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Hope Palmer Bramhall ’56, Alumni Council Awards Committee chair, reminds Colby readers that the committee meets three times a year to select deserving alumni and friends of the College to receive Alumni Association awards.

Any alumni can submit nominations for the following:

Outstanding Educator Award: Given to an alumnus/alumna for exceptional distinction in the classroom (2002 recipient: Diane Scranton Cohen Ferriera ’61).

Ernest C. Marriner Distinguished Service Award: Given periodically to a member of the Colby family for exceptional dedication to the College (2002 recipient: Earl Smith).

Colby Brick Award: awarded annually to three to five members of the Colby family who have demonstrated outstanding loyalty to the College through consistent and dedicated service (2002 recipients: William Alford ’72; Stephen Roy ’77 and Valerie Jones Roy ’76; Leland Potter ’67 and Linda Mitchell Potter ’66; Douglas Shair ’76; James E. Fell ’32).

Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Award: awarded periodically at Alumni Reunion Weekend to an alumnus/alumna who has achieved unusual distinction in his or her profession or avocation (2002 recipient Allan van Gestel ’57).

Edson V. Mitchell Distinguished Service Award: awarded periodically to an alumnus/alumna, within 25 years of graduation, who has demonstrated sustained dedication and leadership in support of the College (2002 recipient: John B. Devine Jr. ’78).

Special consideration is given to candidates in their reunion years, Bramhall said. She noted that nominations can be made on the Colby Web site, with the form in Colby magazine, and directly to Alumni Relations staff.

40 Our regulars were present for reunion again this year: Doris Rose Hopengarten, Ernie Marriner, Alleen Thompson and Lin Workman. We marched proudly (and last) in the Parade of Classes, pushing the lone marcher from 1941, John Hawes, who was in front of us. . . . A thoughtful note from Trophy Frederick transmitted Halsey’s obituary, which was a tribute to his avocation of breeding and training dogs for the National Field Trials. . . . No letters, no e-mails and, therefore, no news from the rest of you. We can’t share what we don’t know.

—Ernest C. Marriner Jr.

45 Fascinating stuff in a recent article in The Log-Year 2002 by Bill Whittenmore, who’s a nuclear physicist: “I have had opportunities to meet with interesting individuals and discuss with them scientific problems. In addition to my work with Edward Teller and Freeman Dyson . . . I have had the pleasure to sit with and discuss interesting topics with the Nobelists, Niels Bohr and Enrico Fermi. . . . My meeting with Prof. Bohr took place in June 1959 during the festivities associated with the dedication ceremonies for the General Atomic Facility. The reader may make the connection between Prof. Bohr and the fascinating play, Copenhagen, on Broadway. [An intriguing play indeed, even if you never had a single thing to do with physics—NCP] It centers on a visit during WWI by Werner Heisenberg, a leading German nuclear physicist, to his former professor in Denmark, Niels Bohr. What exactly transpired between the two of them remains unknown. Did Germany fail to build the bomb before the end of the war out of lack of understanding or for other reasons? What is suggested is that Heisenberg returned to Germany and possibly worked to hinder the effort to build the bomb by overstating the difficulties around making it. It may also be interesting to learn that the sale of each bottle or can of Carlsberg beer results in funds contributed each year to the Bohr Institute in Copenhagen. . . . Enrico Fermi in the field of nuclear science was a modern day scientific adventurer. Ferdinand Magellan charted the path previously unknown to circumnavigate the globe. Fermi in his world accomplished something not unsimilar. He was the prime scientific guide for the
as many as 24 countries that has led to lasting friendships. We have been brought into everyday contact with vastly different kinds of food, cultures, educational systems, homes and living conditions. In 1958, one of 12 Korean trainees in La Jolla did not have money enough for room rent and food. He lived in our house and shared our food for about six weeks before returning to Korea. . . . He moved up through the Korean hierarchy to become an important member of the Korean Atomic Energy Commission." Bill goes on to tell even more. . . . In April, Muriel Marker Gould, Helen Strauss and I had another opportunity to hear a piece composed by Hugh Atikin, Laura Tapia Atikin's husband. A fine composition titled "Duo," it was performed beautifully by a cellist and a pianist at Hunter College. . . . Also in April, Laura and Muriel were the '45ers who along with 12 other Colbyites attended a tour of New York's Metropolitan Opera House. Helen organized the tour, which I am sure was very interesting. I missed it because I was away visiting friends in Tennessee. . . . I had a nice little talk recently with Leonard Caust '43. He and Ruth live in Goldens Bridge, N.Y. Len, retired from Lever Brothers Company, has three daughters, two stepdaughters and three grandchildren. Chess seems to be high on Len's list of many interests.—Naomi Collett Paganelli

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Gene and I had a too-short visit in May with Colby friends during a fascinating tour backstage at the Metropolitan Opera, arranged by Helen Strauss '45. The group included Larry and Marie Kraeler Lowenstein, Hugh and Laura Tapia Atikin '45 and Muriel Marker Gould '45. It was also nice to see Sue Cook '75 from the College. Lots of rain, though much needed, put a damper on an after-tour gathering. For several years Helen and, often, Naomi Collett Paganelli '45 have arranged tours of interesting places around Manhattan, especially for members of classes up to '55. Great idea! . . . Dr. Philip Boyne recently completed his two-year tenure as president of the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons at its annual meeting in Las Vegas. Phil also received the Honor Award for 2001 from the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He continues to practice as a professor emeritus at the Loma Linda University Medical Center in California. Phil has been extraordinarily generous to Colby, for which we are all grateful. . . . Have you all noticed the ever-increasing quality of Colby magazine? Too bad there's such a long lag between class notes deadlines and publication. But don't let that stop you—let's hear from more of you. I can't write news unless you all noticed the ever-increasing quality of your magazine? Too bad there's such a long lag between class notes deadlines and publication. But don't let that stop you—let's hear from more of you. I can't write news unless you hear news!—Anne Lawrence Bondy

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Chuck Dudley writes that in the last years, he and Shirley (Martin '46) have traveled extensively through the Continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand. They visit their five children in Florida, California, Indiana, Connecticut and Minnesota at least twice a year (that in itself seems like extensive traveling to me!) and all get together, including the seven grandchildren, at a Connecticut beach in July. He says all are well, happy and a wonderful joy to them. The Dudleys winter in Safety Harbor, Fla., and spend summers in Windsor, Conn. . . . The "Best of Times" is the way Dorothy Briggs Aronson described our recent 55th reunion. "There were 40 of us from our class—and we all sang the old favorites of the Blue Beetle days. We told old stories and laughed and sighed nostalgically—and realized how lucky we were to have known Dean Rumrals, President Bidder, professors Wilkinson, Galbraith, Marshall, Comparati and all the others and each other! If you haven't tried one, come next time. It's great!" I drove up with Louise Kelley Rochester and Briggsy and roomed with Jane Rollins, who was on campus for the first time since our graduation. I think everyone enjoyed the kick-off cocktail party at Ray and Tossie Campbell Kozen's house, the usual lobster-clam bake, the many choices of interesting lectures and the chance to meet President Adams. Again, Tom Burke did a wonderful
DOROTHY CLEAVER '48

What she's been doing  Reading to pre-schoolers in Skowhegan and Athens, Maine.

Under the auspices of what?  As a Born to Read volunteer, through a program created by the Maine Humanities Council.

What she told the Waterville Morning Sentinel  “It’s a new thing for [children] to have a grandmother or grandfather type show up regularly every week.”

One of Cleaver’s greatest hits  Franklin in the Dark by Paulette Bourgeois, a book about a turtle that is afraid of the dark and won’t go in his shell.

The turtle’s solution  A night light.

One of the unexpected benefits  Children recognize Cleaver in her travels around town.

What do they do when they recognize her?  Give her a hug and call her “Dottie.”

job as class agent and made us collectively proud of our class contribution to the Alumni Fund, and both Tossie and Dorie Meyer Hawkes should be thanked for all the planning that they did. . . . On a sad note, I have to report the death of one of my former roommates, Jeanne Snowe Ainsworth, on May 12 in California.

—Mary “Liz” Hall Fitch

48 Helen Knox Elliott and her husband, Charles, were pleased to have Marguerite Baker Stackpole ‘49 and her husband, Howard, visit with them in Burlington, N.C., for a couple of days on their way to Florida. They were going to meet their new grandson, recently born in Germany, for the first time. Marguerite and Helen were Colby roommates from 1945 to 1947 and were each other’s wedding honor attendants. Helen and Charles also were recently privileged to attend a banquet in Charlotte, N.C., where the Honorable John Ashcroft, United States attorney general, was the guest speaker. . . .

Marvin Joslow wrote to us on May 18, 2002, from Aquinnah on Martha’s Vineyard. On that day in May, he stated that the temperature was in the mid-30s and they were being awoken by the sound of a foghorn. While underway we called Marvin on the cell phone and arranged for him to pick us up in his car in Vineyard Haven Harbor. We went to a flea market and there we caught up with Betty Joslow and Gerrie and Bill Maurice. The six of us spent the day together. We visited an art gallery, and then with six of us squeezed into Marvin’s car we drove to Menemsha for lunch and a walking tour of the tiny harbor. We then went to Marvin’s house and from his deck enjoyed the breathtaking views of Vineyard Sound and the Elizabeth Islands. . . . You have all read our lament in the past about lack of news for this column, hence the “boat” news. We are sparing you lack of news for this column, hence you seldom had when our reunions were every five years. By far the greatest class participation in the 50-Plus Club was the Class of ’47, which was celebrating their 55th reunion. Our 55th reunion will be upon us before we know it in 2004! Mark your calendars now and plan to return for another weekend of reminiscences and renewing of friendships. . . . My daughter, Elisabeth Eustis Paine ’81, told me that Shirley Kydd Bastien was going to celebrate her 75th birthday with a big party. Shirley didn’t want any presents, but she suggested that everyone buy themselves a present, which in some fashion represented their friendship with Shirley, and bring it wrapped to the party. A neat idea, Shirley! . . . As you can see, I haven’t heard from many of you, but I hope I do before my next deadline.

—David and Dorothy Marson

49 This year I made the “trek” to Waterville for Colby Reunion Weekend 2002. A small contingent of ’49ers was present: Kay and Walter Borucki, Carol Carpenter Bisbee, Oz and Ginny Young Ellis, Miles and Lark Endicott Freeman, Don and Hilda Farnum Nicol and Muriel and Bob Tonge. Those of the class who chose to stay on campus were housed and fed as usual in Dana Hall. Our 50-Plus Club reunion dinner was there also. Our dinner table was made up of five members of the Class of ’49 joined by five members of the Class of ’48! Another small class contingent! President William “Bro” Adams made a brief appearance during our dinner and welcomed us back to Colby. Although I was only there for the day, I took advantage of one of the varied afternoon presentations, “Forensic Toxicology: A Rhode Island Perspective,” which I found most interesting since I enjoy murder mysteries and, in particular, Patricia Cornwell’s. . . . If you can believe it, Don Nicol’s and Bob Tonge’s three-year terms representing us on the Alumni Council were completed as of this Reunion Weekend. One bonus of the 50-Plus Club that I noticed is that you have ample opportunity to catch up with friends in the classes before and after you, an advantage you seldom had when our reunions were every five years. By far the greatest class participation in the 50-Plus Club was the Class of ’47, which was celebrating their 55th reunion. Our 55th reunion will be upon us before we know it in 2004! Mark your calendars now and plan to return for another weekend of reminiscences and renewing of friendships. . . . My daughter, Elisabeth Eustis Paine ’81, told me that Shirley Kydd Bastien was going to celebrate her 75th birthday with a big party. Shirley didn’t want any presents, but she suggested that everyone buy themselves a present, which in some fashion represented their friendship with Shirley, and bring it wrapped to the party. A neat idea, Shirley! . . . As you can see, I haven’t heard from many of you, but I hope I do before my next deadline.

—Anne Hagar Eustis

50 I got a great letter from Ray Brackett encouraging me to pursue a career in creative writing. It seems my fictional account of Dick and Connie Leonard Hayes’s hang gliding adventures had the desired effect. Real news! Ray got together with Phil Shearman for dinner in Gorham, Maine, recently and had a great time recalling bygone days. (Did you really just return from a motorcycle weekend, Ray?) He and his wife, Ivory, are moving to Londonderry, N.H., just down the street from their youngest daughter and two grandchildren. Isn’t it great to be near family! It seems his daughter

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Robert S. Lee ’51 was honored with the Distinguished Citizen Award by the Yankee Clipper Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Best known for his commitment to the Danvers, Mass., YMCA, Lee was recognized for exemplifying the ideals of the Scouts in both his professional and personal life and for selfless service to his community. Mediarweek conferred its President’s Award on Robert A. Frank ’54 for his career in pioneering the full-service media independent SEM Media. With Stanley Moger ’58 and a third partner, Frank started the company in 1969 and over the years landed blue-chip clients such as Avis, Max Factor, Canada Dry, Pfizer and Smith Kline. A Lawrence, Mass., Sunday Eagle-Tribune story about the Weitzman family shoe business highlighted the role of Warren M. Weitzman ’58 in the Haverhill company’s success. While his younger brother, Stuart, became one of the world’s most famous footwear designers, Warren Weitzman ran the business side of the factory until the company moved to Spain in 1972. He has continued to work for the past 25 years as an international consultant to the shoe industry.

Andrea has a workshop in her basement that beckons. Ray may just get back to his woodcarving. . . . Sybil Green Reichek writes that she and her husband, Mort, are dividing their time between New Jersey and Florida. Sybil is giving classes on film appreciation and contemporary fiction in adult education classes in both states.

. . . Gerry Baker is among the many world travelers in our class. He and his wife took a wonderful trip recently to southern Italy as well as to Paris and the Riviera. In addition, Gerry puts in a 50-hour week (!) as president of Mark of Fitness. That works. . . . So, how about you? Are you fulfilling any of your dreams? Have you taken up the piano or scuba diving? Are you thinking of buying a camper and touring our beautiful country? Are you actually getting together with old friends you’ve been meaning to see over the years, as did Ray Brackett? Let’s hear about it.

—Alice Jennings Cartelli

Harland Eastman writes that he is the proud grandfather of Jake Eastman, son of Sally (White) ’91 and Said El Quahabi Eastman ’90. His daughter, Eliza (University of Wisconsin), will be living with him while working towards her master’s degree at the University of Southern Maine. His son Stephen (Stanford) is VP at Wellington Management in Boston.

The grounds crew must have really worked hard, and the results showed! Two of the dorms, Mary Low and one up next to the library, were being gutted and renovated, but progress was so good on Mary Low that they hoped to have it back in service this fall. Our class was headquartered in Foss and Woodman halls (you remember—the “new” women’s dorms back in our days at Colby). The Foss dining room is beautiful and the food plentiful and delicious. We went on to enjoy all the usual reunion festivities: from campus tours to the Parade of Classes (in which ’52 was the honored group), the lobster bake, seminars of all kinds and, of course, the Class of ’52 parties and reunion dinner on Saturday night. It was wonderful to see old friends, some of whom joined us for the first time in 50 years. . . . This column would not be complete without thanking our outgoing officers, Norma Bergquist, Paul Aldrich and Barbara Bone Leavitt. They put in an amazing amount of time and effort in planning and arranging, along with the Alumni Office, for our good time. Now we’ll have to look forward to next time. In the meantime, stay well and enjoy life!

—Janice “Sandy” Pearson Anderson

Nelson Beveridge sent me some news he had collected while phoning for Colby a while ago. Paul Joseph retired in 1993; he worked for the government in the Office of Personnel Management, handling security investigation, staffing of specialists and veteran’s affairs. He also provided grants 50/50 with the states to those who demonstrated personnel productivity and monitored Civil Service functions to judge qualified individuals. Paul is now assisting at auctions at the GM plant in Framingham, Mass. He plans to see us at reunion. . . . Marcia Curtis has retired from a career in medicine. She cruised the Caribbean in February and planned to spend her summer at Waterville Valley, N.H. . . . Joe Bryant, who spent the winter in Myrtle Beach, still plays golf there and at the Brunswick Country Club in Maine. He has fully retired from teaching. . . . Peter Salmon lives in Watertown, N.Y., but spends his winters in Sun City Center in Florida. Pete’s children recently surprised him on his 70th. He also attended the graduation of his cousin, Wynter Stinchfield ’01. He says he will be with us for reunion. . . . Ray Ducharme’s daughter Devon is a member of Colby’s Class of ’06.

. . . Norman Hodgkins retired from his post as a government meteorologist at Logan International Airport. He now lives in Lovell, Maine, where Herb Adams ’54 is his neighbor. . . . I will close with a real “fish story.” Ted Lallier has fish to fish the Mirimachi River in New Brunswick for many years, and he finally got his chance in May. He and his wife’s cousin, Fred, stayed at Pete Perry’s lodge for five days. He says they had three full days of fishing. I quote: “It rained, had hail, it blew and blew, it got hot, clouded over, and then the fish didn’t want to bite for a while. The temperature was 27 to 30 degrees in the a.m., then roughly in the upper 40s during the day. But in those three days Fred and I pulled into the boat about 12 fish. The smallest fish I took was a 12-inch brook trout. Then the salmon we fished for were anywhere from 24 to 42 inches long and weighing at least 16 to 27 lbs. One brook trout, weighing about 7 lbs. and about 15 inches in length, looked like a ceramic piece of art. Just to let you know this is not an ordinary fish story, we had pictures taken of each fish caught for all you non-believers. It was a great trip. Pete and I look forward to seeing everyone at the 50th reunion.” Ted would like us to call him (978-388-9500) to help with reunion and suggest some ideas to pass on to the administration. To update Ted’s family news, he says that his oldest son, Ed, is working for the Bloomberg Co. (of Michael Bloomberg fame) and is living in San Francisco. His youngest son, Matt, is a junior at Union College and will be going to law school and then will join Ted’s law office, where his wife, Erna, is his paralegal and only office help now. The new addition to his family is a golden retriever puppy, Wally. Ted says, “See you in June 2003.”

—Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey

Georgia “Gig” Roy Eustis writes that she is a R.E.L.E.F./Hospice nurse, now living in Sunrise, Fla. She says that her constant companion for 16 years has been a sleek black cat named Fiona MacLaren, after the heroine of “Brigadoon.” Gig has had two new lens implants and two total hip replacements, so she regards herself as a Bionic Woman. She feels so good now that she tells us to keep our eyes peeled for this Silver Flash at the Winter Olympics in 2006. She has attended most all of the class reunions, where she finds it wonderful to see former classmates, catch up
on their news and remember Colby days together. . . . Ed and I moved in March. My new address appears in the list of correspondents near this column. We now live next door to one daughter and a mile from two others. Unfortunately, our son doesn’t seem inclined to move from Los Angeles. The move, after 43 years in the same house, was a nightmare, and the whereabouts of some essential items remains a mystery. Otherwise, we love the new house and the location.

—Helen Cross Stabler

56 What a wonderful 11-day trip to Italy with the Alumni College in Tuscany. We were a group of 46 from Colby, Bates and Bowdoin. This trip was so popular with Colby alumns and friends (24 of us) that a second group of 18 arrived on the day we left. Colby’s Associate Professor of History Larissa Taylor accompanied us as did Professor Rebecca Corrie from Bates. We had their expertise on Renaissance history and art at our disposal. This large group of diverse ages and addresses, with its small-college Maine experience, had an instant rapport. We spent seven nights at a small hotel in the hill town of Pienza and had several informal lectures, daily tour guides and trips to surrounding hill towns and a continuing abundance of wonderful Tuscan food. We all received “graduation” diplomas before heading back to Rome. Some of us stayed on for three more days, sampling the wonderful noise, confusion and magnificence of the city. The nerve-shattering rides in a Rome taxi and walking the streets during World Cup soccer were unforgettable. Every store had a TV going and people hooting and cheering. We are now addicted to watching the soccer outcome. With us were Jan Nordgren Meyerweather, Mary Ann Papalia Laccabue and her husband, Ron, and John ’55 and Jane Mary Ann Papalia Laccabue, who live in Concord, N.H. Last year Julie and Dottie met at Sunapee for dinner, or the Maine beaches, and often see her Colby roommate Julie Klaflstad Runnells and her husband, who live in Concord, N.H. Last year Julie and Dottie met at Sunapee a lot to ski together. The four of them did get together many times during the year for dinner, or the Maine beaches, or any other excuse they can manage.

59 With children in Philadelphia, Atlanta, Cleveland, etc., Phil “Doc” Suchecki and his wife do lots of traveling to visit their 10 grandchildren. A recent vacation trip took them to Panama, where they found the canal most impressive. In winter, Phil wonders why he chose to retire in Michigan! . . . Retired after 40 years of public school teaching, Lee Oberparleiter is—you guessed it—teaching. This time it’s a graduate course, The Brain and Learning. Lee has written and published five books on the brain and teaches in a program called “The Brain and Learning Series.” He visits Maine with his daughter every year, loves movies and still has season tickets to the Phillies with his dad. . . . Edo Foresman Donaldson and her husband are still enjoying life on the road after two years. They’ve camped in 37 states and have crossed the country twice. Edo would love to meet up with any other class members who are out on the road. How about it? Anyone else fancy-free and ready to roll? . . . John Brooks volunteers full time at a food pantry and in his 29th year as a volunteer firefighter. He is also a runner’s guide for disabled athletes who run marathons. He must be very fit to keep up that level of activity. Thanks for all you do, John! . . . Sheila and Lloyd Cohen have taken some marvelous cruises, both with and without grandchildren: Mexican Riviera, Fort Lauderdale–Panama Canal–Louisiana, Alaska, etc. Deep-sea fishing in the presence of whales, Lloyd says, was an otherworldly experience. In between cruises he still finds time for high school softball umpiring. . . . Eileen and Al Wilbur plan to retire (kinds) in Palm Springs, Calif., in 2003. . . . Sadly, I must inform you of the death of our friend and classmate Mike Riordan. Mike succumbed to cancer in the spring. He had hoped for a final trip to St. Maarten and, with good humor, acknowledged using frequent flier miles to upgrade to first class. He never made the trip. Many thanks to Bob Keltie for regularly keeping me informed on Mike’s condition. . . . Stay in touch, folks; life is unpredictable. Regards to you all.

—Ann Segrave Lieber

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February and hope to have started my next career (unknown as of June) by the time you read this.

—Jane Holden Huerta

61 Aloha from the Big Island of Hawaii, Land of Fire and Ice! By the time you read this column, Bob Burke will have spent four days at Pihanakalani Ranch—he was the winner of this auction item at our 40th! He bid on a lani Ranch—he was the winner of this prize perhaps? Our weekend actually began on Thursday, the 6th, at the beautiful home in California! Boyd says he “likes to drive.” A bit of an understatement perhaps? Our weekend actually began on Thursday, the 6th, at the beautiful home and gardens of Pat and Rich Simkins in Byfield, Mass. Rich has literally created his gardens with his own hands and heart, and he offers them as a gift to his community. Lovely and gracious Pat modestly says she does the “weeding.” Persistent, unrelenting, cold (for a Southerner like me) rain fell throughout the afternoon and evening, but guided tours under umbrellas went out anyway to enjoy the great beauty and creativity of the gardens. Many thanks to Rich and Pat for their extraordinary hospitality! In attendance were Harry and Judy Haagland Bristol, Bill and Jane Germer Krehs, Patch Jack Mosher, Oliver Pingree Ingraham, Cal Pingree, Sylvia and Al Neigher, John and Alice Webb Webb, Vera and Sam Mc Cleery, Judy and Chris Wood, Mike McCabe, Malcolm MacLean, Barb (Haines ’63) and Bill Chase, Paul ’59 and Elaine Healey Reichert, Patty Downs Berger, Ellie Tomlinson, Dick and

62 Greetings, Class of ’62! Pat Farnham Russell has agreed to welcome me as co-correspondent, and we’ll be sharing the duties related to writing this column. Our hope is that we’ll widen the circle of those of you who actually want your classmates to know what you’re up to—so please consider using the form that appears in this issue and let us hear from you! . . . Setting aside vanity, disbelief and the paralyzing fear that we’d look older than everyone else, 57 of us, plus spouses, friends and family, traveled from long and short distances to attend our 40th class reunion the weekend of June 6 through 9. I think the prize for travel perseverance goes to Muff Symonds Leavitt and her husband, Boyd, who actually drove from their home in California! Boyd says he “likes to drive.” A bit of an understatement perhaps? Our weekend actually began on Thursday, the 6th, at the beautiful home and gardens of Pat and Rich Simkins in Byfield, Mass. Rich has literally created his gardens with his own hands and heart, and he offers them as a gift to his community. Lovely and gracious Pat modestly says she does the “weeding.” Persistent, unrelenting, cold (for a Southerner like me) rain fell throughout the afternoon and evening, but guided tours under umbrellas went out anyway to enjoy the great beauty and creativity of the gardens. Many thanks to Rich and Pat for their extraordinary hospitality! In attendance were Harry and Judy Haagland Bristol, Bill and Jane Germer Krehs, Patch Jack Mosher, Oliver Pingree Ingraham, Cal Pingree, Sylvia and Al Neigher, John and Alice Webb Webb, Vera and Sam Mc Cleery, Judy and Chris Wood, Mike McCabe, Malcolm MacLean, Barb (Haines ’63) and Bill Chase, Paul ’59 and Elaine Healey Reichert, Patty Downs Berger, Ellie Tomlinson, Dick and

Janet Grout Williams ’60 may find it difficult to avoid the subject of the career from which she recently retired, particularly while hiking through the White Mountains of New Hampshire. She left her position as a professor of field research biology at Swarthmore College in June and migrated north, marking the end of her noted career as an ornithologist.

Williams’s research in animal behavior began when she worked with the world-famous zoologist Dr. Donald Griffin, who coined the term “echolocation” to describe his discovery in the 1940s of ultrasonic navigation among bats. Williams’s husband, Timothy, was studying under Griffin for his Ph.D. when Griffin offered her a position as a research assistant. The Williamses traveled frequently, including a stay in Trinidad to carry out a detailed study of bat behavior. It was there that the Williamses discovered that sight had a greater role in navigation than many biologists realized. Bats, they found, rely on visual landmarks in addition to echolocation with reflected sound waves.

After their research on bats, Janet and her husband maintained a laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass., and became interested in studying mass oceanic bird migrations. They had watched 12 million birds bound for the Southeast leave Cape Cod in a single night. The Williamses wondered where the huge flocks were going and how they got there. In 1969 the pair began what would result in a 30-year study of mass migrations. They found that while some birds fly over land, others, such as certain species of warblers and sandpipers, traverse a 2,000-mile stretch of the Atlantic Ocean to reach their destinations in South America and the Caribbean.

The Williamses examined data from ship and coastal radar systems to learn the speed of the birds, how high they fly, which routes are taken and which birds are most successful at completing the lengthy flights. Results from the ongoing study were first published in the October 1978 issue of Scientific American. The article shared some of their interesting findings on how birds make the difficult journey. “The trip . . . require[s] a degree of exertion that is not matched by any other vertebrate,” the article stated. “For a man the metabolic equivalent would be to run four-minute miles for 80 hours.”

Williams’s interest in biology began at an early age, though she was not always certain of the direction she wished to take. “I’ve always been interested in nature since I was a little girl,” she said. “I was an outdoors person, and that was part of why I chose Colby.” Enjoying her membership in the Outing Club and Colby’s location in central Maine, Williams was also thankful for the support and personal interest shown by the Colby community in what began as a difficult first year of college. Her mother had died just weeks before she left home for Mayflower Hill. These tragic circumstances “forced me to be independent and self-assured,” she says. With the help of the supportive environment at Colby, Williams said, “I was able to become a mature, independent person with a liberal arts background. I could strike out on any path.”

She chose ornithology, and although Williams has retired from academia it will not mean the end of her passion for nature and travel. “I will continue to be a naturalist,” she said, “I plans to become a involved in the Appalachian Mountain Club after ta residence in the New Hampshire mountains. Willia will be occupied with fi a book about herself and her husband—a reflec on the careers of two field ornithologists.

—Gavin O’Brien ’04
Jennie Banks Vacco. (I’m going to ask you in advance for forgiveness if I leave you out of a list . . . after all, I’m new at this.) Friday was as beautiful in Waterville as only a June day in central Maine can be. You remember! Several stalwarts arrived early to participate in the golf tournament. Others drifted northward to arrive, register and join the party in the dorm that evening. Over the course of the weekend, we saw Roey Carbin, Penny and Ed Kyle, Linn Spencer Hayes, Liz Conley Clagett, Debby Price, Dick Schmalz, Elmer and Linda Laughlin Sceely, Pam Taylor, Toni and Allie Weller, Nancy and Whit Coombs, Nancy Rowe Adams, Dave Berman, John Chapman, Brenda Wroblecki Elwell, Ellie and Bruce Ferguson, Donna and Phil Gregorio, Jan Griffith and Dick Perles, Kathy Hertzberg, Jimmy Johnson, who continues to be our head cheerleader, Rollie and Pat Farnham Russell, newlwyeds Shirley and Peter Jaffe, Lynn Kimball, Peter Leofanti, Craig Malsch, Ben Blaney, Lael Swinney Steggall, Nancy and Gerry Tays, Jay Webster, Marilyn Crittendon Coffey and Henry Wingate ’61, and Ginny (Murphy ’61) and Ed Cragin. Saturday brought the Parade of Classes and presentation of our class gift to the Alumni Fund. Under the capable leadership of Mike McCabe, reunion gift chair, and thanks to you we exceeded our goal of $62,000 for ’62. Outgoing class president Rich Simkins and Mike represented us on the dias. Then it was lobster and all the trimmings in the field house, and on to hear Jennie Banks Vacco share her experiences of living and teaching in Kazakhstan as a Fulbright Scholar: “The room was packed, and Jennie made us proud!” Millett Alumni House was the site of the Saturday night’s class cocktail party. The Millett Alumni House was the site of the Saturday night’s class cocktail party. Under the capable lead of Portland’s new department of planning and development now oversees the formerly separate departments of planning, economic development, and housing and neighborhood services.


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64 I asked the class by e-mail, “What do you remember about Gordon Linen?” and got a collection of memories: Who’s he? Stripping the beds and troopng down to wherever to pick up a new set. Didn’t we occasionally use the sheets for unorthodox uses? I vaguely remember people putting Gordon Linen products to a variety of uses for which they were never intended—shoe polishing, among the more mentionable abuses. Can you believe we changed our beds once a week? Does anyone still do that? That nice nest package wrapped in brown paper. Stiff scratchy sheets, but better than dirty ones; blue striped towels and the funny, sterilized sort of smell on the clean ones. They were pretty thin too. But hey, I wasn’t washing or folding, so I couldn’t complain. When we made banners for something or other and then were faced with how to turn in the evidence. Did we surreptitiously exchange the marked sheet for one of a classmate, or did we attempt to wash the paint out first? . . .

63 Booty (Ann) Bruno Hocking reminds us all to save June 6–8, 2003, for our 40th reunion! If you have ideas for the reunion and also want to volunteer to encourage friends to attend (the bigger the reunion the better!) please e-mail her at hockan@aol.com. This summer the class will be receiving a letter from the committee giving more details . . . . If you thought “déjà vu” upon reading the class column in the spring 2002 issue, you were right, and your memory is still intact and working well. The column of summer 2001 mysteriously reappeared! The editor, pleasing that his memory wasn’t intact and working well, apologizes. (The column of summer 2001 was used as a template for the spring 2002 issue, and he didn’t remember the old column that inadvertently remained in place.) . . . As for a recent update on Forslund Falb news, we have headed to Martha’s Vineyard for a refuge instead of Cumberland, Maine. Older daughter Hilary is a sophomore at Brown this fall; younger daughter Alison, now a senior at Northfield Mount Hermon, had a tour and interview at Colby in June. As for myself, I’m headed for a busy year finishing my certificate in landscape design history at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University (formerly known as Radcliffe Seminars). . . . On a very sad note, Ed Winkler passed away on June 24 after a long battle with colon cancer. Cindy Richmond Hopper sent me this news after having tried to contact him about a possible visit to see him and his sculpture. Cindy and Monte keep very busy and are the proud grandparents of Alexandra Rose, born in April. . . . Ruth Pratley Madell continues working for the Kansas Humanities Council as its budget director and grants manager. She really enjoys her job as well as her volunteering at the Performing Arts Center and seeing many concerts and shows. She says, “This year has been kind of crazy.” Her daughter was married in San Francisco last September 21 when traveling by air was difficult, but the wedding was a fun time—it took place in Golden Gate Park, with the reception on the Balclutha, a tall ship moored at the maritime museum. In January she learned that all of the walking she had done for her health necessitated a hip replacement in April. Thanks to a laptop and e-mail, she has been able to keep up with work, and the rehab has gone amazingly well, enabling her already to be back almost to normal. . . . Having retired from the classroom several years ago, Bunny Read McEldowney is now an education consultant in Colorado’s Jefferson County schools for gifted and talented students. She and her husband, Ron, enjoy traveling and were looking forward this summer to their first cruise, a trip to Alaska. A gathering of the family at Christmas on the tip of the Baja Peninsula included their three children and three “wonderful” grandchildren. Of interest is that one of their sons was a coordinator working on the Hayman fire outside of Denver in June. . . . In March, skiing at Mad River, Jane Melanson Dahmen fractured her left shoulder, which, she said, “put a crimp in my style.” She and I met for lunch in April at which time she was well practiced at driving with just one arm and was looking forward to painting again. We had more fun reminiscing about freshman year and being on the basement floor of Woodman Hall. . . . Finally, our busy Barb Haines Chase and Bill ’62 went to Haiti in February for the second time on a medical mission and had an amazing experience, finding the people warm, welcoming and in great need.

—Karen Forslund Falb
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65 Vol. 90, number 4 (fall ’01) was the first issue I missed since becoming class correspondent in 1990. Except that I did not miss. The omission was due to a Colby error and not a lazy correspondent. No news may be good news, but Colby believes that some news is best and that late is better than never—so here is the column,
only a year old. Charlie ‘63 and Pam Plumb Carey’s son Todd was married Oct. 14, 2000, in Philadelphia. Spotted in the happy crowd were Marcia Anderson Harding, Ginger Barnes Goddard and Jay Gronlund . . . Rick Davis’s son, Steve ’95, married Lauren O’Toole ’95 on Oct. 8, 2000, in Wellesley, Mass. Seen at the munchies were Bill Snow ’66, Karen Knudson ’64 and Jay Gronlund. I spoke with Jay and learned that he is teaching a course in brand positioning and development at NYU in N.Y.C. When not at the NYU spa, he does marketing workshops in Europe, Beijing and Bali—tough duty, but someone has to do it. Jay’s daughter, Melissa, graduated from Princeton in 2000. . . . Elifie Hinterkopf Biles had her book Integrating Spirituality in Counseling published in Japanese. She and her new husband, Stephen, spent their honeymoon in the Japanese Alps in the fall of ’99. . . . Whit Robbins reports from Delaware, Ohio, that he is still with the confectionery division of Nestle, working on international projects. He reported that “international travel gets pretty frustrating with all the delays these days.” He and his wife, Pat, are active in their church and keeping up with six grandchildren. . . . Jerri Hamilton Bost realized a long-term goal of walking across the Golden Gate Bridge in July 2000. This was discussed with Colby friends in 1997, and then Jerri was diagnosed with bone cancer. . . . Susie Walker Ostrem reports the sad news of her husband’s death in May 2000. She has now moved to Bigfork, Mont. . . . Stu Rakoff (rakoff@erols.com) is a self-employed consultant living in Reston, Va., with Roz, his bride of 35 years. “I try hard to keep work in balance by taking Grampa breaks and staying involved in the community,” he said. Stu was appointed to the board of trustees of the Fairfax County Police Retirement System and is past president of the D.C. Colby alumni club. “In the past few years,” he added, “we have spent time in Tuscany, London, Paris, Costa Rica and the U.S. Southwest. We have started spending some time on Cape Cod in the summer. On the Cape last year I read the new translation of Beowulf, bringing back strong and pleasant memories of Prof. Colin MacKay describing Beowulf as the Scandinavian Hopalong Cassidy in freshman comp.” . . . Dave Fearon, fearon@mail.ccsu.edu, has embarked on an intellectual quest of monumental proportions. “I am starting a sabbatical from my professorship at Central Connecticut State University to study myself! Before people start hauling out the Golden Fleece Awards, my study is of how I learn ‘knowledge management’—the green edge of my field of managerial and organizational behavior. With the help of my son, Dave ‘89, I am forming a database to track ‘what David knows and how he got to know it.” . . . Dave Hatch, davidhatch@hotmail.com, has one more year at Burlington (Massachusetts) High School to get his pupils up to speed in Spanish before he retires to Florida. “Am looking forward to doing something outside and dealing with adults,” he wrote. Dave ushers at the International Tennis Hall of Fame tournament each July and every winter collects money for Cystic Fibrosis by selling raffle tickets at Attitash Mountain in Bartlett, N.H. . . . John Tewhey was profiled in a Falmouth (Massachusetts) Foraster article about members of the Board of Environmental Protection. John is the current BEP chair and owns Tewhey Associates, an environmental and technical consulting firm. He has been on the faculty of the University of Southern Maine. . . . A press release from the University of Chicago Press announced Barbara Howard Traister’s new book. She is a professor of English at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. After Colby, she earned a master’s in philosophy from Yale and a Ph.D. from Yale in ’73. She previously taught at Medical College of Pennsylvania and Kalamazoo College. Her new book, The Notorious Astrological Physician of London, is a treatise on the works and days of Simon Forman. Her earlier work, Heavenly Necromancers: The Magician in Early Renaissance Drama, is also available. . . . Hail, Colby, Hail! —Richard W. Bankart

66 The last two issues of Colby attributed the ’66 column to Natalie Bowerman Zaremba, our previous correspondent, but Meg Fallon Wheeler has been writing them. The editor has explained most apologetically that Colby is laid out using a previous issue as a template, and both times Natalie’s name was inadvertently left in place of Meg’s. Not to confuse you further, but it’s Linda Buechim Wagner who is handling the writing duties this time. . . . Colby kudos to Russ Mohnbleu, who was chosen as the recipient of the 2001 Babe Ruth Softball Volunteer of the Year Award. Russ was selected from over one million volunteers throughout the U.S. and Canada for this highest honor bestowed in Babe Ruth. Now New Hampshire State Commissioner, Russ has been active in Babe Ruth since 1982 and has led N.H. to become one of the most successful states in the league. Russ’s wife, Joyce, his sons, Ron, Greg and Rusty, and his five grandsons certainly must be proud of this man who stepped up to the plate when leadership was so necessary. . . . While we’re on the subject of apologies, Colby class correspondent apologies to Mary Sue Hilton Weeks for leaving her off the list of reunion 2001 attendees. Not only was she there, she was on the reunion committee, and she led an expedition out to Hurricane Island for some adventurous classmates! Check out Faux Finisher Magazine, the winter 2001 issue. Mary Sue is featured on the cover and in a two-page spread. After 30-plus years she has returned to her first love (and major at Colby)—art—and has started a business doing custom decorative finishing. Her Web site is www.decorativevillusions.com. . . . Bill Donahue was inspired to write commending Meg Fallon Wheeler on the terrific job she has been doing with getting out the Class of 1966 newsletter and the quarterly class columns. Bill, an attorney in White River Junction, Vt., and married for 33 years to Katherine Curtis, lives in Windsor, Vt., with Katherine and three sons, James, Sam and Tom ’00. Dave Cutler ’65 and Bill met recently for a weekend with their sons in New York City, and Tom Cox joined Bill for some bird hunting in northern Vermont last October. When not working, Bill plays the fiddle, reads avidly, plays golf and is attempting to teach himself to speak French to redeem a pledge he made to himself after flunking French at Colby! . . . Early retirement is on Debbie Anglin Higgins’s mind. She is considering using her long experience teaching high school French (Bill, you could ask Debbie to help you with your French lessons!) to take a position in the Department of Defense overseas school program. This summer Debbie was to travel in Italy for three weeks and meet with people involved in that program. She has just bought a two-family home overlooking Quincy Bay, Mass., so Debbie is a new landowner and a first-time landlord. She says she feels like a 22-year-old again what with all her new adventures. . . . Jeff Wright, his wife, Karen, and daughter, Julie, a junior at Furman University, live in Marietta, Ga., where Jeff is a human resources director for Kimberly-Clark.

He has been with the company since 1969 and has moved across the country and back with the job. A member of the Colby Eight, Jeff has kept music in his life—he played drums for a number of years in a rock ‘n’ roll band while Karen sang and played percussion with the group. They are now a bit more subdued and sing in the church choir. Dave Wooley and Peter Winstanley are in touch with the Wrights. . . . Peter and Ellie Eichmann Densen are still ardent joggers, and Peter continues his Saturday morning basketball games without fail. Finding time for exercise is tough, given that Peter is head of internal medicine at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City. He has 500 faculty and staff to oversee—and he still continues to do patient care. Dr. Densen, we salute you! Ellie volunteers at their local library and also works for National Public Radio reading for sight-impaired people. Their sons, Greg and Brad, live in Denver. . . . Meg Fallon Wheeler, Beth Peco Armstrong, Diane Leach Wilbur and I all met in Portland, Maine, for a three-hour gossip and power lunch on a beautiful day in May. The gathering left us all feeling the security and warmth of old friendships. —Linda Buechim Wagner

67 Our sincerest sympathies to Fran Richter Comstock, as Bob Comstock succumbed to cancer after a long and difficult fight. The funeral celebrated Bob’s life beautifully. Colby ’67 was represented by Ross Kolhonen, the first to give a eulogy, as well as Paul Cronin, Joe Connolly, Terry Stratton and Mike Picher. There were also a number of younger Colby grads of the generation of their daughters, Jennifer ’93 and Ginger ’96. . . . Reunion Weekend weather was beautiful, and ’67 had a good turnout for the 35th. At Friday night’s banquet, Alumni Council president Lou McGinity Richardson presented Colby Bricks to two members of our class who have made generous contributions to the College of both time and money: Lee Potter and his wife, Linda (Mitchell ’66), and Doug Schar. Back at the dorm, the video done by Bob Field for the 30th reunion was a huge hit, bringing back memories of our four years on campus. We marched, a little farther back, in the Parade of Classes wearing our 35th reunion denim baseball caps. The class gave generously to the Campaign for Colby and
set a new record for a reunion class. Irv Faunce hosted Saturday night’s dinner at the Museum of Art and continued the tradition of presenting “Colby Rocks” to class members who attended the weekend. Mike and Pam Cooper Picher distributed CDs of “Bob’s Music,” favorite songs of Bob Comstock, which will help all of us remember him. Some classmates have never missed a reunion yet. For many, this was their very first Colby reunion, but they agreed that they’d be back for the 40th in 2007. . . . Laila (Walji) Alidina is an allergist specializing in asthma in Orlando, Fla. She has been in practice for 19 years and is board certified in allergy and clinical immunology and in pediatrics. After Colby, Laila earned her medical degree and doctorate in anatomy at the Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. She completed her allergy, asthma and clinical immunology fellowship at Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. . . . Phil Kay is a consultant who provides sales training for the telecommunications industry. He has written “Compete and Win in Telecom Sales,” which draws upon his experience as a U.S. Navy lieutenant on the U.S.S. Preston Destroyer (DD795) in Vietnam. . . . Kurt Swenson is chairman, president and chief executive officer of Rock of Ages Corp. as well as VP of Swenson Granite. Kurt has seen the firm through hard times and created brand recognition for the maker of granite products as well as a nationwide chain of retail outlets for quarried building materials. He often incorporates “philosophical musings” in his annual report, and this year used Tibetan and Chinese folk stories to illustrate his thoughts about recent company changes. Kurt runs the family companies from offices in Concord, N.H., where he lives with his wife, Elaine. He also has two grown sons, Todd and Jake. . . . At the reunion, we collected e-mail addresses of classmates who wanted to be kept posted of news more frequently than we do in quarterly Colby magazines. If you’d like to join, just contact us by e-mail and we’ll add you to the list. We look forward to hearing from you and getting news for the next column.

—Robert Gracia and Judy Gerrie Heine

68 Heard from Jane Bubar Morrison, who lives in Dixfield, Maine, and is director of community relations development at Rumford Hospital. Her son Seth graduated from Southern Vermont College in 2001. Her son Joshua ’93 and daughter-in-law Beth Cronin ’93 graduated from Colby and presented her with a grandchild, Duncan Cronin Bubar. She says she wasn’t at all excited about being a “nana” until he actually arrived, and now she’s a photo-showing addict. She adds, “When I lived in Waterville from 1983 to 1991, I dotted on the Portland String Quartet concerts at Lorimer. What a gift to the community!” She says her Colby friends are still her best—Jann, Otts, Lyстра and Brenda. . . . Gleaned from a newspaper clipping: Jolan Force Ippolito is the new chair of Rumford Hospital after having served on the board for four years. Vice president of risk management at the American Skiing Company, she also serves on the board of the Western Mountains Alliance, as chair of both the Maine Employers Mutual Insurance Company board and the finance committee of the Town of Rumford, and on the Oxford County advisory board of the Maine Community Foundation. Jolan and her husband, Jim, have been residents of Rumford for 30 years and have three grown children. . . . From a press release: David and Susan Davidson Lombard received honorary degrees at Nichols College in Dudley, Mass. David, who is chair of the college’s Comprehensive Campaign, graduated from Nichols and was the recipient of the honorary doctor of science degree in business administration. Susan received an honorary doctor of humane letters. According to the press release, “She is deeply committed to the community, as she is the vice chair of the board of trustees for Berkshire Community College and a member of the board of the Berkshire United Way. As a former teacher, she impacted the lives of young students throughout Central Berkshire as a member of the school committee, which she chaired for many years. She also serves on the boards of Berkshire Health Systems, the Berkshire Medical Center, the Berkshire Art Association and the Berkshire Center for Families and Children.”

—Nancy Dodge Bryan

71 University of Southern Maine Professor of Public Policy Charles Colgan, a.k.a. Maine’s “top economist,” predicted Maine businesses would cut about 9,000 jobs before an economic rebound occurred in the summer of 2002. He noted that 9,000 is less than a third of the 30,000 jobs Maine lost in the deep recession of the early 1990s. He felt the deepest point of the recession probably had passed already but that projections of a rebound could be “out-the-window” if another “major terrorist attack” were to occur in the United States. He recently noted that the state economic forecasting panel that he heads had to throw out its outlook from last year following the 9/11 attacks. He noted that this is the first time since the Great Depression of the 1930s that all of the world’s major industrial countries have been in a recession at the same time. “That means it will probably be up to the United States to pull the world out of the slump,” he said. . . . On a lighter note, and low on material for this column, I will report that my husband, Bruce ’72, our son, Clark, 10, and I anticipated a trip in the summer to the Grand Canyon and some of the national parks in the Arizona-Utah area. . . . Please send your class correspondent some news for the next edition of the ’71 class column!

—Nancy Neckes Dunnart

72 Kathy O’Dell moved into higher education administration last year as associate dean of arts and sciences at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), where she is also associate professor of art history and theory. She continues to bask in middle-aged parenthood as mom of Lucy O’Dell Merinit, 5, who changed Kathy and husband John’s lives in myriad ways, including what Kathy calls a once-and-for-all move from apartment life in New York City to an actual house in Catonsville, Md. Kathy stays in touch with Alice Osmer Olson and Aja Razumny (formerly Julie Pfrangle), who visited periodically from Juneau, Alaska, and reminisces about Colby with UMBC colleague Roy T. Meyers ’76, associate professor of political science and director of the public affairs scholars program. Kathy continues to be grateful for the mentoring of the late James Carpenter, professor of art history at Colby, whom she credits for influencing her to pursue a Ph.D. in the field. . . . Don Snyder has published his sixth and seventh books in the past year, both novels, Night Crossing (Alfred A. Knopf) and Fallen Angel (Simon & Schuster-Pocket Books). He wrote a screenplay of Fallen Angel for Hallmark, which will be filmed this autumn for the 2003 Hallmark Hall of Fame Christmas movie. This summer he planned to head to St. Andrews, Scotland, the setting for his eighth book, a novel that will be published by Doubleday in 2003.

—Janet Holm Gerber

73 Seth Dunn writes that he has succeeded in delaying the inevitable mid-life crisis by becoming a parent! Father to Abigail, 4, and Benson, a son born last January, Seth lives in Massachusetts with his wife, Jennifer, an educational researcher. Seth has been a social worker for 25 years and finds great satisfaction in the personal rewards of his chosen profession, though finds the financial rewards lacking. He would love to hear from Colby friends. . . . Eric Rolfson was recently appointed vice president for institutional advancement at Thomas College in Waterville, Maine. After receiving a master of arts from the Goddard Graduate Program in Europe, Eric worked as a secondary school teacher in Waterville and in Paris, France. He also served for 13 years as Colby’s director of development, helping to plan and implement successful $35-million and $150-million capital fund-raising campaigns. He then co-founded Toast Technologies Inc., a Boston-based information technology consulting firm that was twice rated in the Boston Business Journal’s top 25 list of “Area’s Largest Computer Networking Companies.” Eric has maintained his interest in music and was to travel to Poland with the Old Grey Goose band of central Maine to perform traditional music of the Northeast. He is also master of ceremonies for the annual East Benton Fiddler’s Convention, which celebrated its 30th anniversary in July. Congratulations to both Seth and Eric.

—Jackie Niemeyer Appeldorn

74 I received a number of e-mails this month! Don Richardson writes that he and his wife, Janet, celebrated their 20th anniversary. After their son, Matt, graduates from high school he will attend Rensselaer. Don recently completed 25 years of service at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he is a systems librarian. He sometimes bumps into Debbie Smith Sellkow, whose husband is a professor at WPI. Don says he enjoys reading Brian MacQuarrie’s articles in The Boston Globe. . . . Gay Peterson e-mailed that she is still living in North Yarmouth, Maine, in the house she and her husband, Rob Wood, built in 1979. Their two children, a junior and senior in high school, are making
Newsmakers

The Department of State recently announced the selection of Patrick D. Duddy ’72 as the U.S. consul general in São Paulo, Brazil, the world’s third-largest city. A career Foreign Service officer and the largest consulate in South America, the consul general is pleased with the department’s recent decision to assign him to the post. He will be the senior American diplomat in Brazil and head the largest consulate in South America. Duddy is a career diplomat with extensive experience in Latin America, having served in various consular and diplomatic positions in Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay. He replaces Margaret C. Duddy ’72, who served as consul general in São Paulo from 1998 to 2002. In his new position, Duddy will be responsible for overseeing the largest consulate in South America, which serves the Western Hemisphere’s largest country and one of the most important trade partners for the U.S. Duddy is a native of Auburn, Maine, and a graduate of Colby College.”

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Ann Dunlap LeBourdais and I have a little news to share; we’d love to have more. I am happy to tell you that I am recovered from my accident. I completely tore the hamstring muscle from its upper attachment point. I was totally unable to use the leg, and it severely limited my activities. Thanks to a wonderful surgeon and to unbelievable assistance from our church and community, my leg is as functional as before this untoward event. . . . Paul Kueffner said he was teaching French to fifth graders but expected to include fourth graders this fall. He speaks only French when “on the job,” and says, “It is amazing how many teachers, staff, parents and students who all ‘know nothing but English’ can understand persistent French.” . . . Henry T. Osborn is in Florida, where he is communications director at Sabine, Inc. He planned to come north to celebrate his dad’s 80th birthday. He finds life busy with his job and family. He still enjoys music and will make or has already made a limited-edition CD. . . . Kate Cone knows about being busy. She has a soccer-playing son and two active dauthers, and she’s working on a master’s degree herself. . . . Simon (Chan) ’75 and Robert Gregory sent a brief note saying that their four children are doing well and the parents are adapting to a semi-empty nest. . . . Carl Witchoff sent a brief note to say that he considers himself a ’76er, although he finished with ’77. He says he enjoyed the 25th-reunion yearbook and will “definitely plan to show up for the 50th . . . heh.” My husband enjoyed his Web page immensely. Have a look. . . . Richard Clark beat my 11 years as a vegetarian by seven years. Richard has been studying the Beat Generation authors. . . . Rebecca Hushing McCole shared news of her activities. She has traveled to several U.S. destinations recently, teaches aquaculture, is a school volunteer and runs an advertising business. She has put music on hold to avoid overextending herself but says she has a newly adopted cat that plays guitar! Becca has heard from John Mulcahy, who is a musician in New York City and was (still is?) music director for Annie, Get Your Gun. She also had word from Phil Freund, who has a family and a software company to keep him busy. Becca’s family had a visit from Peter Labombarde and family. The Labombres and the McColes are age-mate daughters, so it was an outing enjoyed by all. . . . Our class newsmakers include Maureen Kelliher, who is now senior vice president and manager of Citizens Investments services at Citizens Bank in New Hampshire, well-known musician and folklorist Jeffrey M. McKeen and Wendy Swallow, Ph.D., who has published a book about divorce and life after one. . . . Please send more news to classnews1976@alum.colby.edu.

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Hi everybody! Great quality but weak quantity on the news front so it’s time to get out those laptops and pens. Let’s gear up the information flow in anticipation of our 25th reunion in June 2003! Speaking of our reunion, I had breakfast with Sandy Buck a couple of months ago. I won’t spoil any of the surprises, but he has some terrific ideas. Sandy has already started the planning process with a core of class-
mates, but I’m sure he could use some more help, so give him a call if you’re so inclined . . . or even if you’re not. . . John and Pam Cleaves Devine write that their daughter Kimberly Cleaves Devine was accepted early decision by Colby and is a member of the Class of 2006. And in June 2002 during Reunion Weekend, John was the first recipient of the Edson Mitchell Award for distinguished service to the College. The award is presented to alumni who have been out of college less than 25 years. Congratulations on both counts to John and Pam! By the way, John also participated in the reunion planning on a conference call with Roebuck and Jeff Wheeler. . . Nick Levintow sent a fascinating e-mail announcing that the Levintows are back, in one piece, from Nigeria. Their travels included trips to Benin, Togo and Ghana (floating villages, slave forests, old Portuguese castles from the 16th century and aerial walks through the rain forest on suspended “bridges”). He says the Kodak moment was when the family helped a small village in Ghana’s Cape Coast pull in their fishing nets. The Levintows also realized a childhood dream of Nick’s by going on safari in South Africa. The Nigeria tour highlights? Getting attacked by goons armed with hyenas and baboons in Abuja as Nick was departing a political rally turned riot. An aerial tour of the oil-rich Niger Delta by floatplane and finding someone selling Osama bin Laden posters deep in the ancient bazaar of Kano. Handling Madeleine Albright’s visit to the palace of the emir of Kano and getting a grip-and-grin during a visit by Bill Clinton. Reminding his youngest son at the airport as they were preparing to return to the U.S. to remove his bulletproof vest and leave it in the bulletproof embassy car. Nick called the experience “the most rewarding and challenging job” he’s ever had. He’s now back living in suburban Washington and, at the Labor Department, trying to get out of the legal biz. He hopes to get picked up by the State Department in either the international labor field or

kathy perkins mckechnie ’79
Agent of Change

It wasn’t until two years ago that Kathy Perkins McKechnie ’79 found her ideal job—and she’s been working in the same office since she graduated from law school in 1986.

McKechnie is an assistant district attorney in York County, Maine—a fast-growing county in a slow-growing state, and one that has made headlines for its overcrowded jail. The DA’s office, however, has grown more gracefully, from six to a dozen attorneys during her 16 years there.

She began prosecuting in District Court, handling traffic cases and assaults, then moved to Superior Court, taking on more violent felonies. When the office was reorganizing two years ago, she was offered the chance to concentrate on juvenile cases and has found her niche. Her own children, now ages 9 and 5, help provide perspective on her new job.

“You come into contact with kids before they’ve been shaped by the system,” she said. “You can do more to fix the problem. By the time you’re dealing with adults, most of the time, it’s too late.”

Maine has more resources to deal with youthful offenders than it did 15 years ago, when the state offered minimally supervised probation—the proverbial slap on the wrist—or confinement in the Maine Youth Center, a chronically understaffed institution (it has since closed).

McKechnie says she’s able to work with defense attorneys and the offender’s family to come up with a plan that often can break the developing pattern of criminal behavior. “It’s much less adversarial than you’d expect,” she said. “Everyone has an interest in helping the kids involved.”

The state, she said, “has really put the emphasis on rehabilitation. Of course, there’s the risk that some of them can’t be rehabilitated. I’m not sure they have an answer for that.”

Her work has benefited from a new emphasis on timely processing of juvenile cases. “It used to be that the cases were grouped in the afternoon, after the adult cases were heard,” she said. Often, there wasn’t enough time, and police officers and DA’s hadn’t even gone over testimony in advance. Now, juvenile cases are heard on a separate day, cases are screened faster and the young people involved “are shown how we intend to prevent this behavior” in the future.

When deciding how to handle a case, she considers whether the behavior “is an aberration, where the kid hits his mother and she calls the police.” At the other end, she sees older juveniles “where the system has nothing more to give them.”

What works for kids in trouble? “Counseling can be tremendously helpful,” she said, “if they’re willing to do the work.” One tough part of the job, she said, is dealing with victims. “People are so angry that they simply want to vent at the defendant. You can’t really do what they want, but you can offer answers they can live with.”

Though her father, Stephen Perkins, was a Maine Superior Court judge, “he was amazed” when his daughter decided to go to law school, McKechnie said.

And indeed, her first choice of career was much different. After graduating from Colby as a history major, she decided to try hotel management and after working in a variety of positions found herself in middle management. It was an uncomfortable fit. “The way you succeed in the hospitality business is to figure out how to cut costs by using fewer people in the service positions,” she said. “But my sympathies were with the people who do the work.”

Deciding to switch career tracks, McKechnie took a paralegal course, had a good experience interning in her native Maine and applied to law school, attending Franklin Pierce in New Hampshire. When she graduated—and passed the bar exam on her first try—she decided against private practice, figuring that a prosecutor’s office would provide more structure and definition.

She credits Colby with preparing her to study law. When she arrived on campus, “they were telling us to focus on graduate school. I wanted to be able to go out and get a job. But then, five years later, there I was, enrolling in law school. In my case, they were right.”

—Douglas Rooks ’76
in a multi-functional job in the Africa bureau. It turns out that the former boss of Liz Dugan is heading up one of the bureaus with which he is seeking employment. Nick would love to be in touch with you, Liz, so he can “grovel appropriately.” . . . I received a news clipping from the Manchester, N.H. Union Leader with more details on Ellen Geaney Scarponi’s new job. She joined Eastlantic Advertising as director of strategic business development. She will partner with businesses throughout the region to develop marketing, advertising and public relations solutions for their business needs. Prior to Eastlantic, Ellen was with AT&T for 15 years. She’s very active in her community (president of the Manchester Boys & Girls Club) and lives with her husband in Canterbury, N.H. . . . On the topic of new jobs, I recently joined Boston Private Bank on their investment management and trust team working for Jay Henderson ’64. Boston Private provides many financial services for individuals and their companies, including investment management, commercial lending, mortgage lending and deposit services. If any of you (especially Chris Pesek, wife of co-worker David Glen) have any such needs, please call me first. . . . That’s it for now. Please keep those letters and e-mails coming.

—Robert S. Woodbury

79 Hello from dry, fire-ravaged Colorado Springs, Colo. As I look out my office window, I see the smoke coming from the Hayman fire just 20-25 miles away. It is a pretty scary time here, what with all of the evacuations occurring so close to home. We could use some of the rain pounding other parts of the country. . . . On February 2, 2002, the ordination ceremony of bishop-elect Savas Zembillas was held at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York City. All of Sav’s family was in attendance for the occasion. Sav was the first Greek Orthodox bishop ordained in America since 1999. He will serve as an auxiliary bishop to Archbishop Demetrios and continue as chancellor of the archdiocese. He will also help place priests and assist with the transfer of priests. To get to this point in his life, Sav spent time after Colby among various monastic communities in Greece and England and furthered his education by pursuing a master’s of divinity at Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline, Mass., graduating with highest honors in May 1985. After serving as pastoral assistant in Cincinnati, Ohio, Sav began a program of doctoral studies at Pembroke College at Oxford University in England. In 1992 Sav returned briefly to his home parish of Sts. Constantine and Helen Cathedral in Merrillville, Ind., where he was ordained to the holy diaconate. He returned to England to serve as deacon until his return to the States at the end of 1996. Father Savas was elevated to the rank of archimandrite of the monastery of St. Gregory Palamas in Hayesville, Ohio. In 1997 he was assigned to St. Demetrios Church in Merrick, Long Island. In December 1999 Archimandrite Savas was appointed chancellor of the archdiocese. . . . Diane Palombo can now be found providing expressive therapy at the Tabernacle of Hope in Country Junction Plaza on South Main Street in Carver, Mass. Diane is a certified expressive therapist with a bachelor’s from Colby and a master’s degree in expressive therapy from Lesley College. She worked in hospitals and outpatient programs as a physical therapist for years and in schools as a teacher, therapist and counselor for 20 years in the Boston and Bridgewater school systems. HMO managed care forced Diane to redirect, and she returned to teaching language at Bridgewater/Raynham and moved to Carver. Diane felt that she could offer people more as a therapist and teacher. Her sessions at the tabernacle involve art, motion, music and acting to create a new vehicle of expression and to help ease patients into new understandings and even epiphanies about themselves and others. . . . Once again, this is a short column. I just haven’t been hearing from you all. Guess we are all just too busy with our schedules. I am going to try something different to get some news from you, so if you receive an e-mail or letter from me, please respond. Reunion is in two years and the time between now and then will fly by quickly. Please take a few minutes to e-mail me at classnews1979@alum.colby.edu to let me know what is new in your life and also to update your information with Colby so that we can see you at the 25th. Or use the traditional mail (6027 Scout Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80918). Heck, drop in the next time you are in Colorado!

—Cheri Bailey Powers

80 Bill Beck lives in Chappaqua, N.Y., with his wife, Jody (a Middlebury grad), twin daughters and a son. Bill is a retired banker and future school-teacher currently at home “breaking up screeching matches or pushing semi-edible food at the children.” He volunteers at schools and church, and the kids keep him busy with their activities and homework. They spend a month each summer on the coast of Maine near Bowdoin. . . . Diana Parsons Herrmann’s thirst continues for extraordinary adventure and challenge. As a diversion from her daily challenges as president of a $3.4 billion mutual fund company in New York City, Diana has traveled to Patagonia, Chile, and rafted the rapids of Rio Futaleufu, known as “the Fu” by international white-water aficionados. She traveled to China/Tibet in July ‘01 to raft along the upper Yangtze River, visiting remote Tibetan villages and monasteries. In May ‘02 Diana completed her first marathon, the Vermont City Marathon, in Burlington, Vt. While raising more than $5,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, she faced the challenge of training for a marathon after not running for more than a decade! . . . Dan Berger, president and CEO of Salesdriver.com in Maynard, Mass., sold his company and returned to California in December ‘01. Before he left, he got together with Mike Costello and Ron Davids ‘78 for dinner. Dan and Mike were elementary school buddies in Acton, Mass., as well as classmates at Colby. . . . After Lori Batcheller’s fantastic experience as a freelance journalist at the Paralympic Games in Salt Lake City in March, she moved from western Massachusetts to Boulder, Colo. She recently had a speaking engagement on disabled skiing at a rehabilitation center in western Mass. Her book, Alpine Achievement, was mentioned in our last column. . . . Tina Chen Starke is taking a break after working for 12 years in environmental consulting. She does not miss worrying about budgets, deadlines and 8 a.m. meetings. Tina and Larry ‘81’s son, Ben, a third grader, is benefiting from having someone who is not exhausted at 5 p.m. to guide him through his homework. The Starkes visited with Don and Dawna Eastman-Gallo ‘83 in Princeton last January. . . . Bo Preston’s daughter, Lanie, recently graduated from preschool. Bo lives in Hamilton, Mass., in a beautifully restored 1840 Greek Revival farmhouse next to conservation land. He takes brisk walks around his neighborhood while dreaming of “going to Nepal and hiking Mt.
Hello, Class of ’82. I am honored to take on the role of class correspondent for the next five years. I know you will all join me in thanking Mimi Rasmussen for the effort she put into this job for the last 10 years. Mimi and I drove up together from Boston to our 20th reunion and had a lot of laughs comparing stories from our four years as students. Thank you, Mimi! . . . What a thrill it was to be back on campus. I immediately ran into we should ask him about his unique . . .


Tony Perkins, Richard Robinson, Ron Agnes, Scott Many, Bruce Anderson, Rebecca Badger Fisher, James and Elaine Johnson Peterson, Roger Valliere, Patty O’Loughlin, Andrea Brantner and Ann Renner Stillwater. . . . Saturday gave us many options . . . listening to Colby’s “new” president, Bro Adams, define his vision of where Colby is going (it’s good news!), touring the campus, visiting the award-winning Colby Museum of Art. Of course the lobster lunch/feast was a big hit, and what would a visit to Colby be without shopping in the Colby bookstore? Many people were spotted chatting there. Our reception and dinner were held in Roberts and included a fun serenade by After Eight, the quite talented alum version of the Colby Eight. Retired professor Charlie Bassett dined with us and shared stories of his pre-Maine life in South Dakota. . . . Many more classmates arrived on Saturday, including Sarah Fox Whalen, Cathy Smith Badminton and Julanne Cully Wright, all with families in tow! Sue Meehan, Alice Kirkpatrick, Donna Fabiani, Ron Miolla, Steve Trimble, Warren Krueger and Marty Eisenberg also joined us. Matt Donahue made his first trip to Colby in 20 years. Seemed like he was having fun even though he signed up late and had to sleep in the “overflow” section (a.k.a. The New Dorms). Next time he will sign up early and bring his wife and four (!) sons! . . . Most of you probably know by now that David Strage lost his battle with cancer this past winter. He had already made the plans for his whole family—his wife, Laura Agostini, and three daughters—to make the trip with him from England to this reunion. Many of us had the pleasure of meeting Dave’s family at the 15th reunion. Sadly, he didn’t make it this time, but the rest of his family did, including his parents and in-laws. On Sunday morning, his close friends and family put together a touching tribute.

Helen Dooley Jurak, Matt Figel and Jeff Brown each took a turn recalling their friendship with Dave. Then Dave and Laura’s 8-year-old daughter read a poem for her dad with great confidence and poise. . . . The baton has been passed for the next five years to Carolyn Berry Copp and Carol Birch, co-presidents, and to Mary Beth Whittaker McIntyre, VP/Alumni Council rep. All three were in Waterville in June, MB with her husband, Jon, and children, Kelly, 9, and Sean, 6 that weekend! Carol
had a lot to say about her room in the basement of Treworgy. The bright point was that her neighbors down there were Tim Dean and his family. I think the basement brought back “interesting” memories for Tim! . . . That’s it for now. I have a great list of names of people that I saw in June, but please tell me what you want people to know about you.

—Janice McKeown

Dear classmates, you have been so kind to trust me with writing this column four times yearly for 17 years, and I cannot thank you enough for the unique opportunity to serve you and to serve our alma mater. While I have agonized many times as to the content and format for each column, I have always been challenged, and that is a positive by-product of the process.

This particular column comes to you devoid of news from our class family and friends but not because I had no format or ideas of what to say—only because you have not written. There is no question in my mind about what you all may be doing in general: you’re all busy living (some are even facing dying). You’re all working or playing; you’re all feeling fulfilled or so far from it you do not want to talk about that. You are camping out. You are camping in. You are paper or plastic one day and a little of both the next. You are waiting and hesitating, and you are acting and choosing. Every day you generate trash and you breathe the sometimes clean air. You love and you hate. People respect you and some people are jealous of you at the same time. You forget some of the details. You remember to buy postage. You found a parking space. You gave another person room to grow. You are interested in how to create a better community just in your own room. You just quit your job. You vaguely remember 1979. Your parents made you go to Colby. You do not connect with your Colby classmates. Or do you? My dear classmates, I hope you’ll try to connect since we have so much in common when we least expect it. As always, my sincere wishes to all of you.

—Sally Lovegren Merchant

FRANCISCO about the same time the dot-com bubble started to deflate. We are back in Darien, Conn. . . . A few news articles mentioning a number of classmates have made it my way. Keith Wilson was appointed vice president of technology for a drug discovery firm called Syrrx Inc. He is managing the company’s structural biology groups. . . . Gail Hutchinson Conley is a senior vice president at KeyBank’s private banking and investing division and is responsible for management of the private banking team of financial advisors for central, coastal, western and southern Maine as well as Portland. Gail is living in Winthrop with her family. She has served on the boards of the Children’s Center and Consumer Credit Counseling of Maine. She is also active in the United Way and has coached the Winthrop YMCA soccer league. . . . News of Dr. Elias John Nawfel’s engagement made a number of local papers, and according to the papers he and his fiancée, Elena Maria Lampros, were planning a May wedding—hope all went well! He is a dentist . . . Bob Brooks was named executive vice president at Seniorlink, a Boston-based company that provides nationwide care management services to families supporting an aging parent. . . . In case you missed the item in last winter’s Colby magazine, Don McMillan’s short story, “A Hymn for Hannah Marie,” placed second in Worcester Magazine’s annual short story contest. Don is chair of the English department at Bancroft School in Worcester, Mass. He is married and has two boys. . . . Susan Hahn Rieck wrote me a letter to say she’s busy working, chauffeuring her two boys and occasionally playing tennis . . . I spoke with Lauren Mogensen, who has given up life in the law firm for life at the bank. She is working for Fleet Bank as the head of corporate development . . . I hope to hear from more of you.

—Cynthia Mullicken-Lazzara

Wendy Lapham writes, “Life is still chaotic, but I do have some news to report. I just got a new job as the public information officer for Brandywine School District in Wilmington, Del. I’m looking forward to the challenges of the job but hope to still find time to write.” . . . Brent Harris writes, “Jill, Jake (10) and Brad (17) will finally be making a move back to New England this summer after living in D.C. and then Northern Cal for 15 years. Brent will be starting up his own lab as a faculty member at Dartmouth. Jill hopes to create a venture philanthropy organization to make strategic investments in nonprofit revenue-generating enterprises in N.H.” . . . Cathy Woodward Gill, class president, e-mailed: “We had a great reunion in June. Dick Whitmore was an incredible speaker, and I think everyone generally had a good time (I know I enjoyed catching up with classmates). Our 25th reunion is not far off!” . . . Barb Falcone Smith writes, “Lars and I want to announce the birth of our daughter, Lindsey Elizabeth Smith, born on Sept. 12, 2001. We are thrilled beyond belief. She especially uplifted our spirits given the terrible September this country had. We relocated to Louisville, Ky., in June of 2000 so Lars could become a professor at the law school at the University of Louisville. I’m primarily a stay-at-home mom but do work occasionally as a physical therapist in outpatient clinics around Louisville.” . . . Patricia McClellan Miller wrote that she and her husband, Jeff, had a baby girl, Fionna Miller, in August 2001. She joins her big brother, Baird, who was 4 in April. Patricia has worked in recruiting and sales for Adecco, an employment agency, for eight years. She says they love their life in Madison, Wis., Royoke Times and World News, April 3, 2002, headline: “Hungry To Play, Scott Perry Goes For Broke For The Blues.” The story: “Scott Perry has performed in some of the great hothouses of blues music. Chicago street corners, South Carolina nightclubs and rural Floyd County, Perry, 37, is becoming a sturdy member of the growing music scene between Roanoke and the one-stoplight town of Floyd. He and harmonica-playing pal Rich Rittenhouse comprise the blues duo Broke in’ N’ Hungry.” Scott and his wife, Lisa Kea, moved to Floyd County from Charleston, S.C., in 1999 and currently live “a homesteaders’ existence.” . . . Jonathan Greene e-mailed that “All is well here in Seattle—no contact with the Colby crowd; however, I speak with or see Critter (Chris Brogan) and Cindy Lloyd Brogan every few years, but that’s it. Every now and then I’ll drive past a Volvo with a Colby sticker and I’ll honk and wave. I’m yet to get back to Waterville since 6/86. But my two boys (10 and 12) already know about Colby, so I’ll have to plan a visit someday soon.” . . . Norma Delaney writes, “Good things come to those who wait! It’s been an odyssey, but we (husband Patrick) are happy to report that we put an offer in on a house that was accepted. It’s in Yardley, Pa., a beautiful little town that lies along the Delaware River separating Pa. and N.J.” Norma is the director of marketing for Prince in Bordentown, N.J. . . . InfoVista, a global provider of service assurance software solutions, appointed Joseph Bergera as vice president of worldwide marketing. He is responsible for the global marketing program as the company aims to increase its worldwide market presence. . . . On May 2, 2002, Peter Taubkin, VP government relations and public affairs for Time Warner Cable, was honored as one of the “40 Under 40” named by the Capital District Business Review. The award recognizes individuals 39 or younger for “exhibiting the personal and professional qualities of leadership necessary to keep New York’s Capital Region growing and whose records of professional success and community involvement label them as leaders.” Not to be outdone was Peter’s son, Nathan, who at just 3 1/2 was named fan of the month for March by Hammond B-3 organ jazz great Joey Defrancesco. (Previously unannounced in this publication is daughter Madeline Rose, 1, who gets an award just for smiling all the time). . . . David Macc, journalist and state house reporter for the Rutland Herald and Barre Times Argus, writes that he is “Learning the ropes during my first full year covering the Vermont Legislature—looking forward to a couple of months off before campaign season starts, and trying to spend that time getting my handicap down and doing some hiking.”

—Andrea V. Sarris

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Hoping you all had a fun and safe summer. This is my last column as I’m handing on the duties to Kathi Harnett Linger, who volunteered to be our class correspondent for the next five years. Thanks, Kath! And thanks to all who have made it so easy to write your news on a consistent basis. . . Congrats to Natasha and Brian Low on the birth of Meagan in June. She joins her big brothers, Spencer and Jacob, in Topsfield, Mass. . . Many of us gathered for the 15th reunion in June. We enjoyed perfect weather, great accommodations and lots of time to really catch up with classmates. We stayed in the senior apartments, and they are incredible! Each family had its own suite, which consisted of a kitchen, living area and
bathroom and up to four bedrooms. A far cry from the tiny rooms four of us crammed into during senior year, ’89! Colby had great kids’ programs set up all weekend so our kids had as much fun as we did. It was wonderful to see old friends hanging out together, with or without their children (I’m sorry if I forget to mention anyone who was there): Rob and Louisa Bell Paustner, Reihl and Sheri Reynold Mahoney, Kim (Burnham ’86) and Zak Nashed, Ciara Reynolds, Lisa Bothwick Wilson, Andrew Rudman, Andy and Sharon Ducey Niles, Dorisann Weber Wanger, Tim and Jean Kroeck Aiken, and Karen Welling. Kathy and Mike Archibald came from Canton, N.Y., with their four kids, two of whom are teenagers! Alison and Jim Feeley drove up from Darien, Conn., with their two children, Caitlin and Jack. Jack looks like he might be pitching for Colby baseball in 2014. Katie and Eric Green brought their two older girls, Annie and Maggie. Mitch and Jeanne Morrison Cook drove out from Michigan with two of their three sons (Jeanne expected number four in September, a girl!) along with Elizabeth Warren Bogo and two of her three kids, Martha and Holly. They all survived their 14-hour van ride, and the kids all had a blast cruising the campus on their scooters. Pam Blanchard Harrington flew out from Tiburon, Calif., leaving her family at home as she combined the trip with business. Allyson Siwik was there with her daughter, Gabriela. Tim and Teri Scally Kinsella, who drove up from Newburyport, Mass., also left their two kids, Cole and James, at home and enjoyed a carefree weekend. Brendan and Sue Costello-Nolan came with Bridget and Madeline, who loved the moonwalk as much as all the other kids did. Dave and I brought our three boys, who loved rollerblading and running around campus. I did take one of them to a classroom in Lovejoy so he could see what you actually do at college! Ann and RB Klinkenberg came from Burlington, Vt., with Anders and Ingrid. Susan and Peter Marshall came from N.Y. and had a peaceful weekend without their three boys. Ann and Geoff Johnson came with Cate and Sam from Amesbury, Mass. Vicki and Chris Van Horne were competing for the longest drive award as they made it from Virginia. Tom Tompkins and Jeff Silverman proved they haven’t changed a bit, in a good way! Mary McCarty came up from Boston and used her speech-writing talents to help Teri and me with the questionnaire results for Saturday night’s dinner entertainment. Scott Lainer blessed us with his insightful, thought-provoking and moving speech at dinner. Once again, Scott, thank you! Our dinner ended with a visit from After Eight, an a cappella group of Colby graduates from the last 12 years. They were wonderful, and it was a great send-off as we headed to the band at the student center (now Cotter Union) and a DJ at the pub. Thanks to all who came to reunion and to those who gave so generously to our class gift. Andrew Rudman led the gift-giving charge, and the results were outstanding. Look in the next annual report and you’ll be so proud of what the Class of 1987 did together. . . . Enjoy the fall and send in lots of news to Kathi.

—Jane Nicol Manuel

89 It’s been a slow three months for news of the Class of ’89, so I’ll open this column with a helpful ad. We need someone to manage our class Web site! Anestes Fotiades did a great job on it for years and we’d love to have him back), but with no one managing the site we don’t have anything on the Web. If you’re interested, check out www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/CLY/ , or e-mail Colby’s Web manager at web@colby.edu. It would be great to have a class site again! . . . Colby sent me a long AP article about the accomplishments of Majestic Abdul-Jailil. Majestic is a medical student at Marshall University’s Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, and the article details his study of problems poor people in rural areas have with transportation, which often affects their access to health care. If you’re interested in reading the article, let me know, or search the AP wire—the story ran on March 26, 2002. . . . Pamela Woolley wrote from Brussels, where she is enjoying her new son, Henry. Samuel, born in January. . . . And Jerry ’90 and Amy Curtis Philippon had a son, Bruno, born on March 31. . . . In between writing for Celebrity Death Match and appearing in a two-person comedy show in N.Y.C., John Reynolds somehow found the time to get married. He and Michele Galanter were wed on June 1 in New York. You invite me to your shows but not your wedding, Johnny P. I’m offended! . . . After many years living in Moscow, Maria Douglass and her family hoped to relocate to the U.S. some time this spring or summer. Maria sent me an e-mail that I somehow lost, so if there’s more to tell, Maria, write me again . . . I got to hang out for a few hours with Doug St. Lawrence and Tracy Gionfriddo over Memorial Day weekend at Tracy’s place in Connecticut. Doug is teaching ESL kids in Massachusetts, and Tracy works as an environmental consultant at a law firm in Hartford. . . . I know there’s more going on out there, so keep in touch.

—Anita L. Terry

90 I think the Class of 1990 has welcomed its first set of twins! Jill Cote Rakowski and her husband, Robb, announce the arrival of Mia Kathryn and Mitchell Robert, born April 13. Mama and babies are doing well. I do really think this is the first set of twins among our classmates, but if I’m wrong, then I call upon the proud (and sleep-deprived) parents to let me know! . . . I recently heard from my freshman-year roommate, Deb St. Louis Terao ’89, that she and her husband, Brian, had a daughter named Hannah. Their son is about 4 now. They live in Riverside, Calif., where Deb works for the university as a grants administrator and Brian is a student. . . . Kristen Petteersen and her husband, David Miller, moved from Anchorage to Juneau. Karen is an attorney and is working from an office in her home, and David is establishing a laparoscopic surgery practice. . . . My fiancé and I had a great time working with the Colby Club of Boston’s Habitat for Humanity volunteer event. So many Boston area alums wanted to help out that they split us up into two teams to work on two projects in Providence, R.I. It was hard work, but it was interesting to learn more about Habitat’s work and to make some small contribution to solving the problem of affordable housing here in the crowded and expensive Northeast. . . . As you’ve noticed, this column is short on news, so I want to hear more and from more of you! Why not drop me a note, even if you’re not married. He and Michele Galanter were wed on June 1 in New York. You invite me to your shows but not your wedding, Johnny P. I’m offended! . . . After many years living in Moscow, Maria Douglass and her family hoped to relocate to the U.S. some time this spring or summer. Maria sent me an e-mail that I somehow lost, so if there’s more to tell, Maria, write me again . . . I got to hang out for a few hours with Doug St. Lawrence and Tracy Gionfriddo over Memorial Day weekend at Tracy’s place in Connecticut. Doug is teaching ESL kids in Massachusetts, and Tracy works as an environmental consultant at a law firm in Hartford. . . . I know there’s more going on out there, so keep in touch.

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Mark T. Panek ’90, a doctoral candidate in English at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, was named the 2002 recipient of the Francis Davis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. The award committee sponsored his attendance at the Hawaii Great Teachers Seminar in August. Adrienne B. Clay ’97 has received an Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies, which provides financial support for the first year of study in a Ph.D. program. The Colby sociology major is a doctoral candidate at Columbia University. A lengthy Investment Advisor article, “The New Faces of Planning,” featured financial planner Beth Johnson Searing ’99 of Tofias P.C. in Cambridge, Mass. (See pg. 58)

Births: A son, Noah James Nemiccolo, to Amy and Andrew Nemiccolo ’93. A daughter, Abigail Fantasia Hayes, to Matt and Emily Fantasia Hayes ’95.


school in the Boston area this fall. . . . Kurt Whited saw Carla Swanson in Providence as they worked on a housing project for Habitat for Humanity with the Colby Club of Boston. . . . Cory Snow and his wife, Sheila, have bought a house in Portland, Maine. . . . I heard through the grapevine that Margaret Mauran Zuccotti was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Brooks School in Andover, Mass. When I called the school to find out more details, I discovered that this was quite an achievement! The inductees spanned seven decades of accomplishments in sports at The Brooks School. Margaret was one of 15 people inducted in this inaugural celebration and one of only two women to receive this honor. Brooks celebrated Margaret for being a “dominant force in every sport she played,” for possessing “that rare combination of tremendous strength with grace and control of motion” and for leading “with a smile and easy laugh that made her an asset on any team.” Congratulations, Margaret! . . . It has been wonderful hearing about what everyone is up to, and Lesley and I look forward to receiving your news soon! —Jennifer Flynn

92 All right, classmates, here we go! A few months ago I received a piece of mail listing the nominees for class officers. Somehow my name showed up as the only candidate for class secretary, and rumor has it I won with a landslide vote tally of 4 to 0. I think I have Jess D’Ercole Stanton to thank for that one. That being said, I intend to approach this job with full vigor. As for me, two years ago I moved back from the Midwest and joined several friends at their employer benefit consulting practice. I am living in Hingham, Mass., with my wife, Lauren, and sons, Frank and Jake. As I took my son for his first haircut about a month ago I ran into Chris Ward and his daughter, Lilly, who are also living in Hingham. He informed me that Mark Boles is also living in our town, so the Colby Club of Hingham is well on its way. A few weeks ago I met up with Terry Reidy, who is now an assistant D.A. for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Also in attendance was Chuck DiGrande, an underwriter with the Andover Companies, who is living in Nahant, Mass., with his wife, Erin (Kelly ’91), and daughters, Maggie and Grace. Rounding off our group was John Brockelman, now working with Fidelity Investments and living in Swampscott, Mass., with his wife, Theresa (Sullivan ’91) and son, Jack. . . . Jim Brown, or I should say, Dr. James Brown, is living in Lynn, Mass., with his wife, Mary Kelly Brown (Bates ’91), and is in his second year of residency at Salem Hospital. . . . As I write this, David Sullivan, a sales executive with EMC, is in the process of getting his taxx fitted to get married Labor Day weekend, with a large Colby contingent expected. Mitch Rogers ’93 was to fly in from Michigan, where he is the regional sales manager for Standard Insurance. He and his wife recently welcomed Kaleigh Marie, their first child, born on June 21. . . . Dan Connolly ’93, a sales manager with Nortel Networks, is living in the San Francisco area with his wife, Kimberly, and his son and daughter, Ryan and Sarah Elizabeth. Dan has been great keeping in touch via his Blackberry handheld device. . . . Zach Shapiro and his partner, Ron Galperin, were married in Beverly Hills on July 21. Zach tells me that it was a wonderful ceremony with close to 175 guests. Congratulations! . . . Pete Andrews, after four years in Colorado, has settled in the suburbs of Philadelphia with his wife, Heather, and two kids, Abigail and Alex. Pete is a lawyer with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin in Philadelphia and is practicing securities litigation. I am sure he is busy these days. . . . While reading the April 5 copy of the Morning Sentinel (I just embellished a bit . . . the article was sent to me) I noticed that Todd Alexander is working with the Portland-based economic development firm Maine & Company. Todd is currently involved with an effort to keep the doors of Waterville’s CF Hathaway Company open for business. . . . Traci Marquis-Eydmann, M.D., has recently joined the Madison Family Physicians. . . . Kristin Short is engaged to Dr. Jason West. A May wedding is planned. . . . Rebecca Birrell and John Smith married. . . . Peter Hocknell has earned his Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. . . . As I finish this up I realize that we have all done okay . . .
what a great feeling. Please keep the news coming and let me know what else is happening via e-mail or even a phone call.

—William Higgins

1993 Friends, I am really light on news this time around. Please take a moment to e-mail me (classnews-1993@alumni.colby.edu) and tell me what you are up to! Pronto-like! . . .

Speaking of Spanish, Jessica Graef Anderson and her husband, Gary ’92, have lived for almost three years in Mexico City and are the proud parents of twins, Grace and Garrett, born July 17, 2001. Gary is a professor of economics, and Jessica went back to work part time at the U.S. Agency for International Development in the American Embassy. They planned on moving to Washington, D.C., this summer. . . . I owe a big thanks to Scott Reed for sending along a barrelful of great news—most important, his marriage to Jen Comstock, which 35-plus Colby guests joined in celebrating. The newlyweds currently live in Westport, Conn., with their yellow Lab, Timber. Scott recently went to Jazz Fest in New Orleans for Marshall Dostal’s bachelor party. Other Colby attendees included Mike Rosenblum, Bill Michels, Ed Ramirez ’94, Dan Harris, Sandy Graham ’92, Josh Steinberger ’92, Torin Taylor ’92, Chris Wilder, Aaron Davis ’92 and Mike Gosk ’92. Po’boys all around, and laissez les bons temps rouler! Marshall recently moved to Los Angeles, and Mike, Bill, Dan and Chris all live in N.Y.C. Scott also filled me in on some baby news: Ed and his wife, Cara, recently had a baby and are living in the Boston area; Heather Bucha became a mom recently as well; Lisen Biersach Kern and her husband live in N.H. with their 2-year-old son, Caleb; and Molly Bach Marston lives in Newport, R.I., with her husband and baby girl, Emma. . . . Sarah Nagle Spataro lives in Corona del Mar, Calif., with her husband, Perry, and their son, Ryan. They were ready to welcome their second child into the world in July, though they didn’t know if it was to be a boy or a girl. . . . Kate Mackenzie Gerdsen was born to Cassi and Rod Gerdsen in Pennington, N.J., on March 16, 2002, and Rod wrote that mom, dad and baby are all doing great. . . . Kathryn Steele got married to Ken Zoldan in October 2001 in Philadelphia, Pa., at the Hotel Sofitel. Colby grads in attendance were bridesmaid Laurie Girard Eidt, Laura Moore ’95 and Shawn Keeler ’94. Kathryn and Ken honeymooned in Australia and just bought a house in suburban Philadelphia, where Kathryn has been with Capital Resource Advisors for six years. A management consultant, she designs strategic plans and compensation plans for investment management firms. Ken is from Montreal, Que., and graduated from McGill University.

Spring in Maine was “like a big drink of water” to Julia McDonald ’99. As she leaned out the window upon her recent return to Colby she was dazzled by the spring colors. To others it may have looked, well, green. But they hadn’t spent two years living in the desert, where spring lasts for 15 minutes when the acacia blossoms erupt, only to be devoured by camels.

Aside from fading henna on her hands and nails, there were few clues that Julia McDonald had spent the last two years working as a hygiene and sanitation volunteer for the Peace Corps in a remote village in the Saharan desert. Yet the experience has clearly transformed her life, steering the theater and geology major toward a career in medicine.

Joining the Peace Corps had been a childhood dream for McDonald. After working in theater and publishing for a year after graduation, “I remembered I had lost that dream,” she said. She got an application and packed her bags.

She was posted to southeastern Morocco, where she learned the Berber language, Tashelhait, and dressed in the traditional manner, which required several layers plus head scarf even in 140-degree heat. Her journey began with a seemingly endless drive through the desert. After several days, the bus driver dropped her off “in this flat expanse of nothingness—brown and gray rock that’s beaten flat by the sun.” Tadakoust, her final destination, was still another 20 kilometers away, along a dirt road.

Living without electricity with people who had never known a Westerner, she shared her knowledge of health care while learning from the villagers, who became her friends. “I’ll never forget sitting out in the desert under a full moon with the women, having conversations I rarely even have in English,” she said.

She clearly feels she received much more than she gave: “My plan was not to go over and teach people how to live their lives, but rather to share ideas with people about how to do things.” Her days were filled with home visits with the sick and those giving birth or in mourning. “I would often have a theme for the day, like dental hygiene, and I would try to work in an informal lesson while I was sitting there, washing vegetables or kneading bread,” she said. While she found her work immensely satisfying, there were also frustrations with the lack of medicine and poor hygiene. The nearest health center was 20 kilometers away, back down that dirt road. In the second year, McDonald helped the village build latrines and develop a system for bringing tap water into individual homes.

Unfortunately, McDonald’s stay in Morocco was abruptly terminated when she was evacuated because of a health problem. She had planned to go back to finish her term and even do a third year, but during her recovery, McDonald’s plans changed again.

Reflecting on her time in Morocco, she realized how much she loved the work she was doing. Becoming a doctor is “something that I’ve always wanted, but I’ve always been too intimidated by the science courses. After two years in Morocco, and seeing some of the worldwide health needs, I recognized that not only can I be a good doctor, but I think I would be a good doctor,” she said. This fall, McDonald made plans to bite the bullet and enter a pre-med program.

Though she wants to specialize in women’s health, McDonald was not sure yet whether she wants to practice at home or abroad. The last few years have taught her the wisdom of the Arabic proverb, “the wind does not always blow the sail in the direction he intended.”

— Rebecca Green
and Temple University Law School. He is a lawyer in Center City, Philadelphia, specializing in civil litigation and immigration law. . . . Lenny Baker was to marry Dawn Cunningham in August. Lenny is a science teacher at Smithfield High School in Rhode Island. . . . Dev Tandon just finished a joint program at the graduate business and film schools at NYU. He is now working as VP of product development at Crown Media in New York City (e-mail: devtandon@yahoo.com).

—Beth Curran

94 Some news that I couldn’t get into the summer issue leads off. Maria DeSimone was to marry Wayne Carlson in the spring or summer. She is the manager of information systems at Environmental Health and Engineering, an air quality consulting firm in Newton, Mass. Wayne is an industrial engineer at E&H.E. . . . Paulo Marnoto and Sheri Petelle ’93 planned a winter 2002 wedding. He is an attorney, and she is a teacher at Manchester Essex Regional High School. . . . Alison Meyer Hong was appointed to the faculty at Newton (Mass.) Country Day School of the Sacred Heart. She is the director of college guidance and the faculty advisor to the yearbook committee. . . . Karlene Burrell-McCrae is an editor and mutual fund analyst at a mutual fund research firm that she has recently become engaged to Louis Schulze when he whisked her away to Bermuda for the weekend. The wedding is planned for September 2003. . . . As always, thanks for all of the information.

—Tracy K. Larsen

95 Holly Martin is a science and algebra teacher at The Catholic Memorial School in West Roxbury, Mass. She was recently the assistant athletic director at the Belmont Hill School in Belmont, Mass. In addition to her teaching duties, she coached the CM middle school soccer team. . . . T.J. Maines has been a social studies teacher at the Whitefield School in Maine for the past four years. He volunteered to have his head shaved if students raised $1,000 to help the families of New York Firefighters following the September 11 terrorist attacks. The kids exceeded their goal, raising a total of $1,777.41, which was sent to the New York Firefighters 9-1-1 Disaster Relief Fund. “It was a way to help out,” T.J. said. “That’s a lot of money, and a tribute to what the kids were willing to do.” T.J. earned his master’s in education at the University of Maine and planned a June 2002 wedding to Brenda Creamer, a language arts teacher at the Whitefield School.

. . . Rev. Arthur Fairbrother will succeed the Rev. Lewis Cushman, retiring pastor of the Unionville Church of God in Steuben, Maine. Art grew up in Belfast, where Cushman was his pastor. Art said that he and his wife, Jennifer, a registered nurse, think of their ministry as a team effort: “I never make a decision about the ministry without consulting her first.” They had their first child last year and have moved into the parsonage in the Unionville section of Steuben. . . . James Porter received his master’s degree in physics from Cornell University in 1999 and his Ph.D. in theoretical physics from Cornell in August 2001. He has a post-doctoral position as a research associate in the Dartmouth College chemistry department.

. . . Brett Medwick completed a year of research at Yale University’s endocrinology department and graduated from Sackler Medical School. He is now a second-year surgical resident at Columbia University St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospitals in N.Y.C. He was engaged to Keren Habari and planned a December 2001 wedding in Israel. . . . Lisa DeHahn is currently working with the homeless population in San Diego. “It’s very challenging, but very rewarding. Living in San Diego is like living in another country. I’ve had the chance to brush up on my Spanish,” she wrote. Last summer she was a bridesmaid for Naomi Devlin, daughter of ex-Colby professor Keith Devlin, at her wedding in Monterey Bay, Calif. “The highlight for me,” Lisa said, “was dancing with Keith—I’ve had a crush on him since MA 111 my first year!” . . . Mike Rosenthal is living in San Francisco, working for Handspring. . . . Andrew Vernon and I had dinner with Hannah Beech and Beth Herbert a few months ago. Hannah is a Beijing correspondent for Time Magazine and is engaged to Brook Larmer, a correspondent for Newsweek. . . . Steph Cleave moved to California with her fiancé. They are both park rangers at Yosemite National Park.

. . . Rick Catino and his wife, Chrissy, welcomed daughter Anna Therese Catino on March 21, 2002. . . . Drew Matus and Rebecca Smith got married on April 13. Colby groomsmen included John Griffin and Mark Merzoon. Drew works for Lehman Brothers in New York City as a vice president and senior U.S. financial markets economist, and Rebecca is employed by Pacific Investment Management Corp. as a financial writer. They live in New York City. . . . Peter Bennett ’96 is working for the U.S. Geological Survey in Sacramento, Calif. When he’s not working he’s white-water kayaking in the Sierra Nevadas. He recently got back from kayaking in Ecuador.

. . . Peter Karos married Sophia Bouloukos of Winnipeg, Manitoba, last Feb. 23 in Minneapolis, Minn. . . . Alyson Angino and Joe Germain were married on June 1, 2002. Michelle Grdina, Alisa Masson and Michelle Wyemura were bridesmaids at the wedding. Also in attendance were Jen Benwood and Barb Buse. Michelle Grdina survived her first Harvard reunion as the university’s coordinator for the 25th reunion children’s program. Alisa is working for GE Capital in Connecticut. Michelle Wyemura and Jen are both living in Seattle, Wash., and working in physical therapy after graduating from Northwestern University and Temple University respectively this past spring. . . . Regina Wlodarski Kruger and her husband, Keith, had their first baby, Megan Sophia Kruger, born March 25, 2002.

—Yuho Yamaguchi

96 Carol Straw married Jim Fiellkonk ’98 in June 2001 in St. Paul, Minn. Carol is a program manager for an environmental remediation firm and is completing her master’s thesis in environmental health. They live in Ann Arbor, Mich., with their 6-year-old Siberian husky, Stoli. . . . Rob Gold, who lives in St. Paul doing a dental residency in the Minneapolis Veterans Hospital, received a visit from Aran Ryan, who was on a five-state tour of 10 Super Eight motels. . . . Erica Casano Spreter lives in New York City with her husband, Kitter, and works as a business analyst with Columbia House. They were married last December in Saratoga, N.Y. . . . Kylie Jessica Taphorn is an attorney at a small Sacramento, Calif., firm that specializes in juvenile law. In May she married Chris Thoma in Mendocino, Calif. . . . Linea Basu is working at Northwestern Mutual in Boston. . . . Don Saucier married Mary Cain, with Sandler Passman as his best man and David Palmieri ’97 as an usher. His Ph.D. in experimental social psychology earned him a faculty position in the psychology department at the University of Kentucky. . . . Rebecca Trufant married Christopher White last September in Massachusetts. Rebecca works for Investors Bank and Trust, and Christopher is with Hemisphere Financial Services. . . . In April 2001, Michael and Elizabeth Dunn Allen had twin boys, Nicholas Durham and Jakob Kenneth. . . . Megan Fossum is director of leadership giving at Trident United Way. . . . Karen Goodrich married Stuart Wales last September.
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What she's doing

What she bought recently

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Financial planning at Tofias P.C., Cambridge, Mass. . . . Who's more surprised by that than she is Nobody. . . .

What she thinks of that

“It’s fun, I like it, and I can help people in different ways.”

What she's doing

Charts asset allocations, gives financial advice to people twice her age.

What she built recently

Her first business suit.

What else she does

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Spaulding Perkins entered a master's program in early intervention/early childhood special education. . . .

Jonathan Bardzik is in the Isenberg School of Management M.B.A. program at UMass. . . . Cathy (Neuger '97) and Gregg LeBlanc bought a house in Sudbury, Mass. Gregg is a senior associate with PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Cathy is a senior researcher with Deloitte and Touche. . . .

James Howley, a consultant for Valve Source, Inc., was married in May 2002 to Renee Jalbert, a biomedical engineer at Bio- merieux. . . . Loril Kalis married Ryan Stattenfeld in Pittsfield, Maine, in June 2001. Lori is a history teacher, Ryan is a chemistry teacher, and they live in Sterling, Va. . . .

Kerry Ackerman enrolled in the full-time cabinet- and furniture-making program at North Bennet Street School in Boston. . . .

Melissa Taylor finished her intern-ship at UMass Memorial in Worce- stern and is currently in her pediatric residency. She is looking forward to Bernadette Graham's wedding in February 2003. . . .

Goldsmith has been doing screenwriting in her free time. . . .

Daniel Deitch started his own business a few years ago, providing technology and computer training and counseling to individuals, home offices and small businesses. . . .

Dave Marx started his own photograph- by business in Montana and did a beautiful job providing the photog- raphy at Tim Lieberman's wedding. Tim is working at Amazon.com as a product manager for eBooks and digital music and sees Conrad Saam, who just moved to Seattle and is the director of sales and marketing for an interactive agency called Smash- ing Ideas. . . .

Casey McCullough began his urologic surgical residency at the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, Pa. In his free time he has been writing book chapters as well as snowboarding and playing forward on his old medical school's roller hockey team. . . .

Andrew Meeks finished his second year at the University of Vermont law school, where he will graduate with a joint degree in law and a master's in environmental law. He is enjoying Vermont with his 2-year-old golden retriever, Skyler, who he says helps keep him sane. Andrew also likes to escape to Boston to catch up with Chris Greenfield. Chris and Cate Knece Wnek had a busy year. Chris started Tufts Dental School, and Cate completed her M.B.A. at the University of Maine last May, finishing first in their class. They bought a condo in Salem, Mass., and Cate is working as an analyst at Fleet Global Market. . . .


Grace Jeanes completed an M.B.A. at UMass and has been raising money for the Merrimack Valley Animal Shelter in Lowell. . . .

Roger Binggeli and his wife, Melanie Macbeth '97, live in Waltham, Mass. Roger recently started a business program at Suffolk University while also working as a senior compliance specialist. Melanie is a student at the New England Col- lege of Optometry.

—Kim Schock

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The countdown has begun! We are fast approaching our five-year reunion. You will receive reunion updates in the next few months, so be sure to mark your calendar for June 2003! . . .

Earlier this year Farrell Burns won the Kiawah Island Women's Marathon in North Caro- lina, placing first out of 3,000 runners! Farrell lives in Charlotte, N.C., and continues to excel as a runner. Great job, Farrell! . . .

Around the globe . . .

After three years serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic, Alice Wong is headed to Johns Hopkins for a joint M.S.N./ M.P.H. degree. Alice spent the spring back home in California working for a nonprofit health organization. . . .

Kristen Paratore has traveled the world over the past few years. Her adventures include working in the Peace Corps in Ethiopia for seven months, rock climbing in southern Thailand, hiking and working on an organic farm in New Zealand and traveling through Laos and south- west China. During this period she spent some time working as an editor of an environmental magazine in Washington, D.C. Recently, Kristen landed in Boston, where she is pursuing a master's program in international educational policy at Harvard's School of Education. . . .

Eric Anderson was called into active duty with the U.S. Marines in the middle of January 2002. He has been in North Carolina training with his unit (Garden City, N.J.) and expects to be on active duty until at least January 2003, with the potential for an additional year. . . .

Back in New England . . .

Dan Noyes moved back to Boston after living in D.C. for three years. Dan is teaching at Fenway High School, where he “loves the school, the kids, the diversity and the challenge of teaching in an urban environment.” . . .

Tricia Claussen is living in Boston with college roommate Liz Stanley, who just recently received a promotion with Putnam Investments as client service associate in downtown Boston. Tricia is busy working for TRC Environmental as a project manager. Liz and Tricia have spent much time with Sara Woodberry, who has made the trek up to Boston from her third year of vet school at UPenn, and with Kari Christensen, who was promoted from her position with Southwest in Manchester, N.H., to southeast director in Southwest's Providence office. . . .

Out on the West Coast . . .

Sandra Hughes Goff and her husband, Marc, celebrated their two-year anniversary in July. Sandy and Marc have been living in L.A., where they are attending a two-year acting program in which Anthony Hopkins volunteers as a teacher. Sandra was cast in an episode of the Drew Carey Show this past spring and hopes to be considered for a regular role in an ABC sitcom this fall. . . .

Laura Jordan reports that she is still living in San Francisco—she is working as senior promotions manager at Virgin Mobile—but plans to move to New York with her company in early 2003. Laura runs into Montine Bowen, Justin Fredrickson, Kristin Crowley and Emily Larsen in the Bay Area from time to time and says they are all doing well. . . . After completing his master’s in music performance and composition at the California Institute of the Arts in 2001, Harris Eisen- stadt has been busy performing in Los Angeles. When he is not traveling for his performances, Harris spends a few days a week teaching music to kids for an arts education organization. . . .

New York City . . .

Lizzie Ivy left Washington, D.C., for N.Y.C., where she attends graduate school at NYU. Lizzie is living with Jen Rose, and they were looking forward to attending the wedding of Julie Williams (now Helenjaris) in July. Congratulations, Julie! . . . Also in New York, Kristen Wilson is attending SUNY-New Paltz for her master’s in education and certification to teach high school biology. Before landing at SUNY, Kristen was instructing for Outward Bound in Maine and plans to do so for the next few summers. . . . After graduating from law school at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Tara Falsani was heading to New York, where she begins work this fall. . . .

In school . . .

Kristina Smith is still living in Providence, R.I., where she is in her final year at the Rhode Island School of Design pursuing a master’s in landscape architecture. Kristina plans to complete her degree in May 2003. . . .

Emily Levin lives in Arlington, Va., and attends law school at George
Washington University. . . . Kevin Soja moved to the New York area to attend a master's program in education at Columbia this fall. . . . Kevin Thurston has been traveling the globe while attending the Johns Hopkins School of International Studies in Bologna, Italy. Kevin is back in D.C. this fall for his second year. . . . Alex Sobel graduated from medical school and began a five-year internship and residency in otolaryngology and orofacial plastic surgery in Columbus, Ohio, this fall. . . Brian Gill was to begin his first year of medical school at Boston University School of Medicine this fall. . . . Wedding bells . . . Ryan Costello was to be married to Tara Weiske on July 13. Ryan and Tara, a graduate of UNH, live in Portsmouth, N.H., where Ryan works in the database department of Liberty Mutual . . . Kristofer Hamel was to be married to Iva Ilieva '99 on August 11 in Sofia, Bulgaria. Kris is currently pursuing a master's in international relations at Georgetown University. . . . And congratulations to Susan Matlock, who is engaged to be married in Oregon on January 11, 2003! . . . Thank you for keeping in touch. I encourage each of you to pick up the phone and say hello to an old Colby pal! —Allison Flynn

99 Kea Watson lives in San Francisco and works as a stage manager at ACT. This summer she was to go back on tour with the Reduced Shakespeare Company working on their new show, The Reducers. . . . After four months of crazy transition from downtown N.Y.C., Oliver Griswold landed in Arlington, Va., ready to jump into politics, journalism, activism, or feminism, or whatever. . . . Will Guthrie works in construction in New Jersey. . . . Jonathan and Andrea Hutchins Sickinger live in Ann Arbor, Mich. Andrea finished her first year of grad school for a master's in social work at the University of Michigan. Jon is an investment analyst in the university's investment office, which oversees the endowment. . . . Katharine Lawrence was thrilled to head off to the Harvard Graduate School of Education in the fall. Katie is in the arts in education in the Graduate School of Education in the fall. She is working for the E.F. Schumacher Society, an environmental nonprofit in southwestern Massachusetts (www.smallsbeautiful.org). She moved to Boston and back into the world of job searching in April and was looking forward to reconnecting with Colby friends there. . . . Anne Hutchinson has been living in Charlottesville, Va., for a year and working for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. She runs the Virginia watershed education program. Anne and her co-leader have a canoe rig and travel all over the non-tidal Virginia watershed running education programs. She loves Charlottesville and is in an art co-op (for fiber art) and lives with her puppy-dog, Banjo. . . . Peter Downing is a staff assistant for Senator Olympia Snowe in D.C. . . . Ben Armiger is a sailing education director for the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michael's, Md. . . . Billy Riley picked up and moved to Wyoming to relish the lifestyle out west. . . . Craig Jude married Brooke Frappier '00 last June 22. Both are employed as research assistants at Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine. . . . As for Sandra DuBarry Laflamme, please note a correction: On June 9, 2001, Sandra and her husband, Jesse, were married in St. David's, Pa., not St. Johnsbury, Vt., as was noted in the milestones section of the last issue. Sandra is currently working as a reading and writing teacher for K-2 at the Danville School in Danville, Vt. In the fall Sandra was to enroll in a teacher certification program at the Upper Valley Teaching Institute so that she can become an elementary school teacher. . . . After three years working in D.C., Renee Lajeneusse headed to N.Y.C. in August to go to Columbia University's Graduate School of Social Work. She is looking forward to N.Y. life. . . . Heather Fine completed her first year at Dickinson law school. She spent the summer in D.C. working for a judge. . . . I graduated from Harvard Graduate School of Education and spent the summer at the Phillips Exeter Academy Summer School working as assistant dean and college counselor. I loved it. This fall I'm working in the dean's office in residential life at Williams College. . . . Keep the updates coming! —Lindsay Hayes

00 Hello to the Class of 2000! Hope this finds you happy and healthy. Congratulations to Brooke Frappier and Craig Jude '99, who were married on June 22, 2002, and to Lisa Cardillo and Gerardo DeMarco, who were married in Italy at the end of June . . . Tom Keblin and Sarah Cobleigh are engaged and planning a 2003 wedding. . . . Tacy Conard and Brian Quinn '99 are also engaged and moved to California in July to go back to school. They are planning a 2004 wedding. . . . Tim McGe and Amy Piaseczny '99 are planning their fall 2002 wedding in Lorimer Chapel. They are both currently working at Novartis Pharmacogenetics in Maryland and plan to go back to school in 2003. . . . Karen Macke and Will Barron '01 are also planning a 2003 wedding. Karen is attending Colorado State University for her master's in sociology, and Will has just begun his first season as a professional Scottish Highlands athlete. Congrats to all! . . . Jacky Rollins started graduate school at Salem State College for her master's in social work. . . . Charles "Chaz" Langelier is living in Salt Lake City and was admitted to the M.D./Ph.D. program at the University of Utah's College of Medicine. He spent last year volunteering for Habitat for Humanity in Costa Rica. . . . Last year Parke Burmeister taught Latin at Thornton Academy in Maine, and Jessica Porter taught physics and chemistry at Rundlett Middle School in Concord, Mass. . . . Congratulations to Patrick Burlingame, who was recently picked for a Fulbright Scholarship in Hungary. He will be attending the University of Szeged. . . . Carolyn Mordas finished her second year of studying physical inorganic chemistry at Princeton University and completed her master's degree. She is now a candidate for the Ph.D. . . . David Sherwood and Grace Price '01 are engaged. . . . Jeff Libby and Reba Frederics were married in July at Colby. In attendance were Vanessa Wade, Whitney Lawton, Jeff Zia, Steve Horowitz, Rob Egleston '01, Ben Schlitt, Jason St. Claire, Mike Farrell, Miranda Jennings and Laura van Gestel . . . Chriseiss Marzano is working at the Wilmark Group as a biotech/pharmaceutical recruiter and living with Lara Bonn and Kathryn Johnson. Chriseiss ran in her first two triathlons this summer, and all three are still playing rugby on a national level with the Boston Women's Rugby Club. . . . Keryn Kwedor is working at Rockport High School in Massachusetts in special education and visited with Mary Larios and Jason Gatin in Eugene, Ore., this summer. . . . Skip Newberry is in his second year at UConn Law and worked for a federal judge this past summer. . . . Greg Madden just started his first year at UConn Law. . . . Matt Janssen is in his final year of law school at Villanova and plans to clerk with a justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court after graduating and taking the bar exam. . . . Dave Ferguson is working on the show Third Watch and is living in New York City. . . . Megan Davis and Jared Woodward-Poor spent the winter out in Denver and Park City . . . JL Rudman, Brian Hiester and Alex Moskos are living together in Allston, Mass., and Alex is working as a crime analyst in Boston. . . . Sarah Church and Philip Murphy were married in August in New Hampshire. Kate MacLeay, Heather Daury, Mary Ann Schumacher and Rebecca Rasmussen were all members of the wedding party, with many other Colby alums in attendance. . . . Annalie Bleich received her M.A. in Slavic languages and literatures in August and is currently beginning her Ph.D. requirements by spending nine months as the resident assistant for the UT Undergraduate Study Abroad Moscow Program in Russia. . . . Melissa Bradbury is still working at Cushing Academy in the admissions office and attended Christine Casey and Ted Hutchinson's wedding in July. Also in attendance were Jenna Multari, Kelly Curlett, Sarah Cleary, Vanessa Wade, Keryn Kwedor, Dave Famiglietti, Jess Mulready, Carlos Dominguez and Julie Corbo. . . . Morgan McDevitt is living in New York City and joined a rock band, Bellevue, this summer. He hopes that any Colby alums in the area will come out and see some of their shows. Join their mailing list at www.coollist.com. . . . Greg Hanson and Ben Stockwell are living in Brookline Village, and Ben is working at an economic consulting firm. They often see Jeremy Dono-
van, who is living in Coolidge Corner. . . . Stephen Horowitz just started a master’s program at Columbia in East Asian languages and cultures after spending a year and a half in Japan as an apprentice to a Japanese chef. . . . Jim Mason is in his second year of graduate school at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and is working on his thesis. He’s studying barred owls. . . . In August, Brian White placed third overall and first in his age group in Ironman Vineman in California! In October he left to teach English in Thailand for a year. . . . In August, Whitby Thayer is living in Chicago and is in her second year of graduate school in cancer biology at Northwestern Medical School. . . . Jenn Brown and Whitney Thayer are planning a July 2003 wedding and are living in Fort Collins, Colo. . . . Josh Foster was promoted to first lieutenant in the Marine Corps and is living in Meridian, Miss. He is currently in the advanced stage of jet strike training, flying the T-45C Goshawk. . . . Brenda Yun is back in Hawaii teaching ninth grade English and living with Diane Carr in Honolulu. . . . Steph Baron is in her second year of physician assistant school in California and was married to Naren Vasudevan ’99 in August. . . . Christie Beveridge spent the summer in Juneau, Alaska, continuing at the Bread Loaf School of English. She is teaching English again this year at the White Mountain School in New Hampshire. . . . Mari Masuda is living in Coronado, Calif., flying SH-60F helicopters for the Navy. . . . Travis Keeling and Catherine Pinkerton were married in August and honeymooned in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area wilderness in northern Minnesota. They joined the Peace Corps and are leaving for Costa Rica in February! . . . Lindsay Shaker is

**todd miner ’01**

Todd Miner ’01 spent time this past summer with news anchor Jim Lehrer, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor among others. But Miner isn’t a politician, a lobbyist, a journalist or a congressional aide. His entrée to Washington power circles? His job as assistant to the director of the St. Albans School’s new School of Public Service.

A four-week summer program for promising high school seniors, SPS immerses its students in the worlds of government and public policy, offering opportunities to meet the best and brightest of both fields. Miner’s duties range from Web consulting to reassuring concerned parents and helping students find lost wallets. “I basically do anything that comes across my desk,” he said.

Miner said he was amazed by the bright and idealistic young stars of this past summer’s program. “They’re such good kids,” he said. “They’re just like other kids, but they’re also interested in helping people and effecting change.”

The 29 students in the program included the president of the Montgomery Million Mom March Youth Chapter 2002, a Teen Jeopardy champion and a Habitat for Humanity volunteer in Paraguay. And the roster of people on the students’ daily schedule, which Miner helped organize, reads like a page from President Bush’s daily planner. It includes lobbyists, U.S. senators and representatives, former presidential speechwriters and CIA inspectors general, to name only a few.

“It gives these kids time to meet people like this,” Miner said, “so they realize that these people don’t have something that the kids don’t have, they just worked hard to get where they are.”

But Miner and his students didn’t just spend four weeks popping in and out of government buildings; their classroom took other forms as well. One of the summer’s most memorable occasions for Miner was a mock official dinner, at which Albright was the guest of honor. Also attended by guests such as former White House counsel C. Boyden Gray, the dinner taught the students the social graces crucial to survival within the political circles of Washington.

“Madeleine Albright was by far one of the coolest parts of the program,” Miner said. “She was funny and profound in her descriptions of her experiences as secretary of state. I walked out of there with the biggest smile on my face.”

He found that the skills he honed at Colby served him well as he navigated uncharted waters during SPS’s inaugural year. “A lot of the education at Colby is not having an answer that’s the end, but finding a new idea of a larger understanding,” he said.

When his tenure at St. Albans ends this winter (he was hired until February), Miner hopes to gain a “larger understanding” of the world on a Peace Corps program. If accepted, he hopes to work in Sub-Saharan Africa as an advisor to local communities, helping them implement and maintain productive trout fisheries.

And the long-term future? He’s pondering it, of course, and while he hasn’t fixed on a particular path, Miner does have a definition of success, for himself and his young charges: Success, he says, is finding a way to both maneuver through life “and hold on to your ideals.”

—Braxton Williams ’99
getting her master's in elementary education at Boston College and was
engaged in October. She will be getting married next summer on Cape
Cod. . . . Krikor Daglian is living in N.Y.C. and is the “city editor” for the
has just begun the environmental law program at Northwestern School
of Law in Portland, Ore. . . . Elizabeth Haeussler is living in the mountains
of Bozeman, Mont., and is working for an industrial design company as an
anthropologist. . . . Keep in touch!

—Hilary Smyth

01 Everyone is up to exciting things! Becky Munsterer began her
writing career by having an article published in SKI Magazine (April '02) and
finished her first marathon in Ottawa in May! Her college roommate
Mandy Cochrane is living the good life in San Diego, working as a teacher in
underprivileged neighborhoods, while Becky's other roommate, Abbie Parker,
is living in St. Thomas . . . as is Marc McEwen. . . . Another runner, Lambie Bickford,
still loves Austin and has run the Austin Motorola Marathon and the Vancouver Adidas Interna-
tional Marathon. . . . Kathy Manu and Colin McKee were in Ausi, New Zealand and Fiji with students
exploring down under. Colin will return to the U.N. environmental
program in Geneva, Switzerland. . . . Kimberly Schneider teaches English
in Burkina Faso, West Africa, with the Peace Corps. . . . Katie Meyerhans and James LaLiberty '02 are working as
park rangers in Grand Teton National Park and living in Jackson Hole. Katie is
part of the fire-fighting team that puts out any wildfires that pop up
around the country! . . . Also in Jackson are Ben Schreiner and Michelle
Cook. Ben took advantage of J.Hole weather, skiing more days last winter than not. . . . Justin Ehrenwerth began
his graduate program in philosophy, politics and economics at Bracenose
College at Oxford and also began trying to break a bad coffee habit.
. . . Whitney Dayton, working on a U.S. Senate campaign in Texas, is
in charge of the Dallas fund-raising efforts. . . . Bill Goldman missed
school so much, he's now obtaining an M.S.A./M.B.A. dual-degree at Northeastern University. . . . Having
law problems? Jon Engel began his first year of law school at BU, and
Beth Festa began her law schooling at UConn. . . . Danielle Fornes will
resume teaching, along with Amy Bonnefon, at the Kent's Hill School. Danielle teaches French and coaches
ice hockey and softball. . . . Congrats are in order for Michelle-Nicholle
Rahmings, who is teaching history and English at Kent's, and Jeff Caleroso
as they announced their engagement for a summer 2003 wedding. . . . Brad
Wand has been promoted from staff assistant to legislative correspondent
on Capitol Hill. . . . Kelly Kenney, in Boston, is a sales assistant in a
global investment management firm and works with Katie Firth. Kelly
sees Michelle Farrell, who teaches Spanish in Methuen. Their bad Jennie
ity but planned to move to N.Y.C. in August. . . . Jen Miller began grad
school at Emerson, and Matt Huber began his Ph.D. in sociology at North-
eastern. . . . Steve Bigelow teaches at Brighton H.S. . . . Jon Natzkin has been
doing research at the Harvard School of Public Health, and Sarah Belanger
works at Citizens Bank and has a film internship. They miss Alison Aiello,
who left for Prague to teach English. . . . Annie Miller works in a Boston
University lab while roommate Melinda Mraz rules the financial world at Dow
Consulting. . . . Rob Webb jetted off to Vail, Colo. . . . Chad Creelman is a
senior sales rep for SprintPCS in San

GEOFF WARD ’02

What he’s doing Running for the New Hampshire House of Repre-
sentatives.
A motivating factor Seeing rising property taxes drive people out of
his hometown of Portsmouth.
If not property tax, then what? An income tax used solely to fund
education.
And do what with the money? Work toward smaller class sizes.
Where he saw the educational benefit of that You know where.
What he’s against Gambling and a sales tax.
His other top issues Affordable health care, especially for kids.
Other times he thinks about kids When he’s coaching a youth foot-
tball team, the Little Clippers.
Where he cut his teeth in politics The Al Gore primary campaign in
2000 and other Democrats’ races.

Michelle Chandler, Rachel Rokicki, Melissa Aioto, Caroline Blair and I
lived it up this summer in the Hamp-
tons. Michelle hand-selects models for GQ. And I want to announce my
upcoming engagement to Bode Miller (I’ll be telling him soon, I’m sure). To
others who have already announced marriages, congratulations! Kate
Isley married Kenny Rausch this August in Burlington Vt., before
heading to Hawaii for the H.Moon! Kate is now looking into law schools.
. . . Rob Painter and Anna Randall also are newlyweds. Betsy Loyd
attended the wedding, as did Jackie Ogutha, Nyasha Pfuulwa (who is
getting her master’s in intercultural relations at Lesley University, along
with Yuki Kodera), Kate Thurman, Binah Palmer, Laura West, Gareth
Osborn and Elizabeth Hoorneman. . . . Grace Price and David Sherwood
'00 got engaged this past July and are planning to be married next June. . . .
Kyle Garry is working at the U.S. Golf Association Foundation in Colorado
Springs, Colo., and lives with his fian-
cee, April Hunter, and their yellow Lab, Colby. April works as a counselor for The Children's Arc, a local facil-
ity for troubled adolescent girls. . . . Dave Riss and Sara Lovitz have lived
in Boulder, Colo., since October ’01, worked for the Fund for Public Interest
Research and campaigned for Green-
peace for a couple of months. Sara played semi-pro soccer for the Mile
High Mustangs, and Dave was a kayak instructor and spent all his free time
kayaking class-five creeks across the
state. Both are now researching grad
school. . . . Asher Ghermert is now
at UC-Berkeley for grad school. . . .
Ray Mazza enters his second year at
Carnegie Mellon, aiming to graduate
in 2003 with a master of entertainment
technology degree. This summer he
worked at Kodak’s research center in
Rochester. . . . Liz Frankel is the li-
erary assistant at Manhattan Theatre
Club, a large off-Broadway theater.
. . . Mark Paustenbach finished
a master's degree in politics at the
London School of Economics and is
now enrolled at Columbia U. in the
Graduate School of Journalism. . . .
Lisa Hart now lives in N.Y.C. and is
taking classes in interior design. She
sees Liz Oberlin, who is working for a start-up City group, Bryan Kess-
ler, in his second year of law school at
Columbia, and Corey Stranghoener,
who lives in Hoboken and works at a
fine gifts store.

—Dana D. Fowler
Marion Merriam Hooper ‘25, June 19, 2002, in Waterville, Maine, at 99. She was the owner and operator of Marion’s Beauty Salon in Skowhegan, Maine, for more than 30 years. Her many Colby relatives include her father, Rev. George Merriam 1879, and her grandmother, Rev. Franklin Merriam 1837. Survivors include her son, Robert Hooper ’52, three granddaughters, five great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

Dorothy Farnum Scott ‘26, July 21, 2002, in Annapolis, Md., at 97. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate, she taught mathematics in high schools in Delhi, N.Y., and Winsted, Conn. For 30 years she was a metorologist and scientific mathematician at the U.S. Bureau of Standards in the Philadelphia Gauge Laboratory. She is survived by her sister, Muriel Farnum Medrow ‘30.

George Holbrook Hawes ‘28, April 9, 2002, in Carson City, Nev., at 97. He was a school teacher, principal and coach, air raid warden, volunteer fireman and owner of an automobile dealership, and he held memberships in more than two dozen organizations. He served in the Nevada State Assembly in the 1950s and later was a lobbyist for many organizations. Survivors include his son, David Holbrook Hawes, his brother, John E. Hawes ’41, two grandsons, two great-granddaughters, six nieces and three nephews.

Seneca B. Anderson ’30, June 21, 2002, in West Falmouth, Mass., at 90. He practiced law in Memphis, Tenn., before entering the Navy in World War II, then practiced with the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company. For 20 years he was a partner in the Miami, Fla., firm of Shutts & Bowen. He leaves his wife of 59 years, Martha, four children, 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Josephine Porter Cunningham ’34, July 24, 2002, in Freeport, Maine, at 90. Alifelong Freeport resident, she worked for the U.S. postal service and at both the town library and the high school library. Survivors include her sons, John, Paul and Daniel Cunningham.

Robert F. Estes ’35, April 3, 2002, in Oakland, Maine, at 89. He was superintendent of woodlands management for Great Northern Paper Co. After a brief retirement he sold equipment for R.C. Hazleton. He is survived by two sons, Robert Jr. and Stephen Estes, two daughters, Elizabeth Zimba and Elaine Sandoval, nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

David R. Hilton ’35, March 23, 2002, in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, at 89. After Army service during World War II he joined Proctor & Bowie Co., a lumber and hardware business in Winslow, Maine. He served local communities as a trustee, volunteer and member of boards and clubs. Predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Ann Trimble Hilton ’35, he is survived by four daughters, 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Robert O. Brown ’36, April 24, 2002, in Benton, Maine, at 86. He worked at Keyes Fibre Co. in Waterville for 41 years, ending his career as director of industrial relations and personnel manager. He was active in town government and served in the Maine State Legislature from 1960 to 1964. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Katharine Rollins Brown ’36, three sons, 14 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and his sister, Ruth Brown Peabody ’32.

Arnold A. Green ’37, March 29, 2001, in Trinidad, Texas, at 86. Before and after World War II, in which he served with the Air Force, he was a merchant in Presque Isle, Maine. In 1950 he moved to Albuquerque, N.M.

Joyce Porter Fox ’38, June 6, 2002, in Caribou, Maine, at 84. Active in local civic organizations, she was a teacher before raising her family—a daughter, Jill Fox, and three sons, Gary, Artie and Jeffrey Fox, all of whom survive her. She also leaves seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two sisters.

Ruth Lewis Nowlan ’41, June 14, 2002, in Foxboro, Mass., at 83. A librarian at Boyden Library in Foxboro for many years, she also was active in women’s groups and other community organizations. She is survived by three daughters, Cynthia Torey, Caren Burdill-Murray and Cheryl Harding, two sisters, a brother, James Lewis ’38, and four grandchildren.

Charles W. Heath ’42, April 6, 2002, in Bangor, Maine, at 85. He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II. He served Ricker College in Bangor, Maine, as teacher, business manager and vice president until 1977 and was active on community boards and committees. He is survived by his wife, Ruth M. Heath, three daughters, a son, eight grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, a sister, nieces and nephews.

Saul Millstein ’42, May 28, 2001, in Roseburg, Ore., at 81. He was a fighter pilot in the Marine Air Corps during World War II. He was a threadworks salesman and later launched Nylon Spinners Inc. in California.

Harold L. Rhodenizer ’42, April 24, 2002, in Bethlehem, Conn., at 81. A veteran of the Royal Canadian Air Force, he was a teacher and coach in Maine before joining MacDermid Inc. in Waterbury, Conn., as a chemical engineer. He leaves a brother, Richard Rhodenizer, three sisters, Greta Gordon, Constance Knight and Jean Rhodenizer Fontaine ’46.

Olivia Elam Davis ’43, December 23, 2000, in Dublin, Ohio, at 80. After Colby she attended Simmons College, where she also did graduate work in the School of Social Work. For some years she was a social worker. She is survived by her daughter, Lynne Davis Sponser ’77, her sons, Michael and Neil Davis, and grandchildren.

Justin O. Johnson Jr. ’43, November 15, 1999, in Hancock, Maine, at 79. He taught mechanical engineering at the University of Maine before joining Honeywell, where he was employed for more than 20 years. Survivors include his sister, Augusta-Marie Johnson Alexander ’45.

Helen Lorraine Carson ’44, September 27, 2001, in Alexandria, Va., at 78. She was an editor with Dun’s Review and later with Fortune magazine.
Donald W. Gunn ’52, January 20, 2002, in Hanover, Mass., at 72. He was an ironworker and shop manager for the Fred Williams Contracting Company. Survivors include his companion, Delores Trufant, a son, two daughters, a brother and sister and two grandchildren.

Ruth Watt Tolford ’52, March 17, 2002, in Falmouth, Maine, at 71. She was a homemaker following her work as a technician in the blood grouping lab at Children’s Hospital in Boston. She is survived by her husband, William Tolford, a son and a daughter.

Jean Strout Jewell ’54, February 27, 2002, in Bangor, Maine, at 69. She was a self-employed manager in the Skowhegan, Maine, area. Survivors include her husband, Wayne H. Jewell, two daughters, three sons, two stepchildren, 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Anthony M. “Jerry” D’Amico ’57, August 26, 2002, in Bangor, Maine, at 68. He owned and operated Penobscot Paint Products Company for 40 years and also worked on many community projects. He is survived by his wife, Dianne, a son, a daughter, two stepdaughters, six grandchildren, a sister, Lynne D’Amico McKee ’58, nieces and nephews.

Gail Gaynor Kirkbride ’57, June 13, 2002, in Cape Cod, Mass., at 66. She worked for Liberty Drug and Surgical in Chatham, Mass. Previously she worked in the foreign marketing and research department of J. Walter Thompson in New York City. Surviving are her husband, Charles, three daughters and four grandchildren.

Franklin C. Cowperthwaite ’58, February 13, 2002, in Springfield, Va., at 64. After two years of Navy service he joined Pitney-Bowes, Inc. He retired in 1988 from Grey Advertising Co. in New York City and later was an agent with the Nielson Insurance Co. in New Canaan, Conn. He is survived by his wife, Dianne, three daughters, a brother, and three grandchildren.

Gerry H. Parker ’61, April 27, 2002, in Biddeford, Maine, at 64. After an outstanding athletic career at the College, he earned a Master of Business Administration at Cornell University, then joined Maine Surgical Supply Company in Yarmouth, Maine, where he became president and owner. Later he was president of Cuddledown of Maine. Survivors include his wife, Carol Ann, a son, two daughters, two brothers, a sister, two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.


Edward D. Winkler ’63, June 24, 2002, in Lebanon, N.H., at 60. He worked at Vermont Research Corp. in Springfield, Vt., as controller and retired as CEO in 1993, then started his own financial consulting business, Wink Financial Inc. He served on several local and civic boards. He is survived by his son and daughter, Jeffrey Winkler ’89 and Amy Winkler, two sisters and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jacqueline Roe Lloyd ’64, August 26, 2002, in Farmington, Conn., at 60. She owned and operated JRL Designs, a landscape design firm, wrote many articles on landscape and garden design and lectured extensively to garden clubs. She was a member of several nursery associations and community organizations. She is survived by her husband, Alex Lloyd ’64, two daughters, two sons, a grandson and her brother.

Tom Korst ’65, June 14, 2002, in Hillerød, Denmark, at 59. He served as a computer specialist for numerous universities and state and local government agencies in the New England area for more than 30 years before he returned to his native Denmark. He is survived by his wife, Rita Korst, and two daughters, Cecile Bredehoeft and Heidi Barron.

Robert E. Comstock Jr. ’67, March 25, 2002, in Westfield, N.J., at 57. Following his service in Vietnam, where he earned a Bronze Star, he received an M.B.A. from Seton Hall University. He was a director of finance and administration for Société Internationale de Télécommunications Aéronautique before retiring. Survivors include his wife, Frances Richter Comstock ’67, two daughters and a brother.

Diana Walsh Lockwood ’67, January 13, 2002, in Honolulu, Hawaii, at 57. She received her B.A. from Hawaii Loa College, an M.A. in education from Pepperdine University and an M.F.A. from the University of Hawaii. In the early 1980s she formed the Symbolic Shuttle, dedicated to designing and creating ecclesiastical and secular art. In 1989 she started the Pacific Islands Institute to provide educational travel throughout Hawaii and the South Pacific for participants in Elderhostels and other educational programs. She is survived by her husband, Jack Lockwood ’64, her son, her daughter, Carol Lockwood ’90, her parents and three grandchildren.

Amelia Rosenfeld ’71, July 17, 1999, in Chapel Hill, N.C., at 49. She earned a master’s degree in education and was a New York City elementary school teacher and owner-manager of a children’s summer camp. Survivors included her twin daughters, Miriam and Lillian Mindich.

Ellen Muzzy Farnham ’72, June 14, 2002, in Brunswick, Maine, at 51. A Navy wife, she was an active volunteer in schools, museums and other community activities at her husband’s several duty stations in California, Japan, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Maine. Survivors include her husband, John Farnham, two sons, a sister and brother.

Thomas Lincoln Downey ’85, June 7, 2002, in Connecticut, at 39. He attended Wayne State University in the field of hazardous materials management. Survivors include his parents, T. Wayne and Joan R. Downey, and his sisters, Sharon Downey and Susan Downey Heston ’89.

Sebastian Herbsttein ’96, June 20, 2002, in New York, N.Y., at 28. He is survived by his parents, Judith Freidenberg and Diego Herbsttein, a brother and a sister.

Viswanath S. Naravane, July 2002, in India, at 80. A visiting professor at several colleges and universities in the U.S., including Colby in the 1960s and ’70s, he lectured on Indian art, history, literature and mythology as well as philosophy and religion. He was professor and chair of the philosophy department at the University of Poona and for two decades was on the faculty of the philosophy department at the University of Allahabad. A widower, he had no children.

Homer T. “Pete” Hayslett Jr., October 3, 2002, in Belgrade, Maine, at 63. Colby’s Dana Professor of Mathematics, he studied math at Bridgewater College in Virginia and earned a master of science degree at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and a master of arts degree and a Ph.D. at Dartmouth College. He began teaching at Colby in 1962 and continued as an active faculty member even during his final illness. Throughout his 40-year career he taught mathematics and statistics, was chair of the department several times between 1982 and 2001 and served on several College committees, including Educational Policy, Promotion and Tenure, Admissions and Athletics. In 1997-98 he headed Colby’s program in Cork, Ireland. He is survived by his wife, Loyce, their three children, Barbara, Elizabeth and Homer T. III, two grandchildren, his mother, his sister and several aunts, uncles and cousins.