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The cover photograph for the spring 2014 Colby (and I’m assuming it is a photograph) is truly astonishing, having no gratifying qualities whatsoever. The president of the College is leaving and the viewer is left with the image of a man who looks as though he has been picked up off the streets of Hell’s Kitchen and attacked with a butcher’s knife, fragments of his ears left to go to rodents. Truly hideous.

Why couldn’t President Adams have been photographed using mirrors placed at different angles showing profiles of his head perhaps while at different tasks, work related or otherwise?

What an insult to a guy who has given so much to Colby.

Norman Macartney ’61
Morehead City, N.C.

The pattern here is what is so special. Colby connections, sometimes sight unseen. Ones that unite, ones that take action. Dare I say, Colbystrong.

Stoddard Crane Minneapolis, Minn.

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Proud of Adams at NEH

“As a former @ColbyCollege student gov president who worked with Bro, I can’t endorse him strongly enough.”
—@PatrickBoland ’09

“@ColbyCollege, WOWZA! #ProudAlum”
—@NewsyCaitlin (Caitlin Burchill ’12)

“Proud moment for Colby College in Waterville, Maine and President Adams! We will celebrate at our 50th class reunion in June at Colby!”
—Sally Berry Glenn ’64

“You’re welcome, America. My alma mater @ColbyCollege gives you your new chairman of @NEHgov: vimeo.com/91926827”
—@KrisMiranda09

The Inspiration That Was Jim Wescott

“Sad to hear of the loss of such a great person and coach. I have many good memories of coach from my time at
Colby. I was fortunate enough to see him this past winter at Sugarloaf and introduce my daughters to him ... I remember telling them that when it comes to people, you cannot get much better than Coach Wescott. My condolences to the Wescott family and the Colby community.”
—Matt Noyes ’92

“I ran for Jim Wescott @ColbyCollege and will always be thankful for the guiding force he played in my life.”
—@MHBucklin (Matt Bucklin ’05)

“Jim Wescott was one of the most influential and inspiring people in my life. I know I will not be alone in feeling the loss. Even though we hadn’t spoken in years, I think if him often and will continue to do so. As much, or more, for the life lessons he provided in training and after the competition was over.”
—Phil Hough ’81

What Was Your “Aha! moment” on Mayflower Hill?

“I was walking up Roberts Row toward the library with my parents just looking at the campus and I swear every student we passed said hi. I found that this was just what you did on campus. ... say hi to people as you pass. Took me years to lose this habit after graduation and moving to a big city. I loved that friendliness wasn’t strange at Colby!”
—Tina Goudreau ’98

“My family and I arrived after the last tour had left on a Friday, but there was something about the campus and the people that just felt different. So despite being exhausted, I insisted that we return on Monday to do a tour. We didn’t even make it halfway through before I knew that Colby was just right. It really was a Goldilocks moment for me, I can’t put my finger on exactly what it was. The academic rigor, the relationship with Waterville, the positive outlook of the people who were there; everything was right for me. It was a place where I would need to be a better version of myself to do well, but one that would definitely help me get there. We actually left before the tour was finished (had to get back on the road), but I knew. Over the next couple of years I saw more schools, but never got that Goldilocks feeling again. Applying early decision was one of the easiest and best choices I ever made. And the day I got my acceptance letter still numbers among the most exciting I’ve ever had.”
—David Cheng ’06

On Guilain Denoeux’s Last Lecture— and the Video

“Can’t wait to see it! Best professor I’ve ever had ... he changed the course of my life (some 22 years ago!).”
—Kim Marshall King ’94

A Commencement Moment Remembered

“Maxine Hong Kingston was awesome! I still remember her talking about how during your first 20 years the world gives to you, then the next 20 years you go out into the world and build yourself up, so you can give back to the world over your third 20 years.”
—Joseph Lilore ’90

“The sleet in ’97. Only in Maine!”
—Susanna Montezemolo ’97

More Mule Comments and Tweets

“Today made me realize what a terrific decision I made for next year, I’m obsessed with @ColbyCollege <3 #Colby2018”
—@Shea_Abby (Abby Shea ’18)

“3 publicists/editors at #BEA14 [Book Expo America] have stopped me because they saw the Echo as my affiliation. They went to @ColbyCollege too. #smallworld”
—@JHaubs2 (Julianna Haubner ’14)

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