at 86. He served with the Army Air Corps during World War II. A longtime resident of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, he worked for Blue Cross/Blue Shield. He played tennis until he was 80, sang tenor and played the clarinet, followed world events, and played bridge. Survivors include three children, Susan, Christopher, and Mark, and three grandchildren.

Richard H. Rabner ’48, May 21, 2008, in Havertown, Pa., at 84. He served in the Army during World War II, finished his Colby degree, and earned a master’s in economics from Columbia. He was a marketing and management consultant and was an instructor at Delaware County Community College. Survivors include two sons, Ken and Robert, and two grandchildren.

Mary Louise Clare ’49, Nov. 8, 2008, in Hingham, Mass., at 81. She earned a master’s from Columbia Teachers College and then taught first and second grades for 38 years in Manchester, Conn. Survivors include two sisters.

Mario Di Frederico ’49, Jan. 5, 2009, in Saco, Maine, at 83. He earned his master’s from the University of Maine, Gorham, and then taught and coached at Kennebunk (Maine) High School for 35 years. He helped establish the Kennebunk Parks and Recreation Department and belonged to the Knights of Columbus. Survivors include his children, Mary Ann and Brent, a sister, and six grandchildren.

Marylou Reed Huse ’49, Jan 20, 2009, in Annapolis, Md., at 81. A housewife and mother, she enjoyed gardening, bridge, and sailing. Survivors include four daughters, Katie McCann, Mary McBride, Elizabeth Wagner, and Margaret Larson, a brother, Carlton D. Reed Jr. ’53, a sister, Hepzibah Reed Powers ’56, 10 grandchildren, and a great-grandson. Also surviving are nieces Prudence Reed Kraft ’75, Susan Reed Parker ’76, Hopestill Reed Spillane ’78, and nephew Thomas C. Reed ’87, all married to Colby alumni.

Jeanne Pelletier Sutphin ’49, Feb. 3, 2009, in Oak Park, Ill., at 81. She worked as a secretary in New York City for many years before getting married and raising her children. She was a tennis instructor and played the game into her 70s. Survivors include four children, Hoyt Sutphin Jr., Geoff Sutphin, Marge Reed, and Jeanne Franko, a brother, and 10 grandchildren.

Alfred W. Tranter ’49, Jan. 20, 2009, in Mission Viejo, Calif., at 90. He served in Air Force during World War II and then worked as an engineer and in business. He and his wife, Rita, raised two daughters.

A. Buxton Warren Jr. ’49, Dec. 24, 2008, in Waterville, Maine, at 88. He left Colby to serve with the Air Force during World War II, finishing his degree after the war. He worked for 35 years as an industrial engineer at the C.F. Hathaway Shirt Company in Waterville. Survivors include his children, Barbara, Gerry, and Peter, and five grandchildren.

Agnes Alger Stephanian ’51, Jan. 9, 2009, in Simsbury, Conn., at 78. A mother and homemaker, she worked for the Connecticut Department of Transportation. She played bridge and tennis, quilted, and donated pheresis and blood for leukemia patients. Predeceased by her brother Walter E. Alger Jr. ’50, she is survived by children Stephan Stephanian and Michelle Ditts, sister Georgina Alger Mikoleit ’49, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Gerald J. Holtz ’52, Jan. 3, 2009, in West Falmouth, Mass., at 77. He attended Bentley College, served in the Navy, and earned an M.B.A. from Harvard. He worked for Arthur Andersen for 35 years and, after retiring, taught accounting at the Boston College management and law schools. He served on Colby’s Board of Trustees for 16 years and received a Colby Brick Award and the Mariner Distinguished Service Award. He served on numerous boards including Penikese Island School and the Temple Israel in Boston. He loved sailing and crafting model ships. Survivors include his wife, Jane, sons Andrew ’82, Ben, and Jack, and sisters Judith (Holtz) Levow ’55 and Gale (Holtz) Hartstein ’61. He was predeceased by his daughter, Keren ’83, and brother-in-law Barry Levow ’54.

Judith “Jay” Veevers ’53, Dec. 24, 2008, in Dallas, Texas, at 77. She was a marketing and communications consultant who worked as marketing director for the Mall at Chestnut Hill (Mass.) for more than 15 years. She supported numerous art and civic boards including the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance and Cambridge College. A world traveler, she preferred sleeping in tents and immersing herself in local culture. Survivors include her daughter, Kirby, two grandsons, and a sister.

Barbara Ayers Haslam ’55, Feb. 3, 2009, in Mendham, N.J., at 74. An artist and watercolor painter, she taught children’s art classes, founded the St. Mark’s Church (Mendham) Art Show, and belonged to the Somerset Art Association. She worked 20 years for a financial advice company in Morristown, N.J. She loved to garden and play tennis. Survivors include three children, Susana...
McClure, Carrie Vallacchi, and David Haslam, a brother, and four grandchildren.

Eloise Earned Petrlik '55, Nov. 29, 2008, in Gladwin, Mich., at 75. A librarian, counselor, tutor, and teacher, she worked for institutions in Maine, Montana, and Michigan. She loved theater and the arts and belonged to American Legion Post 171 Ladies Auxiliary. Survivors include her husband, Stephen, four children, five stepchildren, a brother, 16 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and her former spouse, Paul A. Wescott '53.

Paul W. Lycette '56, March 1, 2009, in Ridgeland, Miss., at 79. He served in the Korean War and pitched for the Boston Red Sox organization before coming to Colby. He graduated from Southern College of Optometry and practiced as an optometrist for 40 years. He coached youth sports and was a Bible teacher. Survivors include his children, Lori Cotton, Doug Lycette, and Lisa Goforth, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Toni C. Jaffee '57, Nov. 18, 2008, in Berlin, Md., at 73. A housewife and a mother, she belonged to Temple Beth Yam in Maryland. Survivors include her children, Lori, Jeffrey, and Bradley, four grandchildren, cousin Peter H. Lunder '56, and former spouse Daniel Yarchin '56.

Gedeon G. Picher '58, Jan. 6, 2009, in Lewiston, Maine, at 72. He earned a bachelor's and master's in civil engineering from Carnegie Mellon. A traffic engineer and planner, he worked for the Maine Department of Transportation for 36 years and represented Maine and the United States on various committees. After retiring he ran his own consulting company, Mainesurf, Inc. He promoted social justice and peace through his church. Survivors include his wife, Annette Wyman Picher '59, four children, eight grandchildren, and a sister and brother-in-law, Annette Picher '57 and Kenneth A. Houston '57.

Beverly Pearson Mac Neill '61, Jan. 20, 2009, in Framingham, Mass., at 69. She worked for a period at Old South Church in Boston and also at Widener Library at Harvard. Her greatest pleasure was being a wife and mother. Survivors include her husband, David, three children, and one grandson.

David F. Westgate '63, Jan. 25, 2009, in Mattapoisett, Mass., at 68. He enjoyed careers in banking and business and was committed to economic development. He was a tireless volunteer and active in his community. He sailed, skied, cycled, and played squash. He sang, played the trumpet, and loved nature. Survivors include his wife, Sally, two daughters, Julia Lown and Rachel Westgate '98, a grandson, a mother, and a sister.

Gail Koch Cooper '64, Jan. 31, 2009, in West Brattleboro, Vt., at 66. She earned an M.Ed. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and dedicated herself to teaching, education, and social work. She volunteered extensively in efforts to promote social justice, literacy, and voter registration. Survivors include her husband, Peter A. Cooper '64, two children, a granddaughter, and a sister.

Elizabeth Luce Love '68, Feb. 23, 2009, in Machias, Maine, at 63. She earned a master's in guidance from the University of Maine. She taught history and was a guidance counselor in Washington County, Maine. In 1993 she was Maine's Guidance Counselor of the Year. Survivors include her husband, Roy, two children, two grandsons, and a brother.

David W. Durkin '70, Jan. 7, 2009, in Reston, Va., at 60. He worked as a meteorologist for United Airlines for 33 years and was president of TUW Local 540. He enjoyed music and gardening. Survivors include his wife, Carrie, two children, and a sister.

Jane Alexander Haines '70, March 1, 2009, in East Bridgewater, Mass., at 61. She taught first grade and was a correspondent and columnist for local papers. She played the French horn, was active with La Leche League, and served on numerous community committees. She was the 2008 East Bridgewater Citizen of the Year. Survivors include her husband, Ted, four children, two grandchildren, and cousins including Susan K. Nutter '66 and Deborah Winslow Nutter '68.

Roger F. Billings '71, Feb. 24, 2009, in Blue Hill, Maine, at 60. He worked for 40 years in business operations and financial management. He was an accomplished sailor, a fly fisherman, and served on church vestries. Survivors include his wife, Carol Wasserman Billings '71, his parents, four brothers and a sister, two sons, and two grandchildren.

Donald J. Furcillo '78, Jan. 3, 2009, in Concord, Mass., at 53. He worked as a medical salesman for 13 years and then taught middle school for 10 years. A star athlete in high school and college, he coached football at UMass Lowell and hockey teams in Massachusetts. He earned a master's in 2000 from Cambridge College. Survivors include her wife, Gilda, his parents, four children, a grandson, and two sisters.

Alison Werner Barton '96, March 1, 2009, in Killingly, Conn., at 34. She was a vice president at State Street Global Advisors and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She died in a car accident on Interstate 395. Survivors include her husband, Gavin, her parents, Karen (Sward '68) and Eric S. Werner Jr. '66, and a brother.

John M. Dudley, Jan. 5, 2009, in Green Valley, Ariz., at 82. He taught physics at Colby from 1964 to 1991. He received his bachelor's in two and a half years from M.I.T. and earned his doctorate in nuclear physics from the University of California, Berkeley. In retirement he volun-