A little criticism can take you far in this world—just ask Chip Smith '91. Chip was Echo restaurant critic while at Colby. During his junior year he met one of his fans, Professor of Government Tony Corrado. Chip went on to take classes with Tony and the two became friends. Shortly after graduating, Chip was speaking with Tony and told him he was interested in working for Bob Kerry's 1992 presidential campaign. Tony knew Kerry's campaign manager, Tad Devine, and put in a word for Chip, who not only went to work for the campaign, but eventually became Tad's assistant.

After working on a senatorial campaign, Chip moved on to be the deputy campaign manager and chief of staff for Al Gore's 2000 campaign. In charge of the campaign's finances, Chip often turned to Tony, one of only a handful of experts in campaign finance at the time, for advice and counsel.

In his relationship with Chip, Tony has been teacher, mentor, advisor, and colleague. Chip Smith is now a partner in a Democratic media consulting firm with Tad Devine. It all began with that phone call from Tony.
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