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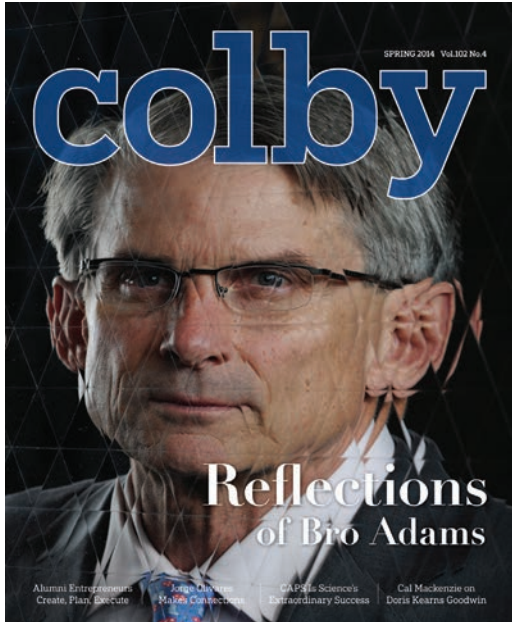
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# FEEDBACK



## Thumbs Way Up—and Down— on Bro Adams Cover Photo

I found the graphics for the spring 2014 *Colby* to be smashing, throughout—especially the cover with Bro Adams reflected in the Colby art museum’s Anish Kapoor sculpture. That was daring and, in my opinion, apropos to both the art and the interview.

Also striking was the full-page photograph of Professor Jorge Olivares making a point while lecturing, which accompanied the article “Exploring Common Ground.” This photograph seems, with its shadowy depths, to be depicting the professor not only as lecturing to a present audience but also communing with the departed writer upon whose work so much of the professor’s research has concentrated.

Keep up the solid, varied reporting and these illuminating graphics, both in the Colby tradition.

*Jim Foritano '65*  
Cambridge, Mass.

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.

## For This Wedding, a Lasting Gift

Here’s another way the Colby community works. After reading a moving article in *Colby* (spring 2013) about how Todd McGovern ’97 and his wonderful wife, Amanda, formed the Seas It Foundation to provide recreational grants to cancer patients and their families, an idea occurred to me.

Instead of selecting the usual gift from a typical wedding registry, I asked my son, Ben Crane ’06, and my new daughter-in-law, Ellen London Crane ’09, if they would like their wedding present to come in the form of a donation to the Seas It Foundation. Ben and Ellen couldn’t have been more enthusiastic about this.

While Todd eventually succumbed to cancer, Amanda continues on with the foundation’s mission, assisted by another Colby grad, Jeni Spear Howe ’98, with the wonderful vision of helping others in this unique way.

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.

## Colby Conversation via Social Media


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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](https://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

 “When you hear people talk about the Colby community it sounds like admissions spin, until you get on campus and realize that it is a very special place. I graduated in 2005 and would not trade my experience at Colby for anything. It has been invaluable to me and has played a role in every job I have had. The alumni network is amazing and the shared experience of four years on Mayflower Hill creates an instant bond, regardless of when you graduated. I cannot say enough positive things about my amazing professors, and think about my Colby experiences often when presenting material to my classes or when I am in rehearsal for a show, I find my self echoing things I learned at Colby. Mayflower Hill is a very special place and one I highly recommend to my students.”


—Rachel Damon '05

## 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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