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By Earl Smith

Cotter Honored

Colby is one of five of the nation's selective liberal arts colleges to receive surprise, unsolicited grants of \$150,000 from the Knight Foundation of Florida. In making the grant to Colby, the foundation cited the "courageous leadership" of President Bill Cotter in "tackling a difficult re-examination of its student residential life" and for planning and implementing a new residential system that "emphasizes civic responsibility" while enhancing the College's academic profile and substantially increasing its alumni support.

Goings and Comings

Three veteran colleagues whose combined service to Colby approaches 70 years are retiring this month. Jeanne Littlefield Hammond '49, a fixture in the Registrar's Office since 1962, has also been a stalwart staffer for the College's famed summer Lancaster Program for most of these years. Urania "Sunny" Pomerleau has retired after more than 21 years as a member of the Miller Library staff. Toni Federle, who came to work as a part-time receptionist in admissions in 1990, is also retiring. These three gracious and helping staffers will be much missed. . . . Nina Tilander, director of annual giving, has left to head the annual giving program at the University of Washington in Seattle. . . . Pete Chenevert has returned to head Colby's Security Department, having been a department member from 1980 to 1982 and director from 1982 to 1988. Susan Prentice '97 has been hired as assistant director of annual giving, responsible for reunions and senior pledge. Susan was a full-time employee in the Development Office prior to the campaign and left to become a full-time Colby student.

Top Teacher

Joanne Defilipp Alex '76 has been named Maine's Teacher of the Year. She is the director of Montessori School in Stillwater, near Old Town. Joanne's and Joseph '75's daughter, Jessica, is a Colby freshman. Note as well that Jim Cook '78 has received one of three Maine Presidential Awards for elementary school science teaching. Previous national science winners at the high school level include Jane Russell Abbott '41 and Betty Savicki Carvellas '68.

Filming in Mexico

Four Colby students studying in Cuernavaca, Mexico, have found their way into a Tom Berenger film being made there. Three of the four are

extras, but Emmett Beliveau '99 (Hallowell, Maine) has a speaking part in which he falls off a cliff and yells "Viva Mexico!" He may never return.



Marathon Men

Runner Jim Hawkins '71 is a pretty fair marathon man, but so is classmate Tony Maramarco, who has just completed what is known as the Shakespeare Marathon, having viewed all 36 of the Bard's plays in nine years. Both are left breathless.

If Only They Knew

A study led by Bill Klein (psychology) shows that while three-quarters of Colby students believe and support the College's alcohol policies and are interested in attending events without alcohol, these same students believe that their opinions represent a minority view.

Moosecellaneous

The Journal of Economic Education (fall '97) ranks Colby third among 161 colleges in publications of economics department faculty. Only Williams and Wellesley ranked higher. . . . Students in Mike Donihue '79's senior seminar, Economic Forecasting, made a presentation to Governor Angus King on the Colby Economic Outlook for the Maine Economy. Even though this sort of thing is easier in a small state, it is nonetheless a unique opportunity for students to have access to a chief executive. . . . Two Colby juniors, Catherine Garland (Kingston, Ont.) and Colleen Schwartz (Hingham, Mass.), are junior members of the American Astronomical Society and presented poster papers in the January meeting of the AAS in Washington, D.C. . . . With the urging and support of Pam Tinto Pillay, assistant director of residential life, hall staff members have sponsored lots of programs for residents of each dorm, including apple picking and pumpkin carving and discussions on classic films, HIV/AIDS and eating disorders.

To Name a Few

Suisheng Zhao's (government) book, *Power Competition in East Asia*, has been named an outstanding academic book of 1997 by *Choice*, the magazine of book and nonprint reviews of the American Library Association. . . . Larissa Taylor (history) has been appointed secretary of the board of directors of the *Sixteenth Century Journal*. . . . Bruce Rueger's (geology) discovery that unexplained quartz sand in Bermuda core samples arrived on the island via birds from the eastern North American coast raised a stir in the academic press and elsewhere. . . . Garry Mitchell of the Art Department has been chosen for an award for his participation in New American Talent, a national exhibition juried by Robert Storr, curator of painting and sculpture for New York's Museum of Modern Art.

Music in the Dorms

Credit Music Department chair Steve Saunders and his colleagues with renewed efforts to bring student music performances into the dormitories. Steve and head resident Carolyn Clark '00 arranged special concerts for study breaks and the holidays in the fall term. Music students performed and members of the music faculty joined hall residents in singing around the fire.

