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The Beanie That Wouldn't Die

Although not of major import, I thought I should point out that, re the photo caption on page 25 of the Winter 1999, issue of *Colby*, the wearing of beanies continued until at least the Class of 1969, if not later, as did the wearing of name signs for fraternities. I know this because we were not allowed to remove our beanies until after Colby won its first football game, which it obligingly did the first game of the season. I still have my beanie, by the way, if anyone cares to dispute the issue. There was even some question of whether or not the last two digits of our class year should be on the beanie . . .

Jim Bishop '69
Bar Mills, Maine

Remembering Colby

Professor Mundy: Yesterday as I read the article about Frank Favalaro's loss of memory, it struck me that once more Colby professors are much more than academic practitioners, although they do excel at that as well. I appreciate your academic support of this young man when he was a student and even more your and Colby's caring help when he needed to recover his memory. I wonder to what extent he recovered his memory or did he just "relearn" some of the experiences through being told by various people of what had occurred.

I majored in English literature when I was at Colby but did toy with the idea of majoring in biology. Consequently, I took two chemistry courses and so knew Professor Evans Reid, then the unflappable head of the department, who taught Chem. 101, and the excitable Professor Paul Machemer, who taught Qualitative Analysis. Frequently I created havoc by "creating" solutions to the problems we were supposed to be analyzing scientifically. Finally near the end of the semester when I had come up with one more ingenious answer totally off-base, Machemer shook his head, looked at me and said, "Ruth, it's fun having you in this lab, but you'll never be a scientist." He was right and I knew it.

Professor Mundy, I thank you for caring about Frank Favalaro, the person who appears to be on his way to becoming a "real" scientist.

Ruth Winterbottom Peacock '58
Celaya, Mexico

Errata: Class of '97 correspondent and former Colby Sports Information Director Kimberly Parker '97 pointed out that Odessa Jackalopes star Dan Lavergne is a member of the Class of 1997, not '96 as he was identified in a profile in the spring issue. Same goes for Nick Lamia '97, mentioned in the article.

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