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Sorry, Mate

I was very interested in the article by Charles Bassett, and only wanted to correct him on a point which would be more than one of detail, I am sure, to Peter Carey. Bassett states that the historian (Edmund) Morris had never heard of Peter Carey, "a contemporary British novelist of some reputation in the English literary establishment." Carey is in fact Australian, albeit presently living in New York.

Susan Mersky Fooks '67
Melbourne, Australia

Beanie Blues

I arrived on Mayflower Hill in the fall of 1967 to the unspeakable horror of being told that I had to wear a blue beanie at all times, and I was instilled with the abject fear of an upperclassman accosting me because I was some lower form of being. Our class obediently wore the beanies and bore the signs around our necks only until Homecoming; I never did (thankfully!) suffer the indignity of upperclass hazing.

I believe the custom stopped with our class. When we became the sophomore overlords, late ’60s rejection of tradition (and drug- and alcohol-induced apathy, I would add) had infected our class as a whole; we made sure that Colby newcomers did not have to undergo the indignity of stupid and facetious behaviors (like panty raids and underclass hazing!).

The singling out of any individual or group for the purpose of lowering their status runs counter to all that I learned at Colby. I would hope that reintroduction of freshman beanies, those horrid signs, and vulnerability to harassment would be banned for all time at the institution that gave us Elijah Parish Lovejoy.

Martha Gumley Mickle '71
Cape Elizabeth, Maine

The Rest of the Story

Your profile on Geoff Bennett ’98 (spring ’98) was fascinating and heartening, especially about his work on Edwards Dam. The news has even trickled down here. Ellen Goodman wrote in The Washington Post, “for the first time ever, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [has] refused to relicense a hydropower dam,” noting that Steve Brooke of the Kennebec Coalition “offers the political adage as a new environmental prophecy: ‘As Maine goes, so goes the nation.’”

But I hope you’ll allow me my pride in pointing out that Bennett, though the most visible, was not the only Colby student who had a hand in dismantling Edwards. My wife, Karyl Brewster ’93, worked for the North Kennebec Regional Planning Commission during her senior-year Jan Plan, where she researched and wrote a thesis that concluded that Edwards Dam had, in essence, little reason for existence—four years before the FERC reached that conclusion.

There may have been other Colby folk who also helped along the way as well. The Colby community should be proud that when Edwards falls and the fishery is restored, at least two and probably more Colby people made it happen.

Zachary Brewster-Geisz ’94
Greenbelt, Md.

In fact, Ellen Goodman H’98 (who did her column about Edwards Dam well before she received Colby’s Lovejoy award last fall) wrote that she was guided on her tour of the Kennebec by Tim Glidden ’74, deputy director of the Natural Resources Council of Maine (and Colby’s first male homecoming queen in 1970). And, as Brewster-Geisz suggests, there are likely other Colby connections in this story.
Mellon Honors Cotter

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has honored Bill Cotter for his achievement and his seniority among college presidents with a $200,000 grant that may be used for discretionary purposes. Bill says he will use the grant to work with the faculty in bolstering the Colby campus support.

Getting On Line

Nobody appreciates the increasing on-line class registration services more than students who are abroad. Michael Farrell '00 wrote registrar George Coleman from University College Cork in Ireland to say, "I never realized just how much I take the Colby Registrar's Office for granted. You guys are amazing! Thank you, thank you, thank you for the great Web site—course selection will be a snap."

High-Tech Admissions

David Jones in admissions teamed up with the communications office this fall to launch a new e-mail newsletter to prospective applicants. The first edition was sent to the 2,300 high school seniors in the inquiry pool and all but a dozen asked to be left on the mailing list.

Hands On, Hands Down

It is difficult to imagine a course of study at any college that more effectively combines quality instruction, hands-on learning and valuable public service than Colby's Problems in Environmental Science (Bio 493). This class made its final presentation to an audience of students, faculty, public officials and interested residents in December, reporting on a semester-long study of the water quality of Great Pond, the sixth and final study of the Belgrade Lakes conducted over the past several years. Students of Russ Cole and Dave Firmage (biology) concluded that while rapid residential development threatens the quality of this, the largest of the Belgrades, present water conditions are within acceptable limits. As with earlier studies of area lakes, the report will provide important data and recommendations for the preservation and improvement of water quality for town and state officials as well as for the various lake associations.

Say Goodbye

To Kevin Cool, managing editor of Colby magazine for the past five years. Kevin's outstanding work on the magazine (regional and national awards) did not go unnoticed; Stanford University in particular took notice and stole him. He began in March as senior editor at Stanford Law School in Palo Alto. A search for his replacement is underway.

Not Good News

Alan Lewis, director of the Physical Plant Department since 1984, has elected to retire this summer. He'll be missed for lots of reasons, not the least of which is his leadership in maintaining one of the nation's most handsome campuses and the 12 (count 'em, 12) new buildings added on his watch.

Peace Corps Leader

The Peace Corps has announced its list of the top 25 volunteer-producing universities and colleges, and Colby ranks 17th among smaller schools (fewer than 5,000 undergraduates). With 13 volunteers currently serving in the corps, Colby is tied with Reed, Dartmouth, Macalester and Williams colleges. Colby is the only Maine college on the list.

Moosecellaneous

The second annual Custodian Appreciation Day was held in late fall, providing students a chance to thank the folks who keep their dorms looking great. Surprises included posters and cards that residents signed, gift certificates, baked goods and plants. Our own David Leavy '92 is a frequent spokesman for President Bill Clinton. Ken Gagnon (D-Waterville, AdServ) has been named chair of the Maine House of Representatives' powerful taxation committee. Colby magazine has won a bronze medal in regional competition of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). This after winning the silver in national competition. The regional judging included both universities and colleges. Congratulate Kevin Cool and colleagues. Nobody was more thrilled with the announcement of Will Polkinghorne '99's Rhodes Scholarship than Jim McIntyre (German), director of scholarships and fellowships, who volunteers to search out the best students for special recognition. In this case, it was wife Jean in the Chemistry Department who first found Will, who has never earned anything less than an A in any course. Pleased as well was Jan Hogendorn (economics), one of the Rhodes' Maine interviewers and one of the first to learn of the selection. Bill and Linda Cotter heard the announcement at The Last Unicorn restaurant, where Will and Rhodes finalist Jennie Oberzan dropped in after learning the outcome. The Cotters bought them dinner. The November issue of The Scientist, a national journal for life scientists, touts Bets Brown's January course titled Biology of Women. Bets' course is aimed at empowering students to find information about their own health in the future and to become comfortable with science.

Patriotic Corner

It is fairly well known in these parts that Samuel K. Smith, who wrote the words of America, taught at the College and preached at the small church that still stands at the intersection of the Ten Lots and Gagnon roads. It is less well known that Katharine Lee Bates, who wrote America the Beautiful, was born in a Ten Lots farmhouse less than a mile from Smith's church.

To Name A Few

When Fox Television proposed The Boyz Channel and The Girlz Channel it named Lyn Mikel Brown (education and human development) to its advisory committee... Jill Macalferri, a 1996 grad and economics major, has been awarded one of three scholarships provided by the American Friends of the London School of Economics.
Giant Shoes to Fill
President Bill Cotter to Retire in 2000

By Stephen Collins ’74

Colby’s longest-serving president, Bill Cotter, who capitalized on the College’s strengths to cement Colby’s status among the upper ranks of America’s private liberal arts colleges, announced in January that he will retire next year. A committee to select his successor already has been assembled.

Cotter was 44 years old when he assumed Colby’s presidency in 1979. When he retires on June 30, 2000, he will have served 21 years. That’s two years longer than the previous longest-serving presidents, Robert E. Lee Strider II (1960-79) and Arthur Jeremiah Roberts (1906-1927). It continues Colby’s tradition of stability in the president’s office—there will have been only six presidents during the 20th century, and the last five will have averaged 18 years of service.

Under Cotter’s leadership, the College increased its endowment from $25 million to $242 million (at the end of the last fiscal year), constructed or substantially expanded more than 20 buildings, added more than 30 endowed faculty chairs, expanded efforts to increase diversity on campus and saw record numbers of students participate in international study programs.

Larry Pugh ’56, chair of the Board of Trustees, said Cotter will leave an extraordinary legacy. “This is, of course, sad news for Colby as he has provided such excellent leadership for the College,” Pugh said. “At the same time, it is a time to celebrate all that he has done to position Colby so strongly and prominently in higher education, to celebrate the great promise the College shows for the next century and, not least, to celebrate his and Linda’s well-deserved retirement.”

“Colby has been our life for the past twenty years,” Cotter said. “We are grateful for every friendship and for all that the College has been able to achieve thanks to our community’s unusual dedication. Because of its many strengths, I know that the College will attract a number of fine candidates for the next presidency.”

Pugh, who retires later this year as board chair (see page 22), and his successor, Jim Crawford ’64, announced on February 22 that a 19-member committee will lead the search for a new president. In addition to Pugh and Crawford, the committee includes trustees Joseph Boulos ’68, Susan Comeau ’63, Gerald Holtz ’52, Colleen Khoury ’64, Edson Mitchell ’75, Paul Schupf and Anne O’Hanian Szostak ’72; faculty members Jill Gordon (philosophy), Jim Meehan (economics), Shelby Nelson (physics), Tom Tietenberg (economics) and Cedric Bryant (English); students Anthony Frangie ’01 and Erin Robens ’00; Dean of the College Earl Smith and Director of Personnel Services Doug Terp ’84; and Joanne Wedell Magyar ’71, chair of the Alumni Council.

The committee hopes to present a final candidate or candidates for consideration by the Board of Trustees at the board’s January 2000 meeting.

Not the Four Tenors

When the HBO series The Sopranos reached episode five on February 7, viewers watched mobster Tony Soprano and his daughter do the Colby-Bates-Bowdoin college tour, with almost all of the action set in “Waterville” (though the credits say “Filmed at Silvercup Studios and on location in New Jersey”). While daughter Meadow visits “Colby,” Tony identifies, stalks and eventually strangles a former mobster who escaped to Maine under the witness protection program.

The episode begins as the Sopranos prepare to leave Bates. The daughter gives Bates’s academics and study-abroad program good reviews but says, “Socially I don’t know. This one girl told me there’s a saying that ‘Bates is the world’s most expensive form of contraception.’” The pair visits Bowdoin briefly before they end up back in their dysfunctional household in Jersey for the show’s conclusion.

HBO’s director of corporate affairs, Henry Gomez, says Colby doesn’t reappear in subsequent episodes and that he knows of no alumni connection among the show’s writers. “I suspect they asked, ‘Where in the Northeast would kids want to go to school?’” he said. “We’re not aware of anyone [working on the show] who was at Colby.” Dates for the first rerun of this episode had not been announced at press time.
We’ve Got the Time

When that magic and dreaded instant—"Y2K"—finally rolls around next winter, not only will computer users on Colby's local area network be among the first to know, network servers around the eastern United States will be consulting Colby to synchronize their timekeeping.

Sure, the clock on Miller Library may say 9:05 when the carillon in Lorimer Chapel marks the hour with "Hail, Colby, Hail." But thanks to Jeff Earickson (information technology services), Colby's local computer network now is synchronized to about one thousandth of a second, and Colby is part of a network that helps determine precisely what time it is in the surreal province of cyberspace. Earickson signed Colby up as the 13th site in the U.S. Naval Observatory's Network Time Protocol (NTP) system in February. Now an unassuming computer console in the basement of the Lovejoy building is among the busiest in the world, according to the Naval Observatory's time service department.

An antenna the size of a hockey puck on the Lovejoy roof reads signals from up to eight global positioning satellites and sends official GPS time data down a cable exactly 100-feet long ("do not cut or splice") to a plain-looking computer in the climate-controlled bowels of Lovejoy. Internet servers throughout the eastern U.S. consult Colby's NTP server simultaneously with servers at MIT, Columbia University and the Naval Observatory to get a consensus of the time. The result is within a few microseconds (millionths of a second) of the U.S. Naval Observatory's master clock. While computers on Colby's local area network will synchronize to about one millisecond, distant clients (5,000 kilometers away) can be as much as 10-20 milliseconds off.

Is there any meaningful application for this sort of precise timekeeping at Colby? Not really, says Earickson. But it's extremely cool if you're technologically minded and appreciate real precision. And other than the time that Earickson and the Physical Plant Department employees who erected and wired the antenna invested in the project, "it didn't cost a dime," he said.

To check Colby's GPS time, visit us online at http://www.colby.edu/info.tech/time/

Five Awarded Tenure

Five faculty were awarded tenure and promotion to associate professor in January. They are (left to right): Julie de Sherbinin (Russian), a Chekhov expert who has written extensively on Russian literature; Shelby Nelson (physics), an expert on semiconductors and their properties; Duncan Tate (physics), who conducts research on laser spectroscopy; Mary Beth Mills (anthropology), a specialist on peasant societies, particularly in Southeast Asia; and Raffael Scheck (history), who specializes in German history.

The Colby Canon

Following Charlie Bassett's analysis of the great literary canon debate (Colby, winter 1999) we invited readers to submit their own top-10 book lists. And guess what? Bassett was right. Readers were all over the map about which books are "good."

Sure, we got some of the usual suspects—The Catcher in the Rye (J. D. Salinger) most popular among them. But we also got some (shall we say?) quirkier nominees: Primary Colors (Anonymous), The Feynmann Lectures on Physics and A Wrinkle in Time (Madeleine L'Engle) to mention a few.

Where was The Great Gatsby, the highest-rated book from the combined Modern Library 100 and Library Journal lists? No one even mentioned it. Proving that any such poll reflects the sensibilities of the group surveyed were the presence of Richard Russo's The Risk Pool, E. Annie Proulx '57's Postcards and Jim Boylan's Getting In.
Online, Not In Line

If everything goes according to plan, class selection for next year's students won't require standing in line for 30 minutes or more to sign up for, say, Spanish class.

After years of planning and months of developing and testing, online course selection arrived this spring. Using personal computers and their network passwords, students can fill out interactive registration forms in Colby's World Wide Web site. A series of menus allows them to declare majors, develop proposed schedules and eventually choose the courses they wish to take. Though several other colleges use character-based electronic course selection and registration systems, Colby's is among the first systems to introduce a more user-friendly graphical interface on the Web.

It is a revolutionary change that will ease the logistical nightmare for both students and administrators, says Registrar George Coleman. No longer will office personnel have to first decipher the handwriting from students' class-selection cards and then type in the selections—a system that already seems hopelessly antiquated and inefficient, Coleman says.

"We don't want just to change the medium without enhancing the process," said Ray Phillips, director of information technology services. Functions like a search engine able to find all classes that meet Tuesday and Thursday between 10 a.m. and noon, for example, should make life easier for both advisors and students, he says.

Returning students will sign up for classes before this school year is finished, and most incoming students will log on this summer, Coleman says. The Web registration system was designed to make it easier for both students and administrative services and the project leader.

Because the computer cannot massage schedules to accommodate unusual individual circumstances, Coleman will continue to "prune and balance" enrollments before class lists are final. If all goes as planned, student schedules, with all courses and sections confirmed, will be available on the Web beginning August 2.

Though the crush of students during registration will take place in cyberspace and not on the field house floor, Coleman says the occasional student still will put pen to paper. Students who are abroad can register simultaneously with their on-campus peers if they have access to the Web, but provisions for phoning, e-mailing or faxing in course selections are in place for others. "Not every student will make their selections online but we anticipate the number who do not will be very small," Coleman said.

Colby Deans Remembered

George T. Nickerson '24 and William LaFrentz Bryan '48, whose careers at Colby overlapped from the late 1940s to the 1960s, died a few days apart last December.

Nickerson was headmaster of Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and dean of Scarsdale High School in New York before he returned to Colby in 1946 as director of admissions. A year later he was appointed dean of men and retired in 1967.

His Colby Brick award cited his "keen perception, able guidance, thoughtful justice and friendship." One former student who kept in touch wrote the dean that he was "a counselor of wisdom and fairness [and] a friend."

Today, the Nickerson Carillon in Lorimer Chapel rings the hours and calls the campus to special events. Nickerson, who died December 29 in Waterville at the age of 96, is survived by his wife, Ruth, a daughter, Leigh Beatty, two grandsons and two nephews.

Bill Bryan began in coaching, admissions and financial aid two days after he graduated, when he went to work as assistant dean of men in Dean Nickerson's office. In 1952 Bryan became Colby's dean of admissions. He is fondly remembered by many.

"You gave me the biggest break in my life by helping me get a college education," one alumnus wrote recently.

After leaving Colby in 1963, Bryan became a coach and director of athletics at his alma mater, Hotchkiss School in Connecticut, and he worked in admissions from 1966 until 1985 at the University of Maine, where he helped establish the men's ice hockey program.

He was named Colby's C Club Man of the Year in 1972, served as trustee from 1972 to 1978 and became an overseer in 1980.

Bryan was preceded in 1982 by his wife of 39 years, Mardie. Contributions in their memory may be made to the William and Mardie Bryan Scholarship Fund, created by the Class of 1958 to provide financial assistance for sons and daughters of Colby alumni.

Bryan died at his home in Holden, Maine, on December 24 at age 78. He is survived by his wife, Karen Beganny Bryan '63, five children, two stepchildren, six brothers and sisters, nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild and 40 nieces and nephews, including Sarah Bryan Severance '78 and Christopher W. Bradley '78.
Lending a Hand Downtown

Recognizing its symbiotic relationship with Waterville and the importance of a vibrant downtown to the College's interests, Colby announced a Downtown Development Loan Program with a $1 million loan pool for projects that will create or retain jobs or attract commerce. Trustees approved the program at their January meeting, and the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) is administering the loan program. Entrepreneurs can apply for up to $100,000 at a low interest rate and with flexible repayment terms. "Community spirit is one of Colby College's strengths," the Central Maine Morning Sentinel said in an editorial. "[The fund] is greatly appreciated."

Biggest Commencement Ever

Waterville's native son George J. Mitchell H'83, former Senate majority leader, peace broker for Northern Ireland and current chair of the United States Olympic Committee's Ethics Committee and a Special USOC Commission, will be Colby's commencement speaker on May 23, President Cotter announced in March. Mitchell, who worked on summer grounds crews on Mayflower Hill before going down Route 201 to pursue undergraduate studies in Brunswick, earned a law degree at Georgetown University. Currently he is special counsel to the firm of Verner, Lithpitt, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand in Washington.

Among those who will receive honorary degrees this year are two husband-and-wife couples: CNN's prime anchor and senior correspondent Judy Woodruff and her husband, Al Hunt, the executive Washington editor of The Wall Street Journal and a Capital Gang panelist on CNN; and outgoing chair of Colby's Board of Trustees Larry Pugh '56 and his wife, Jean Van Curan Pugh '55. Other honorary degree recipients will be Maine's independent governor Angus S. King and his wife, Colby art professor Bevin Engman, heard about several Connecticut museums that had formed a similar association. "When we presented the idea [to Maine consortium members] everybody said, 'Wow, we should have done this years ago,'" Jefferson said.

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For more information about the art trail, which debuts April 15, call 1-800-782-6497.

Strength in Numbers

Hoping to capitalize on the rich history of Maine art and artists, the Colby Museum of Art has joined a consortium of museums throughout the state to form the Maine Art Museum Trail.

The alliance will publish a museum trail brochure, build a Web site and offer a toll-free number where callers can receive information and directions to each of the seven museums of the consortium. It also will undertake a media campaign to showcase the pooled resources of the member museums, which include the Farnsworth Museum in Rockland, the Ogunquit Museum of American Art, the Portland Museum of Art and the art museums at Colby, Bates, Bowdoin and the University of Maine.

Communications Coordinator for the Museum of Art Bill Jefferson, a leading protagonist and organizer, says the idea for the art trail grew out of a presentation he and his wife, Colby art professor Bevin Engman, heard about several Connecticut museums that had formed a similar association. "When we presented the idea [to Maine consortium members] everybody said, 'Wow, we should have done this years ago,'" Jefferson said.

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wit and wisdom

"The Arab-Israeli peace process is apparently mounted on an irreversible track."

Itamar Rabinovich, historian, peace broker and former Israeli ambassador to the United States, at a Spotlight Event.

"It doesn't seem time to pack your bags."

Donald Allen, geology professor and native Californian, to an Echo reporter after a February earthquake centered in Winslow measured 3.8 on the Richter scale.
To see children working at a brick kiln, "It's not a 
human situation. It's people living in caves. Children 
do not know what love is, they do not know what 
paternal affection is. It's inexplicable. Children are 
naked, barefooted, foul mouthed. I do not know what 
more to tell. And in the carpet industry—my God. You 
are put to sit on this weaving loom at an age when your 
bones are not fully grown. You become physically 
incapacitated. Your legs do not develop normally. All 
that they want are those tender, nimble fingers."

Zafaryab Ahmed in his first address at Colby, January 11.
Zafaryab Ahmed arrived at Colby on December 15, exhausted from 50 hours of travel, nursing a head cold and minus his luggage. Since he had neither a winter coat nor boots, his first stop in Maine was at a K-Mart. The next day he explored the campus to meet people he knew only through e-mail. When he visited Europe, he told a joke about a couple of communists and a talking parrot who get stuffed in the deep freeze to keep him from insulting Leonid Brezhnev. When the parrot comes out of the freezer meekly mouthing the party line, Brezhnev says, “Now you see why we send troublemakers to Siberia.”

The joke not only established that a serious man with a passionate commitment to human rights has a sparkling sense of humor, it also revealed that a self-acknowledged troublemaker arriving in the frozen north had serious questions about why his government wanted him to be there. Jailed in 1995 on sedition charges for his human-rights work, he was detained for more than four months this year before personal intervention by the prime minister permitted him to travel to Maine. When he arrived he acknowledged that his release was a face-saving compromise for the Pakistani establishment he had offended. By giving him a limited 90-day travel permit, they didn’t have to execute him, they didn’t have to exonerate him, and he might not come back to plague them.

Ahmed, a dissident Pakistani journalist and human rights gadfly, came to Colby for the first fellowship granted by the Oak Institute for the Study of International Human Rights. He arrived during exams, and the departure of students and closing of dining halls for the holidays may have reinforced the Siberian motif. When students returned and he finally addressed the College on January 11, he described two traditions in Pakistan that help put his own situation in context. First, the heroic role of the dissident in Islamic Pakistani culture: “Those who choose to tread this path should be prepared to suffer, prepare to be branded as enemy agents and ridiculed as worthless” to bring attention to their cause. Second, “We have a tradition that comes from the Sufi saints of walking to the gallows with honor. And if it comes to that, I will walk to the gallows with honor.”

The cause that Ahmed is willing to die for is rooted in an economic web that connects Americans’ lust for inexpensive consumer goods—hand-knotted carpets and soccer balls among them—and the peshghee system, where employers make advance payments to workers who then...
become bonded laborers. As he describes it, peasants go to work and end up borrowing money from their employer, or they send their children to work to try to pay off their debts. Members of the working class usually cannot read the debt records that employers keep and they end up owing more the longer they stay employed, Ahmed says. They may not leave their employer until their debt is paid, so they sink from bonded labor into virtual slavery. He described conditions in Pakistan’s brick kilns, carpet factories and other industries as sub-human, exploiting children who toil without families, without schools and without aspirations or hope for a better life.

“Children are a commodity; they are not treated as human beings,” he said. “The way people have tried to understand it is according to the rules they use to understand their own societies, which are not applicable.” In addresses to various groups in Maine he stressed the complicity of Western consumers and the responsibility that Americans share for the chronic human-rights abuses in developing countries. “It is not the producers in countries like Pakistan that are solely responsible; it is the entrepreneurs and buyers here in the West who also benefit from illegal labor practices,” he said. “We have to decide who pays for what.”

The government outlawed the peshgee system in 1992. Ahmed said at the time that it was naive to expect many thousands of impoverished and illiterate children and adults to be freed from bonded indebtedness as a result. Two years later the government’s ban had produced virtually no progress, and Ahmed was hired as a consultant to the Bonded Labour Liberation Front (BLLF), an organization dedicated to releasing and rehabilitating children from the brickyards and carpet factories. It was there that he met Iqbal Masih.

Zafaryab Ahmed received the first annual fellowship of the Oak Institute for the Study of International Human Rights—a one-semester fellowship established to allow a front-line human-rights worker to take a sabbatical for research, writing, lecturing and teaching as a scholar-in-residence at Colby. For the inaugural fellowship, Ahmed was selected from 68 nominees, in part because he fit the preferred criteria of being involved in on-the-ground human rights work at some level of personal risk.

Thought teaching is only one direction the fellowship can head, Ahmed is conducting a course, International Studies 298: Human Rights—Child Labor. Response on campus is enthusiastic: when 54 students registered he had to split the group and teach two sections. One section includes all of the Pakistani students at Colby, and discussions have been lively and, at times, contentious.

“Child labor is a very volatile topic—a topic where everyone has a strong opinion,” said Aida Khan ’01, who is from Karachi. Initially she felt compelled to challenge some of Ahmed’s generalizations about Pakistan, “to balance out the view that everyone else in the class gets of Pakistan.” She realized that this was a patriotic reflex, and she realized that her early attempts to give perspective to Pakistan’s problems may have made it sound as if she favored child labor. “Maybe the first class you go in there with a closed mind because you’re defensive,” she said. But as freewheeling discussions have looked at various human-rights issues through the lenses of economics and history and politics, she has relaxed and opened up. “There’s so much to learn,” she said.

Asked if Ahmed’s teachings at Colby would get him in trouble with the Pakistani government, Khan said, “I don’t know if he can get into any more trouble.” Ahmed’s criticism, however, is not reserved for his own country’s actions by any means; he is equally critical of U.S. policies on human-rights abuses around the world.

Besides teaching, Ahmed is busy with speaking engagements around Maine—at other colleges, in public schools and for various conferences. He was planning a Children’s Rights Day program later in the semester.

The Oak Institute was established with a major endowment from the Oak Foundation. The deadline for nominations for next year’s Oak fellow passed January 1, and a selection committee was reviewing dossiers to choose the second Oak Human Rights Fellow, who will be announced this spring. In addition to the fellowship, the institute supports human-rights programs on campus and scholarships for international students at Colby.
Iqbal was sold or “bonded” by his mother to a carpet manufacturer at the age of 4, when his tiny hands were his most valuable asset. At age 10, Iqbal escaped with the help of the BLLF and began a new career speaking at rallies, encouraging thousands of other children to follow his footsteps to freedom. He became an international celebrity and in 1994 won the Reebok Human Rights Youth in Action Award. He appeared on 60 Minutes and in other Western media, and he dreamed of becoming a lawyer. Then, on Easter Sunday 1994 he was shot dead while riding a bicycle in his home village. Another youth confessed to the shooting but later recanted, and the BLLF contended that the carpet-industry “mafia” was responsible, angered by a drop in carpet exports that it attributed to Iqbal’s campaign.

Ahmed, who calls Iqbal “a valiant soldier for human rights,” pressed for an independent investigation of the boy’s death in his columns that appeared in Pakistan’s national news media. For his efforts he was branded “the Indian agent” and his cause was labeled the “Western, Jewish and Indian media campaign against Pakistan.” During the spring of 1995 he agreed in a phone call to travel to Rome to meet an Indian filmmaker who wanted to make a film based on Iqbal’s life. When Pakistani federal agents arrested him at his home on June 5, 1995, Ahmed knew that the BLLF phone had been tapped.

Zafayab Ahmed is no go-along-to-get-along middle-class intellectual. Pakistan is a society with monumental problems, and Ahmed is a self-proclaimed crusader and career troublemaker. He was born in 1953, six years after Pakistan gained independence from India. He is from Lahore, the capital of Pakistan’s Punjab province and the nation’s second-largest city, with more than five million residents. His country declared martial law when he was in the first grade and went to war with India when he was in junior high school. He got involved in politics, working with an aunt on behalf of Fatimah Jinnah, a local candidate who mounted a strong challenge against the military dictatorship. By the time he was 15 and in college (equivalent to high school in the U.S. education system) he was active in the student movement that would grow into a major opposition movement in Pakistan. It was then, he says, that he began working for civil and human rights, and it was also when he was first beaten at a demonstration. “The next day the newspaper headline was, ‘Local student leader injured,’” he said. Asked if he was emboldened as a result, he replied, “No, scared. And my parents were furious.”

But they could not keep him home. And just as French and American students threatened revolution during the late 1960s, Pakistani students protested too. Ahmed marched with workers, fellow students, teachers and peasants protesting the authoritarian bureaucracy and civil rights violations. He grew accustomed to getting arrested with dozens of his comrades only to be released the same evening. Later, as an undergraduate student at Punjab University majoring in political theory and European
history, he decided that all political power structures corrupt people, and he gave up on the hierarchical student protest movement to become, in his own words, “an independent free-agent troublemaker.” At about the same time, he says, many of his peers were graduating and sitting for the civil service examinations.

In the mid-1970s he earned his first master’s degree, still at Punjab University, studying international relations and politics and Eastern and Western political thought. His thesis was on the mass protests in which he had participated during 1968-69. Though never a Maoist himself, he says Mao Zedong was popular in Pakistan because China supported Pakistan in the 1965 war against India and because Mao’s “power to the people” slogans were seductive to a populace trying to shake free of an authoritarian regime. But his master’s work ultimately led him to conclude that China’s brand of socialism could not be replicated in another society; neither was Pakistan ripe for democracy. “We didn’t understand our society historically and structurally,” he said, “and any social change movement cannot succeed without an understanding of the social and political structure of the society.” Slogans and convictions were not enough to bring meaningful reforms to his troubled country. Ahmed continued his studies at the University of Manchester in England, where he earned a second master’s degree, in sociology.

He returned to his country to teach and had appointments at Aitchison College and the University of Agriculture at Faisalabad. But he got into disagreements over the content of his courses or his principles and moved on. In Karachi he helped establish a non-governmental organization for working class children and then moved into journalism, working for the English-language Dawn. He moved back to the Punjab province and eventually landed at Viewpoint, where he took up the cause against children and families in bonded labor in the brick kiln industry. His work there was reprinted in international journals, but Viewpoint closed in the early 1990s for lack of funds.

When his public calls for an independent investigation of Iqbal Masih’s murder and his intention to work on a film about the martyr landed him in the Lahore jail, he was adopted as a “Prisoner of Conscience” by Amnesty International. Amnesty and The Body Shop later named him one of 12 Defenders of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. He spent two months in prison before local and international pressure prompted a sympathetic judge to order his release for medical reasons. Amnesty International still maintains a campaign to have the sedition charge dropped. “They don’t have any evidence,” Ahmed told his Colby audience. “But I’m the most dangerous kind of criminal,” he said, the sense of humor in clear view. “I don’t know what they will do. They can do anything. They can call me an American agent now.”

Despite spending two months in the Lahore prison in Pakistan, despite possibly facing death by hanging on charges of treason and conspiracy, despite having been without gainful employment for all but eight months since his release from prison, Ahmed loves his home country and lives to improve it. “Somebody has to shout. Somebody has to be the bad boy,” he said. “I am willing to go back. I will go back. I can’t leave my country to them.”

Though he ignored the 90-day limit on travel that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif arranged, Ahmed says he will return to Pakistan either when his trial begins or when it is clear that he will be more effective there in his crusade to help free South Asian children from the virtual slavery of the bonded labor system.

IQBAL MASIH, A TWELVE YEAR OLD WHO HAD ESCAPED THE HORRORS OF CHILD LABOR, IS PICTURED WITH ES HAN ULLAH KHAN, FOUNDER OF THE BONDED LABOUR LIBERATION FRONT. AHMED WORKED WITH BOTH AGAINST CHILD LABOR.
gene sleuth

PATRICIA DAVIS MURPHY ’68 TRACKS DOWN A CANCER-CAUSING GENETIC MUTATION

BY KEVIN COOL
Atricia Davis Murphy's sister, Barbara, was 21 years old in 1974 when she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Three years later, she was dead. Murphy '68, who had two small children of her own, cared for her sister after her second surgery at Thanksgiving 1976, enduring the pain of her decline and eventual death and the frustration of a family blind-sided by a disease they assumed they had no reason to fear. She wanted answers.

"I decided that I would go into human genetics and that I was going to find out the basis of her disease," Murphy said. "It was a way of coping."

Barbara's death still tugs at Murphy; if only she knew then what she knows now perhaps her sister's life could have been extended. Murphy believes Barbara inherited a mutation of BRCA1, a cancer-fighting gene that checks the growth of tumors. A quarter century after burying her younger sister, Murphy is busy saving the lives of persons carrying those mutations.

Until recently scientists could only guess whether cancer was inherited, and there was no reliable method for testing persons whose family histories suggested they might be candidates for the disease. That changed when Murphy's research team two years ago made a revolutionary breakthrough. At Oncormed, a Gaithersburg, Md., company that develops and provides gene-based diagnostic and information services, Murphy headed the team that developed a process of testing for gene mutations that can lead to breast, ovarian and prostate cancer.

Murphy's work capitalized on previous research that had mapped some of the human genome. BRCA1 and BRCA2, identified in the mid-90s, are genes that produce proteins that are important for the normal function of cells. A mutation in either of these genes can alter the protein and degrade its ability to fight tumors. The risk that a woman with a mutated BRCA1 gene will develop breast cancer can be as high as 87 percent, according to Murphy. Risks for ovarian cancer also are high in women with this genetic mutation, and men who have the mutation are at higher risk for prostate and colon cancer.

Murphy's team wanted a way to check BRCA1 genes for irregularities that might indicate a predisposition for cancer. They first had to figure out what a normal BRCA1 gene looked like—the sequence of "code" in a gene's DNA that can tell a scientist whether the gene is correct or flawed. This required isolating the DNA, then interpreting its biochemical structure. Their data allowed Murphy and her team to produce a blueprint of a healthy BRCA1 gene in the spring of 1996. Now, by comparing the profile of the normal BRCA1 gene with a patient's BRCA1 gene—taken from a blood sample—geneticists could identify mutations that signaled a risk of cancer. Murphy was thrilled.

"I knew this was going to save people's lives," she said.

Perhaps conditioned by the dark science-fiction fantasies of human engineering run amok or the macabre prospect of precisely replicated "Super People" populating the world, the public's conception of genetic research may be somewhat skewed, particularly following the successful cloning of sheep last year. That uneasiness may be understandable but should not inhibit potentially life-saving advancements in unlocking genetic secrets, Murphy says. Nor, she says, should it prevent companies from patenting their discoveries.

U.S. patent number 5,654,155 has Murphy's name on it; the correct sequence of the BRCA1 gene is a protected piece of property, part of the brave new world of genetic research. Unsettling? Only to those whose understanding of patents is limited to material inventions, says Murphy.

"The reason you patent something like this is so that there is a standard in the field that everybody can use," she said. "You must have zero tolerance for errors because patients will make decisions—whether to have prophylactic surgery, whether to have kids—based on the information they get." Murphy and Oncormed made the information available to the medical community to prevent sloppy clinical diagnosis of hereditary cancers, she says.
Murphy concedes that obtaining patents to secure proprietary rights to genetic information is controversial and that in the wrong hands genetic patents could delay positive scientific advancements. But patents allow companies to pursue new gene therapies without fear of losing their investments while also ensuring the integrity of the science, she says. "One of the reasons I was able to convince my company to pursue a patent was that the [previously] published sequence for BRCA1 was not correct," she said. "My fear was that women were getting bad information."

In March 1998, in recognition of the revolutionary nature of her work, Intellectual Property Owners, Inc., named Murphy "Inventor of the Year," an honor whose roster of previous winners includes the makers of the Jarvik Seven artificial heart and the developers of protease inhibitors that fight the AIDS virus. More important, Murphy says, women and men with cancer in their families' histories have a new, potent weapon to fight the disease before it strikes.

Without the genetic testing, men or women who carry the BRCA gene mutations would have fewer risk-prevention options and probably would not act until a tumor appeared. By then, medical intervention is less likely to work. But knowing well before any symptoms occur that the cancers may develop, which is what Murphy's test can predict, allows for aggressive surveillance and early detection.

"What the geneticist does is evaluate the pedigree," Murphy said. "If all of the breast cancer is on the father's side it can not be ignored because it can be carried through the father to a daughter. In my particular case the altered gene is likely to be coming through my dad. My grandmother had bilateral breast cancer in her fifties and died of colon cancer because they were not looking for it." The BRCA genes are called "breast cancer" genes, but they are general cancer genes that cause ovarian cancer, prostate cancer and colon cancer, according to Murphy.

Dr. David Sidransky, a cancer researcher at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, sees great promise in the use of tests like Murphy's to increase cancer survival rates. Writing in Scientific American, Sidransky noted that genetic testing "will save the most lives in the years to come by making it possible for existing therapies to be applied at the time when they can be most effective."

A physics major at Colby, Murphy became interested in genetics while working at the Jackson Laboratory in Maine, where she spent two years shortly after graduation. The biologists at the Jackson Lab "changed my life," Murphy said. "They sold me on the idea that science could be fun."

But Murphy attributes her success as a scientist to the grounding she received at Colby. The only physics major in her class, she got one-on-one instruction from Dennison Bancroft, chair of the Physics Department. "That personal attention gave me the confidence to pursue any goal I chose," Murphy said. "To this date, no task is too large."

She remained close to Bancroft, who died in January. Bancroft for several years treated Murphy and her husband, Donal, and their two children, Michael '95 and Lori, to sailing excursions on Penobscot Bay near his home. "He was one of the most influential people in my life," Murphy said.

Her physics training prepared her for genetic research because of its emphasis on inferential methods, Murphy says. "I worked with small-particle physics at Colby. I had to infer that they were there, design experiments, get an answer and be able to interpret it. The skills I learned in physics I just simply lock, stock and barrel picked up and moved to this brand new field called human genetics."

After attending graduate school at the University of Michigan from 1970 to 1973, Murphy devoted the next few years to raising her children, always sure that she would return to school. The combination of becom-
ing a mother, her exposure to mentors in genetics research and her sister's death in 1977 clarified her career path. "I hadn't realized what Mother Nature could do to people and that you could control that to a certain extent," she said.

In 1978 she enrolled in the Ph.D. program in human genetics at Yale. After earning her degree in 1984, she immediately began a postdoctoral fellowship at the Yale School of Medicine, where she worked in the cytogenic lab and later in the child study center. In 1988 she left to become director of a DNA diagnostic lab at the New York State Department of Health. It was there that Murphy, motivated by her desire "to do good" while also advancing the science in her field, embarked on an ambitious project to write regulations governing genetic testing. Eleven years later they remain the only national standard used in the U.S. The regulations are crucial to protect patients from poor diagnostic testing that could either fail to detect a genetic mutation or misinterpret a test and falsely label a patient as a potential victim, Murphy says.

Subsequently, she has pushed for more standardization in genetic counseling, which she sees as an important component of managing genetic-based diseases. Women who test positive for the BRCA1 mutation carry a daunting psychological burden, she says. "They know they carry an altered gene," she said, "but we cannot tell them when, or even if, they will get breast cancer. Our task is to monitor them carefully so that cancer can be detected early, at a treatable stage."

Furthermore, women's test results could be used against them by insurance companies or employers who wish to deny medical coverage. "Fear of discrimination is very real," Murphy said. "If you have a genetic predisposition, even though you are perfectly healthy, a company or insurer can perceive that as a time bomb. They can say, 'Aha, she's screwing up our overall costs, let's get rid of her.' They find ridiculous causes to fire these women."

Murphy has been a leading advocate for keeping genetic records confidential and out of medical files. She testified at Senate hearings in 1996 during debate about the Kennedy-Kassebaum bill, which protects individuals from discrimination by insurance companies. Now she hopes to push through legislation that makes genetic counseling mandatory to ensure that patients and their families are given appropriate information before, during and after tests. "Anybody who wants to license the BRCA1 test has to agree to do the counseling," Murphy said. Imposition of that requirement was made possible by the patent awarded for the test.

Murphy's latest goal is to convince insurance companies that they should neither fear genetic testing nor target patients who have undergone such testing. Last fall she met with medical directors of insurance companies from across the country to teach them the science involved in the testing. "They think genetics will bankrupt the life insurance industry; I tell them they should be thanking me because we are improving life expectancy," Murphy said.

Currently director of the Hereditary Cancer Screening program at Albany Medical Center, Murphy oversees a comprehensive program of testing and counseling for men and women who may carry the BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutations. She encourages patients to seek genetic counseling if they have a relative who had cancer under the age of 50, if they have had three or more relatives with any kind of cancer, or if cancer has occurred in two successive generations of their families.

Though her work helps break the cycle of pain caused by cancer in some families, Murphy acknowledges that science's ability to eradicate hereditary diseases is limited. "As soon as we figure out one mutation and find a way to deal with it, something else mutates and creates a whole new problem," she said.

But she also realizes that more lives will be extended thanks to her research and that her sister's early death may have helped plant the seed that led to Murphy's discoveries. "I think Barbara would be proud of me," she said.

The death of Murphy's sister, Barbara (opposite), still tugs at her. But she realizes that more lives will be extended thanks to her research and that her sister's early death may have helped plant the seed that led to her discoveries.
On a balmy August morning in 1996, Frank Favaloro '96 was preparing for one of those days that marks a turning point in any student's life. With a Ryder van parked in front of his parents' Norfolk, Mass., home, he was ready to embark on a new academic adventure at the University of Pennsylvania.

But then something went wrong. While attempting to lower a futon mattress from his attic, Favaloro lost his balance, fell down a flight of stairs and lost consciousness. After that fateful day in August, Favaloro's future would be forever altered.

By Edward Thomas
As the bright summer sunshine poured into the hospital window, Favaloro wondered why the sun would be so strong in November. After waking up, he was tested by a doctor who used a set of questions designed to test a patient’s level of consciousness. After Favaloro answered that the date was around Thanksgiving, the doctor let out an “Uh-huh,” and left the room.

Favaloro was convinced it was late November 1995 and that he was home from Colby for Thanksgiving break. In fact it was late August 1996. It wasn’t until a nurse told him the actual date that Favaloro realized something was very wrong. He could not remember his college graduation, his 22nd birthday, or his acceptance to the University of Pennsylvania. These were the first indicators he was suffering from retrograde amnesia.

When his parents arrived at the hospital, a thoroughly disoriented Favaloro began trying to make sense of this baffling information. “Dad, I’m 21,” he insisted. “What are they trying to tell me?”

At first it was difficult for his parents to understand that their son could not recall any events from the last nine months of his life. His father began recounting what he knew about Frank’s senior year at Colby and the summer he spent working there after graduation. When his father informed him that the day of the accident was the day he was supposed to be driving to Philadelphia to begin graduate school, Favaloro was stunned. “Penn? Why the hell would I want to go to Penn?” he responded. “It’s in Philadelphia!”

Trying not to overwhelm him, Favaloro’s father gently gave him a rough outline of the last nine months of his life. When his parents got ready to leave the hospital for the night, his dad handed him his glasses, which had fallen off during the accident. Favaloro looked at the spectacles and asked, “Whose are these?”

Released from the hospital the next day, Favaloro walked outside and was still surprised by the hot August sun. And more surprises awaited him.

When he arrived home he had the strange feeling that someone had been in his bedroom and rearranged everything. Among his collection of Disney movies—which he had been accumulating for several years—were movies he knew hadn’t yet been released. His mother joked that Frank could have his whole Christmas over again.

A self-described “control freak,” Favaloro spent the next week contacting as many people as possible to find out all he could about the recent past. Though he remembered starting his senior year, his memory stopped around the time of Thanksgiving.

Talking to friends from Colby was sometimes difficult. It was hard for them to comprehend that Favaloro really couldn’t remember the events they had shared so recently. It was hard for them to guess what events Favaloro would most want to know about. “You’ve got people telling you it’s nine months later than it is,” Favaloro said. “You don’t keep a checklist of things to tell a person when this happens.”

His two best friends, senior-year roommates, contemplated playing jokes on Favaloro once they found out about the accident. “My first reaction was I wanted to make up some great stories about drunken orgies, but he’d never believe it,” Kevin Hausmann ’96 said.

But Casey McCullough ’96 tried to offer more helpful feedback. “I just wanted him to concentrate on current topics. We talked about stuff going on presently instead of dwelling on what he didn’t remember,” McCullough said.

For Favaloro, though, there was a desperate desire to build up a specific list of events that had shaped his recent life. “You have no idea of how smart or stupid you have been . . . Is there a girlfriend that’s upset because you haven’t called her in a few days?” he wondered. He found out through McCullough and Hausmann that he had had three relationships during his senior year. He couldn’t remember any of them.

Under the circumstances, admissions officers at Penn suggested Favaloro defer enrollment for a year and he agreed readily since he felt “cheated” of his senior year and was having doubts about attending Penn anyway.

He had applied to Penn, the University of California at Irvine and Dartmouth. Colby’s Mislis Professor of Chemistry, Brad Mundy, had helped him secure the position at Penn, a school Favaloro did not know very well but considered a good career move. A postal snafu somehow derailed correspondence from Dartmouth, and both Favaloro and the college had concluded erroneously that there was a mutual lack of interest.

After the accident, Favaloro had doubts about the decision he did not remember making. As a native of suburban Massachusetts who spent his undergraduate years in rural Maine, Favaloro couldn’t understand why he had wanted to go to the urban campus in Philadelphia for the next five or more years of his life. “It’s fantastic for anyone’s career to go there but it’s not
the kind of environment I wanted to be in," he said.

At his doctor's recommendation, Favaloro decided to return to Colby to try to stimulate memory-triggers at the familiar campus. Colby cooperated, offering him two part-time jobs—one in admissions and another in the Chemistry Department, together again with his mentor, Brad Mundy.

His doctor told him he could expect his memory to return after two months, but Ed Yeterian, Colby's Katz Distinguished Teaching Professor of Psychology and an expert on neuropsychology, told him it could take up to 10 months.

"When it comes down to it, we don't know much about the brain," Favaloro said.

Talking with Yeterian helped Favaloro, he says, and reminded him that his situation could have been a lot worse. The professor told him of football players who sustained severe head injuries and could not remember anything they read. Other head-injury patients are incapable of forming new memories. "I kept thinking, it's only temporary and it could be worse," Favaloro said.

Being back at Colby was not always easy, though. On Homecoming Weekend, when many of Favaloro's friends returned to campus, he was approached by a woman he thought he did not know. She turned out to be a girlfriend he had met, dated and broken up with during senior year. After he told her about the accident, she responded, "Oh. Hi," and introduced herself.

Over the next few months, as Favaloro struggled to recapture the lost memories from his senior year, more Colby classmates emerged to rekindle their friendships. "There were many friends who went out of their way for me. It turns out that I had met and become friendly with many people during those nine lost months," Favaloro said.

Classmates sought him out to reconnect, often by phone as soon as they heard about the accident. Some had to reintroduce themselves. "They all had at their fingertips several stories for me with the dual intention of helping me put my recent past back together again and demonstrating how important our friendship was to them. It's quite an amazing thing," Favaloro said.

Favaloro's life began returning to normal during a biology lecture he was attending as a teacher's assistant at Colby in mid-October. Staring off into space, he was suddenly hit by the thought that his friend Melanie Pusa '99's favorite ice-cream flavor was mint chocolate chip. After class he confirmed this tidbit—something he had learned within the nine-month period of senior year.

"I was told that if I aggressively pursued these memories they would not come back," he said. "I just had to relax sometimes." Over the next few months, more memories returned. Though Favaloro eventually could recall most of what previously had been lost to amnesia, he remained unsure of where he wanted to attend graduate school.

Remembering that he never heard back from Dartmouth, Favaloro decided to find out what had happened to his application. He called Dartmouth and discovered that, though he had been invited to visit the Hanover, N.H., campus, the invitation had been lost in the mail. Favaloro jumped at the chance to visit Dartmouth and discovered a department where he felt comfortable. He notified Penn that he no longer planned to attend and enrolled at Dartmouth in the fall of 1997.

Reflecting on the ordeal, Favaloro is thankful for the role that fate played in his eventual decision to study at Dartmouth, where he now is researching biologically active compounds under three research scientists, Gordon Gribble, Michael Sporn, M.D., and Tadashi Honda.

Reflecting on his rare experience with amnesia, he said he learned that "The things you think can't be taken away from you, can. No memory and no event should ever be taken for granted, he says. "What is possibly just your normal, average day is really, really important."

Editor's Note:
The year that Favaloro spent at Colby following his accident and his decision to delay graduate school not only helped to retrieve memories from his senior year but solidified his affection for the College, he says. "Professor Mundy got me the job in chemistry and asked about work in admissions and biology and, in so doing, allowed me to come back to Colby," said Favaloro. "By allowing me to be an instructor for two introductory chemistry labs, he not only reinforced all of that material but increased my interest in teaching as a profession; it was my first experience 'on the other side of the desk.' I got to play a small part in the instruction of a few Colby students."

He also is grateful to Tom Kopp and Judy Levine Brody '58 in admissions for giving him the opportunity to work there and helping him learn the job, which entailed interviewing prospective students and reading applications.

Now in his second year of graduate school, Favaloro is studying biologically active compounds in hopes of identifying plant-based "secrets" that might help fight cancer, arthritis and other diseases in humans. "I'm enjoying myself up here despite the large amount of time spent in lab—it's a huge intellectual challenge for which Professor Mundy prepared me well," he said.

The amnesia is, so to speak, a distant memory. What little he hasn't retrieved, Favaloro says, probably isn't important anyway. "When you think about it, how much of each day can anybody reconstruct unless they were keeping a detailed journal?" he said. "I feel like I've got my entire life back now; there's no hole there."

Edward Thomas is news editor of The Dartmouth newspaper. His account of Frank Favaloro's recovery from retrograde amnesia originally appeared in The Dartmouth in November 1998. This version was edited and updated for publication in Colby.
After eight extraordinarily productive years as chair of Colby’s Board of Trustees, Larry Pugh ’56 runs up against the term limit at the end of June. He will continue to serve on the board but will pass the gavel to Jim Crawford ’64, who takes over as chair July 1.

Asked to sum up Pugh’s major accomplishments in a brief quote, President Bill Cotter, who is not a loquacious man, talked until three notebook pages were filled. The success of two capital campaigns, the strength of Colby’s Board of Trustees, more than 20 faculty chairs endowed on Pugh’s watch, the collegial relationship between the trustees and the faculty, and physical improvements on campus in the past decade—all can be traced to Pugh’s leadership, Cotter says.
Crawford (right) sees Pugh as a terrific role model. He says he will try to emulate Pugh's style, which he characterized as “inclusive, cooperative and based on consensus building.”

“Larry is an extremely efficient person,” said Cotter. “He understands complex issues readily and he makes good decisions quickly.” As chair he has been intricately engaged in college affairs. “He’s on every committee and he goes to all the meetings; he’s enormously conscientious about that.” Despite having been chair and CEO of a $5 billion a year corporation during most of his term, Pugh (now retired from the VF Corporation) was always accessible. “If I had a question, I would always get a call back, almost always the same day, even when he was abroad on business,” Cotter said.

Both Cotter and Crawford praised Pugh’s considerable ability as a consensus builder, which he first demonstrated as chair of the special commission that studied residential life in 1983. He built near-unanimous support for the transition from fraternities to Colby’s residential commons system and carried that momentum through a period of reconciliation before being named board chair in 1991.

In the capital campaign, Pugh led by example. “He set the standard for giving in the beginning of the campaign (endowing the Pugh Family Professorship in Economics in 1992) and then redoubled his gift to support scholarships during the victory phase,” Cotter said. “It’s a tribute to Larry that this campaign will be at least thirty percent over its original goal.”

But those gifts don’t include his most visible contribution—funds to build the multicultural center that bears his name. If there is a hallmark for Larry Pugh’s innumerable contributions to Colby, The Pugh Center is it. Physically at the center of the campus and conceptually at the center of Colby’s efforts to be inclusive, The Pugh Center is a distinctive Colby solution to a challenge felt throughout higher education—how to honor the diversity of people who make up the College with a facility that is inclusive rather than exclusive. The center was conceived after Pugh commissioned an ad hoc group to solve that challenge, and the facility was built in 1996 after Pugh pledged the naming gift and buttonholed fellow trustees into stretching their own pledges to help build the center. Recalling the dedication ceremony, when students of all backgrounds and colors told what the building meant to them, Pugh said, “That was a very emotional day, not just for me and my family but for everybody in that room.”

Asked if he had any advice for his successor, Jim Crawford, Pugh said: “Make sure he gets a good president like Bill Cotter.”

Crawford, who has served eight years on the board, says he sees Pugh as a terrific role model. He says he will try to emulate Pugh’s style, which he characterized as “inclusive, cooperative and based on consensus building.”

The obvious priority for the board during Crawford’s first year at the helm will be the selection of a successor to Bill Cotter, and Crawford said the College has grown so strong under Pugh’s and Cotter’s leadership that he is optimistic that outstanding candidates will come forward. A related initiative is development of a new long-range plan for the College, a process that is underway. That plan will serve as a blueprint for the transition from the Cotter years into the next president’s term, Crawford says. Among other goals for the College, Crawford lists increasing alumni annual giving participation to 50 percent, continuing to increase the diversity of Colby’s student body and faculty and strengthening financial aid and scholarship programs.

Originally from Connecticut, Crawford is the chairman and CEO of the James River Coal Company in Richmond, Va. While a term limit of eight years in Colby’s corporate bylaws prevents Pugh from continuing as chair, there will be consistency in leadership as Crawford, who has been vice-chair, brings many similar strengths to the position. Both Crawford and Pugh are successful executives of major corporations, both love Maine and have houses on the coast, and both are good listeners with leadership styles that emphasize wide-open consultation rather than autocratic decision making, Cotter says. Both men are Colby graduates and both are married to Colby grads—Jean Van Curan Pugh ’55 and Linda Johnson Crawford ’64—who are active in Colby affairs.
Green Thinking
Environmentalists learn to surmount obstacles

By Kevin Cool

John Kurucz '99 pushed his backward baseball cap higher on his forehead and let out a heavy sigh. A member of the Colby Environmental Coalition, Kurucz was reacting to a question about the difficulty of changing environmental practices on campus. "Yes," he said with obvious understatement, "it can be frustrating." That's just what Elizabeth DeSombre wants to hear.

DeSombre, assistant professor of environmental studies and government and a mentor for students interested in improving environmental practices, encourages a rigorous project orientation with a big splash of cold-water reality. Students in her senior seminar on environmental policy come to understand just how hard environmental policy change is. Now, that understanding is informing the broader student activist community on Colby's campus. "I'm more impressed with the lessons students draw from their experiences that don't work than with those that do," she said. "You see a light bulb come on."

Dealing with setbacks is a necessary step toward implementing meaningful change, says DeSombre. "Too often students have this view, that is fostered by the college environment, that if you turn in your proposal a little bit late it's not a problem. But when you're working within a political system or a bureaucratic structure you don't have that option," she said. "Or, students are surprised when they present their ideas and nobody listens. The realization that people don't all share their views and that they're going to have to work hard to make it happen is an important intermediate step on the way to getting something accomplished."

The lesson is taking hold. Frustrated by the cycle of expanding and contracting support for recycling, composting and other initiatives, senior leaders of Colby's environmentalists say they are hoping to shift their strategy away from projects that require multiple-year time-tables to a more cohesive program that builds awareness and changes behavior.

Environmental activism at Colby over the years has engendered passionate participation among a committed few who have battled apathy and overextended student workloads to build a strong movement. Despite widespread interest in conservation, says Johanna Reardon '00], students at Colby have trouble translating that interest into meaningful action. "A majority of students share an environmental ethic—that often is one reason they choose to come to Colby," Reardon said. "Unfortunately, that enthusiasm doesn't have an appropriate channel." Students profess environmental interest but continue to practice wasteful behavior. "It's frustrating to talk to somebody who really is excited about environmental issues who then drives their car every day from Mary Low parking lot to the field house for a workout," Reardon said. "We need to try to build awareness about how people can make changes in the little things they do to have an effect."

Kurucz agreed, pointing out that a grassroots campaign to change individual, everyday practices—say, using china instead of paper—could produce a culture that values stewardship. Such a campaign, if effective, might be more productive than an annual attempt to develop, for example, a composting program for waste from the dining halls, said coalition leader Heather Davidson '99. "It's always a struggle to keep students motivated and involved. When you are working on a large project the momentum that is generated one year tends to be lost the next year and somebody else starts it again from the beginning. It makes sense to concentrate on smaller projects that promote awareness."

Toward that end, says Davidson, the Environmental Coalition this year sponsored speakers, including representatives from both sides of the controversy over forestry practices in Maine's North Woods. "I think that's a role we should play—informing people about these issues," she said.

Lack of time often is cited as an impediment to student involvement. But now in DeSombre's seminar students can combine part of their academic load with their commitment to improve local conservation practices.

While DeSombre is on leave this year, visiting professor Sam Barkin has led the course and is impressed by the commitment and ability of Colby's environmental activists. Students in last fall's seminar, working in three- to four-person teams, had as their targets specific environmental goals—composting waste at Colby, a recycling program for Waterville small businesses and a campaign to reduce energy consumption in Colby residence halls. All three were successful in different ways, says Barkin, and at least one of them delivered measurable benefits.
A survey of students initiated last fall by one of Barkin's teams revealed that more than half were often uncomfortably warm in their rooms and that the typical response to an overheated room was to open a window. That resulted in cooler air hitting thermostats and triggering the heating system. "What students in the dorms hadn't realized was that when they opened their windows they made several other rooms around them hotter," Barkin said. To combat this lack of awareness, students in the course worked with College officials to redesign the pamphlet describing how residence hall heating systems operate, a pamphlet that often was discarded because it "looked like a typical, boring administrative leaflet that nobody would read," said Barkin. Students also succeeded in having thermostats lowered in residence halls, a simple but effective means of saving energy and heating costs, Barkin says.

The recycling and composting projects were more ambitious and more difficult to achieve. The recycling plan called for collection points to be established at local malls and for a network of recycling bins to be made available to small businesses. The composting plan was deterred by the sheer volume of work involved, including daily collection, transportation and depositing of organic refuse. Because of the larger scope of both projects and because composting required administrative approval and recycling needed city government approval, Barkin says, expectations for these efforts probably were not realistic given the seminar's time frame. Nevertheless, the projects provided important lessons for students interested in environmental policy. "They can read from the books about what is required to make policy changes, but until they have actually confronted some of the obstacles, some of the frustrations, they can't appreciate how difficult it is," Barkin said. "The experience forces them to figure out ways around the obstacles."

Mopping Up in Grossman

A room fire February 25 on the top floor of Grossman set off sprinklers that soaked all three floors of the residence hall and left 37 students without a place to sleep. The College responded with extra shifts for clean-up crews and security officers as well as overtime work for a downtown laundry and dry-cleaning business. Some students found a place to sleep with friends on campus; more than half were put up at Colby's expense at a local motel. After PPD crews worked through the night alongside a special contractor brought in to take care of the smoke damage, students were thrilled to find all but one room ready for occupancy the following day.

Play Things

A toy drive organized in December by Cotter Union post office supervisor Allen LaPan collected more than 500 items for local children. LaPan was impressed by students' generosity, but not surprised by it. "I had a student come in during finals week and hand me a sixty dollar check and say, 'I don't have any toys, but please use this to buy some,'" LaPan said. "This was not a student who can easily afford sixty dollars."

The toys were distributed during the holidays to needy families in central Maine.

Pam Tinto Pillay, assistant director of residential life, challenged hall staff to adopt area kids and families for the holidays, and every residence hall responded. "They did an amazing job," she said. Working with the Maine Children's Home and the Salvation Army, students provided holiday gifts and food for 18 individual children plus eight entire families.

Talk the Talk, Walk the Walk

On January 3, the Education Life section of The New York Times carried a feature article about a Times editor taking his daughter on a tour of five New England liberal arts colleges, Colby first among them. In an article that could have been inspired by Colby Professor Jim Boylan's novel Getting In—also a story of college-hopping by a prospective student and a parent—Colby was well represented by admissions tour guide Dave Famiglietti '00 of Windsor Locks, Conn.

Famiglietti impressed the Times writer, Charles Strum, with his sense of humor and his ability to walk backwards in sandals while providing meandering descriptions of the College. A German major, Famiglietti told Strum that he volunteered to lead admissions tours because those he remembered during his college search were "dry and boring." He recalled a tour guide who told "dumb little facts about the school: 'This building was built in 1874 by three green men from Mars, who at first didn't like their life here on Earth, but then grew to like it, so they moved to Minnesota.'"

Famiglietti figures only about 10 percent of what he tells families sticks with them and says, "I would guess that seven percent of that is something they asked the tour guide about."

Strum wrote: "Students in the wilds of small-town Maine can still have fun, [Famiglietti] says, but they don't want to get thrown out of school. So they make their own fun. He cites the Mr. Colby contest last winter. 'My favorite part,' Dave says, 'was the swimwear and evening-wear competition.'"

The Strums also visited Bates, Bowdoin, Middlebury and Hamilton. No word yet on where Strum's daughter, Kate, will attend.
Talented and Able
Teaching associates are versatile, needed professionals

By Kevin Cool

Lucky for Colby that Betsy Stark Champlin '65 was available when Allan Scott, Dana Professor of Biology, emeritus, needed a fill-in for his class back in 1971. For Champlin, a senior teaching associate, that one-time $50 gig has evolved into a 28-year affiliation with the Biology Department.

Similarly, Jean McIntyre's arrival at Colby coincided with a need for help in the science program. A senior teaching associate since 1976, McIntyre stepped into the Chemistry Department as the College's science program was growing.

Champlin and McIntyre, along with Bruce Rueger in geology and Tim Christensen in biology, represent nearly 35 years of experience in Colby's laboratories. In all, there are 11 teaching associates and assistants, whose roles should not be confused with graduate students' roles, which have given the title "teaching assistant" a different meaning and even a negative connotation at some universities. According to Colby faculty who rely on them, these are crucial colleagues whose knowledge and skills complement their own.

"We could not do what we do without them, quite frankly," said Paul Greenwood, associate professor of biology. "We take pride in the fact that we don't have to limit the number of classes we offer; we couldn't do that without the T.A.'s."

Some T.A.'s conduct their own research and publish their own scholarship. Two years ago Rueger received significant media coverage for his work on the effects of bird migration on the sediment found in lakes of Bermuda.

T.A.'s at Colby help faculty with everything from equipment organization to grading. They run lab sessions, coordinate student projects and provide one-on-one instruction. "I often have students ask me if they can have the same T.A. when they move from one lab to a new one," Greenwood said.

"What makes a great T.A. is their approachability and availability," said Junko Goda '01. "They have so much experience in dealing with frustrated students that they can really work with the student to solve a problem or understand a concept. They could teach the course themselves."

Teaching associates were practically unheard of when Champlin accompanied her husband, Leslie Brainerd Arey, Professor of Bioscience Arts and Sciences, to Colby following a stint at the Jackson Laboratory and graduate work at the University of Rochester. She also had been a research assistant at Harvard and wasn't sure she would find a job at a small school like Colby, she says. Scott—whose class she stepped into—offered her part-time work. She has been a full-time T.A. since the early 1980s. "My senior year at Colby in 1965 there were ten biology majors," Champlin said. "This year we have eighty majors. Obviously, we don't have eight times as many faculty; the T.A.'s are here to help, especially in the labs where there is a lot of individual instruction."

McIntyre considers herself a teacher, not merely a teacher's aide. "I'm lucky—my role is basically teaching," she said. "I don't see this as a 'put-your-time-in' kind of job. One recent weekend she wrote 14 letters of recommendation for students vying for graduate school or summer internships.

I find the freedom to make changes in our teaching very rewarding," McIntyre said, noting that experienced T.A.'s often are involved in curriculum development as well.

Champlin enjoys this opportunity to leave an imprint on the biology program. "That's where you get to use your brain," she said.

Colleen Burnham, a T.A. in psychology since 1992, says she was hired to handle "stats and rats," but her job has evolved and expanded. Her responsibility lies mostly in helping with labs, but she also counsels students, complements faculty instruction and fills a dozen other roles. "I'm involved in everything from French braids to grading papers," she said, laughing. "I've been known to cut a student's bangs before a lab session."

Dean of Faculty Ed Yeterian credits Burnham with holding together the department by serving its disparate needs. "Without Colleen we would have great difficulty providing our students with the level of laboratory and independent research experiences that we currently have," he said.

T.A.'s, while acknowledging that Colby has been a wonderful place to work, say there are frustrations associated with being "not quite faculty." McIntyre says that T.A.'s have few promotional opportunities, regardless of their years of service, because they lack faculty rank. And they chafe when they are compared to teaching assistants at graduate schools whose jobs, they say, bear no resemblance to their own. Ultimately, though, it's the students who make their jobs fulfilling.

"I feel lucky to have been able to share my passion and enthusiasm for genetics," Champlin said. "The students are exciting and appreciative. They are what makes the job rewarding."
Physicist, Sailor, Teacher

Dennison Bancroft, a distinguished member of Colby’s Physics Department, died January 19, 1999, in Exeter, N.H., at 87. A 1933 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Amherst, he earned his doctorate from Harvard in 1939. After two years as a research associate in geophysics at Harvard, he enlisted in the Navy and was eventually transferred to work at Los Alamos until the end of the war.

He taught physics at Princeton University and Swarthmore College before coming to Colby in 1959. While serving the College as department chair, he introduced a continuing series of laboratory experiments for physics majors. He received sizable grants from the National Science Foundation to investigate the velocity of sound in gases, and he also worked in plasma physics.

A master of several trades, Bancroft built his own cottage, was an accomplished skater and pistol marksman, and a skillful navigator. Even as an undergraduate he was a competitive sailor, and he retained a lifelong love of sailing; after retiring he captained his boat across the Atlantic to the Mediterranean Sea and around Europe. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, twin sons, a daughter, nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, two stepsons, three stepdaughters, a sister and several nieces and nephews.

Professor John Mizner, 1932-1998

Professor of English John Mizner died December 14, 1998, in Waterville, Maine, at 66. Born in Vienna, Austria, he fled with his mother and brother to Yugoslavia following the Nazi invasion, then lived in England from 1938 to 1945 before moving to New York City. He graduated from Antioch College and received his master’s and Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. A member of Colby’s English Department since 1963 and Charles A. Dana Professor of English since 1994, he was chair of the department from 1992 to 1995. From 1979 to 1982 he was chair of the Humanities Division.

In his 35-year teaching career until his retirement last spring Mizner specialized in British Romantic poetry and introduced courses in existentialism and the literature and history of the Holocaust. He was a board member of the Holocaust Human Rights Center and served on its education committee, which devises elementary school curricula promoting human rights. Survivors include his wife, Alison, his son and daughter, David Mizner and Sarah Marston, his brother, George, and two nieces, Gail Mizner and Susan Mizner.

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Just Like Old Times

Charles Bassett (American studies/English) was the primary source for an article in Newsweek’s January 11 issue about similarities between present-day America and the country 100 years ago as Americans prepared for the 20th century.

In the magazine’s “Millennium Notebook” section, the article says that in 1899, as now, there were worries about new technologies and fears that the country was drifting away from its roots: “The country was beginning to assert itself as a player on the imperialist stage, having just beaten Spain in the Spanish-American War, and most Americans felt a glow of national pride, but there was the sense somehow that it wasn’t the old America,” says Charles Bassett, an American-studies professor at Colby College in Maine.”

A Painter’s Palette

On December 27 the Sunday New York Times quoted painter Bevin Engman (studio art) in a review of the Portland Museum of Art’s biennial exhibition of Maine art. The story pursued her suggestion that the Maine landscape affords room for reflection that manifests itself in work other than traditional landscape paintings—that it influences work like her still lifes of books: “I came back [to Maine] because I was seeking an antidote to the information age and its fast images,” explained Bevin Engman, who paints small, moody, elegantly composed arrangements of books. Ms. Engman continues: ‘I need the light, the openness, the lack of impediment between one’s self and the natural world.’ ... Because much of the work [in the Maine Biennial show] is so inward looking, ‘people in New York might call it tame, or not current,’ says Ms. Engman, who teaches at Colby College and regularly invites urban colleagues to lecture there.”

Curious George

Jim Boylan (English), observing George Washington’s birthday in typically Boylan-esque fashion, asked listeners on Maine Public Radio’s Maine Things Considered to “put aside partisan bickering for the moment and consider the most important question affecting the nation: exactly which of the presidents on Mount Rushmore corresponds to which of the Beatles?”

After deducing that “Abraham Lincoln is clearly George Harrison,” Boylan asserts that “we can also relatively quickly conclude that John Lennon is Theodore Roosevelt, if for no other reason than the little glasses. Give Lennon a good haircut, and what do you have? The head of the Bull Moose Party.”

In a call from Ireland, where he currently directs the Colby in Cork program, Boylan also concluded that Paul McCartney is Thomas Jefferson—“between the two of them they wrote the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and ‘Yesterday’”—and that George Washington is Ringo.
Grace, and a Life Well Lived
Jane Brox '78 writes tenderly and knowingly about the passing of a generation

By Sally Baker

*Five Thousand Days Like This One*
Beacon Press
182 pages

The day before Christmas, 1994, John Brox took ill enough for someone to call 911. He'd been failing for a while, his handwriting growing weak along with his eyes, his hearing, his knees and his kidneys. He'd begun to talk urgently to his daughter Jane about such things as where the important papers were kept. When the ambulance came and packed him inside for the trip to the hospital, Jane followed in her car. She was thinking about how, lying flat and able to see who knew what out the ambulance window, he might be glimpsing for the last time the Merrimack Valley farm where he lived all his life.

Five Thousand Days Like This One is Jane Brox's meditation on her father's death and her heritage. Broader by far than is suggested by its subtitle—An American Family History—the book is a heart-gripping evocation of the past, as well as a glimpse, as we approach the end of a century, into one probable future.

John Brox was the son of Lebanese immigrants. His parents, born subjects of the Ottoman Empire in what was then Syria, immigrated to Massachusetts and then, miraculously, saved enough money to buy 35 acres of good farmland halfway between Lawrence and Lowell. They raised dairy cows; their son favored corn and tomatoes, apples and squash—a good thing, since the Midwest overtook local farms as a source of fresh, clean milk for New England cities.

He kept the farm going as the cities and suburbs pressed in, an accomplishment few matched. And amid the dung and baling wire, the worn-out tractor parts and handsome plows, he also reared a writer who remembers him in tender and revealing ways. In an essay about disappearing apple varieties Jane Brox writes: "Here, the remaining Baldwin tree is framed in my bay window. The late light backs it in all seasons, and I watch its changes as I work, and read, and eat my breakfast and lunch. The man who planted this tree also built my small, white farmhouse—he repaired with scrap, insulated with newspaper, saved string, lived a more frugal life than I could ever imagine. Who knows why, but it's this tree that reminds me of his effort and economy and the rough stone over his grave."

Brox covers more ground—historical and emotional—in this small book than seems possible. A reader won't forget Thoreau on the wild Merrimack, paddling with his brother and cadging well water and bread at riverbank farms. Brox makes the cloth dust swirl in the air and down hapless workers' lungs as they take their places in the factories, segregated by language and privilege, in Lowell and Lawrence mills. She describes the smell of bread flowing across dirty streets and through tene­ments. (Bread is a cultural touchstone for the immigrants, worth an agonizing strike when the factory owners try to cut pay the equivalent of two loaves a week.) And she brings back the 1918 influenza epidemic, which raged through the mill towns and killed more people than the late war.

With Brox it's all personal. That, backed up by the careful language of a poet, is her gift in this book. When she writes about the farmland disappearing it isn't just nostalgia. Watching the farm become untenable, she wrestles with the meaning of her ancestors' lives and wonders whether she'll betray their dreams and hard work if she can't hold on. But at the same time she reveals a stubborn practicality that recognizes how everything changes.

She quotes Thoreau on the wild apple trees farmers once planted, not in neat orchard rows but beside stone walls in inches of unused land: "I fear that he who walks over these hills a century hence will not know the pleasure of knocking off wild apples. Ah, poor man! there are many pleasures he will be de­barred from."

And Brox writes: "So we also are aftercomers of a kind and cannot guess the beauty been."

In the days after her father died—he lay in intensive care for less than a week—Brox went through his desk, making sense of the papers and coming upon keepsakes, "mute things that had lost the one who could best speak for them."

Sitting there she remembered a story he told. He was so quiet, Brox says, that you paid attention to the stories. Appropriately, it was about apples.

"No one believes me," he remembered him saying, "but I stood by the Bay of Fundy on the eve of the war and saw apples coming in on the tide. The bay was full of apples. The ships had dumped their cargoes to take on supplies for the war."

"That's all I know," Brox writes. "And no matter how much, I want to know more."

And yet this book knows everything. ◆
The Man He Was
Archibald co-edits Yeats's autobiographies

By Phillip L. Marcus

More than 100 years ago the Irish writer W. B. Yeats, then at the beginning of his literary career, had to justify to himself the value of literature. Poetry, he wrote, "will not help you to make a fortune, or even live respectably: that little life of yours. Great poetry does not teach us anything—it changes us." It appeals to "the whole nature of man" and thus helps create what Yeats was later to call "Unity of Being," the full realization of our entire self, body and soul, thought and feeling, inextricably fused.

Because poetry was "no rootless flower" but grew in the mind of man, it required a special integrity on the poet's part: "a poet's life is an experiment in living, and those that come after have a right to know it." And certainly Yeats's own life was by any standard a fascinating one: son of a great painter, brother to another great painter, artist involved with thesecret revolutionary organization that became the IRA; lifelong student of the occult; frustrated lover of "the most beautiful woman in the world"; successful lover of many other women; co-founder of the Irish theater movement; member of the Senate of the Irish Free State; winner of the Nobel Prize; "wild, wicked old man."

Yeats himself responded to the imperative of recording at least portions of his own experiment in living by publishing a number of autobiographical volumes, including Reversiones over Childhood and Youth, The Trembling of the Veil and Dramatis Personae. Until recently, however, they have been available only in editions of questionable textual authority and with little or no apparatus to help the reader. William H. O'Donnell and Douglas N. Archibald's Autobiographies at last provides an authoritative edition. The editorial team is an ideal one: O'Donnell, professor of English at the University of Memphis, may be the best of all Yeatsian textual scholars, while Archibald, one of our wisest interpreters of the poet's life and work, has published book-length studies of both WBY and his improvident but wonderful painter father, John Butler Yeats. The result of their combined efforts is a volume of impeccable scholarship that will prove invaluable to specialist and general reader alike. The introduction traces the history of the various memoirs that eventually coalesced into Autobiographies, and 130 pages of annotations illuminate the text. Regrettably, the format of the series in which this volume is published prohibits the inclusion of extended critical analysis, depriving Professor Archibald of the opportunity for further brilliant meditations on this complex figure and his world.

With all the resources provided, however, we can read Yeats's text with pleasure. Moreover, we can see that the act of writing these memoirs was itself an effort on Yeats's part towards his own attainment of Unity of Being. As the editors point out, we are witnesses "to the process by which accident and incoherence become complete, by which life, passing through phantasmgoria, becomes meaning, and experience becomes myth. It is that great Romantic achievement: a vision of personal history as art... It shows Yeats at work—summoning his people, realizing his places, making a world—and so continues to dramatize and fulfill his belief that the act of writing entails a complex creation of a self."

In one of his last letters, Yeats told a friend that "man can embody truth but he cannot know it. I must embody it in the conclusion of my life." The manuscripts of his last poem, "The Black Tower," show him struggling while literally on his deathbed to decide whether a line of the poem should read "that banner" or "those banners." W. H. Auden was right in asserting, in his ambivalent elegy "In Memory of W. B. Yeats," that "The words of a dead man are modified in the guts of the living," but also that they might "still persuade us to rejoice." Reading Autobiographies today allows us to do so once again.

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American Art at the Art Institute of Chicago
Judith A. Barter, Kimberly Rhodes and Seth A. Thayer '89

The Art Institute of Chicago

This beautifully printed and bound coffee-table book showcases the Art Institute's collection of American paintings, decorative arts and sculpture. Highlights include paintings by Mary Cassatt, Winslow Homer and Albert Bierstadt and furniture by Frank Lloyd Wright.

The book catalogues the Art Institute's collection from roughly 1650 to World War I but emphasizes works from the second half of the 19th century, which dominate the museum's holdings.

The book has 220 color illustrations and detailed descriptions of each piece. Thayer, a former member of the institute's department of American art and now an independent consultant, wrote several of the essays.

Unraveling Somalia: Race, violence and the legacy of slavery
Catherine Besteman (anthropology)
University of Pennsylvania Press

Besteman's years of research in Somalia, a country ravaged by civil war during the past decade, provide the basis for her theories on how and why the country's disintegration occurred.

Besteman counters the popular notion that Somalia's troubles are the product of clan rivalries played out on a vast scale. The pattern of violence, she says, can be traced to a deeply stratified social order rooted in slavery and developed over the past 150 years. The collapse of the Somali state offers clues to how race and class divisions may mask problems in Africa typically characterized as "tribal."

In the first part of the book, Besteman provides a historical framework for understanding the current situation, with a particular focus on the slave trade and its effects on Somali society.

In the second part, she explores the role of violence in Somali society, examining how it is used to maintain social order and how it has evolved over time.

Besteman's analysis challenges the prevailing narrative of Somalia as a place plagued by civil wars, calling into question the assumption that conflict is inherent to the region.

Through her research, Besteman argues that to truly understand the complexities of Somali society, one must consider the legacy of slavery and its enduring impact on the country's social structure.

By examining the historical roots of violence and employing a social-structural approach, Besteman provides a nuanced and thought-provoking analysis of Somali society, offering a fresh perspective on a region often stereotyped as war torn and divided.
Goals and Aspirations
Impending move to Division III leaves women's hockey netminder in the line of fire

By Matt DiFilippo

This is what it was like to be sophomore Josie Chapman and play goalie for the Colby women's ice hockey team this season. On January 16 the White Mules trailed Dartmouth 2-0 when a Dartmouth penalty gave Colby a power play. The Mules lost the puck and Dartmouth got a two-on-nothing break. Chapman had no chance. Colby fell into a 3-0 hole on its way to a 7-0 loss.

This season Chapman had too many difficult moments like that. Women's ice hockey finished its season (0-26), leaving some less-than-flattering numbers next to Chapman's name. She faced more than 1,400 shots—nearly 70 per game. She was scored on 19 times. She even suffered a concussion.

But a better measure of Chapman's performance is her saves percentage, which steadily improved to a respectable 879.

"I think about the games a lot and run things through my mind," Chapman said. "The numbers haunt me."

Chapman said the last part with a laugh. But she lost sleep after the January 10 game against visiting Cornell, when she set the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) record with 83 saves as Colby was outshot, 94-6.

"It was hard," Chapman said. "We were losing to Cornell, 8-1, with a few minutes left in the game. Eight to one is not that bad. It ended up 11-1. We kind of fell apart. The numbers seem so high. It's hard to get those numbers out of your mind."

To be fair, there are numerous reasons for the winless record and lopsided scores. Since Colby was a pioneer in women's ice hockey, with a varsity program that dates to 1975, it got in with the big schools (Brown, Harvard, Cornell etc.) early, before there were divisions to group teams by school size or skill level. Competition was always keen, and it escalated as women's hockey became more popular. Almost all Colby teams play in Division III, but even though different divisions were created for women's ice hockey Colby remained in Division I playing national powerhouses.

When the school announced last year that women's ice hockey would move to Division III beginning in 1999-2000, the final season in Division I already was locked in. But three of the Mules' top players transferred—two to the University of Minnesota and one to Boston College. Colby also lost two players to illness before its first game, and the school's all-time leading scorer, forward Meaghan Stittl, had graduated.

With so many departures the Colby players and coaches knew they would struggle this season. Accordingly, they did an admirable job of staying loose and upbeat through a difficult year.

"I think the key was the mental preparation before the season," Colby captain Juliana Bontecou '99 said. "This year is sort of a tough-to-keep-your-heads-up year. The team's done a great job of that."

The Mules tried to set smaller goals throughout the season, like improving their play from period to period. Despite injuries that left them with only 14 players in some contests, despite playing in front of fewer than 100 fans in an average home game, their effort never wavered. Colby was shut out in 13 consecutive games late in the season. The 14th game was their closest of the year, a competitive 4-1 loss to Yale.

As for Chapman, she relished the opportunity to face so many shots. "It's hard losing," she said at mid-season. "But at the same time, I think we're all having a good time out there, so it takes away from the fact that we're losing 13-0. I've certainly realized that you don't have to win to have fun. I'm having a blast. That's a goalie's dream, to face ninety-four shots in a game."

One game still stands out for Chapman. Just 12 days after setting the ECAC mark for saves in a game against Cornell she broke her own record with 95 saves against Brown. "That was an awesome game," she said. "I was just definitely on. It was very exciting and I was having a lot of fun."

Chapman has been playing organized hockey since age 4. At Moses Brown School in Rhode Island she played goalie for a boys' team. She has worked hard to improve her game, and her teammates appreciate her steady influence.

"Goalie is obviously a very mental position," Bontecou said. "It's tough to see a score like 15-0, 16-1 and see that the goalie played a good game. But the team sees it more than the public because they don't always look at the shots."

Next season in Division III Colby will be more competitive, and the players have talked about what it will be like to win again. For Chapman there will be fewer excuses if she gives up a lot of goals in a game.

She can hardly wait. "I'm going to miss having all the action," she said. "But at the same time, I'm really looking forward to the intensity of a 2-1 game."

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Strong Down the Stretch

With the help of junior guard Ken Allen, Colby’s leading scorer, the men’s basketball team won nine of its last 13 games to finish the season with a 15-9 record and the third seed in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) New England Tournament. “We were a very competitive team and were close to being among the elite, but lost a couple of tough games,” said head coach Dick Whitmore.

Colby played host to sixth-seeded Salem State in the tournament quarterfinals. The Mules held the Vikings to just 48 points and advanced to the semifinals with a 61-48 victory. Two senior co-captains paced the team—James Spidle led all scorers with 17 points, while Bill Hinton led the defense with nine rebounds and two blocked shots.

In their semifinal game against Williams, the Mules came out on fire, shooting nearly 70 percent over the first 10 minutes and giving Colby a quick five-point lead. Williams never allowed them to extend the advantage, though. The Mules pulled within four points with three minutes remaining, but the Ephs held on to win 78-66. Whitmore said he was “very proud of the way the team worked at Williams. We were competitive until the end of the game.”

Sign of Tradition

Before taking the ice each period, members of the men’s hockey team reach up to tap a sign that says “Our House” as they move from the locker room into Alfond Arena. It’s a tradition that began before this year’s six senior players arrived at Colby. Despite the ritual, though, the team’s last regular-season game in “Our House” was a disappointing 2-1 loss to Amherst.

In their tournament game against Williams, the Mules came out on fire, shooting nearly 70 percent over the first 10 minutes and giving Colby a quick five-point lead. Williams never allowed them to extend the advantage, though. The Mules pulled within four points with three minutes remaining, but the Ephs held on to win 78-66. Whitmore said he was “very proud of the way the team worked at Williams. We were competitive until the end of the game.”

Sport Shorts

After a 19-8 record last year, expectations were high for women’s basketball, but injuries took a toll on the talented team, which finished 13-11. Sophomore Kim Condon, an All-American last season, missed eight games with a hip injury before coming back to lead the team with 15.6 points per game. Sophomore Mandy Cochrane paced the Mules in rebounds with 7.3 per game while Erin Cole-Karagory became the second junior in Colby history to reach 1,000 career points. Men’s squash almost broke even with a 6-7 record, paced by sophomore Mike Natenshon, who won eight of 11 matches in the number four slot.

Women’s squash notched three straight victories over rival Bates on the way to a 9-10 record. Winning two of their three matches at the Howe Cup Tournament at Harvard in January, the women were ranked 13th in the country. Sophomore Anne Garinger led the team, going 12-7 in the number seven slot.

Women’s indoor track and field won the USM Challenge Cup Invitational on January 16 and the Bates Challenge Cup on February 6. First-year Katie MacDonald led runners, while junior Karen Hoch paced the team in throwing events. Junior Faith Anderson led the team in scoring at several meets. Men’s indoor track and field began the season with a second-place finish at the Bates Quad Cup meet and maintained a high level through the rest of the season. Junior Emil Thomann led the sprints while senior captain Wilson Everhart paced the distance runners.

Men’s alpine skiing was led by sophomore captain David Riss, who finished 11th in the giant slalom at St. Lawrence and 12th in the slalom at Bates. Riss qualified for the NCAA Championships at Sunday River. In women’s alpine skiing, junior Amanda Rutherford paced the team with an 11th-place finish at Dartmouth and a 14th at Williams, both on the slalom course.

Nordic skiing welcomed eight first-years and posted some impressive results. The men were led by junior captain Tim Bertram, who earned a 20th-place finish at the Bates Carnival. The women were paced by senior captain Darcy Cornell, who finished 15th at Bates. The highlight of the season came when Colby finished sixth at the UNH Carnival. Women’s swimming placed eighth among 39 teams at the New England Championships and went 4-4 in head-to-head competition. First-year Jessica Knight broke two individual Colby records and helped three separate relay teams set new school marks on her way to All-New England honors. Men’s swimming went 3-5 in dual meets and then stepped up at the New England Championships to finish eighth in a field of 27. Junior Jeff McCloskey, who owns 10 Colby records, and senior Andy Brown were named to the All-New England team.
Participation is the Key
Raising the number who contribute helps Colby stay competitive

By Kevin Cool

President Bill Cotter is diplomatic when he says it, but his message is unvarnished. Alumni, we need your help.

The Alumni Fund is a crucial piece of the College’s attempt to provide a Colby education to deserving students regardless of their ability to pay. “We have a tradition of one generation providing that opportunity for the next,” Cotter said. “Alumni have benefited from that tradition; now it’s their responsibility to continue it.”

For a host of reasons, Colby has emphasized Alumni Fund participation during the present capital campaign. Contributions to the fund provide an infusion of money “right into Colby’s bloodstream,” Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Randy Helm said. “Those dollars go directly into our budget to pay for everyday costs. If we didn’t have that money, some things simply would not get done.”

Financial aid is an important byproduct of yearly alumni gifts, but there are many others.

The $2.66 million raised by the fund in fiscal year 1998 provided approximately $1,500 for each student at Colby, says David Beers ’85, director of annual giving. That is equivalent to the interest on $61 million of endowment given Colby’s current spending formula, he says. “That’s a significant source of income for the College.”

In recent years, alumni giving has become a widely used barometer of “customer satisfaction,” U.S. News & World Report, which compiles annual rankings of schools, uses the percentage of alumni who donate to a college as one category with which to compare institutions. Despite anecdotal evidence that suggests Colby alumni are among the most loyal and supportive of any in NESCAC, the figures for alumni giving place Colby near the bottom of this group of schools. The lower giving rate compared to its competitors weakens Colby’s position in external assessments like the one in U.S. News. “When our percentage of alumni who give is lower than other schools, that hurts us,” Beers said. “Alumni participation rate is a category where we have some degree of control. We can’t compete with Amherst or Williams in endowment but we can in participation.”

Colby’s participation rates hovered in the high 30s for many years and only recently crept consistently upward in the 40s—last year it was 48 percent. The goal is 50 percent—contributions each year from half of Colby alumni—before the current campaign ends.

Helm admits he’s at a loss to explain Colby’s historically poor alumni giving rate. “I know that Colby alumni love this school every bit as much as the Amherst alumni and the Williams alumni love their schools,” he said. “It baffles me why our giving rates are so much lower than theirs. I don’t get it.”

Helm points out that Colby’s alumni giving rate would be the envy of most small, liberal arts colleges—“nationally, our percentage is well above the average,” he said—but Colby is not competing against most colleges, it is competing against the best ones.

Rather than focusing only on the total amount raised by the fund, Beers says, alumni fund officers nationally also are concentrating on the number of people who contribute something, anything. Every gift helps, he says—a message Colby hopes to convey with a series of advertisements using the theme “Chalk is Cheap.” The ads, one of which appears in this magazine, highlight ways in which small gifts help pay for students’ educations. Beers hopes this promotional effort, in concert with Alumni Fund solicitations, will persuade alumni that their support is important regardless of its perceived impact. “We want alumni to give even if they think their gifts are too small to help,” Beers said. “No gift is too small to help the College, and each one does make a difference.”

In the last fiscal year more than half of all gifts made to the Alumni Fund were under $100, and added together, they totaled more than $170,000, Beers says. The point of the current promotion, he says, is that a higher participation rate helps Colby’s image and strengthens its national reputation.

Helm said that part of the challenge for his office is educating alumni about how the Alumni Fund works. Apparently some potential donors have discarded materials sent to them, believing that they already had given to the fund, he says. “If there is only one message I could get to the alumni body it would be this: if you receive a letter from us, you haven’t given this fiscal year. We don’t send letters to people who already have given,” Helm said.
Building Blocks

The Colby alumni chapter of Chicago organized a Habitat for Humanity project led by chapter president Laura Pavlenko Lutton '94. John Lutton '94 (left) and Michael Van Huystee (Bowdoin '92) prepare to saw off a clay drainage pipe for the Habitat home's future patio.

EARLY YEARS

Barrett Hurwitz '37 sent a eulogy of his father, Harold Hurwitz '38, who died on October 4, 1997. The testament was written by Barrett for the New Bedford Bar Association. (I try to keep my personal views to myself in this column, but I must say that the obituary written by Barrett is one of the finest documents I have ever read.) Among his comments, Barrett said, "Harold Hurwitz was a gentleman who extended respect to those colleagues with whom he dealt decade after decade, whose humility and humanity were second to none, and whose intellect, integrity and wisdom will be sorely missed." . . . Charles Jacoby '37 and his wife, Barbara, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 16, 1998. They live in an assisted-living facility in Falmouth, Mass. Mr. Jacoby spends most of his time in therapy for a bad back, hoping to get back on his feet. . . . My old friend Larry Dwyer '38 has written, much too briefly, that the two most memorable events in his life were World War II and his marriage . . . . Classmate and fraternity brother Wade Hooker '39 writes that he and his wife, Eleanor (Tolan '36), are taking a course for grandparents titled "Teddy Bears and Rocking Chairs." Wade and Eleanor visit family in New York, Washington, Williamsburg, Georgia and Texas. . . . Gardiner Gregory '39 writes articles for newspapers and magazines but reports the following changes since we last heard from him: he no longer has a vegetable garden, articles and takes care of his dear wife, Anne, who suffers from Parkinson's disease . . . . Leila Ross Hyman '39 put tile floors in her condo because she'd rather cook than clean carpets. As to what she is doing with her time, Leila says she will travel until she drops. Israel, Paris, Spain and Portugal are recent destinations . . . . Hoover Goffin '41 writes, simply: "My wife passed away. Without my dearest possession, my world has changed. Thank heaven for a good supporting family." The family includes Peter, 53, Bruce, 50, Wendy, 43, Jill, 24, Brett, 21, and Sabra, 20. Hoover is going through a cruel time and has the deepest sympathies of the class . . . . Claire Tilley Henserson '41 wonders if anyone could possibly be interested in her news. (Claire, you'd be amazed. It may seem dull to you, but the rest of us want to hear about you.) Claire and her husband, Edward, have turned over the operation of their Aroostook farm to a younger generation. Their daughter Anne is the fourth of the family in 100 years to take over. She and her husband are enjoying their responsibilities just as Claire and her husband did 25 years ago . . . . Jane Russell Abbott '41 writes beautifully of an expedition made by the Waterville Scuba Club for a weekend at Harbor Island (which the Maine Atlas and Gazetteer reveals is within shouting distance of Frenchboro, just south of Acadia National Park). After gathering a bountiful supply of the large, handsome, delicious scallops for which Maine is well known, . . .
The group then retired to a cabin on the island to eat them. Subsequent scuba diving produced spectacular displays of bioluminescence.

Marjorie Abar Gray '43 manages to keep as busy as she wants to be by reading lots of books, reading to a kindergarten class once a week and researching the history of her family farm (1828-1984) and her own family history (1924 through her years at Colby). She lives in a two-bedroom apartment with her antiques, which came with her from a larger house.

Howard R. Johnson '43 wants to track down Sona Talmizian '43 "if possible." No address is available for Ms. Talmizian so locating her will be a matter of word of mouth and luck. (One lead: telephone information in Belmont, Mass.) In May and June of 1996 Mr. Johnson spent three weeks in China visiting archaeological sites and Beijing: "Places important for the Chinese religions I taught about." After a lifetime of writing and editing newsletters for nonprofit groups, Richard Billings '48 started Day Mountain Publications in his Augusta, Maine, home. He plans to produce everything from business cards to books.

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Ressa Flevelling Edmunds '43 has children living in New Jersey, Montana and Hawaii, all of whom she visits regularly. For the last 20 years of college, after acquiring credit towards graduation, she studied "through" courses and "streamlined" her course work.

Alumni Officer, Colby College, Waterville, ME 04901. We hope to hear from you.

40 Last October in his column, "Scratchpad," for the Benson, N.C., newspaper, Ralph Delanotold the story of a 19th-century Colby student who tried to use his hopelessness under the Calvinist doctrine of predestination as a reason to be permanently excused from chapel attendance. How times have changed!... Carl McGraw's 80th birthday celebration included skiing at Alta and Park City, Utah, with family members. Now that he has closed Levine's, Howard Miller has made his first-ever response to an appeal for alumni news. Daughter Sara directs a pre-school in New York; daughter Wendy is an art therapist in Maryland; and daughter Julie is a teacher in California. Howard went to Spain and Portugal last year. ... Ellen Fitch Peterson, a retired librarian, reports that her daughter Jean P. Balsley '69 is a VHA administrator in Connecticut and that her other daughter, Leslie, is involved with EPA Superfund matters in New York City. ... Bill Paninsky has three sons—a dentist in Massachusetts, a lawyer in the District of Columbia and another lawyer in Korea. ... Edna Slater Pullen, wife of Judge John Pullen '35, kept her three children in Maine—"a rare feat these days. Lynne is a teacher and also a restaurateur in Brewer, Barbara works at Hinckley Boats in Southwest Harbor as a secretary, and Donald is a master carpenter in Trenton and Ellsworth. A granddaughter is a flight attendant for American Airlines. ... Are you coming back for Alumni Weekend in June, Council. Charles Card and Ralph MacBurnie are in the President's Associates. John Chase, Donald Gardner and Louise Holt McGee are in the President's Club. These generous donors add luster to our class.

NEWSMAKERS

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MILESTONES


41 Ginny "Jiggs" Mosher is "still kicking"—doing fine. She's been retired for several years and moved back to Waterville, Maine, this year. Having no children of her own, she enjoys her 13 nieces and nephews. To keep fit, she is still bowling. In April 1997 she went back to S. Carolina and, with friends from that area, went to Reno, Nev., to bowl in the national tournament. However, they didn't do much bowling but they did have a great time. She misses them, for she lived in Reno for 31 years and still keeps in touch with those friends. ... Rev. Lin Potter retired as a major from the U.S. Army. He still lives in Sanbornville, N.H., and is an amateur radio operator, both national and international. Lin is active in patriotic parades, Masons, VFW and Couples Club. He attended Colby his third and fourth year of college, after acquiring credit for graduation from Bangor Theological Seminary, and says that Colby was a "broadening" experience with what friends and professors, especially "Buggy" Chester, "Pop" Newman and Lougee for geology. Lin lost his wife in '94 but says his many friends have "surrounded" him with friendship. Lin left for Florida in late October for the winter. ... Beatrice Kenney Maltais enjoys her five children and enjoyed the wedding of a grandchild in Washington, D.C. For the wedding of another grandson, James, Bea made a bridesmaid dress. Bea and "Maxie" also went to California to visit a daughter, and they all went to Mexico. Bea commented that this trip made her appreciate even more our relatively clean environment and so many of our everyday amenities. Bea manages to keep fit by walking, gardening and, "of course," shopping. ... Your correspondent, Bonnie Ruth Roberts Hathaway, and husband Hank still live in the New Hampshire woods (New Ipswich). As I write this, I am admiring the colorful foliage. Always a joy, for we are surrounded with color! Oh my! We both keep relatively busy and enjoy good health at 80. Hank still flies his plane and I keep busy at home, gardening and housekeeping, and serving as a lay minister in our church in Lunenburg, Mass. We enjoy our five grown children, eight
grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. That keeps us busy over birthdays and Christmases. Do let me hear from you for the next class column. Gratefully ...

—Bonnie Roberts Hathaway

45 Three classmates highlight Colby in recent communications. Joan Gay Kent, president of the Cow Neck Peninsula Historical Society (which includes Long Island communitie such as Port Washington, where Joan lives), is writing a history of the area that is being serialized in the Port Washington News. Joan says it was at Colby that she found that the pursuit of history gave her a reason to learn—almost everything. ... Arnold Grossman, having entirely positive feelings about his Colby education, is not unexpectedly proud that his son Tom '77 is also a Colby graduate. Arnold also found an educational exchange in Russia and China very rewarding. ... Doris Blanchard Hutcheson and Bill '44 have two Colby daughters, Sandra '71 and Laurian '78 (plus three other daughters) and a Colby grandson, Christopher Buck '00. Doris has recently been in touch with Doris Taylor Huber and Millie Steenland Ellison '44. ... Grace Keefer Parker writes that both Dr. Bixler's philosophy and "Pop" Newman and the New England Student Christian Movement had a significant effect on her life. She is currently a consultant at the Parish Resource Center in Valley Stream, N.Y. ... In an article on Maurice Whitten's book, Gunpowder Mills of Maine, the Sanford, Maine, News raised intriguing questions that are answered in the book. Examples: "What was one of Maine's most hazardous industries? What mill in Maine produced the largest amount of gunpowder used by Union troops during the Civil War?" Another article notes that Maurice's inspiration to teach chemistry came from a couple of his teachers. "They were excellent teachers and very human people," reports Maurice. He also recalls being tested at Colby for color blindness because that condition would have precluded his being a chemistry major. ... Dee Sanford McCunn and Ian had a month-long tour of the Maritimes last fall. Among their experiences was meeting up with a mother moose and child walking directly toward them. "We reversed our direction" is Dee's understated end-of-story. Colby, says Dee, "was a great college to go to. ... Studying and working hard went hand in hand with the good times." ... In November, Helen Strauss and I arranged a tour of the Lower East Side Tenement Museum, plus lunch, for Colbyites (classes 1948 and earlier) in the N.Y.C. metropolitan area. More tours to come, and we'll welcome any of you living here or visiting. Sfar we've also gone to T. Roosevelt's House, the Abigail Adams House, the old Merchant's House and Gracie Mansion, where New York's mayors live.

—Naomi Collett Pagannelli

46 A welcome note from Hannah Karp Laipson back in Worcester after a good summer on the Cape. Hannah and Mike are proud grandchildren of Maya, adopted from Siberia by daughter Ellen and her husband, Henri. Their grandchildren now range in age from 2 to 23. Ellen is vice chair of the National Intelligence Council after a stint as Middle East advisor to Madeleine Albright at the United Nations. Hannah is serving her second term as president of the Worcester Institute for Senior Education (WISE) and, though retired as a professor of English, teaches a course at Assumption College each year. She's still active in Mass. Common Cause, fighting the battle for campaign finance reform. ... Ardath and Locky MacKinnon recently returned from a trip to Iceland and to his ancestral home on the Isle of Skye in Scotland, which he pronounced "Wonderful." They also continue to travel around the country in their trailer. Locky keeps busy with Kiwanis and Ventnor Civic committees. His advice to all of us gerontology experts is, "Don't be a couch potato." He follows his own advice, does his own gardening and walks the boardwalk. He and Ardath were happy to contribute a much-appreciated scholarship for a deserving student. ... Heard from Larry Lowenstein that Marie Kraeler Lowenstein has cut back to three days a week in the development office at the Fieldston School. Larry has retired from the same work for Horace Mann. He received the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Award from Cornell University last year. ... Received Communal Letter #1 from Jean O'Brien Perkins, who was in Samokov, Bulgaria, where she was training for her Peace Corps work in that country. Her host family included Magdalena, a single mother with two children, John, 17, and Ericka, a college student in Sofia. Magdalena has a graduate degree in chemistry and tends her large garden outside of town. Jean had a lovely view of the Rila Mountains and got a kick out of seeing the many goats come down from the hills in the evening to go to their various homes. She's part of a Peace Corps group of 53 representing all ages, about half over 50. The latest news on her activities is that Jean is now in Sevlievo, Bulgaria, teaching English as a second language at a technical school. Her advice. "Don't give up your dreams. Life still has a lot to offer." No argument there. ... Gene and I are back from Central Europe, where we traveled through Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and the Czech Republic and made a return visit to Vienna. There are many beautiful cities, much lovely countryside, impressive museums, nice people and fine musical experiences. While all that horror was going on we were sitting up there on Mayflower Hill blissfully unaware, worrying about friends overseas but innocently ignorant of concentration camps and their attendant terrors. Will we ever truly understand how it could have happened? ... Charlene Bliance Ray faithfully sends Waterville and other Maine newspaper clip-
pressed by the amount and quality of lectures and recitations, music, art and athletic events offered at the College. I'm particularly impressed by the community service both by these programs and by student volunteer activities. Charlene also wrote that she and her husband visited the campus on December 7 and reflected on the changes that 57 years have brought since Pearl Harbor: "The Spartan life during our years at Colby in the '40s contrasts sharply with the plenty of today, and I plan to make a six-week Christmas 'vacation' saved for the war effort." She also referred to the sacrifices and patriotism of the armed forces and citizenry during the war that have had such a profound effect on the generation that came of age in the Depression and World War II!—according to Tom Brokaw, "The Greatest Generation any society ever produced." (That's why the world's in such great shape today, Tom!)

—Anne Lawrence Bondy

Harriet Nourse Robinson wrote that she and Dana were spending a week with her sister, Fran Nourse Johnston '49, and her husband at their time share at Hilton Head, S.C., "...and a half on weekends at a golf shop. ..." Jane Rollins found a barge trip in France very interesting, with visits to old villages and castles. Unfortunately, she was dismayed by three weeks of almost steady rain, the worst weather she has experienced in her many trips to Europe. ... Tom Burke had shared the sad news that Eileen "Lani" Lanouette Hughes recently passed away. ... Louise Kelley Rochester has just returned from N.Y.C., where she visited a daughter and son-in-law who are moving to Madison, Wis., to continue their careers in molecular biology. On the way, Louise visited another daughter in Waterbury, Conn., who is vice president of the Waterbury Republican newspaper. Her son, Paul Pape '75, is a physician, studying muscles. Mo of her 10 grandchildren and her husband's five spent part of the summer with them—some for as long as a month. Louise appears to thrive on crowds, despite the fact that her husband is very ill with Alzheimer's disease. About a visit from Carol Carpenter Bishbee '48, Louise said, "It is always so much fun being with her, and we relate as if we were in touch every day since June '47. ..." John and I had another Hall reunion in Missouri in October and left almost immediately afterward for two and a half weeks in Rome and Sicily. In early December we visited a son in Long Beach, Calif., and took in several museums in the area, including the new Getty.

—Mary "Liz" Hall Fitch

Joan Crawley Pollock and her husband, Joe, who moved to California in 1957, are both retired and live in Pasadena. She had five children, started teaching at age 40 and continued for 25 years. In the summer of 1998 she and her husband, a Navy man and a graduate of Ohio State, traveled through Germany, Poland and Estonia and toured the coast of Norway. After 48 years they visited with Nancy Ardiff Boulter '50 at Dick and Nancy's summer house in Rockport, Mass. Joan wrote that our 50th reunion was marvelous—she wrote to many classmates, sending photos, and had a wonderful response. ... Evie Halfant Malkin moved back to Wayland. She has five children, and they had a family reunion on the Fourth of July in Martha's Vineyard. All the family were together as Evie turned 70 and her son Jim turned 50. ... Arthur A. Parsons wrote from Burnt Hills, N.Y., that he and his wife, Phyllis, are both retired—Arthur from GE for 14 years and from the ministry for six years. He had a dual occupation working at GE and serving as minister to several Methodist churches in the Albany-Schenectady area. Last July they celebrated 53 years of marriage and have a son, Wendell, and a daughter, Alice, and two grandchildren. Arthur says that an important part of his life at Colby was that as a World War II veteran he realized the importance of a good education to enhance his life and that of his family. ... Betty Coombs Corke Myers writes that her family unit is still 42 and holding. She laments the fact that more of the class did not respond to the questionnaire for the 50th reunion since it was such a nice opportunity to be in touch again. Compliments from Betty on a great job done by Dick Billings and his committee. She treasures the friendships she made at Colby and is proud of the fine rating Colby receives in the national magazines. She recently had a lovely visit with Ali-Rie March Miller at her cottage in Maryland followed by a spectacular two-week trip to Alaska. ... We did a great deal of sailing this year. Unfortunately, we never got to Shelter Island to respond to the kind invitation from Janet Gay Hawkins to visit. Perhaps next year.

The Alumni Office also sent us a clipping from the June 18 Shelter Island Reporter that chronicled Janet's Colby and volunteer career and described the Colby Brick Award that Janet received. The Alumni Office also sent us a clipping from the February 25, 1998, edition of the Rocky Mountain News. The article describes Jean Gasset McDonald's own version of the famous tollhouse cookie. It traces her early years in Brockton, Mass., and recounts how she worked as a waitress at the famous nearby Toll House restaurant. It was at the restaurant that she learned how to bake. She has improved her cookies ever since, and everyone at the Rocky Mountain News loved them. ... After returning from a trustee/volunteer retreat last weekend, we can report that the campus was beautiful and the refurbishing of Dana Hall spectacular. As we write these notes in late October, Dorothy is preparing to go to Israel via Oslo, and then in March we are both off to Israel for a few weeks. Then it is back to sailing. ... One last note. David has received a lot of compliments on his wonderful address at our 50th reunion. The only problem is that it was Marvin Joslow who spoke to the class at the chapel, not David, and it is Marvin who deserves the accolades. Nothing has changed since we were at Colby—people always mixed us up. All we can say is it is comforting to be in such distinguished company.

—David and Dorothy Marson

Carl E. Porter (181 Washington St., Topsham, MA 01983-1632) retired 13 years ago—and had a four-way bypass three years ago—but reports that he is "busier than ever." He and his wife, Dottie, traveled to Rangeley Lake, Maine, last fall to present a valuable set of fishing flies to the local historical society and museum. ... Alice Jewell Smith (20 High View Terrace, Winsted, CT 06098) is a retired math and middle school teacher. Alice lived in Dunn House and remembers the excitement of moving to Mayflower Hill, the great dinners in Mary Low Hall, watching the new TV in the women's union and the long, cold walk from the dorm to the library. She attended the '48 reunion as a guest and wrote, "I knew Colby has grown but love it anyway." She says it's a lovely campus, of which she is very proud. ... Leonard Wardshaver (1336 Providence Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410) and his wife, Elaine, have two children and four grandchildren. Leonard, who retired in 1992 as president and owner of Serta Mattress Co. of the Northeast, remembers attending at Colby in February 1944 on the train from Boston, looking across the four or five feet of snow banks at the Colby library, checking into the Hedman Hall—which was sparsely furnished and hardly heated—and waiting to return to Boston. Instead of asking classmates a question, he suggested "more participation" from the Class of '49. ... For the last 32 years Ed Schlick has been running ECS Associates (ECS@clinic.net), a business in Bath, Maine, that deals with communications consulting, publications and Web sites. He recently completed a two-year project as the administrator of The Dringo Project, working to help build more volunteer support for the Maine courts, and last spring he set up two statewide conferences for the Maine court system. He and Carl Chellquist '48 recently exchanged some e-mail on old times at Colby; he says one of his strongest memories is missing the last Blue Beetle bus from Mary Low and having to walk back to Hedman Hall on the old campus by the river. ... Lorenzo C. Rastelli (636 Leather Lane, Orange City, FL 32763) continues to enjoy his memory of the Phi Dels and his view of the sports field from North College. A retired educator, he has continued to volunteer and spends his vacation teaching elementary grades. He went to Washington, D.C., as a member of Close Up, a foundation for retired educators whose purpose is to determine where and how retired educators can be of the most assistance in local school systems. ... Lucile Farnham Sturtevant (286 North St.,
and Donna have eight children, who visit frequently. Colby magazine mentioned that Robert Burkhart—57—was founder of Imaginary Initiatives, a sculpture studio in North Carolina. Of course he was in our class. Bob, a retired professor of art education at SUNY in Buffalo, N.Y., designs sculptures of people in various poses and sells them through a catalogue or at his studio to individuals as well as to businesses. . . . Charman Herd, of Ft. Pierce, Fla., still has her TV show, The Lively Arts of the Treasure Coast, and appreciates meeting the stimulating artists, actors, dancers, etc. that she interviews. Acting is still a favorite, and Charman wrote: "Every theatre company opening night is a big one. I’m just as excited when I step out on stage now as I ever was. It’s always an event." . . . Robert Merriman, of Rye, N.H., since retiring from the insurance research field has been involved with volunteer work. He is a docent for the UNH Marine Program, a trustee of the Portsmouth Music Hall and a member of his church council. He keeps fit by playing tennis, walking and gardening. He and Nancy are planning trips to Costa Rica and the Panama Canal this year and to Australia and New Zealand next year. . . . Charlotte Stern Rybkowski lives in Westminster, Colo., where she still works full time for the U.S. DOT/NHTSA Enforcement in Denver. She spent 1980 to 1985 in Saudi Arabia, where her husband, Walter, worked on one of the international teams involved in designing and building a new industrial city. Charlotte worked as a writer and editor of a jobsite publication and also conducted tours of the project. The Rybkowskis visit Poland frequently as their daughter and son-in-law live there and are expecting this winter. That will be their fifth grandchild. . . . Violet and Allen G. Pease live in Hollis Center, Maine. Allen started in Washing-
happened when you were there, he wrote, "boys and girls living in the same dorm." . . . Bump Bean, Concord, Mass., now retired from Arthur D. Little, Inc., was the only responder to the new questionnaire. (Don't be bashful when you get yours, it is intended to be fun.) Bump's response: On my first day at Colby I . . . "met my friend to say goodbye for who knows how many years." His most risky harmless prank was . . . "participating with the 1947 freshmen 'gang' to repaint the Bowdoin Polar Bear from white to blue." Bump, whose Colby diploma is on the mantel of his study fireplace, says he would not go to the Antarctic, as high as Resolute. No pranksters up there many more surrounding it. He has given up hiking for biking and ground water problems. . . . Louise Ginsberg Hirshberg operates a bed-and-breakfast in Marblehead, Mass. She is a Red Cross mental health volunteer and has special interest in issues concerning abuse/neglect and single motherhood. Louise was in California working on flood relief during the 1998 floods, and in January she traveled to India to visit her daughter. . . . Howie Gaskill reports that he has retired twice and that he and Ruth are in the process of selling their New Hampshire home, in which they have lived for 30 years. (By the time you read this, a yard sale undoubtedly will have relieved them of "all kinds of good stuff.") They will be living in Destin, Fla., for five months each year and in New Hampshire for the remainder. . . . Janet Perrigo Brown-Wolff, South Burlington, Vt., married John L. Wolff Jr., in May of 1997 with 26 members of their combined families spanning four generations taking part in the ceremony. Jan sang! Both Jan and John are retired, Jan as a professor at the University of Vermont specializing in professional nursing and gerontology and John as an electrical engineer in nuclear power and propulsion. Jan has also retired from a part-time job as wellness coordinator for three retirement communities. . . . Pamela Cash Fisher, Clearwater, Fla., is a part-time sales associate and works with the church in community services. She continues to collect dolls and Royal Doulton character mugs. (Is no one doing Beanie Babies?) . . . Ray and Merry Crane Evans live in Agua Cal., Calif., where Ray has been reappointed to a two-year term on the Riverbide County Grand Jury. Merry is on the board of the High Country Republican Women Federated Group. They continue their interest in a square dance club, citizen patrol and disaster preparedness. . . . Sheila and Don Hailer have declared they are "almost, maybe, just about retired." Don is taking not one but two watercolor courses and says that so far it has been more water than color. And plans are underway for a daughter's wedding in May. . . . Kathy Markham Habberley, Chigwell, Essex, England, has been gifting her husband's carnival glass collection while adding to her own assortment of carnival glass toothpick holders. She is active in the U.K.'s Carnival Glass Society as membership organizer. Kathy has been entertaining her U.S. family in the U.K. and in 1998 spent three weeks in the U.S. including a week with her aunts and her family in Wisconsin. . . . And Mimi and I wish you a great summer.

—Paul M. Aldrich

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In October Barbara Scott, Calgary, Alberta, gave Mimi and me a week-long guided tour of the Canadian Rockies, Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper and all the walking trails in between. We helped celebrate her latest honor, appointment as a justice of the Canadian Citizenship Court. . . . Marilyn and Fred Ives live in Simsbury, Conn. Fred, in his questionnaire response, reminded me that the last time he answered one of my class letters was in 1956. He was stationed in Roswell, N.M., with the USAF and had told me he would be looking for a job in insurance upon discharge. I was with Aetna Life and Casualty, sent him an employment application, and the rest is, well, history. Fred is now retired from the Aetna after a 36-year career. He has several volunteer activities, including work at the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, Conn., where I dust airplanes and polish propellers. He also claims to play golf five days a week. . . . Betsy Fisher Kearney, Birmingham, Ala., still collects teddy bears and counts over 260 on her Christmas tree, with many more surrounding it. She has given up hiking for biking and ground water problems. . . . Louise Ginsberg Hirshberg operates a bed-and-breakfast in Marblehead, Mass. She is a Red Cross mental health volunteer and has special interest in issues concerning abuse/neglect and single motherhood. Louise was in California working on flood relief during the 1998 floods, and in January she traveled to India to visit her daughter. . . . Howie Gaskill reports that he has retired twice and that he and Ruth are in the process of selling their New Hampshire home, in which they have lived for 30 years. (By the time you read this, a yard sale undoubtedly will have relieved them of "all kinds of good stuff.") They will be living in Destin, Fla., for five months each year and in New Hampshire for the remainder. . . . Janet Perrigo Brown-Wolff, South Burlington, Vt., married John L. Wolff Jr., in May of 1997 with 26 members of their combined families spanning four generations taking part in the ceremony. Jan sang! Both Jan and John are retired, Jan as a professor at the University of Vermont specializing in professional nursing and gerontology and John as an electrical engineer in nuclear power and propulsion. Jan has also retired from a part-time job as wellness coordinator for three retirement communities. . . . Pamela Cash Fisher, Clearwater, Fla., is a part-time sales associate and works with the church in community services. She continues to collect dolls and Royal Doulton character mugs. (Is no one doing Beanie Babies?) . . . Ray and Merry Crane Evans live in Agua Cal., Calif., where Ray has been reappointed to a two-year term on the Riverbide County Grand Jury. Merry is on the board of the High Country Republican Women Federated Group. They continue their interest in a square dance club, citizen patrol and disaster preparedness. . . . Sheila and Don Hailer have declared they are "almost, maybe, just about retired." Don is taking not one but two watercolor courses and says that so far it has been more water than color. And plans are underway for a daughter's wedding in May. . . . Kathy Markham Habberley, Chigwell, Essex, England, has been gifting her husband's carnival glass collection while adding to her own assortment of carnival glass toothpick holders. She is active in the U.K.'s Carnival Glass Society as membership organizer. Kathy has been entertaining her U.S. family in the U.K. and in 1998 spent three weeks in the U.S. including a week with her aunts and her family in Wisconsin. . . . And Mimi and I wish you a great summer.

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All the notes I received following our 45th reunion say it was the best and looked forward to the year 2003. The Play was great. We will have to think of something like that again, although I don't think we can top it. . . . Bob Gordon, who said that he has been back only once, the 20th, would see many changes if he makes the 50th. He became a doctor after Navy duty and medical school in France. He and his wife have three girls and one cat. . . . Leone Knowles writes that most of her post-Colby life has been spent serving on various committees—and serving with much satisfaction lately as a member of a school board that brought to fruition a much-needed middle school in Rockland, Maine, earning her the title of "Leone, the miracle worker." . . . I had a short note from Joan Erskine Green, who lost her husband of 45 years this past summer. Hope the next notes from Joan will have some happier news. . . . During Mary-Jane Fitzpatrick Cashman's trip to an Elderhostel in Virginia she learned that the famous Union Army major general, "Beag" Butler, was a Colby graduate. . . . Carolyn English Caci is trying to retire as much as I am but is still putting in part-time work at the University of Lowell as an assistant in the Center for Diversity and Pluralism. Carolyn has been recovering from a shoulder injury incurred last March. She said the worst part was not being allowed to drive, but she was able to get down to Cape Cod to spend some time at the home of Sandy (Pearson '52) and Chuck Anderson. . . . Priscilla Eaton Billington and I attended her first Alumni Council meeting in October, driving up to the campus in a torrential rainstorm much like the one we drove in two years before (same weekend). I wanted to accompany Priscilla just to go and observe because I was to "sit-in" for her in January in Boston while she was in Florida, her winter home. I, as usual, look forward to your news.

—Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey

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Jean Cressy Barker and her husband, Elliott, have left Amherst, Mass., after 35 years and moved into an 1859 house in Southport, Maine, "to be near Elliott's boat." They are the parents of two married daughters and have two grandchildren. . . . Sue Johnson writes from Annandale, Va., where she retired as a meeting planner and executive director for a trade association. She is doing volunteer work for the International Sacred Dance Guild as director of Festival '97 and is a member of the board of directors, program director and chapter officer for the Potomac chapter. In addition, she is one of 23 core members of the Seekers Church in Washington, D.C., "an exciting model of the church as small community." Sue has seen Minot Greene '55, her financial advisor, Judy Jenkins Tottman, Vic Scalise and Dave Wallingford at the reunion gift committee meeting last March. She is helping to plan our 45th reunion in June. . . . Georgia Roy Eustis spends six months
in Windham, Maine, and six months in Florida. Georgia is an R.N. and is now taking law courses to become a legal nurse consultant. In Florida she volunteers at the Broward County Outreach Center and at local soup kitchens through her church and works for the Women's League of Israel. In response to the question "What aren't you doing but wish you were," Georgia said, "wish I had had the guts to try out for Broadway over the past 43 years and wish I could finish the novel begun eight years ago." ... Winnie Robertson Miller retired at the end of June after 18-1/2 years with her company. She and Nate '55 spent the summer at their cottage in Northeast Harbor, Maine. In October they planned to rent a place in Sarasota, Fla. If they like it there, they will buy and make it their winter home. They enjoyed their visit in Sarasota last year—lots of golf for Nate, cultural activities and a women's resource center. In June they enjoyed a five-day white-water rafting trip on the Yampa and Green rivers in Colorado and Utah. ... Tom Hunt writes from Sherborn, Mass., where he has retired from a full-time hospital chaplaincy career to part-time teaching of clinical interview skills and medical ethics to first-year medical students. He is also teaching seminars in pastoral theology within a hospital clinical setting. He has various church involvements both in the suburbs and inner city. Tom hopes to "get going on climbing 'serious' mountains and walk¬ing and kayaking out west." ... Beverly Ambrose Peterson and her husband are both retired in Hingham, Mass. They have two married children, a daughter who has a Ph.D. and a son who is a banker. Beverly taught school and is a full-time poet who has been published in a number of journals. They spend most summers on the water in New England and six weeks during the winter on St. Martin. Beverly helps with their church's consignment center, and her husband works for Habitat for Humanity. ... Mel Phillips writes from Orlando, Fla., where he and his wife are both realtors following his retirement from Lucent Technologies. According to Mel, he wishes he was living in Maine, "but Orlando's not bad." ... Larry Walker Powley retired from teaching elementary grades in Lyme, Conn., and volunteers at the Lyme Food Pantry and is a member of the First Congregational Church choir. Her husband, Mark '57, is owner and president of Pismark Communications in Old Saybrook, and they have three children and five grandchildren. Larry and Mark have the freedom to travel—Europe, the British Virgin Islands, Cuba. They say their trip to Cuba this past April on a friend's boat was a fascinating experience—they found the people friendly and the island beautiful, although the presence of the socialist government was evident throughout the country, with almost no free-enterprise. Larry also had a wonderful two-day visit in June with Carolyn English Caci '53 and Ginnie Falkenburg Aronson '53. ... See you all at our 45th reunion, June 4-6. ... Bill and Penny Thresher Edson

55 Phil Kilmister lives in Augusta, Maine, with wife Madeline. Phil plays a fair amount of golf and generally enjoys retirement. He had been an assistant prosecutor in the Maine Attorney General's Office. ... Elizabeth Weymouth Hayden says she is finally connected to the outside world via the Web (Grendle@WEB-TV.NET). She and John have a mail order business selling oboe reeds and accessories. Their latest travels have taken them to Toronto to visit daughter Suzanne. ... It was good to hear from George Haskell, who still keeps busy with a family of six daughters, seven grandchildren, two dogs and three cats! He and wife Karen (Lawrence '67) have many interests—he as CEO of Organizational Dynamics, Inc., and she as co-owner of Rialto, a restaurant in Cambridge, Mass. Junie has just finished her second term as a Colby trustee. In response to the nostalgia question, he mentions his freshman-year roommate, the late Don Lake, and that he sees Don Vollmer '56 often. ... Don Hoagland has been a part of the Loomis International Jazz Festival and the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee. Now he is looking for a valve trombone to master. Don (hoagland@pacbell.net) is a freelance writer and owner of Impact Communication, a public relations firm representing people in the arts. His children are in Sacramento, London and N.Y.C. ... Lee Culver Johnson and husband Don have moved to Stratham, N.H., near Portsmouth. After three years of commuting between Cincinnati, N.H. and Singapore for Don's work as president of a joint venture between GE and Telex, Lee says she is relieved to settle into their condo. Her memories of our first year are of racing the evening train to get back to Dunn House before curfew. And she still wonders how she passed her 8 a.m. economics class with only one eye open—she still is a confirmed night person. She and Don have four children and four grandchildren. Lee has seen Betty Cuthbertson Crossen several times and talked with Sister Restall Hors. Karl '54 and I were in Carlisle, Calif., recently and I too talked with Sister—and with Berry Wellersdieck Piper. We were unable to be together, but it seems that all is well in the Hors and Piper households. Berry and Eric welcomed a new grandchild; Sistie and Bob took a trip to Spain and did come east when Bob was inducted into the Norwich Hall of Fame. ... We are beginning to organize for our 45th reunion in the year 2000, if the Y2K problem allows us to schedule it! Jean Halhbohm Hampton welcomes any volunteers to work with her and a committee to make plans for a gala celebration of our four years at our beloved College. My best wishes to you all. ... Jane Millett Dornish

56 Spending a great part of our summer in Maine allowed us to attend the dedication on September 1, 1998, of the E. Donaldson Koons Hall at Unity College, Unity, Maine. I never had a geology class, but I remember Dr. Koons
At 65, Barbara Kleinman Lainere '55 has the heart of a 30-year-old man. A professional artist in Beechhurst, N.Y., Lainere says she isn't one of the high achievers usually chronicled in Lifestyles, the Toronto-based magazine that recently told the story of her heart—and her heart transplant. But, she says, "I did have so many miracles."

In January 1993, Lainere was in intensive care at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. With only a week or two to live, she was fourth on the list of heart recipients in New England. When a young man's heart became available after a traffic accident, the medical condition of two recipients moved her up on the list, and a blizzard kept a helicopter from flying to another. At 2 a.m on Superbowl Sunday she was awakened for surgery.

"I said, 'God, I'm in your hands. I don't want to die, but if I have to, I'm ready.' Then I remember this incredible feeling of peace. Whatever was going to be was going to be all right," Lainere said.

It wasn't all right. During the operation her lungs kept filling with fluid. The heart wasn't taking... and didn't for 12 hours. Three months later Lainere was back in the hospital because the anti-rejection medications weren't working. She lost hair, she lost weight; she says she felt like a zombie. Just when the doctors told her they were looking for another heart for her—the only time she ever gave up, Lainere says—an experimental treatment, "the last miracle," took all the blood out of her body, purified first the white and then the red blood cells, then pumped the blood back.

Despite sensitive skin and other side effects of so many potent drugs, Lainere continues working. In the early 1960s, knowing she could never afford to own the art she loved, she began painting in the style of the impressionists. "I paint because I am creating something beautiful," she said. "I put my hands where my heart is." Today a gallery in Roslyn, Long Island, exhibits her paintings, and many are in private collections and museums, including one at Colby.

Lainere, a Swampscott, Mass., native, says that even as a child at camp in Maine she experienced heart palpitations and occasional pain but told no one. At Colby she remembers struggling up hills. She couldn't talk—because she was out of breath and because she was ashamed. "I didn't stop to think I had anything wrong. I just thought I wasn't as good or as capable as everybody else," she said. She was in her early 30s before tests found she had a rare heart ailment.

"I felt like I was a phony all my life," Lainere said. "Now I feel like an honest person, with myself and everybody else. I live a productive life."

Give yourself the top medical team, she advised six years after the heart transplant—and be a positive thinker. "It isn't what happens to a person in life," she observed, "it's how you handle what happens." Then she headed off to Florida, where her son, David, owner of a Wall Street trading firm, and his wife are about to make her a grandmother.

—Robert Gillespie
well. Prior to that we took a mail boat to Isle au Haut, part of Acadia National Park, with several of Lou's 1955 classmates and spent the day hiking. ... We saw Don Rice and Sherry in York, Maine, at a Lee Williams Scholarship Fund meeting hosted by Dick “Soupy” Campbell '58. ... We hosted Tom '54 and Susan Miller Hunt at the lake Susan, a loyal responder to the class news request letter, is a serious choral singer and member of the Wellesley Chorale and has developed a great interest in classical music. Susan and Tom and David and Rosemary Crouthamel Sortor entertained Sheila MaLaughlin Freckmann in the fall. Sheila came East from Presque Isle, Wis., for a long overdue visit and was also able to rendezvous with Ruthann Simmons MacKinnon and Jan Stebbins Walsh. We send our condolences to Sheila on the death of her husband in June. We'll be thinking of her as she adjusts to a new lifestyle and are happy to hear she plans to continue the travel that she and Jim loved so much. Sheila would like to hear from Pat McCormick Hultgren and Nancy McLeod O'Brien. ... We had lunch in Spencer, Mass., at Jan Nordgren Meryweather's summer cottage along with Mary Ann Papalia Laccabue and Jean Hayes Anderson '55. Mary Ann has gone back to part-time teaching at a private school. Jan Meryweather had a surprise while on a trip to Norway in the spring. Leaning against the aft deck of the Lofoten, she and Steen struck up a conversation with the gentleman next to them, and it was Professor Dick Gilman, who taught philosophy. He left Colby in 1957 and eventually became president of Occidental College in Pasadena, where he still lives. ... Shirley Needham Eaton writes from Palo Alto, where she has lived for 31 years. She has been a teacher and community volunteer and keeps active on her bicycle and at her local swimming pool. Shirley's husband, Jim, is a trouble-shooter for Hewlett-Packard. She likes keeping in touch via this column but has never returned for a reunion. Shirley, do you remember running into me years ago? Was it at the North Shore Music Tent? ... Franklin Huntress is retired from full-time ministry, but I'm sure he will be kept busy and will keep busy with his many volunteer activities. He's ready for any "midterm" reunions and is still hoping to hear from Chugger and Red Newman. ... -Kathy McConaughy Zambello

Kay (German '59) and Al Dean have now retired to their old home in Leonminster, Mass. However, they remain active commuting back and forth to Maine, working on experimental aircraft at Central Maine Technical College and building a barn to house their plane, as well as traveling to England last fall. Meeting Kay and finding friends he still sees after 40 years are important parts of Al's life that started at Colby. ... Cynthia Gardner Bevin, of Johnstown, Pa., is still teaching, and her husband, Douglas, is president/owner of Allegheny Printing and Design. Cindy and three generations of her family attended the wedding of Robin Hunter Cluett’s daughter in Park City, Utah. ... Stanley Moger is a television executive and president and CEO of SFM Entertainment in New York. His company recently finished packaging the AFI's "100 Years ... 100 Movies" television event on CBS and TNT, which is among the many TV activities with which they are involved. Stan and his wife, Marcia, a graphic designer, have two daughters; one is a TV producer who won an Emmy in 1995 for "All My Children," and the other is a location/hospitality/event photographer for various events such as the Good Will Games and the U.S. Open. ... William ("Ding") and Betty Cooper Cochran have two addresses now; from October through May they are in St. Louis, Mo., near children and grandchildren, and June through September they are in Skaneateles, N.Y. The important parts of their lives started at Colby: they met each other! ... From the winds of Kongiganak, Alaska, we hear from Judy Brown Dickson, who is the English language leader and ESL teacher for grades 1-4. Judy joined the ranks of grandparenthood last summer with the birth of her granddaughter. ... Janice Klem Benicek is the program director for Literacy Volunteers of Greater Worcester. Janice is a traveler; in May 1988 she spent two weeks in the Czech Republic visiting relatives related to marriage, and in July 1998 she spent two weeks in Scandinavia as a tourist. Her two daughters are married and there are three grandchildren. ... Thomas Drummond spends the summer in Holden, Maine, and winter in Cocoa Beach, Fla., having retired in January of 1998. ... Also maintaining two addresses is our esteemed former class agent, Gail Crosby Davis. She and Dick, who is semi-retired, spend May to November in Beverly Farms, Mass., and the rest of the year in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. Their children are also in California; their son, a technical director for Channel One, was married last October, and their married daughter is student at Amgen. Gail would like me to remind you to make a habit of contributing each year to the Alumni Fund. At our past 40th reunion our class set records for both the dollars raised and participation. ... Burt Angrist, M.D., is a professor of psychiatry at NYU School of Medicine. Daughter Laurel is now a freshman at NYU. Burt and his wife, Anika, are looking forward to retirement and indulging in their outdoor interests of rock climbing, canoe camping and backpacking. ... Dick Campbell and his wife, Carolyn, enjoyed our 40th and hope to see everyone again at the 45th. One daughter is a psychiatrist in Canada, another is a marketing executive for Unipho, and the third is in the Class of '01 at Colby; their son is a consultant for Price Waterhouse in New York. ... Carolyn O'Brien Cooper has retired from teaching in California. She credits being a member of the Katahdin Council with helping her to establish lifelong caring for the environment and spending 25 years with the Sierra Club and its hiking and skiing activities. ... Helen Payson Seager is a convener for Friends of the African Meeting House on Nantucket. She and her husband, Bradley, have three grown children and four grandchildren. ... Last June, Wilma Lyman Sherman retired after 23 years as an English teacher at Hollis/brookline High School. For 20 of those years Willie served as the drama coach, which somewhat fulfilled her dream of becoming an actress. Last July Willie moved to Goleta, Calif., near Santa Barbara, where she and her husband, David, own a condo. She hopes to get involved in a project for English as a second language for Latino adults, and she has volunteered at the birthing center at the hospital in Santa Barbara. ... I received a clipping that contained a letter from Valerie Rough of Tenants Harbor, Maine. The sister of our late classmate, Bond Wheelwright, she wrote that the station her brother and some friends founded in 1956, WMHB, located on the ground floor of the Roberts Building, has a plaque that reads: "WMHB Made its First Broadcast in the Fall of 1956. The First Station President was Bond Edward Wheelwright. 1936-1957. For Whom These Studios Are Named." ... Please keep those letters coming!

Florida Philharmonic concerts attract Bob Keltie, when he isn’t refereeing ice hockey games (350 last year!). Bob considers the lasting friendships he began at Colby to be an important part of his life. ... Al Wilbur, still in Washington, D.C., and teaching public relations at The American University, has authored a case study in a PR textbook. Al still runs for exercise and even participated in a marathon! ... When Arthur Goldschmidt isn’t teaching, writing books or giving after-dinner speeches, he enjoys choral singing, writing memoirs and poetry, and carpentry. Art wonders if a liberal arts education has benefited our classmates or whether a more vocationally oriented college experience would have been better. ... Carol Holt Case is mourning the death of her husband, Dick, in January 1998. Dick ran a small advertising and marketing business after having been involved in educational publishing. Our condolences to Carol and their family. ... Dan Van Heekeren is a cardiac surgeon in Cleveland. Volunteer activities (such as membership in the governing board of the state medical association and in the House of Delegates of the AMA) help Dan to “give back” the gratification he derives from his practice. He also spends as much time as possible with his children and grandchildren—and racing sailboats, a true family activity. ... Negotiating with new Minnesota governor Jesse "The Body" Ventura is on Carol Sandquist Banister's agenda. Sanka asks if there is a Minnesota (or Midwest) Colby alumni group; if such a thing exists, please let me know and I’ll pass the info along. ... Phil Henderson has recovered from an April 1998 heart attack and...
is keeping physically fit all year, including a 12- mile hike on the Appalachian Trail. ... Nancy Nelson Hellquist is planning to retire from her career as an elementary school teacher. Nancy and George travel a lot, but they particularly enjoy spending time at their lake house.... Received a nice article about the retirement of award-winning high school principal Frank Sebode. Frank is referred to as a "people principal," a great listener who is available at any time.... "Kari and Gary Hagerman have moved to a new home in Hawaii and are hard at work on the five-plus acres around it. They plan to grow kava, an increasingly popular natural tranquilizer. Gary asks what country/region our classmates have enjoyed most in their travels. ... Keep the news coming; I love receiving it and forwarding it to you!" —Ann Segrave Lieber

60 Apologies to Liz Boccasile Mavis, who sent me an e-mail months ago—the printed version recently surfaced. At the time she wrote, she and her husband, Ted, were anticipating retirement in June '99. They plan to split their time between the Connecticut shore and their condo in Venice, Fla. Liz continues to work as a guidance counselor at her local high school. She had recently seen Wendy McWilliam Dennen at Debbie Wilson Albere’s BoB’s Goddard House, in Claremont, N.H. Liz also reported that Charlotte Wood MacPhetres is pursuing a master’s degree in special education, a field she continues to enjoy. Liz and Ted have 24-year-old sons.... An article from the Lincoln County Weekly says that Jim Acheson has spent about 25 years teaching and researching the lobster industry and was the featured speaker at a historical society meeting. ... Katherine "Scotty" Linscott Barrett is still major accounts executive with MFG Newspapers in Plymouth, Mass., and lives in Pembroke. Kathie, a widow with three children and one grandchild, says that she seems to collect houses with lots of junk.... June Chacran Chatterjee wrote from Berkeley, Calif., where she is chair of the foreign language department at Contra Costa College. June’s husband, Shotu, is an architect, and their daughter is an elementary school teacher. June loves to travel and says she is getting rid of as much as possible all the time! She has seen Charlotte Purnell Haven and Roberta Jeromin Nelson.... Lucky Christov and his wife, Laurie, live in Topanga, Calif. Lucky is semi-retired with a second family—Stefan, 41-1/2, of whom he is very proud. He said that he doesn’t collect and that he is getting rid of suits! He went back to Colby for Reunion Weekend in 1993 and said that the place looked familiar, but he misses the way he remembered it. A camp director, Steve Curley is in Holliston, Mass., where he lives with his wife, Bryna. Steve always stops by Colby when traveling in the area and was looking forward to seeing some old Colby grads at his son’s wedding. Colby sent me an article from the Yarmouth Port, Mass., paper on a monovarian talk that Steve gave to the senior class at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School. Two points jumped out at me concerning commitment and personal accountability: “To be committed is to exhaust your energy to do the right thing. Most people give up too easily.” ... In Seneca, S.C., Nancy Shoemaker Darge is still working as a business management officer. She and Eugene have seven children and had just married off the last of six daughters with whom she wrote. They also have five grandchildren. Nancy and Gene, who is retired, bought a condo in Forest, Va., in anticipation of Nancy’s retirement next year, so she says they are getting rid of everything.... Charlie ’61 and Ann Dudley DeWitt are in Sidney, Maine. Ann continues as director of disability determination services for the state of Maine. She and Charlie have three grown children and are now trying to simplify their lives as they look forward to a move to Friendship in 2000. Ann commented, “As we approach retirement age, we look back and wonder at the huge changes that have taken place in life styles, environments, politics and attitudes. I think of a sense of community. It is lost in many places, and families are more fragile than before. High tech is not used as I had hoped.” ... Patricia Sturges Aufendenberg is retired in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Pat says she is “trying to sort out those things that really are important to me. I still travel a lot and am still trying to learn French—Dr. Strong, where are you now?” She also is volunteering now with the local Animal Protective League instead of working with abused and neglected children. Pat loves to hear news of classmates but wishes that those who are not “regulars” would respond to questionnaires. (Are you all paying attention? Let us hear from you!).... Some recurring themes are emerging—retirement, downsizing and simplifying life. As I write this, Ted ’61 is no longer commuting to DC. In November he accepted a position in Newport, R.I., still defense-related. I am still working at New London Hospital and juggling time with my relocation consulting and coordination business.... but stay tuned! —Carolyn Webster Lockhart

61 When I sort out material for a new set of class notes, I look for a theme to help me decide how to present the various items. This time I was especially struck by what diverse lives we have lived since leaving Colby.... Helen Johnson McFarlane Knox recently married Ron Knox, a Gardiner, Maine, native. After their wedding on the Enchantment of the Seas cruise ship, they took along 15 family members and friends on their honeymoon cruise! Her career with the Defense Department has taken her to Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Egypt and many European countries. Before that, she lived in the Far East and Panama. Was Helen saving up a lifetime of experiences for her first-ever contribution to the class notes?... Gordon Cummings, on the other hand, grew up in the Far East and brought his experience of other cultures and other ways with him when he came to Colby. He planned to begin his retirement from practicing and teaching physical therapy, scheduled for last December, with a three-month walk-about in southern India.... Bill Bainbridge, a physician in a family practice in Pennsylvania, did a "sail-about" last summer when he brought a boat from the British West Indies to Oxford, Md., on Chesapeake Bay. The experience, which he described as "2,500 miles of ecstasy," has him planning to sell off his possessions, fix up the boat and travel.... Like Bill and several others, Jane Bowman is working to prepare for a change in her future. She is a freelance marketing communications specialist in Melrose, Mass., where she enjoys the freedom of working on her own. When she retires, Jane plans to open her own art studio, where she will be free to paint and study the Great Masters. ... According to an August 24, 1998, article in People magazine, Steve and Martha Hooven Richardson found a unique way to respond to Steve’s losing his job in computers in 1969. Steve developed a childhood interest into a highly successful business creating custom-made jigsaw puzzles for upscale purchasers such as Barbara Bush and Bill Gates. Martha is the treasurer of Stave Puzzles, headquartered near their Norwich, Vt., home.... Another successful Vermonter is Mike Flynn, who was selected last fall to be the state’s representative to the board of directors of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Mike is a C.P.A. and managing director of a firm in Burlington.... Anne Lehman Lysaght in Wellesley, Mass., called her profession “Nanny!” but didn’t explain the exclamation mark. Since her fondest memory of Colby was singing with the Colbyettes, she was delighted when her youngest son married Kim Morrison ’90, who was also a Colbyette. ... Amy Eisenbrager Birky is a retired media specialist living in Lincoln, Neb. After having to make 32 overnight trips between her April 1996 marriage to Richard Britton and when she retired, she is delighted to finally be doing what she wants when she wants.... Peter Cavari, another retiree, commented, as did many others, on how well his Colby experience prepared him for all that life had to offer. He lives in Plantation, Fla.... Ed ’62 and Ginny Murphy Cragin also have very positive memories of Colby and are really happy with the education that their daughter, Susan ’99, is receiving there. In the past few years, Family Weekends have been added as reasons to visit the campus, which they believe is more beautiful than ever.... As always, I am struck by the strength with which Jeanette Benn Anderson deals with M.S., which has been a part of her life for many years. Although frustrated by the difficulty of travel, she travels anyway, accepting the challenge rather than using it as an excuse to stay home and brood. The family’s spring trip to Marco Island was supplemented by a 1998 New Year’s jaunt from their home in Houlton, Maine, to Las Vegas.
Jeanette also commented on today’s Colby campus, specifically the trees. “The spindly trees of the ’60s are presently majestic,” she writes. Isn’t this a good metaphor for us? Haven’t we all grown since our Colby days, I wonder, and in “spindly” every year.) Thanks for sharing your news and especially your insights.

—Judith Hoffman Hakola

62 Mary Ballantine Gentle, writing from Edgartown, Mass., has retired after 32 years of teaching elementary school and is now busy with travel and volunteer work. She took a trip to Russia, which included a boat trip down the Volga last June. And Mary became a grandmother in August for the first time! She gets together twice a year with Nancy Rowe Adams and Patty Downs Berger and sails with Brenda Phillips Gibbons and spouses in the summer. Mary and Steve celebrated 35 years of marriage at the end of June. . . . Dave Jacobson writes from Newton, Mass., where he is an anthropology professor at Brandeis. His wife, Lois, is a marketing director. Between them they have five grown children scattered around the United States. The downside is that they don’t see much of them, the upside—they get to travel and sightsee frequently when they visit. A recent milestone for the Jacobsons is the celebration of 15 years of marriage, which included co-resident step-siblings successfully. Dave continues to research and write and has introduced new courses on cyberspace. He gives papers at international conferences, which also gives them a venue for travel. . . . Brenda Wrobleski Elwell writes from Cherry Hill, N.J., where she is a national account manager. She and her two girls recently hiked the Mayan ruins of Tikal National Park and also hiked in Canyonlands, Arches and Capital Reef national parks. When she wrote they were heading to Bolivia and Peru in August. Brenda has no intention of retiring, still has one in college. . . . Brenda Phillips Gibbons lives in Marison, Mass., where she and her husband, Robert, have started their own company, Tructor Inc. They have developed a combination tractor-truck, which is being marketed to farmers, grounds keepers and construction and municipalities markets. They enjoy sailing on the Cape and often visit Steve and Mary Ballantine Gentle. Brenda’s two children are grown: Susan, an actress (like her mother?) in N.Y.C., and Douglas in sports TV in California. I can still see Brenda in—was it Guys and Dolls? . . . Kathy Hertzberg writes from Contoocook, N.H., where she is still a professor of math at New Hampshire Technical Institute. Kathy is active in a chorale and plans to retire in three years. And she has taken up flatwater kayaking! . . . Received a long newsy letter from Jan Cole Courant, who lives in Greene, Maine. She and John celebrated their 35th anniversary in August. Son Jay just received his second degree from UVM—this time in physical therapy (after being an electrical engineer for a couple of years). Son Dan and his wife live in Vail, Colo. Jan recently heard from Sue Welch Bishop. Sue and Jim enjoy good health and lots of golf and have three sons and four grandchildren. Sue reported that Pat Wilson lost her battle with breast cancer in June (Jan is a breast cancer survivor herself). . . . Linda Nicholson Goodman continues to work as a school psychologist in New London, Conn. Hubby Dave is president of Beaudreau Electronics, son Jay is an economics prof at Southern Colorado, son Jim is a lawyer in Connecticut, and Bill ’91 in San Francisco works as a consultant for TOYGUYL. All are married to wonderful young women (Bill married a Colby ’91 classmate, Hilary Robbins) but no grandchildren yet! The Goodmans’ travel involves visiting their sons in Colorado or California. . . . Anthony Kramer writes from Burr Ridge, Ill., where he is chief administrative officer with Draper & Kramer. He and Linda have two young children in fourth and fifth grades. Tony just completed eight years as a Colby overseer and eight years on his district’s school board. The family vacationed at a Club Med at Punta Cano in the Dominican Republic—a great time. . . . Ed Kyle, a civil engineer for the New Hampshire department of transportation, and Penny, a fourth grade teacher, hiked the Escalante canyons in Utah in the summer of ’97 for a week. . . . Pete Jaffe writes that if he can sell enough “boxes” he’ll be able to retire in 10 years. I assume Pete is still living in Massachusetts, but travels to Florida and California to visit friends and play golf keeping him circulating as he is still looking for a wife. Pete recommends the book Snow Falling on Cedars. Good luck on the wife searching, Pete.

—Patricia Farnham Russell

63 Barbara Haines Chase loyally sent in her questionnaire, wishing me “good luck” in my new position. Thank you, Barb! Still full of energy, she loves living out in the “country” and has recently joined the Westmoreland, N.H., Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad! She still walks three miles a day at 5:45 a.m. and enjoys being a grandmother of two boys and a girl. She keeps up with Mary Michelman Ackerman-Hayes, who is now living in Barb’s former neighborhood. She says that Nan McCune Wagner is in law school. . . . Ann Bruno Hocking, our new class reunion chairman taking over from Ralph Kimball, writes that she had a wonderful time at the reunion after having been away for the 35 years since graduation. She and her husband, David, were impressed with the campus and the continuing pride of alumni in Colby. For the past three years they have lived in Durham, Conn., where Ann is a realtor and loves the “country” life. Recently Ann and David had a lot of fun catching up with Robin and Peter Ketchum by attending an art show of his work in Connecticut. . . . Karen Beganny Bryan writes that she is, again, a “first-year teacher.” In her 36th year
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of teaching, she has just taken on a special education class of multiply-handicapped junior high students who have speech and language deficits and are "great kids." This September she enjoyed getting together with Dee Dee Wilson Perry, Jo-Ann Wince French and Poochie (Laurice) Puglia Haines at Pooch's . . . A note from Warren Balgooyen speaks of his busy life as a naturalist and environmental educator on many boards, including the Maine Audubon Society, the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, Norcross Wildlife Foundation and Land for Maine's Future. His wife, Helen, is the head nurse of Colby's Garrison-Foster Health Center, so he keeps up with the current activities at the College. One reminiscence he shares is of a snowshoe trek with Bob Emmett: in the middle of a trackless wilderness lake at 7 a.m. they found two fresh donuts—they had fallen out of an airplane like manna from heaven! . . . Janet MacColl Krakauer's Christmas letter included the welcome news that after a difficult year of surgery, chemo and radiation therapy in 1997, this past year was one of renewed good health. She continues to teach fifth grade at the Duke Middle School in Bahama, N.C., and enjoys many trips with her husband, Tom, who is the CEO of the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science. Last summer they were on a Smithsonian tour of Newfoundland observing whales, moose and puffins and other North Atlantic sea birds. In October they were in Edmonton, Alberta, at a conference, and later were on the Outer Banks for a pelagic birding trip. Janet keeps up with Sandy McWilliams Lloyd, who lives in Kittery, Maine, where she teaches a special education class. . . . I'm in the sandwich generation. My mother, who also received a degree from Colby at our graduation, is in a nearby nursing home, and our two teenage girls are in 10th and eighth grades. Much of my time is spent keeping the home fires burning and chauffeuring. In fact two springs ago, I ran into Whit Bond at a Wellesley soccer field, where he too was a parent at a girls' youth soccer game. My volunteering time is with the Cambridge Historical Society, where I am a vice president trying to move the society into the 21st century. Also look for the Falb girls' minigarden at this year's New England Flower Show—our fourth year out of five. The Donn Springer girls found us there two years ago. And this past summer we enjoyed a visit here in Cambridge with Fred and Jeannette Fannin Regetz and their two grown-up kids, who were in Massachusetts for a family reunion. Jeannette continues to thrive with her teaching in the Arlington, Va., school system. . . . All the forms that I have received express interest in getting news of lost friends, and so I hope to get more of you to respond—especially you men!

—Karen Forslund Falb

64 The College is very kind in sending me news clippings about our classmates. Jon Fredrickson is quoted in an article about falling
wine prices due to last year’s bumper crop of California grapes, which are used in 90 percent of U.S. wines. Jon is an analyst at industry consultants Gomberg, Fredrikson and Associates in San Francisco. Of course there are a fair number of clippings about Bob Gelbard’s activities in Serbia. Stories about meetings with the Alliance for Change, with Milan Panic, former prime minister of Yugoslavia, and Slobodan Milosevic give tantalizing insights into his life in a fascinating and complicated arena that is critical to peace in Europe. . . . Barney Hallowell continues his struggles as principal and full-time teacher at the North Haven Community School here in Maine. The tiny island community has been split into bitter factions over the curriculum at the school. The issue is traditional schooling versus experiential schooling: field trips to witness clear-cutting and wood harvesting, live theater in New York City, etc. Money is not the problem as the students raise the money themselves or receive grants; differing philosophies are the problem. . . . On to the questionnaires. Jean Martin Fowler hasn’t jumped out of an airplane (emphatically) but her husband (formerly Royal Air Force) is now a small plane pilot, and they both love flying. Let’s hope her answer remains the same! She says, “the world still seems pretty wonderful except for a new bunch of tyrants since the decline of the U.S.R.” She feels our generation’s impact has been in technology, communication, health care and education and that our children will “take advantage of technology in new and amazing ways that we never imagined. Our grandchildren already amaze us.” . . . Lois Lyman says she would write about her great-grandmother’s amazing ways that we never imagined. Our grandchildren already amaze us.”

NEWSMAKERS

E. Thomas Boulette ’65

The man behind the music in such films as A Room with a View, Howard's End and Remains of the Day, Richard Robbins ’62 wrote the score for respected independent filmmaker Merchant Ivory’s recent A Soldier’s Daughter Never Cries . . . . Pen William son ’63 was master of ceremonies at a Portland, Maine, dinner and silent auction last fall to benefit the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School’s scholarship program. The program and audience included world-renowned mountaineers . . . Professor E. Thomas Boulette ’65, director of Worcester Polytechnic Institute’s nuclear reactor facility, has been appointed to the Department of Energy’s Nuclear Advisory Panel to advise the nuclear energy division on its new nuclear research initiative . . . . The Boston Sunday Globe’s “Around the Town” column featured Alison “Sunny” Coady ’65, who was elected board chair of Massachusetts Easter Seals, one of the country’s pre-eminent organizations serving the disabled. Coady, who was born with spina bifida, was human resources director for management information services when she retired two years ago after 33 years at New England Telephone Co. and NYNEX . . . . Natalie Bowerman Zaremba ’66 has been appointed executive director of Health and Addictions Research, Inc., a Boston-based private, nonprofit organization that enhances the quality of programs and policies in the fields of substance abuse, mental health, criminal justice and public health.

MILESTONES


Teresa in 1995, however, he thinks maybe he could be ambassador to her Calcutta home and spend all our foreign aid there. But if he had billions, he says he would give it to multiple college endowments to fund scholarships: “without that help I never could have gone to Colby.” He’s been to Brazil and India since last writing . . . . Gloria Shepherd has retired and is increasing her painting activity from one day a week to six-on Saturdays she paints in Central Park as long as the weather is good. She does portraits, landscapes and still lifes in oils in a realistic style. . . . In response to my question about what book you would like all our classmates to read before the next reunion, the following have been nominated so far: A Civil Action, No Ordinary Time and A Man in Full. Did all of you see the AP list of the “Century's 100 Best Novels,” which was published last summer? I wonder how many of them you have read and whether you think the choices were good ones? (And what did you think of Professor Bassett’s list in the last issue of Colby?) —Sara Shaw Rhoades
Travel surely is broadening. When Rodney E. Gould ’65, an attorney in Framingham, Mass., headed to Gaza to depose leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organization in the case of the hijacked cruise ship Achille Lauro, he says he expected “a guy in a headdress and handgrenades.” Instead, he said, “a little, meek guy showed up with a cigarette in a cigarette holder, like in Casablanca.” The PLO official had a son at UCLA and feared that the youngster would stay in the U.S. rather than return home to run the family banking business. “Who doesn’t have the same sentiments?” Gould said.

Following the PLO’s 1985 hijacking of Achille Lauro and murder of one of the passengers, the surviving passengers filed a lawsuit against the tour operator. Gould, who defended the operator, brought a third-party complaint against the PLO seeking indemnification and lost profit and years later came out with a win—and another altered perception. The PLO paid to settle the case, he thinks, because settling “helped their public position, which is that they’re interested in peace.”

Over the last 15 years, travel-related defenses have become a major part of Gould’s practice at the 10-attorney firm of Rubin, Hay & Gould, but few suits have as much at stake as the Achille Lauro case. Gould says travelers sue when they stub a toe; when the air conditioning doesn’t work; when they’re served the same cafeteria food three times in one week; when they find a sandy beach covered with seaweed. Even though these culture-bound, often ridiculous lawsuits “are just garbage” and do not usually involve a great deal of money, Gould says, such suits “represent a shortcoming in the American jurisprudential system.”

“Everybody thinks, ‘Maybe I’ll hit the lottery, too,’” he said, referring to the $3 million awarded a woman who sued McDonald’s because their coffee was too hot. A lawyer takes a case on a contingent fee basis, so cases get litigated. “If the courts more often awarded attorney’s fees to the winning side, we’d have less litigation,” said Gould, a Columbia University Law School graduate.

Occasionally, one of his clients is guilty of placing tourists in a dangerous situation—or putting them in an unfinished hotel. “The thatched roof isn’t on, and you have a wonderful view of the stars,” Gould deadpanned, admitting that he always liked to travel. When he was assistant regional director of the Federal Trade Commission in Boston in the 1970s, he says he welcomed the antitrust cases that came his way because they involved globe-trotting. “You fall into things,” he said.

Despite those frequent flier miles to East Africa, Central and South America, Asia and Europe, Gould has found time to serve on the College’s regional campaign committee and on his class’s reunion committee. His ties to the College also remain strong through his daughters, Jody ’94 and Amy ’01.

And despite some frivolous lawsuits, Gould says he still enjoys new places and gets a kick out of swapping yarns about being stuck at remote airports in the middle of Africa. Of course, eye-opening experiences teach forbearance, humor and different ways of doing things. “But for every good trip,” he said, “there’re always six to Newark.”

—Robert Gillespie
She also recounts luncheons and pleasant dinners with Jill Long, director of rehabilitation at Bangor Mental Health Institute, and Marian Hale Fowler, a teacher in Millinocket. She says, "Marnie leads an extremely exotic life traveling just about everywhere in the world!" Sue, Jill and Marnie are "aiming to do the Kenduskeag Canoe Race in 1999 in a war canoe full of women. Any of you gals Class of '65 want to paddle along, contact one of us soon!" ... Hail, Colby, Hail!

—Richard W. Bankart

66 Claudia Fugere Finkelstein recently released her first CD of jazz tunes. Claudia has been a professional jazz vocalist for several years (remember her singing with the Horrendos at Colby?) and also works full time as a psychologist in the Portland, Maine, school system. ... John Tara sounds content and happy married to Laura Holmquist and challenged by having six kids between them, ranging from 15 to 27 years of age. His '97-'98 travels included Christmas in the Keys and skiing in Utah in March with his daughter. ... Karen Rien deau Remine is living on Staten Island and is a consultant to Bell Atlantic, after having been "voluntarily" retired from NYNEX in 1994. Karen, who has found the change to be to her benefit, enjoyed canoeing on the Nissequogue River in Long Island last summer with friends. Karen found the intellectual atmosphere at Colby to be the key to keep on learning and questioning. Her courses at Colby launched her lifelong interest in Africa. ... Rick Zimmerman has recently done some work professionally for ACLU on student underground newspapers and privately continues to work on his 100-year-old house. His recent travels include Colorado and Utah in March and sailing in Puget Sound in August, the Vineyard in September and the Gulf coast of Florida in November. ... Linda Johnson Vantine wrote from her home in Manchester, Conn., that her family consists of husband Les, son Adam, 18 and at UConn, two cats and an ornery cockatiel. Linda reports that they visited M. Lea Kouba and Bill and Ruth Loker Ingham in the Seattle area, spending a wonderful day on Whidbey Island, where Les is building a hay-bale home! ... Dr. Vincent De Rosa was the guest speaker at the Political Study Club in Jamestown, N.Y., last spring. Vinhie earned his medical degree from the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry and served residencies in Buffalo General Hospital, Buffalo Children's Hospital and the Buffalo Veteran's Administration Hospital. In July 1976 he began his Jamestown practice. ... Peter Winstanley reports that son Matt, 21, is a junior at Oberlin College and that daughter Jessica is a senior at Deerfield Academy. He says he is accepting that he won't be able to retire at 55 and that Bruce Springsteen's "Glory Days" takes on more appropriate meaning. He has recently enjoyed frequent trips to London, Amsterdam and Paris. A recent big event was purchasing a motorcycle to ride regularly with a few "buds." ... Meg Fallon Wheeler writes that Whizzer has recently retired and that both children are happily married and live within an hour and a half of them. Their grandson, Gage Wheeler, was born last year, and their daughter was married in their gardens in August—two wonderful "big events." She continues to make many trips to Massachusetts to continue her work at Walnut Hill School and to visit her Dad. ... Allen and Janet Meyer Throop spent a weekend in Arlee, Mont., at Lynne Eggert Eggart's sheep ranch. They were joined by Martha Decou Dick and her husband, Don, and by Jerri Hamilton Bost '65. (There must be more to the story than Allen wrote, since he referred to the fact that he would do it all over again even if he knew the cost would again be numerous stitches in both hands.) Allen wrote that they had a marvelous time, including a long telephone conversation the three geology majors shared with Dr. Koons. ... Mary Sue Hilton Weeks has been named administrative director of Round Top Center for the Arts. She is currently a trustee and chair of the development committee at Lincoln Academy, class agent at Colby, on the development committee of the Penobscot School in Rockland and active in productions of the Lincoln County Community Theater. Mary Sue reports that she is now an empty nester, with son Michael in New Orleans and daughters Karen and Stephanie in Boston and Springfield, Mass. Mary Sue recently gathered Doug and Beth Adams Keene, Ruth Kelleher Hertz, Paula Mc Namara and husband Jack McConnell, and Kathy and Ralph Record for a BBQ. It was great to renew old friendships. She visited Eddie Phillips in Illinois twice last spring and summer and reports that it was fun while it lasted.

—Natalie Bowerman Zaremba

67 Richard and Leeanne Davidson Kaslow have been living for three years in Birmingham, where they have repaired, restored and added to their "historic register" Italian country house, one of several that were executed as copies of homes seen abroad by the iron and steel barons. Leanne is happily busy not working (in a paid position) for the first time since Colby. She plays tennis and does yoga on a regular basis, with a little weight training. She reads for the visually impaired at the university and assists with fund raising for a new music center. Their daughter, Jessica, 24, has pursued her environmental interests in the San Juan Islands, Nepal, India and Thailand and with the Stone Environmental Schools in New Hampshire, US FPR, the Sierra Club in D.C. and the New York City Parks Conservation Corps. Their son, Daniel, 22, completed his final semester with Colorado College in New Zealand. ... On September 5 Dick Lemieux married Nancy Smith. After the wedding they were off to Cuemel, Mexico, for a little scuba diving. ... Maggi and Rick Lubov are enjoying health and happiness in Seattle. They went with their 13-year-old twins, Sam and Alex, to Denmark and England for a three-week soccer tournament tour, and Rick and Matt, 10, went fishing in Briti British Columbia. Rick is busy with work, gardening, fishing, water sports and kids. Their trip to the reunion last year was truly a family memory builder. ... In Yarmouth, Maine, Chalmers "Chop" Hardenbergh works full time on his twice-monthly trade newsletter, Atlantic RailWatch. It covers the operating railroads, ports, and intermodal terminals in the Atlantic Northeast (the area east of the Hudson and St. Lawrence Rivers). Mike Picher subscribes because he does arbitration between Canadian railroads and labor unions (Chop says he's well respected by both sides). Chalmers's family includes his wife, Margaret, and children Cyrus, 9, and Chloe, 5. He says his life revolves around work, children, wife, house and church. ... Jan and Irv Faunce are adopting three children, ages 8-10, two girls and a boy who have been in the custody of Maine Department of Human Services for the past six years. Irv and Jan have renovated and expanded their home in Cape Porpoise and report that the children have brought them a new sense of adventure. ... Ruth Elliott Holmes's daughter, Sarah '97, joined her handwriting analysis business. While Ruth continues to run Pentic Inc., from Bloomfield Hills, Mich., Sarah will open an office in Cambridge, Mass. Ruth's business concentrates on trial consultation, in which she assists lawyers in selecting jury members, business applications, in which she uses her skills to assist in personnel decisions, and investigations, in which handwriting is examined to determine forgeries and fraud. ... Ken and Sandy Miller Keohane are adding a line of clothing to their home furnishings stores in Milton and Hingham, Mass. Sandy also is designing a sheet collection for Spring Industries. She reports that she works out regularly— and promises to keep us posted on her progress. ... Several years ago, Harry "Bud" Graff started a consulting company, A.J. Mayfair, Inc., and is glad he did. While Bud tends to his enterprise, Debbie works in marketing for a continuing care facility. Their older daughter will be married soon, and their younger daughter will graduate from college this June. ... Dorcas (Thompson '69) and Donald Jepson live in Northampton, Mass., where Donald is a sales manager for an Easthampton company that supplies material for the furniture industry and Dorcasteaches at an elementary school. ... At one point last year, Bob Elder, an environmental biologist who works for Atlantic Richfield in Indonesia, was evacuated suddenly to escape a political riot. Previously Bob worked for the state of Wyoming and on the Alaskan North Slope. When not in some exotic spot, Bob lives with his wife, Jenine, in Plano, Texas. ... Betsey Littlejohn DeLoache has been appointed director of resident services at The Willows at Meadow Branch in Virginia. Betsey will be responsible for developing clien-
tele and presenting seminars as well as coordinating services for the residence. Doug Howe now lives in North Andover, Mass. When you get your questionnaire, please respond electronically or in the old-fashioned way. We look forward to hearing from you.

—Robert Gracia and Judy Gerrie Hene

68 Frank Dunton writes that he is director of funding, strategy, and control at the University of Massachusetts; his wife, Trish, owns a travel agency. In the last two years they have been to Italy, Sicily twice, to Scotland, Iceland and Germany and sailed all over the Caribbean. And what's even better, they're aiming for Ireland, Portugal, Greece and Austria in the next two years. Betty Savicki Carvelles is sorry she missed the 30th reunion—she heard we had a good time. (We did!) She and her husband, John '66, and her dog, Sadie, live in Colchester, Vt., where John is a professor of economics and Betty teaches biology. She changed schools after 23 years in one place and economics and Betty teaches biology. She has worked in a new place with new programs, colleagues, etc. She, too, has been traveling extensively. In the summer of '97 she was in China and in 1998 went to Costa Rica and then to Mexico to a biology reserve. She also spends lots of time on business trips to D.C., Colorado and assorted other spots since she's on a variety of advisory boards. Hal Childs lives in Vallejo, Calif., with his wife, Kathleen, and sons Gregory, 7, and Steven, 5. He is a psychotherapist and executive co-director with the California Counseling Institute in San Francisco and Berkeley, Calif., and reports that last May he finally completed his Ph.D. in depth psychology and New Testament interpretation at the Graduat e Theological Union in Berkeley. He says it "only" took 10 years and now he's trying to enjoy doing nothing! Had a Christmas card from Betsy Clark Bungeroth, who reports that she changed jobs. She had previously been a guidance counselor but now is the Mt. Washington (N.H.) Valley School career coordinator. She works for two SAUs and the local economic council. Her daughter Becky spent her fall semester on the coast of Kenya, and Betsy was eagerly awaiting her return. Her other daughter, Heidi, is a senior in high school and was accepted to Colby early decision. Yeah! Joe Jabar, who lives in Waterville and is an attorney with Davaiu, Jabar and Batten, was elected to the Maine House on a platform of straightening out the inequities in the school funding formula, giving Maine courts more attention due to increased responsibilities caused by family court matters, and increasing benefits for Maine workers. Kenneth Borchers became pastor of the Lancaster (N.H.) Assembly of God in Aug '96. He received his master of theology/divinity at the Boston University School of Theology. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have two daughters: Koren, 24, is a graduate of Gordon College and a teacher, Rachel, 19, attends the University of Maine... Joan Kidman is a case management officer for a new family court division. She represents the Maine counties of Cumberland and York and will guide paternity suit cases and divorce cases involving children through the court until completion. She received her law degree from the University of Maine and from 1991 to 1993 was chair of the family law section of the Maine State Bar Association. Last March the Maine Legislature's judiciary committee unanimously endorsed the reappointment of Art Brennan to a new seven-year term as superior court judge. He was first appointed to the Superior Court in 1984 by a Democratic governor. Seven years later he was reappointed by a Republican governor and now has been reappointed by an independent governor. Ken Young lives in Hallowell, Maine, with his family and has recently joined TechKnowledge, a company that provides information technology support services, as director of operations. I received only three questionnaires for this column—makes for pretty slim pickins'! Nancy Dodge Bryan

69 Cathy Cyr Latvis's two children, Peter and Andrea, graduated from college (Hamilton and Amherst) on the same day in 1997. Cathy writes that her children "energize, motivate and inspire" her. She is director of guidance at North Yarmouth Academy, and husband Bill '66 owns Jokers family entertainment centers in Portland, Maine, and Portsmouth, N.H. Alice "Buff" Huse Tanner lives in West Kingston, R.I., with her husband, Richard, and two of their four children. Her eldest son, Andy, works in a sound studio and plays in a band in Los Angeles. Her elder daughter, Sara, is a recent Harvard graduate. Alice notes that she cruised through Waterville a few years ago and introduced her family to Bolley's hotdog. Also on a culinary voyage. Dan Woloshen took a 1996 trip to interest his daughter, Judy, in Colby. She enjoyed a Whopper's sub while he missed Tony's subs. (Despite the great food, his daughter chose to attend Michigan.) Dan, a lawyer, and his wife, Donna, live in Fairfield, Conn. His recent milestones include "buying low and selling high," convincing The New York Times Magazine to use larger type and coming in second during his appearance on Jeopardy! Sally Rogers is a psychologist and college professor in Denver, Colo. She is the recipient of a grant to study autism. Sally and her husband, John R. Brown, have two daughters, Amy and Sara, who they say are great kids and great string players. Sally would love to hear from Annie Montgomery and Charlene Horan... . Alen Wilson, director of the Maine Arts Commission, lives in Wiscasset with his partner, Dan Chase. Danny has two grown children, Sean and Shannon... . Vicky Stewart-Talbert has a new address (9205 Lakeshore Drive, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158)... . Stuart Rosenfeld and his wife, Malini Bhushan, have a new son, Ajay, born in February 1997... . I see former campus radical Anne Pomroy '70 on occasion. Anne, now an attorney based in Old Orchard, Maine, asks that Henry Thompson phone home... . Sharon Timberlake has been doing some substitute teaching and recently taught auto mechanics, which I do not believe she studied at Colby. As I write this, Sharon is about to travel to Africa for a month. She'll spend most of her time in Ghana and will meet up with Alison MacDonald, daughter of Janet Ruthburn '70 and her husband, Peter. I got together with Janet and Sandra Haimula '70 this past summer, and we laughed ourselves silly... . You too can laugh yourself silly, eat Bolley's dogs and Whopper's subs and pizzas—but only if you attend our 30th reunion. The plans are great, and the list of attendees is growing. Sign up now!

—Diane E. Kindler

70 My quest for the longest Colby marriage in our class brought some interesting responses. OK, OK, I'll share them with you. Brenda Handelman Sidman writes from Vancouver, Wash., that she and husband Steven got married in May of 1970, a few weeks before our graduation. They've lived on the left coast for the past 20 years. All three of their daughters are in college at the same time! Jesica, 23, is a graduate student at the University of Michigan; Angela, 21, is a senior at Macalaster College in St. Paul, Minn., and Hillary, 18, is a freshman at the University of California at Santa Cruz... . Rod Buck and wife Sandra (Hutcheson '71) have been married only since June of 1971. They live on their 70-acre farm in Calais, Vt. Rod has been with National Life Insurance Company since 1972 and currently heads their investment operations. Sandra did not write about herself, but she tells us that their kids are doing well. Brennan, 23, a Cornell graduate, is a landscape architect in the "other" Portland (Oregon), and Chrs, 20, is a junior majoring in international studies at Colby... . Karen Knapp Lyons writes that she and Bill '69 have been married for almost 29 years. Karen notes that she is aware of 11 ADP/P/Plam Colby marriages and that all 11 are still intact. That just blows me away. Who says that no good came out of the fraternity/sorority system!... . In writing these columns, I'm struck that a lot of our classmates have sent one or more of their children to study on Mayflower Hill. That really makes a positive statement about the old alma mater (and shows that we produce some bright kids, too!). I know that Steve '69 and Debbie Williams Anderson have had both of their children graduate from Colby. Is there anyone in our class with more than two Colby offspring graduates? Please let me know... . Lyn Schwarz Promisloff dropped me a line from the suburbs of Philadelphia. Lyn is a homemaker, and her husband, Bob, is a pulmonologist/critical care physician. Their son, David, is a freshman at Emory University, and their daughter, Sarah, is a high school sophomore... . Carl Baerg got married last sum-
son and a daughter and live in Wayland, Mass. She says, "I'm seeing the end of my 'Mommy' years and am planning for the next stage—anew job, taking up golf." Small world—Linda Chmielinski Gould taught geometry to Hugo and Christine Legere Wallgren's daughter Stephanie. And for another coincidence, she happened to run into Donna Power, her former roommate, on Nantucket a couple summers ago. And in Lincolnville, Maine, Paul McGurn discovered Jay Philoen living only two miles away. Paul and his wife, Carol, are immensely enjoying their year-old baby, Emma Rose. From down the coast a bit, Ellen Muzzy Farnham writes that she and husband John celebrated their 25th anniversary and marvel at their two "young men." Their oldest son will graduate from St. Lawrence University in May; their younger son is a remarkable glassblower with a studio/workshop on the family property and will graduate from high school this spring. Ellen has taken a leave of absence from her job at the local junior high school until the fall. When she wrote, she was undergoing an aggressive six-week course of radiation therapy for her brain tumor, which has returned. She welcomes mail (6 Spruce Lane, Brunswick, Maine 04011). Ellen, may your next year tell us of successful treatment and a restful leaf of absence. Very very best wishes to Ellen and to all.

—Janet Holm Gerber

Margaret McPartland Bean is director of management for the Maine State Housing Authority, which oversees 17,000 low-income rental units in Maine. To keep a healthy perspective, she vacations in Prince Edward Island with her husband, Chris, and their children, Christopher, 16, and Julia, 13. This year she read two books by Colby English professor Susan Kenney—Sailing and In Another Country—and recommends both. Cindy Canoll Bakanas resides in Redding, Conn., where she is mother to Phoebe, 10, and twin sons Ted and Tyler, 7. This year she and husband Michael took their kids to Schoodic Peninsula and Acadia. She writes that being in Maine brought back lots of fond memories of her time at Colby both as a student and admissions officer. Steve Woerner became finance director for the city of Cranston, R.I. A C.P.A., Steve earned his M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. Rhode Island seems to be getting its share of Colby talent. Phil Ricci was selected athletic director at East Providence High School. After graduating from Colby, Phil earned his master's degree in guidance and counseling as well as his principal certification from Providence College. Initially a social studies teacher, Phil has been working as a guidance counselor. Sterling Williams was elected vice president and senior commercial lending officer of the Gorham Savings Bank in Gorham, Maine. Sterling has more than 20 years' banking experience in Maine and lives in Gorham with his wife, Guin, and son Greg and daughter Jody, both high school students. Gary Lawless published his eighth volume of poetry, Cartihoodism. Gary and partner Beth Leonard operate Blackberry Books in Brunswick, Maine. Gary splits his time among writing, performing readings (in Italy and Slovenia this year), operating his book store and publishing house and teaching English at Bates College. Elizabeth Kruhnick was elected senior vice president in charge of corporate communications at New York Life Insurance Company. She is responsible for media and public relations, advertising, employee communications and editorial services, the company's television, production studio and the New York Life Foundation. In addition to extensive experience in the insurance industry, Elizabeth has won various awards in public relations and advertising and has worked as a newspaper correspondent and college journalism instructor at several institutions. She currently resides in New York City. Please take a moment to share some news about yourself. If you prefer, you can e-mail your responses to me (jappeldorn@aol.com).

—Jacquelyn Nienaber Appeldorn

Carol Smart Buxton is enjoying life at home, with teenage boys and a home-based business. Husband Dick is a project management consultant. Eben, 16, is a strong swimmer, and Will, 14, excels in art. Marjorie and David French, Westport, Conn., also enjoy life with their kids—Scott, 13, and Katherine, 7. David is president of American Int'l Marine; Marjorie is an ex-banker, now a full-time mom. David remembers Colby for giving him appreciation of European culture, which led to his global travels, something he never anticipated while in school. Kent and Cynthia Victor Kahle have three kids, Carter, Walker and Page. Kent is an investment banker, and Cynthia lists her occupation as "mom" (wow, three in a row!). Robert and Catherine Morris Killoran moved to Alabama in 1996. Catherine is education coordinator, North Alabama Science Center, and has three step-grandchildren (!). Catherine says many strong relationships started at Colby; but she never anticipated living in Alabama, leaving teaching, owning a sailboat or using computers daily. (Neither did I!) ... Nina Gigante lives in Brentwood, Calif., with her 6-year-old daughter, Eden. Nina is amicably divorced, teaches yoga and paints. She is active as a macrobiotic chef for people with terminal diseases. Her interests in camping and music began at Colby, and she continues to share these with Eden. Deborah and Tom Gill are also in California, where Tom is a self-employed C.P.A. and Deb is a certified massage therapist. They have three kids, Brian, 25, Kevin, 24, and Ryan, 12. They expressed themselves artistically by painting the house last summer! ... Jeff Megargel reports that he currently lives at 64 Sagamore Road, Apt. C6, Bronxville, NY 10708 (914-337-7487) and is permanently disabled with multiple sclerosis. Benjamin and
Harriet Hults King are both attorneys in Pittsburgh. They have two sons, 12 and 5, and a daughter, 3. Harriet's artistic goal is to publish a children's story. She credits Colby with strengthening her interest in other cultures and languages and with giving her an appreciation of interior Maine. She never anticipated having three children and living away from the East Coast. . . . Lots of news from Kerry and Ed Hatch. Ed continues to flourish as an analyst in the media and entertainment industry, something he never anticipated doing when he left Colby. The Wall Street Journal named him the #1 analyst in his field last summer. Kerry is a senior VP at American Express. They have two boys, 3 and 4, who are already golfing! Ed's main form of artistic expression is hitting books and slices, which "are gracefully into the woods." . . . Recommended reading from your classmates . . . David French: The Perfect Storm (Colby and vocational connections); Catherine Morris Kiloran: A Woman's Book of Life, by Joan Borysenko (and not just for women!); and Nina Gigante: The Once and Future King (because it is about love). Ed Hatch says he is an avid magazine reader because his attention span wanes after 10 pages.

—Shelley Bieringer Rau

75 It should come as no surprise that Jim Schmidt is still skiing—coaching the local racing team, in fact, in Incline Village, Nev. He and wife Kim have two kids, Jennifer, 13, and Dave, 11. When not on the slopes or pursuing his career as a software engineer, Jim can be found sailing, backpacking, hiking or assisting his son's soccer team with a very active troop. Since leaving Colby, Jim has also met a sister he never knew he had. Sounds like an interesting story. Stay tuned. . . . Also following his muse, Doug Schwartz checked in from Penacook, N.H. If you're up that way and read a play billed titled I Go Pogo, that would be Doug's. It's a musical comedy that he's labored over for three years! And if you should drop in to see the playwright, he'll be the thrilled and terrified guy sitting in the director's chair. No doubt, good friends Dave Peck, Scott and Patti Cass Smith and Carol Foss will be there to ensure that Doug's love labors are not lost. On an adder note, Doug reported that his boxconstrctor, Tiny, paged peacefully after 34 years of pleasant companionship. . . . Did anyone know that Maine has 30 plantations? These quasi-towns are a fraction of the 10.5 million acres in the state that do not have the population to support land use planning, zoning or code enforcement agencies. The responsibility falls on the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC), where Marty Womer is now a senior planner. Using his recently earned law degree and license, Marty helps guide land use policy for most of the North Woods. After some life-changing events since turning 40—a serious head-on auto collision and the amiable parting with his wife of over 20 years, Karin—Marty is looking forward to settling back into his home in Rockport and the wilderness hiking experiences that come with his job. . . . Carol Majdalany Williams writes that she and her husband, Jim, are discussing the need for monitoring devices—to tell if they're headed forward or backward. Their two kids, Carla, 12, and Peter, 10, are the focus of their attention. No doubt, the analytical thinking and goal-setting moments, you can find Ted kicking the soccer ball around with his wife, Kim, and their three kids, Alison, 10, Jeff, 8, and Kevin, 5. . . . Janet Hansen, AIA, has been appointed to Maine Board of Architects, Landscape Architects and Interior Designers. . . . The Salem (N.H.) Observer reports that Randi Mershon Leonard and her sister, Barb, have opened Paper Dolls, a full-service paperhanging and cosmetic home improvement business. Randi contributes her business acumen from Colby and BU. . . . After starting his business career with Merrill Lynch, Edson Mitchell now heads global capital markets at Deutsche Bank. . . . Also in banking is Thomas Nangle, who has been named KeySales Leader for KeyBank's Camden, Maine, KeyCenter. . . . Dr. Paul Hatton has been named chief surgeon of the cardiac surgery program at the Mohawk Valley Heart Institute of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center in central New York.

—Nan Weidman Anderson

NEWSMAKERS

Reginald Blaxton '70

Hebrew Home and Hospital in West Hartford, Conn., has appointed Bonnie Belanger Gauthier '71 president and CEO. She came to the post last fall with 25 years of experience in long-term care and 20 in senior management. . . . Reginald G. Blaxton '74 was recently named vice president for programs of the Greater Washington Urban League, a 60-year-old nonprofit community service and civil rights organization in the District of Columbia. He becomes senior manager for the league's more than 25 programs in education, employment training and placement, aging services, and housing and community development. . . . Janet S. McMahon '79 was awarded the Natural Resources Council of Maine's Environmental Activist Award for 1998. For the last decade, she has worked toward establishing an ecological reserve system for Maine.

MILESTONES


Marriages: Carl D. Baer '70 to Kathleen A. Massone in Southport, R.I.

... received several news clippings on Susan Davidson's new job as a physical therapist at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington, Maine. PT is Susan's second career; she left her prior life as a graphic artist to return to school (UVM) and then worked in a PT clinic in St. Albans, Vt. Susan's husband is teaching at Carrabassett Valley Academy, where they are living. . . . Also in the news is Tim O'Brien, the featured performer for the 26th annual Fiddler's Convention in East Benton, Maine, this past summer. Tim, a songwriter, singer and instrumentalist living in Tennessee, has written songs for country and western greats like Kathy Mattea, with whom he has toured as a fiddler. . . . Jeanne O'Brien Crocker is also in the news. Living in Scarborough, Maine, Jeanne was recently appointed acting principal at South Portland High School, quite a change in responsibility from being a French and Spanish teacher, the job she has held since 1983! . . . Peter Ashton
recently ran for board of selectmen in Acton, Mass. The father of three girls, Peter is president of Innovation and Information Consultants, a firm he co-founded in West Concord, Mass., that specializes in applied microeconomic and financial analysis. Did you win the election, Peter? ... David ‘75 and Harriet Buxbaum Finansky recently sent their first-born, Sam, off to college at Carnegie-Mellon. Harriet, a church secretary, and David, an attorney with the FDIC, also have a daughter, Sarah, 14. ... Ned Lipes wrote from Mahway, N.J. Ned commented that since his company, Osteonics Corp., just purchased another to become the largest competitor in the orthopaedic device (hips and knees) market, he just can’t seem to play as much golf as he would like (although he somehow found the time to play Pine Valley and Cypress Point last spring). He stays busy helping wife Paula with the brood (Ashley, 15, Ned Jr., 13, and Lauren, 11). ... Harry Nelson, VP with Jotul North America, the Norwegian stove manufacturer, loves living in North Yarmouth, Maine, and has three sons, Sam, Peter and Alex. ... Banker Doug McMurrey penned comments from Singapore, where he is managing director, global project finance for Asia/Pacific. Doug and wife Sarah are busy with Jay, 14, Leigh, 11, a macaw and a horse! ... Keep writing!

77 Jan Staples lives in Phoenix, Md., where she is a stock trader and managing director at BT Alex Brown. She is married to Richard Wunderlich and has two "absolutely terrific stepchildren," Meredith, 24, and Jarrod, 26, and a daughter Abigail, 4. Jan writes that her "biggest and best change in recent years was the adoption of Abby—she’s an amazing kid and has certainly put a lot more balance in my life." ... Jeff Sanderson, our class president, is an international health consultant, and his wife, Andrea, is a mental health counselor. They live in Alexandria, Va., with their “crazy Wheaten Terrier named Bayleigh.” Jeff reports a busy year since our 20th, including 10 trips to Belize as project manager for a health reform project there and a scuba diving trip to Honduras in January ‘98. He says he is "looking for a career change after 15+ years in health management/consulting, hoping for less travel, more job flexibility and possibly a move back to New England." ... Bob Clarke is the New England territory manager for W.H. Brady Co. His wife, Kathy, is a dental hygienist. They live in Portland, Maine, with their daughter, Hannah, 8, a graceful, budding gymnast. ... Susan Woods and Peter Breu and their two children, Martin, 10, and Anna, 7, live in Manchester, N.H. Susan is vice president of development at P.C. Connections; Peter is a custom furniture builder and "house husband." They went to Europe for three weeks in the fall of ‘97 to celebrate Susan’s temporary unemployment (when CIGNA acquired her former company and eliminated her job), visiting Peter Metcalf and family (Peter spent two years at Colby, then transferred) in Bergamo, Italy. This past summer they vacationed with John Lake ‘78 and his wife, Sandy (‘78 but transferred), and their kids, Jack and Sarah. They also enjoyed a mini 20th reunion in Maine with Chuck and Judy Yue Lukasik and Woodson and Louise Butenas Bercaw, all ‘78s. ... Tom Whittier is living in Scottsdale, Ariz., with his wife, Robin, and three children—Bryan, 18, Brittny, 13, and Kelsey, 8. Tom is a real estate agent and Robin is a teacher. ... Bob Southwick owns Olde Village Builders, a small home building and renovation business in S. Orleans, Mass. He is married to Debra, who owns a house cleaning business, and they have a 6-year-old daughter, Amanda, three cats and a dog. Bob says that his Colby education allowed him to advance in the building business much more quickly. ... Mike Yeager writes from sunny Walnut Creek, Calif., that he and his wife, Phebe Enfield, both work as digital producers in addition to caring for their four cats, Toothless, Kitty, Shiny and Fat Tail. Mike is the founder/ owner of the Digital Institute of Video Arts (http://www.dvarts.com). ... Peter Cohn and his wife, Joanne, live in Huntington, N.Y. Peter sent me a copy of “Knothole,” the newsletter of the Christopher Morley Knothole Association for which Peter serves as president. In this issue, a new scholarship and reading contest for area high school students was announced. ... I’ve been hearing a lot from Colby grads about their travel experiences—In France, Brazil, and even South Africa! —Ellen D. O’Brien

78 Many classmates are demonstrating a high level of resilience in their lives. Bill and Kathy Colello Guerin have full lives in Bowdoinham, Maine, that apparently got a lot fuller sometime around Thanksgiving. Kathy has the very provocative title of creative vice president for AD Media, an advertising company in Augusta, and Bill works as a designer/
draftsman. This would seem to be a busy enough existence, especially since they claim to have spent the summer working, but they were expecting twins, their first children, sometime around Thanksgiving. . . . Jeanne Greiter Fine and her husband, Howard, have been in the kid business for 13 years with four of their own. Both are techies of sorts: Jeanne works as an education consultant for Healthcare Information Services, and Howard is a manager of software sales. We should all move to Tampa because they claim to be able to pick money from a tree in the backyard for their kids' "multitudinous" needs and a recent Club Med vacation that included the kids. I wonder who watered and pruned the tree while they were away. . . . Things are no less hectic for Neil and Donna Dee Gengzinger and their two girls in South Plainsboro, N.J. Neil is an editor and columnist for The New York Times while Donna tries to keep up with the activities of Emily, 12, and Abigail, 1-1/2. Three generations of the family recently enjoyed a vacation at a dude ranch in New York. Donna highly recommends it for anyone looking for family fun but cautions against it following back surgery. Her ensuing back pain after three days on a horse was one of the reasons she passed on the 10-hour car ride to Colby for our 20th. Donna, plan the next trip after our 25th! . . .

Jana K. Randall Harrison's letter indicates she has at least four jobs. While her husband, Bob, is an elementary teacher, Jana recently began a job as a part-time school librarian/media specialist. She also writes and designs a newsletter for her town's school system, recently began a master's degree program in communications and for six weeks during the summer taught fourth graders who were attending summer school for remedial instruction. Oh yeah, with Bob she also is raising two daughters and one son between the ages of 7 and 14. . . . Cathy Kindquist is psychic to be back in Colorado—in Gunnison, with a new job as an assistant professor of geology. She explains that she hasn't been in touch, and missed our 20th, because she's been busy moving back to Colorado at last! . . . Sailing and education seem to be the main points of focus for Tom and Francie Palmer Hale. Francie is a teacher, and Tom is a vice president and technical director for the American Boat and Yacht Council. They have three kids, the oldest of whom, Sarah, is a freshman at Brown. (Francie wonders, "WASN'T I just a freshman at Colby!?"

She spent the summer working in ad sales for a sailing magazine, sailing her BYTE at regattas on the Chesapeake and driving her kids to sailing regattas. Francie missed our 20th because she was in Mexico as a Fulbright exchange teacher with her 10-year-old son, Teddy. 

Mary Rolerson Hebert is also a teacher—of language arts—in Kennebunk, Maine. Her husband, Don, is a CFO, and her two song have too many activities to list, but the lacrosse coach for one of her boys is Chris Burch. "79 Mary, and her husband compete in 5K road races and, recently, entered their first triathlon. The 59 degree water for the ocean swim in Kennebunk kept them moving. Colby continues to figure prominently in her life, as her dog is so named. See you at the 25th, Mary! . . . Please keep the letters and e-mails coming—and let's see if we can hear from some of the male members of the class next time.

—Robert S. Woodbury
apparently his brother-in-law), he did admit to national ambitions. ... Kitty Weyl Dove is a mom of two (Caroline, 4, and William, 2) in San Francisco, where husband Robert is a Bechtel executive. Kitty is glad to be finally settled in their home after an eight-month renovation but notes that they do a lot of traveling with the kids. She also reports that Lisa McDonough O’Neill is moving to New Jersey. ... By the time this appears, Ted Bolduc will have been ordained a Charismatic Episcopal priest at the Trinity Church in Plaistow, N.H., where he had been a deacon. Ted was a Pentecostal minister before joining the Charismatic Episcopal Church and traces his religious awakening back to his sophomore year at Colby. Married and the father of three, Ted also works part time as a lab technician at Dytex, Inc. ... Karen Caine Babбитteaches fourth grade at the Gildred School in Dartmouth, Mass., and has two children, Emily, 11, and Ie, 9—both avid soccer players and successful Opti sailors. Karen sounds pretty avid and successful too, co-chairing a sailing school program at the New Bedford Yacht Club and coaching an Odyssey of the Mind team. Thanksgiving saw all 21 of her family at Kiawah Island, S.C., and spring will take them on their second boat charter to the British Virgin Islands. She notes that they also got the chance to visit with Cornelia Armbricht Brefka and her two boys, Paul and Henry, last summer and saw Jeannie Minkel the previous Christmas. Karen’s husband, Jib, is general manager, Standard Fastenings, and treasurer and VP of Babbit Steam Specialty Co. in New Bedford. ... Jack McBride is president of Commons Development Group, Inc. of Westford, a real estate development and construction firm specializing in residential development. Current and past positions include chairman of the Concord Affordable Housing Committee, director of the Builders Association of Greater Boston, member of the National Association of Home Builders and chairman of its local multifamily housing and legislative committees. Jack and Melissa have two boys, John, 8, and Will, 6, and a girl, Louisa, 1. ... Linda Alter embarked on a new career in real estate two years ago and seems to have hit her stride quickly—rolling up $3 million in sales in the first year and $5.5 million last year. She graciously offers her e-mail address (alterhomes@aol.com) and offers to give out free real estate advice by e-mail. ... Marjorie Smith Bose made a big move from New Hampshire to Texas last year when husband Ron took a position as director at Technology Consulting, which is based in Irving. The warm weather and community recreation facilities suit them all perfectly, including “wild child” daughter Kendall, 2, and 13-year-old dog, Seymour. ... Crossing an image of a lone runner following a narrow path that snakes its way through high grass, the story headline in the August 1998 Runner’s World magazine tells its readers, “Don’t Worry, Be Mindful.” Although the headline reads Bobby McFerrin, author Alice Donar’s psychology is more Tibetan than tin drum. You can use your running to relax and feel better, Alice suggests, by focusing on your surroundings and not on whatever stressful matters would otherwise occupy your attention. The point, of course, is not to run away from your problems but just to let your mind go somewhere better for a while. ... The Ann Albee Hoefle ’80 Fund, an endowed financial fund, has been established in memory of our classmate, who died of cancer in January 1998. Friends of Ann who wish to contribute to the fund can send their gifts to the Development Office at Colby.

—John Veilleux

81 Congratulations to Darlene Howland and Steve Pfaff on the birth of their son, Stephen, born in July 1998 and the joy of his parents. Stephen gets to go to work with his mom every day; Darlene is the director of the Children’s Center on the campus of Wellesley College in Wellesley, Mass. ... Carol Sanders-Reed is living in Cedar Crest, N.M., where she is a population biologist. Her husband, Jack Sanders-Reed, is a physicist, and they have a daughter, Akielah. Carol traveled to Scotland last year to work for 10 months on a population model for a population of blue-nose dolphins in the Moray Firth. ... Barbara Cooper Comunale is living in Georgetown, Mass., and is a laboratory management consultant. She and her husband, Mark, have two sons, Mark and John. Barb volunteers at both boys’ schools as a reader and sometimes brings in animals such as squid or octopus for the children to explore. Barb has climbed Ayers Rock and gone scuba diving at the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. She ran into Bruce and Ellen Reinhalter Shain at the Pingree School’s family skating/holiday party in Hamilton, Mass., last year. ... John Yates took a year’s leave of absence from programming to research a multimedia biography of his grandfather, a World War II general in North Africa against Rommel. He was equipped with laptop, GPS, pager and cell phone to follow his tracks to various Army posts throughout the south. ... Alison Jones Webb is living in Waterville with her husband, Jim, and their two children, Elizabeth and Isaac. Alison is president of Webb Management Services, and Jim is a history professor at Colby. In 1998 they went to Kandy, Sri Lanka, where Jim is directing the Intercollegiate Sri Lanka Education Program. They plan on living there for two years and would welcome any Colby visitors. ... Stephanie Vratsos is living in Waltham, Mass., and teaching English at the Watertown Middle School. She also teaches SAT, GRE and TOEFL classes for Kaplan Educational Centers in Newton, Mass. In January 1998, Stephanie, Lee Johnson ’79 and Carol Doherty ’79 were honored along with their teammates at a banquet given by the Massport Jets Women’s Ice Hockey Team of East Boston, who were the first U.S. Champions in 1975. ... Hugh “Skip” Neville is living in Barrington, R.I., with his wife, Donna, and their two children, Lillian and Hugh. Skip, who is CEO and president of Print Mount Co., Inc., says he enjoys sailing on Narragansett Bay in R.I. and skiing at Waterville Valley in N.H. ... Michael Federle has been named associate publisher at Fortune magazine after being eastern advertising director for two years. Michael has worked for Time, Inc., for 12 years and joined the company as a sales development manager for People in 1985. He was an associate advertising director at Life in 1992 and returned to People in 1993 before joining Fortune in 1995. He lives in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., with his wife and two daughters. ... Joel Harris, a portfolio manager for HM Payson in Portland, has moved to Cumberland, Maine, from North Yarmouth with his wife, Natalie, and their three children, Morgan, Phoebe and Madeline. They are building their second new house in four years. ... Saranna (Sara) Robinson Thornton is living in Hampden-Sydney, Va., where she is an assistant professor at Hampden-Sydney College, an all-male liberal arts college of about 1,000 students, and coaching the men’s rugby team. She won the college’s prize for excellence in research, awarded in part for a book she co-authored with Professor Cal Mackenzie of Colby. She and her husband, Mike, have two sons, Paul and Eddie. ... Please keep those letters and e-mails coming in. You can reach me at beth.wilson@westgroup.com.

—Beth Pirowski Wilson

82 Deborah Nader Hartshorn sends in news from Vermont. Her husband, Tom, is a financial advisor and painting contractor. Deborah and Tom have a daughter, Dane, born in April ’97 and the joy of their lives. Deborah is on a two-year leave from her kindergarten teaching position—and is painting houses part time. ... Sheila Kineke is a college instructor and freelance writer. Her husband, Gary Bernstein, is an astronomy professor. They have twin boys, Andrew and Lewis, born in February ’97. Sheila would love to hear news of Carrie Hobson, Kathleen Shea and Carolyn Treanor. ... Neave from Bruce Fields comes from Westport, Conn. He and his wife, Suzanne, have two girls, Jessica, 2, and Julie, 5. Bruce runs an emerging markets trading desk in New York City and says that he spends too much time at the office and traveling to South America and Africa. He plans a trip to Maine with his family this spring and is looking forward to seeing all the changes on campus. ... Susan Reese Krevat is living in Massachusetts with her husband Matthew and their three children, Bethany, 9, Derek, 7, and Andrew, 5. Matthew is a lawyer, and Susan is a world language teacher. She is currently working part time teaching French and Spanish at the elementary level. She is also finishing her master’s in education at Salem State College. Susan is happy to report that she passed the infamous Massachusetts Teachers Test on the first try, which she attributes in large part to her excellent liberal arts education at Colby. Susan has
They've kept me up to date on stories they're working on and how to win a year's supply of Ben and Jerry's ice cream. For info, check out their Web page (www.madriver.com/users/granschl/index.html). Here on the island, Claire, Allie, Jack and Mike Sasser have moved into a house in Seal Cove, near Southwest Harbor/Tremont. Mike is working at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor; Claire is involved in the nursery school level, where Allie attends school. Jack is 3... Rick Gilbert, of Lexington, Mass., was elected to the law firm of Goldstein & Manello. Rick is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law. Mary Kennedy Harris has been extremely busy professionally in music and education, says the York County (Maine) Coast Star. She travels from Saco to Biddeford to teach music at Willard and Emerson elementary schools and at Sanford High School. She has degrees in music and social work and is working on more, including her master's in education. Her flute, harp and guitar trio, Windstrum, is a popular ensemble playing at many weddings and other events. She also plays in Sax Works, in the Tim Janis Ensemble and in duets with pianists and other composers. Finding bookings for her students is her real love, and the Mary Kennedy Flute Ensemble, composed of students, performs locally with her help. Barbara Leonard was the keynote speaker for June 1998's opening of Women at the Center, an organizational network and arts and community activity space in the former Stern's building in Waterville, Maine. Barb is the president of Maine Women's Fund, whose mission is to promote the well-being of women and girls in Maine. Natalie Ann joined Andrea, Jonathan, Allan and Diane Therrien Lamper in May 1998, which is why Diane could not attend reunion. Congratulations, Diane!... Karin and Wayne Foot sent news from Bangor, Maine, where Wayne is an attorney with Foot & Temple. Karin is a psychological therapist. The couple just celebrated the wedding of Wayne's daughter Lauren and her fiancé, Michael, of Portland, of daughter Betsy. Wayne says having children 21 years apart gives him an unusual perspective on life. From Alexandria, Va., came a short but sweet note from Nancy Goers Hubbell with a recent pic of son Jack, 5... Katherine "Katie" Lyons Kittridge left Colby, worked in publishing, got married (Fletcher '84), became a devoted runner, had three kids (now 11, 9, 5), moved back to Maine (So. Berwick), went to grad school (school of education, Harvard), took up yoga and is now at the University of Southern Maine studying school psych. Katie, keep writing. In Dallas, Texas, Andy Kaye is senior vice president and regional managing partner at JPI, one of the nation's largest multi-family developers. Emily Baker please send more news. I have your envelope from England but have lost your letter. I apologize. Hope it's the last time that happens. From Ithaca, N.Y., Patricia and Chris Easton wrote that Chris is now the fire chief of the Varna Volunteer Fire Company; Patricia is an EMT and captain. Chris is an adjunct instructor in developmental biology and genetics. Thomas started kindergarten this year, and Robert's in pre-K.

Sally Lovegren Merchant

84 Heather Nicol was married in Scotland on September 5 to Jim Rutherford. Lots of family and friends made the trek to Scotland, but one who was missing was Heather's sister Jane Nicol Manuel '87, at home in Beverly, Mass., with week-old son William. (Jane and David Manuel are now the proud parents of three boys!) Heather and Jim, who went on a fantastic two-week honeymoon to Tanzania, met in N.Y.C. and in April moved to London, where Heather has been working at Goldman Sachs, selling European equity research to London-based institutions. She lived in London 10 years ago for five years and enjoys being back! Kevin Morin has been an attorney with Gordon, Muir & Foley in Hartford since he graduated from Wake Forest University Law School in 1989. He became a partner with the firm in 1996. Kevin and his wife, Melissa, have three children—Michael, 9, Mitchell, 6, and Tessa, 3. Kevin serves on the board of directors for the New England Dollars for Scholars organization, which is part of the nation's oldest and largest private sector nonprofit student financial assistance foundation. He and Greg "Tull" Tulloch meet up frequently at Patriots' games—which soon may be closer to Kevin's home in West Hartford, Conn.... Scott Morrill recently joined with three other lawyers to form Advocates Law Center, L.L.C., in Tuatlan, Ore. They are a suburban legal center providing services in business, family, personal injury, juvenile, bankruptcy, criminal defense, real estate, immigration and estate planning. Recent family reunions took Scott and his wife, Jane (MacKenzie '83), to B.C., Canada, in July and to Maine in August (they actually went through Waterville without stopping on Colby!). Scott writes an occasional tongue-in-cheek column for the local weekly paper, mostly poking fun at himself and the misadventures with his family. Still happily married after 14 years as of August 25, Sally Lee is working at MIT in the coolest of cool places (my adjectives, not hers)—the Media Lab, a hotbed for computer science and innovation. She recently took three weeks off just to paint and won an illustration commission for a how-to-wallpaper book. A recent trip to Bermuda provided the inspiration for some of her latest paintings of landscapes and architecture, and she has also created props and costumes for a new opera performed in Boston. Sal swims several miles a week and has started biking again. She stays in touch with Amy Carlson and Sara Hill... David Hill and his wife, Nancy, are living in Rockville, Md. They have a son, Zachary, 2, and dogs Tundra and Katie, whom they rescued as puppies. David, a senior systems analyst, was appointed to a city government post as a commissioner, board of ap.
peals in Rockville. He also serves as the overseer of the Appalachian Trail for the Potomac AT Club and is an officer for a nonprofit that sends city youths to Colorado for summer employment in the National Forest Service. He stays in touch with Dieter Weber and Joan Ray ‘85, Bill Bules ‘86, Mike Day, Paula Thomson, Lynn MacLean, Eric Broadbent and Anne Thayer ‘83. . . . Ken and Nancy Silverman Levinsky are living in Portland, Maine. Nancy is a full-time mom (to Andrea, 6, and Gregory, born last May), Hebrew School teacher and United Synagogue Youth advisor. Nancy has also been honored with the Distinguished Service Award from Temple Beth El in Portland. . . . Lynne and TJ Palmer are living at Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, N.H., where Lynne is director of admission and TJ, who received his master’s degree from Dartmouth, is on the faculty history and works as the head coach for men’s hockey. TJ writes that after two back surgeries he is off the ice and behind the bench! He recently went to assist former roommate Greg Cronin ‘86 at his hockey camp in N.J. (Greg recently became assistant coach for the NY Islanders.) JT and Lynne have three children—TJ Jr., 8, Jessica, 7, and Brady, 4—and not long ago celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary. . . . I hope you all have plans to return to Waterville for the big 15th reunion!

—Maura Cassidy

Sarah (Stevens) and Scott Clark moved from Connecticut to the Boston area and are both enjoying their new jobs as, respectively, kindergarten teacher at The Tower School in Marblehead and director of information technology at the Roxbury Latin School. . . . John Kramer has been promoted to senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary for ABN ANRO Incorporated, a global, full-service investment banking, brokerage and securities firm. . . . Elizabeth Banwell was a member of the host committee for the Maine Women’s Lobby, celebrating “20 years of persistence and progress.” . . . Lynn Brunelle moved to Seattle a year ago from New York, where she was senior editor of children’s books for Workman Publishing. She was the head writer for Bill Nye the Science Guy, a kids’ science show. Lynn won an Emmy for writing. Congrats! Now she’s freelancing—writing documentaries for PBS, brewing up a show of her own, doing a screenplay for Disney and still writing kids’ books. By the time you read this column, Soaking Science, coming from Somerville House Books, should be in print. . . . Michael Montembeau has taken the position of senior project manager at Corporate Environmental Advisors, Inc. . . . Strongest Link AIDS Services Inc. hired Elizabeth Johnson as their new executive director. Elizabeth holds a master’s in psychology and human development from Harvard University. . . . Mariette Castillo Morrissy and her husband, Tom, had their third child, Maria Catharine. She has two brothers, Danny, 6, and Ryan, 3. . . . State Representative Paul Doyle sponsored the Nuisance Abatement Act, which enables the state of Connecticut to close down drug houses. The bill was part of his plan to improve and clean up cities such as Hartford and New Britain. . . . Newsman John Collins continues to amuse us with “Read My Quips,” published in the “1590 Broadcaster,” the weekly of radio station AM 1590, where John’s newscasts can be heard weekday mornings. John writes, “More college kids in trouble: A survey says the average student graduates with a financial debt of 18 thousand dollars. And a blood alcohol content of point 2.” . . . Marion Stouffer and Mark Howard were married and, after a wedding trip to the Greek Islands, set up house in Greenwich Village, N.Y. Mark has worked for Lehman Brothers Inc. for 13 years and is currently managing director in fixed income research and a corporate bond global strategist. . . . Christine Petersen and Robert Craig Wells also were married. Both work in San Francisco, Calif. Christine is a vice president for retail marketing at Charles Schwab & Company, the discount securities brokerage concern. . . . I’m still looking for some help in setting up a Web page for our class. I’m also looking for someone to replace me in the year 2000 as our class secretary. I’ve had a great time writing the column and encourage anybody who’s interested to give me a call and we can chat about what’s involved. It’s a great way to keep in touch with old friends.

—Barbara Knox Autran

The Class of ’86 is definitely movin’ on up to a deluxe apartment in the social sky, folks! A member of our class, Jeanne Choquette Radvany, had her wedding announcement (complete with photo) in The New York Times. Jeanne was married to David Radvany in June, and both are employed by Anderson Consulting. Congratulations and Mazel Tov! . . . Our class is not only climbing the social ladder, we are achieving fame and recognition in other ways, too. Jay Prefontaine now has an agent and is working on a book of short stories. He is also an English instructor at Eastern Illinois University. He writes, “I teach freshman comp to peopole born in 1979; I live in the country with the coyotes and the tree frogs. My ankles crack in the morning.” Jay sent me a picture of the 300-acre farm he lives on, with lots of scrawled commentary on the back of the photo about how he hauls water from town and burns his trash in barrels . . . News from another Class of ’86 celebrity (to us, anyway). Gretchen Bean Lurie checked in with me via e-mail to report, “My kids have caught the Hollywood bug and recently did their first film.” The Lurie family lives in Pasadena, Calif., where Gretchen is juggling volunteer work, parenting and work at a film production company. . . . David Landau is also in the movie biz, sort of. He is a filmmaker and film production instructor and is also finishing the master’s in film production that he
started “an unspookly long time ago.” He and his wife, Melissa Ehn, live in Alameda, Calif., where they are busy restoring their 1908 bungalow and traveling around the West and Mexico in search of hot springs and tacos al pastor. . . . Patricia McClellan Miller and her husband, Jeff, have a tip to share with new babybourners—buy a boat! They have found that cruising around the lakes near their home in Madison, Wis., puts 9-month-old Baird to sleep fast. Patricia is a placement manager for an employment agency and is finally beginning to appreciate Big Ten football and accept the fact that Green Bay fans must run around with huge pieces of cheese on their heads. . . . Far from the land of cheeseheads is the state of Maine, where three classmates have recently returned to put down roots. Jeff O’Brien and his wife, Amy, relocated to Jeff’s hometown of Pownal, where they are both teachers. Their family includes Sam, 9, Lily, 6, and Tyler, 5. . . . Arthur Poulos lives in Rockport, where he is a consultant in hospital software. He writes, “Life in Maine is great. Everyone should try it again!” Lila Hopson Monahan, husband Jim and daughter Cassandra, 4, moved to Wilton this past summer, where Lila joined Pine Tree Pediatrics. Lila wrote in September that they were expecting their second child in October, so life is surely busy there. . . . Far, far from Vacationland is the island of Maui, where Patrick Martin married Margaret Daniewich in a sunset ceremony in June. . . . Remember when I reported that Colette Cote had gotten married and was living in France? Well, she e-mailed me to verify this and also to correct my incorrect spelling of her husband’s name; Nicolas Mayerhoefer. Colette is based out of Grenoble for COPithomme & Bello’s Public Relations but right now is taking advantage of the “very generous” French maternity leave, as she and Nicolas expected their first child in December. . . . Finally, Peter Taubkin checked in with news that he is now an attorney with Time Warner Cable in Albany, N.Y., with the “longobnoxious title” of vice president, government relations and public affairs.

—Wendy Lapham Russ

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I’m writing this while driving south to Savannah for Christmas in our minivan—with my husband and three kids, Ben, 5, Andrew, 3, and William, who was born last August—having one of those “how did I get here moments?” Last time I was in Savannah I ran into Robin Blanchard Laughinghouse with her husband, Scott, and two children at a “Learn to Fish” thing for the kids. We were all visiting grandparents and had quite a laugh about what we were doing. They have two kids—a girl, 5, and a boy, 3. Sorry Robin, I forgot their names! . . . Ned Case is getting married this spring to Nancy Lawrence. They both live in Raleigh, N.C., where Ned is a mortgage banking officer at First Union Bank. Congrats, Ned! . . . Julie Ann Fitzgerald is marrying Paul Botticello. They both live in Cambridge, where Nancy is getting her master’s degree in psychology counseling at Lesley College. . . . And John Pratt was married last May to Juliette Lambert, whom he met while on the ferry to Block Island. John is a vice president at Salomon Smith Barney in N.Y.C., and Juliet plays the role of Fantine in the Broadway production of Les Miserables. . . . Eric Zolov has joined the history department at Franklin & Marshall as an assistant professor. . . . Kathi Harnett Ling recently left Day, Berry & Howard’s commercial litigation department, where she was an associate, to take some time off. Kathi and husband John live in Fairfield, Conn. . . . News from e-mail: Judith Fishel is getting out of the Army (but will stay in the reserves) to work as a civilian labor counselor for the Staff Judge Advocate in D.C. . . . Tom Hubbard has changed jobs again in San Francisco and now is a regional sales manager at Standard & Poor, which he’s enjoying. . . . News from questionnaires: George Padula took a new job as equity investment analyst with Danforth Associates in Wellesley. His wife, Margie, has changed jobs to become a stay-at-home mom with Elley, 2, who’s “full of energy and loads of fun.” . . . Irene Izquierdo Patterson has gone back to school to get a biotechnology certificate and is involved in volunteering at her daughter’s school. Irene and her husband, Tom, a CBS broadcast engineer, have a daughter, Anne, 5. Their son, Daniel, died in ’98 when he was almost 3. . . . Susan and Peter Marshall live in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., where Peter is a senior manager at Ernst & Young in N.Y.C. and Susan is a stay-at-home mom with Matthew, 3, and another baby born last October. Peter reports that Karen and Jamie Ray had a baby, Carolina, last August. They live in Portland, Maine, where Jamie is doing his residency at Maine Medical Center. . . . Stephen ’86 and Cheryl Lindenberg McCue announced the birth of their second daughter, Dayna, who was born in March ’98. . . . Blake and Lori Otten Miraglia were expecting their third child in March. They
have two boys, Lex, 2, and Brett, 1. They have been in Walnut Creek, Calif., for five years, but Lori's husband just sold his business and they will move back to Atlanta, where Lori's family resides. . . . Matt and Amy Rosen Moran have two kids, Harry, 4, and Rixa, 1. Matt asks, "Whatever happened to Stew Mclehorse '86?" . . . Congrats to Rob and Tina Zabriski Constable on the birth of Spencer, born last August. . . . Keith O'Leary reports from Gloucester, Mass., that he has left the ups and downs of self-employment to the predictability of a salary as a mortgage banker. . . . Keep the news coming.

—Jane Nicol Manuel

88 Stefanie Roknak, who received a Ph.D. in philosophy from BU, is furthering her philosophy studies in Osnabrueck, Germany, and also pursuing her wood-sculpting career. . . . Brian Smith received his Ph.D. in justice studies from Arizona State University. . . . Christopher Patterson, a manager in Arthur Andersen's business consulting practice for over nine years, was one of the highlighted speakers at the '98 Conference for Manufacturers & Software Expo. . . . Ann and Rob Young, who live in Framingham, Mass., and work in financial services, announce the birth of their son, Jesse.

Meredith Carter Magie wishes she had "studied Spanish instead of Japanese at Colby." Meredith and husband Kevin live on a N.C. major golf resort, where Meredith teaches English to Mexican immigrants, who "add diversity and humor to my classroom." She spent a weekend visiting English professor Emily Isaacs in Montclair, N.J., where Em is "spicing the campus with her progressive ideas!" . . . Joann Koletsky Graziano is a middle school Spanish teacher in Hingham, Mass., where she lives with her husband, Bruno, and stepdaughter, Oreana. . . . Heidi and Steve Goldman of Burlington, Vt., are adopting twin boys, Henry and Nathaniel, born in Florida last April! Steve, a tech project manager at a high-tech consulting firm, writes that Ted Pappadopulos '87 and wife Jessica Morris '90 also live in Burlington. Ted designs Web pages and Jessica writes for the American Morgan Horse Association Journal. . . . Karen Heilman (www.cnk.com/world/grappa), a studio sound engineer and black-belt karate teacher in Pittsburgh, Pa., produced and released her band's first contemporary folk/acoustic CD. Karen sings lead vocals. . . . Beth Kellogg Getto "loves being an at-home mom" with Hannah, 3, and infant son Caleb. . . . Michelle and Jonathan Foote announce the birth of their son, Hayden; Jonathon's "still enjoying building houses and the Southwestern Colorado high country." . . . Bob Casey '86 (a child psychologist) and Anna McCaw (an elementary school teacher) write that they "love being parents of an almost toddler," Robby, in Connecticut. . . . After five years in Atlanta, Amy and Brooks Patterson moved to Newburyport, Mass., to start a family (baby due May '99) and renovate an old Victorian home. Brooks works as a management consultant for a high-tech consulting firm. Life is full in Connecticut for Pamela and Taylor Henderson with daughter Kieran, 2, dog Keynes and cat Georgie. Taylor, a financial analyst, is busy "creating my own American dream, learning what Kieran is all about and fixing up a 1927 colonial structure we call home." He recently spent a Maine weekend with Todd Nicholson and Toby Emerson and caught up with Todd Molloy '86, George Samaras '86 and Greg Cunningham. Greg practices administrative land use and municipal law and environmental and civil litigation with Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, one of Maine's largest law firms. . . . Gil Falcone, a diving safety officer at the Monterey Bay Aquarium in California, has completed more than 2,000 dives over the last 10 years, dove with Jean Michel Cousteau and owns a diving/tour business (www.ocean ex.com). He's enjoying spending time with girlfriend Jennifer and dog Manta Ray. Gil shares a house with Scott Stratton and keeps in touch with Lee and Todd Jepson of Portland, Maine, who were married last September. Todd is a copywriter at L.L. Bean for the active sports catalogues. . . . Upcoming nuptial plans for Rick Landers and Kristin Sween, a social worker for the Wyoming State Hospital. . . . Allison Atkins and Jon Jorgensen, who recently honeymooned in Paris and London, are self-employed at Jorgensen's Cafe of Waterville, Maine, and reside in China. . . . Nancy Knapp and Jennifer "Niffer" Allen live in Watertown, Mass., where they trained with Lisa Tomasetti Holmes to run the Marine Corps Marathon last October. Nancy also sees Hope Worden, who has nearly completed her doctorate in sociology/social work and is implementing domestic violence prevention/treatment programs at Brigham and Women's Hospital; Melissa Paul, who recently moved back to Boston from N.J. to work at Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary; Kerry Griffin Freeman of D.C.; Hilary Seward; and Lisa Kerney and Chris Brown, who are busy chasing their two kids, Nat and Sydney. . . . All for now!

—Lauren Frazza

89 Gerald Hadden reports that he has been living in Seattle for the past five years working as a reporter for National Public Radio. He has also written a couple of books on teenage refugees in America and co-wrote a book on treehouses called Home Tree Home. He has also studied Afro-Cuban music in Cuba and plays congas and percussion for a group called Badukan, which recently recorded their first CD. He also reports that Dan Sullivan has become a "bachelor homemaker on Cape Cod and as much of a mutant as ever" and that "Lawrence Collins remains demented and unrepentant about being French." . . . Jim Klimiek left his job with the state of Indiana to take an in-house counsel job with Standard Manage

—Lauren Frazza

89 Kate Carswell, who is living in the Boston area, received her M.B.A. from Boston University and is working in human resources at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates and teaching tennis in her spare time. . . . Candace Bye Correa is a senior market planner in international marketing at Disneyland and travels the world selling the "happiest place on earth." She and her husband, Adrian, live in California, and Candace says she doesn't miss "the cold Colby winters ... [I] could never go back to the East Coast because I'm too 'soft' now from living in sunny California." . . . Lisa Finkelman and Alex Wu '87 are living in Seattle with their cat, Emily. Lisa is eagerly anticipating the completion of her master's in education at Antioch University (she finished the student teaching last fall and really loves it). . . . Robin Doughty is also in Allston, Mass., and managing the Web site for a small automotive information company. After graduation she taught English in the Czech Republic and landed a job at MIT when she returned to the States. . . . Peter Bryant completed his master's in environmental policy at Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and is now working for the Nature Conservancy. He is the manager of corporate programs and cause-related marketing. Peter plans a July 1999 wedding to Cosima Lux, a classmate of his at Yale. The couple are living in Arlington, Va., with their three dogs.

—David Coleman re-
In Odessa, Texas, oil wells and church steeples punctuate an otherwise featureless landscape, chain restaurants and strip malls are proxy for entertainment, and kids stand six deep to get autographs from local celebrities like Dan Lavergne '96.

Lavergne is a hockey player for the Jackalopes, Odessa's franchise in the fledgling Western Professional Hockey League, and a household name among children in the town. Hockey had never been played in this dusty west Texas city before the Jackalopes were established three years ago; now, crowds average 5,000 per game and Lavergne can't leave the house without being recognized.

"I go food shopping, I sign autographs; I go to the mall, I sign autographs; I go to get a hair cut, I sign autographs," Lavergne said. "The people here are crazy about hockey."

Lavergne was finishing his senior season at Colby in 1996 when the Jackalopes' coach, Joe Clark, a friend of the Mules' men's hockey coach, Jim Tortorella, watched a tape of Lavergne and teammate Nick Lamia '96 and subsequently offered both players rookie contracts. Lavergne became one of the Jackalopes' top scorers, finishing the season with 39 goals and 41 assists. Lamia has since left to play hockey in Denmark, but Lavergne returned for a second season in Odessa, solidifying his status as a Jackalope star and a fan favorite.

Despite his recent success, Lavergne says, his prospects in pro hockey are not good. His skills are first rate, but he is too small to play in the National Hockey League or the International Hockey League, one level above the WPIL, he says. "I would have given up [playing professionally] already if I wasn't having so much fun," he said.

"I'll finish this season in Odessa and that probably will be it," Lavergne said. "I plan to go to Europe and play there for a year or two and then use my degree to get into business—marketing or finance."

The WPIL may be rife with adoring fans—some venues in the 17-team league have 10,000 fans a night—but the work is not always glamorous. Most of the travel is by bus, including a 14-hour trip to Tupelo, Miss., the farthest outpost in the league, and the schedule is brutal—four to five games a week. "Your body starts to deteriorate after a while," Lavergne said. "It's pretty punishing." As he talked, Lavergne was nursing a fresh wound from a recent sticking in the face that required six stitches.

He has no regrets about delaying his business career to play for the Jackalopes. "It's been a great experience and I've met so many people," he said. "I'm young, with no responsibilities. I might as well enjoy these years while I can."

—Kevin Cool
you again for all the news. I look forward to hearing more from all of you in 1999!

—Laura Senier

92 Elizabeth Welch Gustafson married husband Darrell on June 7, 1997. That explains why she and some other folks missed our re-union. Beth and Darrell enjoyed a two-week honeymoon to Italy and France; en route they ran into Helen Hopkins in Heathrow Airport. Beth and Darryl have now settled in N.Y.C., where Darrell is a vice president at Bankers Trust. Ashley Webb has finished the master of science program in natural resources planning at UVM. She’s now living in Vermont, researching and writing a book on rural community development. . . . Becky Sawyer and Dan Starr are living in Ithaca, N.Y. Becky completed her master of science in nutritional sciences at Cornell and is now a research support specialist at Cornell’s national data archive. In her spare time she enjoys pottery and participates in triathlons. Dan is currently a Ph.D. student in genetics at Cornell. . . . Speaking of Ph.D.’s, Melissa Small has finished her course work at UConn and plans to spend the next year writing her dissertation. As that’s not enough to do, she’ll also be a full-time mom: her and husband Stephen’s first child was due last August. Melissa and Stephen, who met while they were both teaching in Michigan, are now living just north of Cambridge, Mass., where Melissa is a research scientist at MIT. They were expecting their first child in August. Karen is living in Portland, Ore., and was getting ready to teach third grade last summer. Karen is an English teacher for grades 9-12. This past summer she purused a new career in acting! Sia has been frequently. Ji m is an attorney in Mt. Kisco, N.Y., who has a small law practice in central Connecticut. Libby was married to Mike Eckel last spring in Dallas, Texas, where she’s working as a journalist in Russia, and Chris Kueker is in D.C. with the Chronicle of Higher Education and still cycling competitively. . . . Brian O’Halloran is working in Moscow as the director of development for Geologistics Corp. Brian says he is weathering the financial crisis well and still manages to watch the Patriots from the U.S. Embassy now and again (he named another team but I took the liberty of correcting him). . . . Billy James Michels graduated from Columbia last spring with an M.B.A. and is working in N.Y.C. at SBC Warburg Dillon Reed as an equity analyst. . . . Also in possession of an M.B.A. is Hallie Hastell. Hallie graduated from Darden in the spring of 1998 and is working for Deloitte and Touche. . . . John Mechem is working for Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) as a press assistant and definitely doesn’t forget whomever graduation speaker was. . . . Sue Kairnes Baker, formerly editor of the Narragansett Times, is now assistant to the mayor of Warwick, R.I. . . . Daphne Foran Lessor joined Sullivan & Hollis, New Hampshire’s oldest law firm. Lorenzo Montezemolo is a network analyst in Palo Alto, Calif., where he lives with his wife, Felicia (Getfert-Montezemolo ’92). . . . Brittany Ray is an English teacher for grades 9-12. This past July she and her husband and child (Bayley) traveled to Dijon, France, where they visited her host family from her junior semester abroad. . . . Katherine Rogers Roberts was a financial analyst in Dallas, Texas, where she lives with her husband, William, and her son, Henry, until quitting to be a full-time mom. . . . Heather Perry-Weaver is an underwater photographer and lives in Brunswick, Maine, with her husband, Richard Weaver. Heather says, “Danae Clohan, give me a call!” . . . Also in Brunswick, Patrick Robbins, a book buyer at the Bowdoin bookstore, writes that he got the job by swearing that he never threw a single orange at a Colby/Bowdoin hockey game (he didn’t mention cows’ heads). . . . Also in Maine, Toby Slaven is head women’s basketball coach at UMaine Machias. . . . In wedding news, Jill Moran wed Tom Baxter in October ‘98. Jeff Zlot married Connie Huffine ’94 in May ‘98, and Patricia Marshall married Sean Holland. Tim Von Jess is engaged to Jodi Goldstein and planning an August ‘99 wedding. Tricia Leyne married Jonathan Eggert, also in October. After receiving her master’s from Boston College in higher education administration, she took a job at
Compaq Computer Corporation in their engineering training division.

—Beth Curran

94 It has been fun hearing from classmates from all over the country. Steven and Cicely Finley Taylor, married in April ’97, live in Louisiana, and Cicely loves staying from anyone in the D.C. area ...

95 Sarah Bohlinger (axelady@hotmail.com) finished culinary school in December 1998 and planned a move to Boston. Prior to becoming a chef, Sarah ran an ice skating rink and a sailing marina ... Rebecca Apollon (RB977@aol.com) is a first-year medical student at the University of Pittsburgh. While working in admissions at Colby since graduation, she started mountain biking, running and roller blading. Rebecca has spoken to Kelly Spooner, a physical therapist in Michigan, who is now in school at Boston and, due to Vermont Starbuck, a recent law school grad living in the Boston area ...

MILESTONES

Marriages: Jeffrey R. Borhek ’90 to Heather M. Arey, in Wareham, Mass. ... Emilie L. Davis ’90 to Samuel H. Kosoff, in Camp Hill, Pa. ... Michael B. Eisenstadt ’90 to Sheila M. Vaughan, in Chatham, Mass. ... Kimberly I. Morrison ’90 to Timothy G. Lyons, in Needham, Mass. ... Charlotte E. Reece ’91 to David P. Moore Jr., in Ann Arbor, Mich. ... Kyle M. Barnard ’92 to Laura D. Swan, in Southport Island, Maine. ... Keith S. Fortier ’92 to Annelise Bunger ’93, in Great Barrington, Mass. ... Kristin A. Nixon ’92 to Thomas D. Donahue, in Harwich, Mass. ... Christopher E. Benecci ’93 to Margaret W. Heinze, in Redlands, Calif. ... Michael Eash ’93 to Donna Kublis, in Nashua, N.H. ... Tricia Leyne ’93 to Jonathan Eggert, in Newton, Mass. ... Michelle Parady ’93 to John Malach, in Newark, N.Y. ... Elizabeth C. Repass ’93 to David R. Dumas, in South Portland, Maine. ... Kristin L. Spiller ’94 to Alexander G. Moody ’94, in Sudbury, Mass. ... Stephanie J. Brewster ’95 to Jason R. Haen, in Cranston, R.I. ... Tiffany M. Williams ’95 to Derke J.G. Snodgrass, in Seattle, Wash. ... Kathryn J. Alexander ’96 to Jason D. Romeo, in Marshfield, Mass. ... Amy R. Ostermueller ’96 to Colby A. Wyatt ’96, in Weston, Mass. ... Michael M. Chao ’71 to Julie A. Bradstreet, in Lorimer Chapel.

Births: A son, Henry David Feldman, to Lee and Suzanne Quill Feldman ’90.

NEWSMAKERS

A New York Times story characterized David C. Leavy ’92 as one of “a group of people who changed the political face” of Washington when he came to the city with the Clinton administration. Leavy has been a spokesperson for the White House and the National Security Council since 1993. ... In January, former editor of the Narragansett Times Sue Kairnes Baker ’93 became the administrative assistant to the mayor of Warwick, R.I. ... Brian Sidoti ’96 was featured in his hometown newspaper newspaper for his work rebuilding Nicaraguan homes and lives following the devastating hurricane last year. Sidoti has been with the Peace Corps for more than two years.

—Alicia Hildalgo

Congratulations to Laura Miller and Chuck Thompson, who were married at Hilton Head Island, S.C., last May. Included in the wedding party were Megan Campbell, Anika Smith, Sean Hayes, Dan Katz and Kent Bonham. ...

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our fifth reunion in June. It should prove to be a great weekend. As of November, almost 100 people had already responded that they are coming.
teaching math at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in Rockville, Md. Christian is also finishing an M.A.T. from Johns Hopkins, where he also completed his M.A. in math. ... Faisal Zaman (fzrider@aol.com) has passed his medical boards, cut off his hair, become a motorcycle enthusiast and made a lot of musical recordings. ... Brendan Cavanaugh (edmir@aol.com) is in his third year at Rush Medical College in Chicago. ... Nathan Cook is a log/timber frame builder in Bozeman, Mont. ... Jennifer Rock is in school to become a massage therapist and is studying traditional Chinese medicine. She's also an apprentice guide dog trainer. She had been working with an airline, which let her travel all around, including Europe, Hawaii, Fiji, Australia, New Zealand and Mexico. ... Lindsay Bennigson (linsbennig@aol.com) is an M.A. student in counseling psychology and plans to graduate in May '99. She's been doing her clinical internship counseling Tufts students. ... Heather Beuss (hbeusse@aol.com) is teaching English in Venezuela but was hoping to move to Chile at the beginning of 1999. ... Meredith Brent (tempmgr@aol.com) ran the San Francisco Marathon in July, and ... Erika Troseth (evangeline@hotmail.com) finished the Portland Marathon. ... Karen Floyd (kfloyd@jhpiego.org) recently returned from three years with the Peace Corps in Guinea, West Africa. She is now in Baltimore working for JHPIEGO, an affiliate of Johns Hopkins University, coordinating a program in Malawi in the area of international reproductive health. ... Alison Lutz Walton (Alison.L.Walton@ac.com), who attended Colby for two years before transferring to Penn State, married in September 1997 and is living outside Philadelphia and working for a consulting firm. ... Lane Schuck (hschuck@jhmi.edu) is a nursing student at Johns Hopkins and playing intramural soccer on the neuroscience Ph.D. team. ... Jen "Hank" Anchek (jla@atalantassonoff.com) has lived in N.Y.C. for the past two years, working as a financial analyst for Atalanta/Sonoff Capital Corp., a money management firm. She spent the summer of '98 learning how to sail as crew on a friend's J-120 racing boat, which won the J-120 North American Championships in Newport, R.I., last summer. ... Mark Griffin (mgriffin@ms.com) is in San Francisco. ... I finished my M.A. in communication, culture and technology at Georgetown and returned to the Boston area, where I work in public relations at The Weber Group with Nicole Keating. ... Everyone started getting psyched for our reunion next year! —Alyssa Falwell

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JJ Lovett writes that he shut down his Web development company to do extended training with the Marine Corps. He plans to return to the civilian work force this winter at a health system in Brooklyn. ... Tamela Spaulding is an educational technician and adult education instructor in Maine. ... Casey Swan is living in Maine, working at a radio station in Portland. Her production of Wagon's radio coverage of the Election Day Special won an AF award for Best Election Coverage. Congratulations! ... Kyle Taphorn is in her final year of law school at McGeorge in Sacramento, Calif. Unfortunately, she lost her grandmother, Marlee Bragdon Monroe '42, this summer. She says that her grandmother always held Colby near and dear to her heart. Kyle sends news of several classmates. Linnea Basu is a substitute teacher in the Boston area. Stephanie Paul started an M.B.A program at Georgetown University. Nozomi Kishimoto is still in Tokyo working for UNUM insurance company. Over Labor Day, Kyle also saw Whitney Glockner, who is doing well in California. ... Nancy Zierman is employed at Bear Sterns in New York. Also in N.Y. is Ines Velasco. ... Cindy Starchman earned her M.A. from Ohio State University and began teaching ninth and 11th grades at a high school in Fostoria, Ohio. This is her second year there and she absolutely loves it. ... Colby and Amy Ostermueller Wyatt live in Grantham, N.H. Amy is teaching high school English, and Colby is an M.D./Ph.D. graduate student at Dartmouth. They both enjoyed attending Kathy Alexander and Jason Romero's wedding in the fall. ... Also united in marriage were Anne Robinson and Woodrow Pollack '97. They are currently living in Fre­mont, Calif., while Anne attends law school in San Francisco. ... Chris Wnek and Gate Kneecle were married in July on the coast of Maine and enjoyed a fabulous honeymoon in Bermuda. ... Rima Lathrop Carlson lives in Waterville and organizes health education workshops in rural health centers as an Americorps and VISTA volunteer. ... Jennifer Pope just returned from her Peace Corps stint in Mali, West Africa, after traveling around North Africa and Europe. Tina Garand also finished her Peace Corps service, in Guinea, West Africa, and Jen reports that Tina is engaged to someone she met during her service. ... Brett Wilfrid will return from Nepal this winter after teaching English there for the Peace Corps. He plans on hiking in the Everest region with Zoe Kaplan '97. Meanwhile, Jen Hellman is in her second year of a Spanish master's program at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. This summer Brett and Jen plan on spending the summer together working at a friend's hotel in Norway. Brett also writes that Soren Peters is climbing peaks in Tibet. ... Kate Swenson is an application developer in the Boston area. ... Tammy Smith is working in London for six months. ... Conrad Saam started an M.B.A. program at the University of Michigan. ... Kim Shockey writes that she just got a new kitten that gives her plenty of opportunities to take study breaks from medical school. She recently spent a weekend with Nell Prause and Jen Felmy. ... Dori Morrison, Tatsumi Calder and Kim Allen live together in Somerville, Mass. ... Patty Benson is working in Tacoma, Wash., for a few months. ... Alex

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Kean and Sheila Grant graduated this winter from their master’s programs at Wheelock College. … Niki Shinneman moved back to the Seattle area from Boston. She is an activities assistant at a rehab nursing care facility and also is singing with the Northwest Chorale as assistant at a rehab nursing care facility. … Aaron Sigman works at BankBoston, where Stu Wales also works. Aaron says he is enjoying it so far. … K. Lisiu Linsk is a research specialist and student at U Penn, where she is currently studying for a master’s in biotechnology. … Carolyn Sheppard is a director of education and volunteers at the New Canaan, Conn., historical society. She lives with Darrell Oakley ’94. … Brian Stenger works as an analyst with Anderson Consulting. … Gretchen Rice drove across the country in June. She still produces multimedia content for the Ranger Rick magazine for an on-line service for kids. … Russell White says he still has a big cactus and works as an implementation consultant in Portland, Maine. … Qi Wang passed his first C.F.A. exam and says he moved to Brooklyn Heights after being a prisoner of Manhattan. … Please keep the news coming!

—Amie Scichiano

97 Congrats to Nicole Labrecque, Kate Charbonnier, Josh Oeljen, Katy Bakeman and Todd McGovern on their engagements and to Michael Choate on his marriage. … Stephanie Blackman started a new job doing research for the Corporation for National Service. She moved to Portland, Ore., from the coast and loves being back in a city. Also out there in Oregon is Treb Becher, who walked away from his corporate job as a commodities trader outside of New York. He is now an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer in a rural public health department working on a women, children and infant health program. … Sarah Dimare still teaches fifth and sixth grade Spanish and sixth and seventh grade science at Mother Caroline in Dorchester, Mass. She taught sailing over the summer at Cagle Island in South Boston and planned on applying to Mass. General Hospital’s Institute of Health Professions nurse practitioner certification program in the fall. … Rebecca Durham is planning on moving out to San Diego and taking her time to do it as she drives cross country after concluding an internship in Dartmouth, Mass. … Andrea Dehaan is now living in Boston, working at a law firm with Dave Javier and Drew Hoffner. Additionally, she is enrolled in a master’s program at Boston University in creative writing. She lives near Summer Laplante, Mike Lawrence and Dave Hanauer, and Molly McLellan, Mike Coyle and Amanda Bligh have also been sighted in the area. … Cindy Bisson enjoyed a whirlwind vacation in the Mediterranean touring the Greek Isles, and another trip to the Caribbean last January. She is working for a Catholic foster care agency in New York City and is the social worker responsible for arranging for the adoption of foster children. After the year is done, she plans on pursuing a master’s in social work at Columbia. … Jerrod DeShaw was promoted to a contracts manager for Aerotek in Colorado. … Erin Duggan is a city reporter for the Syracuse newspapers in Syracuse, N.Y., and is also back in school for a master’s at the Newhouse School of Public Communications. … Steve Drunsch is the account executive at Swissbank as an economic research analyst and is now pursuing a modeling career (he was in Cosmopolitan’s “All About Men” issue for the hot new face from Vermont). He’ll be in either Milan or Japan for a few months and plans on making enough money while modeling to be able to tour the world making snowboarding movies. While in New York, Steve lives with Kerry Propper in an East Village apartment and has seen Eugene Buono and Erin Brenner.

He has also seen one of his old Colby roommates, Paul Hennigan, who is an insurance analyst for UNUM in Portland, Maine. He reports that Megan Flynn has made the move to Beantown, where she works in public relations, and that Katie Nevin has returned from El Salvador following her 12-month residency and is now back in school in New Orleans doing something medically related. … Tom Beedy is a financial planner for the Cooper Management Service in Lexington, Ky. He notes that while he may be 25, he could never be quite as old as Hobie Antik and Seth Blumenthal. … Galen Carr is a sales associate for Salomon Smith Barney in Boston. … After her wedding in August, Christine Brown Irish honeymooned in St. Lucia. She is still in medical school. … Matthew Burgener is an analyst for Anderson Consulting and is working on a project about deregulation of the utility market in Holyoke, Mass. … E) Anderson is in graduate school at the Albany Medical School. … Chris Sullivan has taken a job as the director of alumni relations and programs at St. John’s Prep. … David Barr is in law school in Cleveland at Case Western. … Linc Farr is living in Walpole, N.H., working for documentary filmmaker Ken Burns on a new project for PBS, a 10-part history of jazz. He also writes promotional material for the alumni office of the Vermont Academy. … In D.C., Tony Moulton is leaving his mark on the social scene (none of us are surprised, are we?), while Drea Barbalunga is still living and working for a trade association. She reports that Hillary Roas has moved to Phoenix to live with her mother, sell fruit and study for the LSAT before leaving the country for a couple of years. She’s also heard from Dee Dresser, who is doing well in her second year of law school at USC.

—Kimberly N. Parker

98 Four hundred and forty-one of us received bachelor of arts degrees in May, and some of us are in fact using them. … Ryan Costello is living in Portsmith, N.H., working as an associate software engineer for Liberty Mutual. … Emma Record and Erik Ayers are living in and working in Boston. The former field hockey players recoil at the thought of exercise and report that they “eat up” most of their spare time hanging out on their couch and eating cheez-its. … Devin Colman, one of our most artistically talented classmates, had a sculpture selected for a group show at the Plains Art Museum in Fargo, N.D. He is working as an art gallery curator and visual resources curator for the Macalester College Art Department. … On the Delta shuttle between New York and Boston, I ran into both Abby Lambert and Justin Ackerman. Abby is living in Hoboken, N.J., with Allison Brown and commuting into the City. Justin is based in Boston but apparently his job requires frequent flights to N.Y.C. … Some of our class, instead of using the skills we learned in the classroom (and wearing suits to work), chose to use what we learned from the Alford Center, the Outing Club, and trips to Sugarloaf. … Becky Allen spent the summer driving across country with Wil Chamberlain and Mignon Winger. Wil and Becky lived in Sun Valley for a while, but Becky resides in Massachusetts and works as a ski instructor and substitute teacher. … Sarah Boehm, Mary Pierce and Emily Reith started a through-hike on the Appalachian trail on Mount Katahdin, Maine, on May 26, 1998, and finished in Springer Mountain, Georgia, on December 11, 1998. Incredible! … I ran into Andrew Porter, Courtney Cataldi and many more ’98 grads this past summer on Nantucket. Andrew was busy sailing, finishing off bloody marys and holding his girlfriend back from fights with locals at Captain Toby’s. … Nathan Curtis and his dog, Flooab, are living in Atlanta, Ga. Nathan is an environmental consultant and staff scientist. … Matt King and Raja Bala are living it up in Boston. If anyone is looking for the best wine snipper ever, be sure to look Matt up at the bar he tends in Fanueil Hall. … Unbelievable but true, members of our class are returning to school after the arduous four years we spent studying at Colby. … Shannon Baker, our former president who is now engaged, has been accepted to medical school and will start in August. … Mike Corr is finishing his engineering degree at Dartmouth College. … Julia Kovacs began post-graduate work at Bowdoin College. … Congratulations are in order for Steve Higgs and Amy Lyons, who were married last August. … Tory Archibald is making frequent trips back to Mayflower Hill to visit her on-campus boyfriend when she gets a break from her job as a public affairs assistant for Burson-Masteller, a PR firm. … Kate Dunlop is living in Boston and planning to marry Michael Seamen on May 29, 1999. … Although Karin Sachs supposedly graduated in 1998 she is rumored to have been spotted on the Colby campus on numerous occasions. … Best of luck to everyone this year, and I look forward to hearing from you.

—Carolyn Miner
Ruth Fairbanks Burke '24, September 12, 1998, in Brunswick, Maine, at 96. A homemaker, she was predeceased by her husband, John H. Burke '26. She is survived by a son and daughter, John H. Burke Jr. and Ruth Marshall, seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Hiram H. Crie '25, July 18, 1998, in Winter Haven, Fla., at 95. After service in the Army Air Corps in World War II he was an accountant for a furniture store. He is survived by two daughters, Lorraine Heilman and June Samson, his brother, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Claire A. Crosby '25, June 27, 1998, in Wayne, Maine, at 95. She taught school for 32 years in Maine and nine in Ohio. Survivors include a niece, Mary Correll, a nephew, Nathaniel Crosby, and 10 grandniece and grandnephews.


Beatrice Ham Dickerman '26, September 20, 1998, in Livermore Falls, Maine, at 94. She was a school teacher in New Hampshire for many years and tutored students in Livermore Falls. Predeceased by her husband, Robert, she is survived by several cousins, including Gary Knight '66.

Frank J. Twadelle '29, July 5, 1998, in Brunswick, Ga., at 90. He was decorated for service in the Army in World War II. After a surgical practice at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Massachusetts, he established a practice in Gardiner and Augusta, Maine. He is survived by his wife, Helen, three sons, two daughters, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

William T. Cowing '30, July 28, 1998, in Charlton, Mass., at 89. He earned a master's degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and was a science teacher and head of the science department at Belmont High School for more than 20 years. He was predeceased by his brothers Cleal '27 and Charles '29. Survivors include his wife, Madeline, a brother, a sister and nieces and nephews, including Nancy Cowing McGinley '55, Geoffrey Little '69 and Charles Cowing '76.

Alma W. Glidden '30, September 27, 1998, in Winslow, Maine, at 90. She received a master's degree from Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury College and for 40 years taught school in Waldoboro, Maine, and Quincy, Mass. She is survived by a brother, Stanley Glidden, and by nieces, nephews and cousins.

Edgar B. McKay '30, September 6, 1998, in Wolfeville, N.S., at 95. He taught at Winslow (Maine) High School, where he was principal from 1941 to 1946. From 1947 to 1972 he taught modern society at the University of Maine at Orono, where he became the first director of the Canadian-American Center. He was a member of several environmental councils in Maine and Nova Scotia. He is survived by his daughter, Jean Timpa, and by four grandchildren.

Barbara Gurney Cassidy '31, July 8, 1998, in Northbrook, Ill., at 89. She worked as an accountant at the Glenview Naval Air Station in Illinois. She was a generous contributor to the Cotter Union room named for her father, Charles E. Gurney, Class of 1898 and a long-time trustee of the College.

Frances E. Libby '31, August 8, 1998, in Greenfield, Mass., at 88. She earned a master's in library science at Columbia University and was employed by New York City from 1932 to 1968 as librarian at the Children's Library. Several cousins survive her.

Ina Hussey Weymouth '31, August 6, 1998, in Waterville, Maine, at 87. She worked in her father's funeral business for many years before becoming safety director for American Woolen Companies. She also was a marketing services director at C.F. Hathaway Co. in Waterville. She is survived by many cousins.

Donald M. Christie '32, September 27, 1998, in Norway, Maine, at 90. For 35 years he was a principal, teacher and school superintendent in several Maine schools. He was an avid sportsman, gardener and genealogist. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Dorothy, his son, two sisters, two grandchildren and his nephews Lindon Christie Jr. '54 and Paul Christie '56.

Evelyn L. Johnson '32, July 19, 1998, in Cambridge, Mass., at 87. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate, she taught for eight years before joining Maine's Division of Child Welfare in 1942. She earned an M.S.W. from Columbia University and in 1962 was appointed child welfare supervisor of Maine's Department of Human Services. A generous spirit who was active in many coastal Maine community programs, she is survived by five nieces.

Harriett Felch Liu, July 29, 1998, in Lakeland, Fla., at 81. She retired from the Social Security Administration in Presque Isle, Maine, after 37 years of service. Previously she taught English in Washburn, Maine. She is survived by her husband, Sicheng Liu, a daughter and a grandson.

Jean L. Bridges '40, September 9, 1998, in Baltimore, Md., at 78. She was a second lieutenant in the Army and also a Red Cross nurse during World War II. Later she was a nurse at Children's Hospital in Boston and concluded her career as a high school guidance counselor in Worcester, Mass. Predeceased by her sisters, Barbara Bridges Stinner '34 and Eleanor Bridges '34, she is survived by a nephew, three nieces and several great-nephews and -nieces.

George L. Beach Jr. '41, November 10, 1998, in Waterville, Maine, at 78. Member of a six-generation Colby family, he earned letters in basketball and football. After serving in World War II in counter intelligence, he was the director of customer services with the Keyes Fibre Company in Fairfield, Maine, until his retirement in 1984. Predeceased by two brothers, Hugh D. Beach '36 and Prince D. Beach '40, he is survived by his wife, Martha Rogers Beach '42, five children, including Margo Beach Long '65, seven grandchildren, including Megan MacDonald '94, six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Victor A. Lebednik '42, June 20, 1998, in Orangeburg, S.C., at 81. He was an Air Force flight instructor in World War II. After the war he was the founder and president of Dixie Woodcraft Co. in Orangeburg and the father of four children. Survivors include his wife, Anne.

J. Preston Barry '43, October 1, 1998, in Bedford, Mass., at 77. He was in the first infantry carrier to land on Omaha Beach during the Normandy invasion in World War II. He was a teacher and coached football and baseball at Hingham (Mass.) High School, was principal of Concord (N.H.) High School and was school administrator for the Media, Pa., district until his retirement in 1977. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, a son, Matthew Barry '85, two daughters, including Noel Barry Stella '76, a brother, five grandchildren and nieces and a nephew.

Natalie Cousins Dyer '43, July 9, 1998, in Warwick, R.I., at 77. After teaching high school English and Latin, she was a homemaker and also served on several local boards. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Richard R. Dyer '42, four daughters, including Pamela Dyer Turton '70, five grandchildren, including Jeffrey Turton '95, and a great-granddaughter.

Plucked Chickens, Cold Swedes
A painless introduction to the history of meteorology

By James R. Fleming

Every major enterprise or institution, from the Roman Empire to the Catholic Church—even the discipline of meteorology—must pay homage to its past and make efforts to preserve, interpret and disseminate its heritage. The atomic age caused a surge of interest in the history of physics. The space program focused attention on astronomers and the history of astronomy. Now that genetic engineering is ascendant, the history of the life sciences is in the spotlight.

Meteorology is the study of atmospheric science. The study of atmospheric science has a long and rich history, with contributions from figures such as Aristotle, Galileo Galilei, and Benjamin Franklin. The history of meteorology has been shaped by the efforts of individuals who have contributed to our understanding of the atmosphere and its behavior.

In the 1830s meteorologists could only guess how fast winds blow inside a tornado. No one had figured out a way to measure them. But people had noticed that twisters sometimes stripped barnyard fowl of their feathers. In 1838, Loomis, a Yale-educated meteorologist at Western Reserve College in Ohio, reported this phenomenon in an article in the prestigious *American Journal of Science.*

In 1835, Loomis assembled his students and interested faculty on the college green and loaded a cannon with black powder and a freshly killed chicken. “The gun was pointed vertically upwards and fired,” Loomis reported. “The feathers rose twenty or thirty feet, and were scattered by the wind. On examination they were found to be pulled out clean, the skin seldom adhering to them. The body was torn into small fragments, only a part of which could be found. The velocity is computed at . . . three hundred and forty one miles per hour. A fowl, then, forced through the air with this velocity, is torn entirely to pieces; with a less velocity, it is probable most of the feathers might be pulled out without mutilating the body.” Loomis’s estimate 160 years ago was very close to the modern value for wind speeds in a strong, F-5 tornado—about 300 miles per hour.

A half century later in a paper presented to the Stockholm Physical Society in 1895 and published the following year in the *Philosophical Magazine,* Svante Arrhenius demonstrated that variations of atmospheric CO₂ concentration could have a great effect on the overall heat budget and surface temperature of the planet and may have been sufficient to have caused glacial and interglacial periods. He also thought humans might be inadvertently changing the climate. In 1905, Arrhenius observed that “the percentage of carbonic acid in the air must be increasing” in proportion to the consumption of coal and other fossil fuels. This would cause a warming trend.

It would be a mistake, however, to consider this work a direct forerunner of current climate concerns. Arrhenius predicted that in the distant future the Earth would be “visited by a new ice period that will drive us from our temperate countries into the hotter climates of Africa.” He thought that burning fossil fuels could help prevent a new Ice Age and could perhaps inaugurate a new carboniferous age of enormous plant growth. In his popular book, *Worlds in the Making,* he wrote: “By the influence of the increasing percentage of carbonic acid in the atmosphere, we may hope to enjoy ages with more equable and better climates, especially as regards the colder regions of the earth, ages when the earth will bring forth much more abundant crops than at present, for the benefit of rapidly propagating mankind.” A cold Swede dreams of big cabbages.

It is important to note that Arrhenius’s view of the potentially beneficial effects of carbon dioxide emissions differs radically from current environmental concerns over the harmful effects of a potential global warming caused by fossil fuel emissions. Moreover, the carbon dioxide theory of climate change was out of scientific favor for the first five decades of this century.

The history of science can be fun and enlightening. Undoubtedly there are more good stories out there. If you know of one, please share it with me. Who knows? You might end up in the history books.

Associate Professor of Science, Technology and Society James Rodger Fleming is the author of *Meteorology in America, 1800-1870* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1990) and *Historical Perspectives on Climate Change* (Oxford University Press, 1998), which included these anecdotes.
## Colby Reunion 1999

### Don't miss out! See you in June!

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<td>Alumni Council Meeting with an update by President Cotter and business of the Alumni Association</td>
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<td>Parade of the Classes and class reunion photographs</td>
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Reservation materials will be mailed to individual reunion classes in late March. If you don’t receive your reservation information by April 15, please send your request to alumni@colby.edu or call the Alumni Office at 207-872-3190.
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Jim Fleming (science, technology and society) looks at the lighter side of the history of meteorology. Page 64.