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Class Notes

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while we were there, and they knew and the Roberts Building, all empty as the auditorium where speakers, gym (Runnals Building) also served classrooms down there. The women’s room was in the basement of the Coburn halls. Transportation to get students were moved to the two very recently completed dormitories on a lot of changes. All of the women divided, in June 1944. We experienced a year-round schedule of classes. Some of us graduated in December 1943, June 1943, or December 1942, although there was not much to report—just a long, unpleasant winter on Long Island. Gerald Roy’s wife, Mary, reports that he is now in an assisted living facility. Dot Worthley Cleaver enjoys being active in politics, writing poetry, and keeping track of her family. She has organized a new committee for providing non-faith, nonprofit, affordable daycare to children at her local preschool. She was waiting for the ice to go out of the Kennebec in front of her house so she could fly-fish. I still golf two or three times a week but only nine holes and from the forward tees. I wintered in Florida and planned to return Dedham, Mass., in June. My granddaughter, Jessica McNulty ’07, was going to help me close the house and fly to Boston with me.

David Weber writes that he lives at Regents Point, “a superior continuing-care community in Irvine, Orange County, Calif. This enabled me to form a book group with three dozen members, lead nature walks in the adjacent 75-acre Mason Regional Park, sing in the choir, help manage the store for residents, and participate in Footlighters’ dramatic readings and in monthly geriatric sessions with nearby University of California, Irvine School of Medicine faculty and students. I also took a grandson this January to savor nature, history, and the rich Mayan culture of Belize and Guatemala. Senior living is rich, varied, and intellectually invigorating. Colby whetted my interest in learning, which remains a key part of living in senior years. With best regards to my classmates.”

Ready? Here’s the next installment of news from our classmates. Don Tardiff has a son and two grandchildren. His hobbies are bridge and reading, and for 30 years when he was younger he played golf. For 42 years he was a volunteer bank director. Although Dwight Erlick lives in Scottsdale, Ariz., he spends his summers in Lakewood, Colo. He has four grandchildren. He has returned to painting and currently does abstract art. Dwight invites us to visit his website at dwighterlick.com. I did, and I think you’ll find it interesting. Over the past several years he’s been on cruises to the Far East and Europe. Louise Leavenworth was an adoption social worker for many years, retiring in 1996. She saw a lot of Mary Lou Clare until May Lou’s death and is still close to her family. Her hobbies include gardening and reading. She belongs to many social work groups and is active in her church. Shirlee Rubin Ezmirly has two sons, one daughter, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. One niece attended Colby. Shirlee spends time maintaining her properties, which include a building constructed between 1884 and 1886. This was Key West’s first private hospital, known as the Louise Maloney Hospital. After Shirlee jumped hoops for two years, the building is now on the National Register of Historic Places. Shirlee also has a vessel documentation business, which helps fishermen and charter boat operators operate with the necessary legal licenses. She loves to read, and her hobbies include collecting info on nutrition and writing her autobiography. Linda Shaw Maguire claims no one in her family is famous or notorious. She has two daughters, however, who love doing triathlons together. Her 10 grandchildren are either in line for, going to, or graduated from college—but none at Colby. Linda lives six months in New Jersey and six months in Florida. In New Jersey she lives in a big apartment house near Ridgewood, and in Florida she lives in Venice with a friend. Her hobbies include bridge, crossword puzzles, and eating out, with the emphasis on eating out! When in New Jersey she helps with setting up for and cleaning up from parties in her apartment building. She jogged from age 50 until arthritis set in, but with two new hips, she still walks. Cynthia Cockie Liect and her husband, Chuck, have two daughters and two granddaughters. One granddaughter is career Navy, and the other works for USAA, as does her mother. They also have a grandson, who has made them proud great-grandparents of a great-granddaughter. Cynthia keeps busy with watercolor painting, writing in a memoir workshop, taking Zumba classes in and out of the pool, bike riding, and reading. She also volunteers at her church’s thrift shop. About a year ago Bev Barnett Ammann and her husband moved from Virginia to Maryland to be closer to their daughter and other family members. With this move she lost her many opportunities to play her cello in the Williamsburg area, but now she has partnered up with another symphony with her daughter, who is a fine oboist. Bev remembers her days at Colby—“the best of my life!” Barbara Grant Doyle has two sons and five grandchildren—a lawyer, a math teacher, a student at Oxford, and two in high school.
Barbara lives in a retirement community in Hanover, N.H., and claims to be “bored.” However, she does volunteer at the Hanover Senior Center. She is said to report that Jim Noice passed away March 30. He and his wife of 33 years lived in Deland, Fla.—halfway between Daytona Beach and Orlando. Jim was a retired vice president of Smith Barney, a NYSE firm, and also a retired U.S. Navy officer. Jim and his wife spent the spring, summer, and fall at their “wonderful place at Beech Mountain, N.C., (5,500 feet high) near Boone.” They both served on the board of their 74-house gated community. In his last correspondence, Jim said, “Colby has always been very special to me.”  I’ll be back with more news in the next issue of Colby.

1950
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Charles Robinson was director of the Baltimore County Public Library for 40 years and has been retired for 18. He has returned to Maine every year—with the exception of the two years he spent “saving America from Communism in Korea.” Most summers he spent in Deer Isle, but 15 years ago he made the move to Ocean Park, which, as he says, is the part of Old Orchard Beach without the bars and motels. He reports that Colby is well-known in Ocean Park—but people who have heard of it in Maryland are “thin on the ground.” He visits the campus every couple of years and is afraid it will soon run out of room.  Peg Rodgers Nichols moved to Vermont four years ago, after her husband’s death, to be closer to her daughter in Middlebury. She has a cottage in a retirement community there and is leading a busy life, serving as librarian for the community’s library. She was also planning to join a project at the local elementary school to keep kids interested in books. She has done a lot of long-distance travel in the past but currently is more interested in nearby jaunts. She was anticipating a trip to New York City to see how spring felt there. She expected it would be a vast improvement over the winter in Vermont.  Dale Avery Benson spent last fall cleaning out and packing up her house in Virginia Beach to prepare for a complete renovation due to a severe mold problem. After two months of spending nights with family and working days at the house, she was able to go to Chicago to spend Christmas with her son Tom and his family. From Chicago she traveled to Michigan to stay with her niece Tara then and to Palm Beach to be with Jean Chickering Nardozzi in Hobe Sound. While there she visited with two nephews and a niece and their families. Son Jim and family did a wonderful job getting the house back in order for her return in February. Finish work went on after she arrived home, but “I have a beautiful new house inside.” Sadly, Dale lost her sister Polly, brother Alden, and a dear friend this year. Despite of these losses, she feels very blessed to have living nearby a wonderful son and his wife and children, an 18-month-old great-grandson, a little girl due in June, and nieces and nephews. She is happy and loves her home, though she is starting to think about a retirement home. Both her son Tom and daughter Carolyn were planning to visit in the spring. They rarely get home, so she was looking forward to their visits. Tom is president of his company, and Carolyn has been doing contract work.

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Classmates, thanks for responding to our request for information. We were pleased to hear from Dick Birch, who always has a good response. Dick and Nancy celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a party at their home in Estero, Fla. Life has been good to them, and they enjoy their other home and surroundings in Hollis, N.H. Congratulations to the Birches, and keep it going!  Fred Boyle sent his new e-mail address: fboylegn@metrocast.net. We hope he is well.  We had a nice response from our friend and super classmate Bill Miller. I always enjoyed good times with Bill. He continues his exciting pastime of raising and training dressage horses. I wish he would come to our special dressage events at the Devon Horse Show. The best in the U.S., I believe. Bill also continues his interest in geology and has some cogent ideas about how we can better our environment. We should get him to lecture us as he has made a great career of the environment. I hope to see him when we are in Orleans this August. Thanks, Bill.  Fenton Mitchell can be reached at CX&B United, the company that has been an integral part of my life since 1970. Good luck, Fenton; we need your input.  I stay in touch with Lorraine (Arcese) ’54 and George Wales, and they send their regards to our classmates. They are still enjoying the campus life at Dennison College in Ohio.  Charlotte Noble Shime1 says she is gradually getting her life back together after losing both her sons, at ages 49 and 54, within 10 months of each other. Both times she felt as if she lost a year. But she has two beautiful granddaughters and has things to do for them. Travel is back in her future—a very good sign.  I had a wonderful visit with Ted Shiro when we were in Naples in February. It was a good time not to be in Villanova, where it snowed a lot.  Jane and our four sons visit frequently and share many fond memories of visits to Colby years ago. We have the best class that Colby ever had. Send some memories along with your class donations. We need to get a better percentage of our class to contribute. Here’s wishing you all a pleasant summer and good health.

50s and 60s NEWSMAKERS

Sherborn, Mass., resident and businessman David Sortor ’56 received the Frances Borgor Klempner Award for significant contributions to seniors in his community. Sortor has served as vice chair and chair of the Sherborn Council on Aging and was a driving force for Sherborn Home Meals, a meal-delivery service for homebound seniors.  Artist Jane Melanson Dahmen ’63 conceived of and is host of Talking Art in Maine, a series of conversations with artists and curators who have made substantial contributions to the arts in the state. Presented in Damariscotta, the series began in April with guest Sharon Corwin, director and chief curator of the Colby Museum of Art.

Peter Ives ’65 recently published A Meeting House for the Valley, about the five meeting houses that have graced Meeting House Hill in Northampton, Mass., since 1655. Ives was pastor of First Churches in Northampton for 21 years, making him the congregation’s longest-serving pastor since 1827. A proponent of social justice, he made First Churches one of the first “Open and Affirming” churches in western Massachusetts.  Washingtonian magazine listed Lynn McKinley-Grant ’69 among its 2014 Top Doctors in the specialty of minimally invasive cosmetic procedures, laser rejuvenation, and body and facial rejuvenation.

A heartfelt greeting to you all! After hearing about all the terrible weather events that have occurred across the country this year, I can only hope that tornados, floods, extreme snow, mudslides, etc. have not affected any of you. At any rate, with warmer weather here, we can all enjoy better days.

In April Art White wrote, “After a long, snowy winter I think spring may finally be here. The Bath Country Club opens for the season tomorrow (April 10). Two years ago at this time we had been playing golf for six weeks, but I hope to break out the clubs and give it a go. Hope all goes well and Colby can beat Bowdoin in baseball!”

From Robert Benfari: “After 85 articles, six books, and 45 years of teaching, research, and consulting, I have retired from Harvard University. My latest book, Understanding and Changing Your Management Style, was published last fall. I have taught and consulted internationally, notably in South America. My wife, Judy, and I live on Cape Cod and in Sarasota, Fla. In spite of my age, I am still active in golf (consistently shooting my age) and sailing.”  Joyce Root Laubach sends lots of news. “Where have the years gone? I married an engineer from Alaska who had taken a job in Ohio, as had I. After raising three children and then working for 25 years as a med tech, as a teacher, and then at a CCRC, I decided to retire. We traveled to Switzerland,
Greetings to the ’55ers! I heard from Andy Boissevain, who has been traveling and otherwise trying not to swear at the computer at home. “Last fall we went to Canada, where the highlight of the trip was Mount Assiniboine on the border of B.C. and Alberta. It was snowing steadily in September. We arrived by helicopter and stayed in a wonderful, rustic hotel with outhouse and with snow coming through the screened window. Wonderful trails and views, and not to overlook the gourmet meals! Spent January and February in Hawaii, mostly on the Big Island. Got home in time to tussle with income tax. Life is not dull, but getting old is. Regards to all. “ Beverly Mossettig Levesque wrote, “We reached the venerable 80, and our philosophy is, Go! Don’t postpone doing things. Go! That’s why our schedule for 2014 is full. The end of April will see us in Texas to visit our son and grandson. In June we’ll head to Canada to visit some of husband Paul’s relatives. In late July we’ll spend our usual two weeks at Emerald Isle, our favorite beach in North Carolina. Kids and grandkids will come and go. And in October we’re taking a Mediterranean cruise, which will end in Istanbul, where we’ll spend several days. We have discovered that cruising is perfect for seniors like us! I’m grateful for Paul’s excellent health and for mine (pills keep me well) and for our energy.” From John Dutton: “Hope this finds you enjoying early summer after the grim winter New England went through. Our age and some health conditions are limiting how far and how much we can do nowadays. California is facing drought conditions, so I don’t know how much gardening Jane and I will do this summer. Instead we plan to visit Lassen Volcanic National Park in May. It is the state’s answer, on a much smaller scale, to Yellowstone. In June we will be in the Monterey-Carmel area with two of our three children, and we hope to celebrate Jane’s birthday at Clint Eastwood’s Mission Ranch Restaurant and relax by the ocean. In August we’ll return to the coast near Bodega Bay to escape some of the summer heat of the Golden State. In September, well ... that’s football time.” Elizabeth Weymouth Hayden said, “Now that I’m nearly 81, where have the years gone? I am still in Connecticut, with the same husband, but now I have AMD that limits my driving to family places. I still go to the gym after a new hip operation last winter.” Here’s an update from Betty Dubord Goulette: “Although I only attended Colby for one year, I still maintain some very close ties with my classmates in the Waterville area: Jane Millett Dornish, Janet Fraser Mitchell ’54, Germaine Michaud Orloff, and Anne Burbank Palmer. Germaine and I were in each other’s weddings back in the ’50s. Last winter I spent three weeks with her in Abaco in the Bahamas. My father, F. Harold Dubord [Class of
1903], was the mayor of Waterville when they were going to move Colby to Augusta. He fought to keep the College in Waterville. I don’t think I ever gave him credit for all he was able to accomplish. He was a state supreme court justice and received an honorary degree from Colby. My daughter-in-law is Kelly Smith, Earl and Barbara’s daughter. I became a dental hygienist who much preferred art and music to teeth. No wonder I love the museum!”  • News from Dave Roberts, last, but never forgotten: “I’m still spending 10 months a year in Rochester, Minn. Health is okay in spite of increasing birthdays. Will return to my Damariscotta Lake (Jefferson, Maine) cottage for July and August. My Colby families will be there for some vacation time. One grandson is ready to enter college next fall. Naturally, Colby is on the ‘look list.’ I’m selling my Waterville house. Hope some good people find it as comfortable as we did.”

1956
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John and Joan Williams Marshall, Dick Hallowell and wife Pat, Don Crowley ’58 and wife Loretta, and Tom LaVigne ’58 met for lunch in early April. All are relatively healthy despite bouts of illness/injury. Coblians cannot help but reminisce about Colby friends and ask, “Can you top this?” Don and Loretta are off to Hollywood for the airing of the final Survivor episode, in which their daughter, Patricia, is a contestant. • Dick Abedon lives in Wellington, Fla., home of all kinds of equestrian activities. He sees Paula and Peter Lunder, Paula and Allan Landau ’55, and Sandy and Don KuperSmith. His family planned to head to the Galapagos Islands in mid-June. • Donald Dunbar and his wife of 47 years, Susan, live in Vero Beach for seven or eight months, then go home to Connecticut in May. Susan, a retired physician, now works for Dunbar Consultants with premed and medical students. Don writes, “I wrote a book with Penguin/Gotham in 2007 and am presently working on a second one. Both concern college admissions and the significance of emotional intelligence and moral character in the selection process.”

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Lots to cover, so here goes! • Barbara and Marc Stahl are busy at home on Cape Cod, where Marc is a member of the Eastham planning board and water commission and—the fun part—plays golf at the Captains Golf Course in Brewster. This past year they enjoyed a cruise from Barcelona to Rio de Janeiro, and they look forward to a month’s cruise from Cape Town, South Africa, to Singapore. • Over in New Hampshire, Bob Pettigrew continues to work full time at his management consulting business, to play piano gigs, and to do TV and radio commercials. He has a piano camp for adults every June. Any late bloomers ready to give Mozart a try? • Nancy and John Conkling traveled to Greece and Israel last fall to visit an “old” high school classmatesmate and his wife who live in Jerusalem and have a home on an island off the Greek coast. It was a new adventure every day for two weeks. In February the Conklings headed for the Big Sky area in Montana and then to Salt Lake City for 12 days of skiing, all with the 70-plus ski club. Now, that’s a club! • Diane Jensen Snow writes that she and her husband still live in Sewickley, Pa., and since retirement have taken up cruising. Diane would love to live on board. Their three children are scattered around the country, so they see their six grandsons infrequently—except for those who love Pittsburgh and spend most of the summer with them. • Karen (Breen) ’58 and Dick Krasnig have lived on Calliawasse Island, a private golf community between Hilton Head and Beaufort in South Carolina, for 16 years. After taking many cruises to Europe, Asia, Australia, and South America, the K’s are becoming home-bodies and are spending more time with their 13 grandchildren, who range from 24 years to two months. Dick and Karen are in good health and enjoy playing golf many times a week. • Mikki Chomicz Manno and her daughter enjoyed a “once in a lifetime” pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March. They were preparing to sing duets for their music club in May. • Pat Martin Maloney found that moving from her 11-room house of 40 years into a five-room condo was an “interesting” (I would say traumatic) experience. She is now in Glastonbury, Conn., with a view of the Connecticut River from her kitchen window, but the best part is that many longtime friends are now her new neighbors. • Last fall found Ariette and Mac Harring traveling to Iceland and then, for a complete change of pace, to South Carolina, where they spent two days in the BMW Performance Driving School. They worked in 57 days of skiing, including in Colorado and Utah, and are now looking forward to a 10-day river cruise through Burgundy and Provence, France. Their bucket list is getting shorter. Stay tuned! • Allan van Gestel is now arbitrating one of his most interesting cases yet. He is chairing two separate panels that will decide on the surrounding community agreements between the towns of West Springfield and Longmeadow, Mass., on one side and MGM Grand on the other. MGM Grand is the applicant for a major casino to be built in Springfield, and a lot hangs in the balance for that part of the state. • Our space for this issue is used up, so must run! 1958
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Dan Yett and wife Beverly avoided some wintry weather by going to Patagonia and the Atacama Desert in northern Chile for some extraordinary scenery. In a separate trip, they flew to Bangkok for a tour focusing on the Khmer kingdoms in Burma, Cambodia, Laos, and northern Thailand, all great locations for photographers. Otherwise Dan continues to spend time at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History and its “Q?rius” area, designed for hands-on access by adolescent visitors. • Bill and Cindy Allerton Rocknak look forward to a happy summer after cleaning up from a horrific storm that wrecked their area last Sept. 11. Cyclone-like winds devastated the woods around them and threw several tall pines on their home. “We now have a new roof, rebuilt chimney, and repainted living room. Cindy has been a super trooper, armed with her handsaw and cutting shears, methodically cleaning the mess all through the freezing winter.” Their daughter, Stefanie ’88, is completing a commissioned life-size statue of Edgar Allen Poe to be unveiled this October in Boston. Those interested in a sneak preview can type “Stefanie Rocknak Poe sculpture” into any search engine. • John Edes’ progeny continue to excel at sports—no surprise! The latest super-athlete is Jordan Edes-King, a six-foot, 160-pound eighth grader who lives in Tennessee and excels at both basketball and football (his team
One, Macy’s, and other companies for many years, managed the American chamber of commerce, served on the Fulbright Commission, and even started a doughnut business and a small hotel. He supposedly retired, but now he supervises a mining project in Nazca, south of Lima, for some guys from Denver, and he recently started a new hobby: business selling blueberries, coffee, and muffins to the expat ladies around town. Golf interferes, so he has to be careful.

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1959
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Jim Plunkett will celebrate 50 continuous years of residence in Peru in July. He first went down with Carlos Davila ’58 for Christmas that year, fell in love with the country, and returned after a stint with the Marines in the Philippines and Japan, where he married. Jim worked for Exxon in the United States for a few years before deciding to take the leap and settle in Peru. “Grand experience!”

He sold mining equipment in the Andes, exported handicrafts to Pier One, Macy’s, and other companies for many years, managed the American chamber of commerce, served on the Fulbright Commission, and even started a doughnut business and a small hotel. He supposedly retired, but now he supervises a mining project in Nazca, south of Lima, for some guys from Denver, and he recently started a new hobby: business selling blueberries, coffee, and muffins to the expat ladies around town. Golf interferes, so he has to be careful.

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1960
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Ken Nigro will heading to the Dominican Republic again for 10 days in July to help with a Red Sox kids’ camp. Ten American kids and 10 Dominican kids work in a poor village in the morning and then play baseball in the afternoon. He is also heading to St. Louis in August to see the Red Sox play the Cardinals. Ken is hoping that work has begun on a 2015 reunion. Liz Boccascille Mavis flew north to celebrate significant birthdays with Judy Ingram Hatfield, Wendy McWilliam Denneen, Debbie Wilson Albee, and Charlotte Wood MacPhetres. Charlotte picked her up at the Providence airport and they spent three delightful days in Old Saybrook, Conn. Then they joined the New Hampshire women for a few days in Newport, where Wendy’s nephew loaned his wonderful house. After all that fun Liz headed off to her West Coast home in Oceanside, Calif., for the summer. She plans to return to Venice in the fall.

Ron Weber attended the reception for President Adams in Palm Beach, Fla. There were about 80 people from many classes. He saw a lot of old friends from other classes as well as some from 1960. Gale and Mike Silverberg were visiting, and they got together a couple of times for dinner. Barbara and Ron will celebrate their 60th anniversary in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico, with four couples, four grandparents, and respective spouses. Mike Silverberg is still working full time and very happy doing so. Gale and Mike are going on a Baltic cruise this summer and have also rented a house on Block Island, so he is getting plenty of time off. Health is reasonably good. Mike is involved in a fight with prostate cancer and seems to be winning. He sees Hank Silverman ’61, Dick Fields ’61, and Steve Curley. Mike also mentioned that we are just one year away from our 55th. Life is good.

Lucky Christov remembers spring at Colby. He used to sit on the third-floor balcony of the DH house catching some rays and looking out over Johnson Pond. Perhaps planning a trip to Bar Harbor or Camden for some beach activity and Maine lobsters. He remembers a pound lobster off the boat was about $2. Last time he saw lobsters on a menu in California they were $20-30 for the same size, but those were the local Pacific variety with no claws. Lucky would try that Colby experience again and perhaps show more appreciation as to how good it really was. He feels okay but has been better.

I (Jane Holden Huerta) am still in Sarasota, Fla., and visit our sons, Juan and Jon, as often as possible. Juan’s daughter, Victoria, is our only grandchild, and she has just turned 2. I know that many of you have great-grandchildren older than that. When I visit them in Vegas, I am usually too tired to go to the casinos after playing with her all day. We are fortunate to visit Jon and his wife in NYC, where I get to see Joanne Price Rockett. I am still working two days a week at the local bridge club as a director. Husband Juan and I will celebrate our 45th anniversary in June. We are both healthy. I also see my cousin Susan Macomber Vogt and her husband, Dick ’58. They are both well.

1961
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Sandy Arens: “DeeAnn and I enjoyed the trip of our lives to Hawai’i… Our class correspondent made the Big Island very special, and we thank you for wonderful hospitality. Your ranch and island are a piece of paradise.”

Bill Byers: “Susi and I hop-skipped down the Atlantic coast to Jacksonville, Fla., for Easter, setting us up for a turn to the West. Birding spots and arboretas led us through Alabama and Texas to the Mescalero Apache Reservation in Taos, N.M. Celebration time, with son and grandchildren receiving degrees and diplomas. Our ‘Eastward Ho’ trip takes us to Nebraska, Iowa, Ohio, and back to Connecticut. Would like to know if Colby grads are along our route. I’d wave a hand and ‘have a jar’ with those inclined.”

Wilhelmina (Willie) De Kadt Juhlmin: “Recently I took a ‘search my roots’ trip to the Netherlands. There were 10 of us, five adults and five kids ages 7 to 14. We traveled to France and Iceland, but our focus was on Holland, where we had a fantastic reunion with our two ‘hiding sisters,’ the biological children of the couple that took me in as their own to hide my identity as a Jew from 1942 until mid-1946 during the Nazi occupation of Holland. As you can imagine, it wasn’t easy for them. In fact, it was
a selfless act and at times quite dangerous. While I was at Colby I never realized I was a hidden child. The term wasn’t coined yet. My ‘sisters’ are now in their 80s. I was 2 when I went to live with them and 6 when I immigrated to New York City but have remained in contact over the years. My family started planning this trip two years ago so they could meet them and make this ‘hidden child’ story real for my grandchildren. The long-anticipated day finally arrived, and we took a train from Amsterdam to Dordrecht, where 25 of us met for a long lunch, the 10 of us and 15 of my extended ‘hidden child’ family. It was truly a wonderful reunion for children and grandchildren from both families.” ● Bob DiNapoli: “1) 74 and still above ground; 2) Can’t complain; 3) Two years cancer free. Thank God for modern medicine!” ● Dan Hodges: “Since 1965 I’ve been living in Eugene, Ore. After teaching sociology at our local community college through 1978, I ran the counseling department’s testing office and stayed at that job until retiring in May 2003. Since then, I’ve compiled family history material and volunteered at GED testing, and I’m currently tutoring math for students working toward their GED and scanning color slides at the local historical museum. My wife and I walk, use a gym, enjoy nature and gardens, read a lot, and watch Downton Abbey DVDs.” ● George Nix: “Our daughter, Andrea (Nix Fine) ’91, will receive a Colby honorary degree during graduation weekend. She and husband Sean Fine won the Oscar for Best Short Documentary in 2013 for their film Inocente. Her mother, Cile Tougas Nix ’63, and I will be there cheering!” ● Gene Rainville: “Margaret and I enjoyed two months in Aspen—the best season in 30-plus years of skiing in Colorado. Leave South Carolina for New Hampshire in June to see Frank D’Ercole on Lake Winnipesaukee, then to Europe in July, visiting friends in Austria and Italy. We count our blessings daily, as our health remains sound and robust.” ● Ed Ruscitti: “Last July I remarried. I met Paula, graduate of both Wheelock College and Stanford University, online, and we are happily compatible. My son commented that she is perfect for me and it only took 60 years to find her! We love to travel; last fall I took her to see our alma mater. Of course, she was duly and understandably impressed. We had a picnic beside Johnson Pond, and it was exquisite.”

1962
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My own news (Pat’s news) comes first. Granddaughter Alison Russell will enter Colby as a freshman this fall, Class of 2018. She is the first fourth-generation Colby scholar in our family, commencing her studies 90 years after her great-grandmother Margaret Davis Farnham, who was Class of 1928. I know the Schmaltzes beat me to this honor. The father of Joan Dignam Schmaltz ’63 was Class of 1933, just after my father, 1931, and Heide Schmaltz was in my Jeff’s class, 1987. We share again. Winter was slow to leave us this spring. After I was done making syrup and doing tax volunteer work, I eagerly awaited ice-out so we could open up the “camp” for the summer. ● Howie Shaw writes from his cottage on the ocean in Chamberlain, Maine. He was contemplating living near his daughter in Nobleboro and helping on her farm or moving to Massachusetts. In 2003 he retired from owning a grocery store and three restaurants. ● Roey Carbone has offered to give Harry and Judy Hoagland Bristol dance lessons on her upcoming visit to Houston. ● Toshi and Jean Gaffney Furuyama particularly enjoy the New York Philharmonic and theater in NYC. She is still playing tennis and golfing as well as working part time for a Japanese chemical company locating dentists to test their computer-designed-denture system. ● Nancy Gould Beck is enjoying retirement in Holderness, N.H., and Amelia Island, Fla. She and Paul recently celebrated 52 years of marriage and are in great health. Paul was recently inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. ● Linda Laughlin Seeley reports a mild winter. She is busy attending all her grandchildren’s sports activities. She spends much of her spare time making quilts for various children’s projects. ● Hank Phillips reconnected with Rich Nobman at our 50th reunion. Now the two couples are enjoying each other’s company and homes, including skiing at Purgatory in Durango, Colo., with the Nobmans and summertime on Lake Winnipesaukee, N.H., with thePhillips. ● Brenda Wroblewski Gottschalk has her first grandchild, named Mazin, which means “a cloud that brings rain.” She has recently been to Vancouver for a girlie break. ● Colleen “Jo” Littlefield Jones spent this icy, snowy winter recuperating from a partial knee replacement. She missed out on visiting the Colby Museum of Art and seeing the Salman Rushdie lecture with Pat Farnham Russell and Pam Taylor but was able to meet them for a lunch date recently. Jo keeps in touch with Jan Cole Courant, who was enjoying a visit with her son and family on the West Coast.

1963
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Bill ’62 and Barb Haines Chase escaped winter for two weeks in a poor fishing village in St. Lucia, where they worked with Global Volunteers and a team ranging in age from 18 to 86. Barb taught preschool and Bill built Earth Boxes primarily with single mothers. “It was lovely working there AND having late afternoons to spend at the beach!” ● After 46 years in Avon, Conn., Monte and Cindy Richmond Hopper are moving to Millsboro, Del. They were happy to be in Venice, Fla., last winter, where they visited with Beth Simonds Branson, Sue Comeau, Wayne and Anita Nourse Larget, Ken and Pi Ryder Kezer, Ted and Liz Boccasile Mavis ’60, and Wayne and Mary Dexter Wagner. They look forward to seeing more classmates next winter. ● Walter and Connie Miller Manter also had a fine winter in Venice with visits to Sue Comeau and Ann Bruno Hocking and “hope to make more connections with Colby folks in 2015!” ● Barbara (Howard) ’65 and Dan Traister celebrated Barbara’s retirement from Lehigh with a trip to Saint Petersburg and Novgorod. Dan, though retired, still works at Penn. For the third time he’ll be a judge for many years to come.” ● Paul and Susan Schaeff Pinoe are preparing to travel from their home in South Carolina to their summer home in the western foothills of the Appalachian mountains. They’re enjoying following the sun and growing older together. “Truly, life is good.” ● Ruth Pratley Madell vacationed in Naples, Fla., with three Chicago Chi O friends and then spent two fun days with Ann Bruno Hocking and Dave. Ruthie still works for the Kansas Humanities Council. ● Our deepest sympathy to Tom Thomas, whose wife, Patti Raymond Thomas ’65, died Feb. 27. Tom, their children, and seven grandchildren had a wonderful trip to the Galapagos, where they “swam with turtles, penguins, sea lions, marine
iguanas, flightless cormorants, and the occasional shark. Jim Westgate has built a four-story tree house over the creek near his country home in Thailand. The first story is for his Labrador puppy!

1964
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Congratulations to our entire class for reaching the 50th reunion milestone. Last November Ben and CeCe Sewall Potter took a road trip to visit relatives in Tennessee and other points in the Southeast. Along the way they dropped in to see this correspondent in New Jersey, sharing and comparing favorite craft beers. Ben, my correspondent in New Jersey, sharing the way they dropped in to see this correspondent in New Jersey, sharing the way they dropped in to see this correspondent in New Jersey...

In early January Richard “Dick” York sent a “Happy New Year” greeting to the class. He mused, “I’m getting older but not necessarily better, but then it’s hard to improve on perfection!” Barb Carr Howson is busy in retirement: “I’ve taken a semester of both watercolor painting and square dancing lessons. In November I took a tour of Spain and Portugal. My husband is well cared for at a nursing home, has good moments but zero mobility or short-term memory. Our daughter Susan’s son Archie, age 2, lives nearby. Daughter Lesley had her first baby, Georgia, on February 11 in June. Jim reports that he is pairing...
was nearly 95, but my daughter’s and husband’s deaths were unexpected. I have continued working to give structure to my life but look forward to the moment when I feel ready to retire. I am blessed to have my daughter Caitlin, her husband, and three amazing grandchildren, ages 5, 3, and 10 months.”

Kudos to classmates John Carvelias, Anne Ruggles Gere, and others who are contacting classmates in the lead-up to our 2016 50th reunion.

Toni Russell Merrick and her husband are back in school, taking courses on wisdom and aging at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at USM in Portland, Maine. Toni also takes line dancing for a change of pace.

Gretchen Wollam O’Connor and husband John ’65 moved to Groton, Mass., last summer after 40 years in Concord. They moved into the home of their son Mark and daughter-in-law Melissa, who moved to Dunstable, Mass., where Melissa is running her own florist shop. Although Gretchen retired from administrative jobs at Harvard, she feels unsuited to retirement so is now financial manager for Melissa’s business. Barbie Lynch is still working and enjoying their children and three grandsons. A baby granddaughter was due at any time that Barbie wrote. All live nearby.

Gayle Jobson Poinsette and Garfield Barnes wrote from Bali following six weeks there and three months in Thailand and Burma. Favorite place? Tirta Gangga in eastern Bali, where they overlooked the water palace and swam in its delightful pools. Joe and Karen Riendeau Pacheco were looking forward to a cruise to Alaska in early June, a birthday present for Joe’s 70th. Annie MacMichael’s son and son-in-law built her a home in Cornville, Maine, on the outskirts of Skowhegan, that she describes as perfect for her—open concept; five acres of fields, woods, and streams; no neighbors in sight; beautiful sunrises and sunsets; and abundant wildlife to enjoy. A lifelong animal lover, Annie has a houseful of dogs and cats, including family members’ dogs for whom she provides daycare. Annie has written a dozen books for her grandchildren and grandnieces and nephews about her pets. Who could resist tales of felines Sugar Stray Leonard and Catitude, stories that entertain while sending a message about such things as getting along with others and not being a bully? Gary McKinstry describes his life in Sarasota, Fla., as “crazy but good. My real estate business is busier now than it has been since I entered this profession 13 years ago.” That sounds good to your class correspondent, whose 1820 farmhouse in Waterford, Maine, is still for sale after a year on the market. Regardless of that, my husband, Whizzer, and I have moved to our new home at The Highlands, a senior community in Topsham, Maine. As I write this column, we’ve been here a week and are still unpacking and learning the painful but necessary art of downsizing. Luckily, I was able to put my hands on the carton containing my Colby files. Pheew! Inveterate readers Ed Mowry and Ted Houghton have sent recommendations of books they have enjoyed. From Ed, The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt and The Illustrated A Brief History of Time by Stephen Hawking, and from Ted, Anthony Cave Brown’s The Last Hero: Wild Bill Donovan, about the founder of the OSS, which was formed during World War II and evolved into the CIA after the war. Thanks, as always, to all of you who have shared your life stories with your classmates.

1967

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Ken Ingram now lives near Seattle to be closer to his family, which includes a 2-year-old grandson. While he is a fond of the Northwest, Ken will miss skiing at Sugarloaf.

Paul Cronin spent part of this past brutal winter in Florida and has returned to the Boston area for the summer months. Paul reports that he is again a grandfather; daughter Amy Cronin Davis ’06 gave birth to a boy. It’s interesting to note that Paul’s grandson was born on Bobby Orr’s birthday; some coincidence. Paul keeps contact with Mike Self ’70, who lives in North Carolina.

Charlie and Sally Ray Bennett recently returned from a river cruise in Eastern Europe and the Black Sea. Sally reports that she was impressed with the beauty of the countryside and the welcoming response of the people. In contrast, she also reported the sobering effect of seeing a Nazi prison and war damage including bombed buildings. She and Charlie are safely back home.

Fred Beyer looks forward to being safely planted in Elixirse, Maine. When he returns from a trip to Machu Picchu in Peru, he and Leslie will settle into their new home. Richard and Leanne Davidson Kaslow live in Washington, D.C., and enjoy the art, culture, restaurants, and politics that flavor the area. They entertain many out-of-town friends such as Sue Barden Johnson and her husband. They expect a visit from Ann Bicknell Christensen and her husband. When not entertaining Colby friends, Leanne and Dick enjoy their three grandchildren.

Leo Amato has decided to retire from a long career in banking, Leo and Jane will spend time in Portland and Kennebunk Beach, where he will perfect his golf game. Of course, Leo will be on the golf course when he is not with his six grandchildren.

1968

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Ken Young left his position as executive director at Kennebec Valley Council of Governments in June 2013. He’s in the process of rebalancing his portfolio—life and work. He’s interweaving some consulting work with more sailing, gardening, and travel both in the U.S. and abroad. He’s returning to golf and fishing and adding more hiking to the agenda—there are still a lot of 4,000-footers in New England he hasn’t scaled. The adjustment to a different workload is a challenge, but he is really enjoying the changes. He also reports that he, Steve Ford, and Judy Frost are part of a group organizing their 50th Gardiner High School reunion this summer.

John Leopold and his wife, Terry, went to Santa Fe for a long weekend and visited the traveling Vietnam memorial wall. They found the name of David Barnes, who died April 28, 1968. John noted that he’s been gone twice as long as he lived. David was his first Colby friend. He remembers him warmly and misses him greatly.

George Rideout’s highlight of 2013 was his all-family Rideout reunion held in New Hampshire the last week of June. They were 26 in all. His wife, Mary (Weller) ’69, is deceased (October 2006, ovarian cancer), but he was sure that she was looking down on them from heaven. He continues on the board of Veritas Christian Academy, now in its fourth year with more than 75 students, and on the elder board of Westgate Church. He has completed 25 years with the Open Church and Gravity Research foundations. He travels when he can to see daughter Amy and son Drew and their families, and he plans to travel to Niger to be with sons Ian and Kevin and their families over Christmas this year.

Glenna White Crawford loves being a grandmother—finally. Her grandson is almost 2 years old and lives near Portland, Ore. She travels to see him about every six weeks. She’s still loving retirement and has discovered pickleball, which she describes as like tennis for old folks. She says she can’t play tennis with two fake knees, but pickleball is doable.

Mary Jo Calabrese Baur and Steve Campbell joined Mary Jo’s daughter Christine on a tour of Ireland, where they saw the impressive Cliffs of Moher.

Jane Morrison retired as director of community relations and development at Rumford (Maine) Hospital last February. She spent the ensuing year keeping the volunteer program together as her other duties were split among sister hospitals. They now have a new director who is taking on the volunteers, and Jane has been able to take on some major responsibilities for the Dixfield Historical Society.

Arthur Brennan was on Mayflower Hill in late April for an Alumni Council meeting and spoke with our trustee classmates.

Joe Boulou and Bill Goldfarb. Both are very pleased with the selection of David Greene as Colby’s next president and expect him to be a dynamic leader. The inauguration is set for September with more details to follow from the College.

Steve Ford and his children (including Bill Ford ’05) and grandchildren surprised his wife, Mary, in March with a 40th wedding anniversary party with more than 80 people. He reports that Ken Young, Lou Champagne ’67, and Eric Meindl ’67 are expanding their annual Zeta Psi reunions to include all Zetes from the classes of 1965 to 1970. The reunion is held in West Gardiner, Maine, during Colby’s Reunion Weekend. Any Zete they have not been able to reach should contact Steve at stephenf@aol.com. Last but not least, preliminary planning has started on the 50th reunion for the Class of 1968; anyone interested in being involved should contact Steve at stephenf@aol.com.
Hello, classmates! By the time you read this column, Reunion Weekend will have come and gone. Hopefully many of us will have had a chance to connect on campus. • Gary Austin and his wife, Judy, stopped by on their way to the Samoset in Rockport. We had a great visit and had fun catching up. When you read this they will have just returned from an African safari. • Judy Lee Moeckel is singing (sacred choral music) and teaching “purely for the joy of it.” She also finds fulfillment volunteering at the local hospital as a chaplain and driving seniors to medical appointments and to shop. She remains very involved with Church of the Epiphany, which just celebrated its 150th anniversary. Judy is also involved in the Durham (Conn.) Fair, a four-day event and the largest all-volunteer fair in North America, and she invites everyone to attend. Judy expected to miss reunion in order to rehearse for a trip to Paris with the Hartford Chorale at the end of June. • John Burnham is still working to put his daughters through Skidmore. He was able to ski with Steve Anderson this winter. • Doug Kant is completing 25 years of practice at Fidelity Investments as a benefits lawyer. Doug’s wife, Joy, has been running a fine-art business for about 12 years, using their home as her gallery. Last December Doug and Joy, an overseer for the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, traveled with an MFA group to Havana to experience the art scene in Cuba. Doug did a little painting early in their marriage and may try it again when he retires. Their daughter, Alexis, a clinical psychologist at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, was expecting their first grandchild around the time of reunion. Their son, Jared, is a social worker in the Boston area. • Deb Van Hoek Abraham has been working to renovate the Shute Memorial Library in Everett, Mass., where she is the library director, and she says “it is finally becoming a reality.” The library is a historic building that is being updated to meet current needs. Deb finds Everett to be an interesting city—urban, diverse, and a draw for new immigrants. She encourages us to check out

“Because financial aid made so many lifelong friendships possible for Steve, we wanted to help keep Colby accessible to future students. So we purchased a life insurance policy for charitable giving and named Colby the beneficiary. This planned gift allows us to make a great impact, and we enjoy knowing that it will help Colby students for years to come.”

—Mary P’05 and Steve Ford ’68, P’05

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her project at shutelibrary.org. ● Eddie Woodin was recently recognized in Habitat, Maine Audubon’s quarterly newsletter, for the efforts he and other concerned citizens made to create Citizens for a Green Scarborough. Through research and education, they persuaded the town to ban pesticide use on all town properties. The group is now focusing on educating homeowners on pesticide alternatives they can use on their lawns and gardens with an ultimate goal of eliminating all pesticide use in Scarborough. ● In recent years Doug Joseph has been involved in barbershop singing, performing for senior living facilities, delivering “singing valentines,” and fundraising for Project Healing Waters (PHW), an organization sponsored by L.L. Bean and Trout Unlimited that teaches injured veterans how to fly-fish (another of Doug’s passions) as an emotional healing process. Singing has allowed him to connect with his daughter, Kara, who sings country and “wants to be the next Carrie Underwood.” He recently organized and performed at a fundraiser for PHW. His favorite places to fly-fish have been Alaska, for rainbow and salmon, and British Columbia, but every year he is drawn back to Maine, where the Kennebago and Rapid rivers beckon. Doug says he often think of our Ted Williams and has read many of his articles. Doug works part time at L.L. Bean and has a second career in real estate in the Westwood, Mass., area. ● Thanks to all of you who wrote in with news. I look forward to hearing from many more of you in the future.

1970
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Larry ’69 and Susan Doten Greenberg are semi-retired. Larry has a blog (currencythoughts.com), and Sue can do her bookkeeping business (Minding Your Business) remotely. With their sons, the significant others, and their grandchildren all living in Seattle, Sue and Larry now divide their time between Hastings-on-Hudson and their condo in Seattle. They hope to connect with other Colby alumni in Seattle to enrich their social network while “in residence” there. They planned to attend Larry’s reunion this year and ours next year. ● On March 29 Jane Stinchfield Knapp married John Sexton at the Bell Chapel, Sugarloaf, Carrabassett Valley, Maine. Gary ’66 and Lynn Longfellow Knight ’65 and Dan Sexton ’75 attended. Congratulations, Jane and John! ● Ben Bradlee was a reporter and editor for the Boston Globe for 24 years, resigning in 2004 after reading the paper’s coverage of the Catholic Church sexual abuse scandal, which was awarded the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for public service. Ben spent the last decade researching and writing a biography of Ted Williams, which was published in December to good reviews and made the New York Times bestseller list. He and his wife, Jan, live in Cambridge. Their son, Joe, will graduate from Union College in June, and daughter Anna is a junior at Georgetown. Their oldest daughter, Greta, is a lawyer in D.C. and just had a baby girl, their first grandchild. Ben has been in touch with old roommates Bob Falsani and John Fochs and some former hockey teammates including Andy Hayashi, Jim Patch, Todd Smith, and Charles “Skip” Wood. ● Norma Rivero de Biermeyer and her husband live in the most dangerous city in Venezuela, and life has become very difficult with no easy way out. Her husband is still working, which is a minor miracle in itself, and she is secretary on the board of a nonprofit institution of university women. The nonprofit provides scholarships to needy young Venezuelans, and its main source of income comes from selling used clothes. Norma’s daughters, Sonya and Verena, are thinking it is time to leave. Verena is married and is a bilingual official translator who also does coaching. They are all bilingual, but Norma still prefers English and hopes to move to Florida eventually. ● Bill Aldrich sent me a long note that I will attempt to compress. Bill, an insatiable bike rider, rode in the Ride Across Iowa event in 2011. During his return he was involved in a bus accident that resulted in a two-and-a-half-year recovery. In spring 2013 he began cycling again, and in July he did part of the Charles River Wheelmen’s ride to Mount Wachusett. In mid-August he joined in a midnight ride through downtown Boston that included riding over part of the Zakim Bridge at 2:30 a.m. But then his stars changed again, and two days later he started another bout ofankylosing spondylitis that he was still dealing with when he wrote his letter. ● On a happier note, Doug Smith sends memories of spring at Colby—betting on the day when the last ice would disappear from Johnson Pond, when grassing by the pond meant something totally different, roof ball challenges, first leaves opening, mud drying up, the pleasure of walking to Big John’s. Thank you for those memories. ● Bob and I have been traveling this spring, visiting friends in California, cousins in Georgia, and Air Force pals in Mississippi. We went to the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Fl., and the thrill of that day was viewing the Blue Angels practice right over the base. Enjoy the summer, and keep the news coming.

1971
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Many across our country endured another wicked winter. Spring flowers and green grass were never more welcome. ● Ann Lyle Rethelfsen had a wonderful story to share for our last column, but because of space restrictions I couldn’t give her story its due. She had just returned at the end of 2013 from a semester’s sabbatical during which she and her husband traveled to different destinations each month: out West in September, England in October, Beijing in November, and Orlando in December. There was a sabbatical project, too, but the travel was especially exciting. Ann is co-chair of the education department at Winona State University. She sees Carrie Horsley Durkin in Chicago when she can. Ann is trying to locate Debbie Wentworth Lansing. ● From afar, Jacques Hermant writes that he is teaching a seminar in strategic management, first at the national university of Cambodia, then in Hanoi, and then perhaps in Turkey in the fall. He was eagerly awaiting the classical music festival in Nantes, France. For the first time the theme was music from outside of Europe: American music of the 20th century, from Gershwin to Bernstein. There are thousands of spectators who attend each year, and 800 artists were to perform. ● First-time contributor Rob Thrun tells us he’s living in Kentucky and working in design and architecture for a firm in Cincinnati. The firm just finished a corporate headquarters project for Tempur-Pedic and is beginning construction on a luxury apartment tower. He basically gets to “draw and color all day—applying skills developed in kindergarten.” He’s back on his feet after the death of his second wife, and he manages to get back to Maine every year. ● It was nice to hear from Jon Stone that he has had no medical emergencies. He and Lou Griffith ’72 spent a week vacationing in Florida as they both ease into retirement. Jon is almost ready to play softball full time. ● Kathy Woods Fawcett sent a newsy note about enjoying life in Portland, Maine, and reconnecting with Val Thibeau Yates. They’ve had a great time being back in each other’s lives, laughing at some of the reminiscences from our days at Colby. Together they’ve enjoyed several of Kathy’s daughter’s acoustical gigs in the area. Her daughter is a talented singer/songwriter in Portland. Kathy is practicing medical malpractice law, which makes for interesting reading. Her brother-in-law and sister, Tom ‘72 and Ellen Woods Sidar ’72, will relocate to Portland by the end of the year, too. ● Bill Hladky sent a video of himself skiing that made me smile. His comment was that another week of instruction “added more fluidness and motion” to his wooden posture. That he’s willing to be out there trying is what matters most. ● After a winter in hibernation in her studio, Leslie Anderson and her husband spent a week in Italy walking, eating pasta and gelato, drinking great wine, and looking at art. Their trip was by train, and they appreciated not having to deal with a car there. Leslie’s book, Summer Stories, has been selling well. ● Another first-time contributor, Steve Dane, is enjoying his 44th year in marketing and sales with Brill, a Dutch publishing firm. He and his wife, Jody, vacationed in Ireland for three weeks, and now they’re focused on renovating their 306-year-old house in Marblehead. They’re reeling from the loss of their beloved cat (I can identify with that). Steve had a great time at a reunion of DU friends Craig Dickinson, Bill Glennon, Dave Collins, Ken Kenworthy, and Class of ’68 Berks Gary Weaver, Rick Mansfield, Rich Beddooe, Alex Palmer, and John Birkinbine. ● Life continues on apace for me.
1972
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I’ll start with the news that was inadvertently left out of the last issue.

Dee Fitz-Gerald Sockbeson visited the Colby art museum and thought the new exhibition was a tremendous gift to the College. Her son got married in New Orleans last May. She keeps in touch with her old roommate Roz Teto Johnson, who lives near San Francisco. ● Gary Petzold writes that “retirement sure is fun!” He and his wife, Sue, traveled through 11 states including Alaska, which they enjoyed via an Inside Passage cruise. He saw Chris Cambridge in Bar Harbor and Clark Ruff. Don Bates ’70, Art Young, and Chip Edgarton on Cape Cod. He ran his first road race, bought and restored a lakeside cottage, and took a job as sealer of weights and measures for the town of Wilbraham, Mass. ● Bob and Chris Hanley Pike live in Haverhill, Mass., where Bob teaches history at Haverhill High School. Chris retired five years ago but continues to teach at several area colleges including Northern Essex Community College and UNH. They have three granddaughters and expected a new grandchild in May. Both of their children live in Haverhill. Chris and Bob also have a house in Naples, Fla., and were hoping to get down there for extended stays.

Now for the more recent news. When Art Young returned from a trip to Colorado in April, he found the latest Colby magazine in the mail and thought to write while his memory was fresh.

Jay Peabody hosted a mini KDR ski trip to Copper Mountain in Colorado with Art, John Koons, and Jim Putnam ’73. Although they missed the fresh powder, there was plenty of snow and blue sky. ● David and Elizabeth Ross Withnall are both retired from the federal government, but Liz was retired for only a week before she became a government contractor. Their youngest child, 11, is in private school, and their second son graduates from college this May. Their oldest daughter, Jennifer Withnall Hawthorne ’04, presented them with a grandchild last July. Another son completed a year with AmeriCorps and is now gainfully employed, albeit very far away in Seattle. She sees Janet Holm Gerber as they live four miles apart in Rockville, Md. Liz reconnected with Leslie Anderson ’71 by discovering her gorgeous paintings in a book about Maine art and contacting her to make a purchase.

Paul McGurren has neither retirement plans nor grandchildren. But he and his wife, Carol, who is director of a local hospice group, do have two wonderful daughters in high school. Paul is in his third decade in the outdoors business—working for a large, local outfitter as a retail buyer and manager. He’s been a registered Maine fly-fishing guide for more than 20 years, and it’s his favorite way of making a living. Paul has done some freelance writing over the years, especially as a contributing editor for Fly Rod & Reel magazine. He has kept in touch with John Crabtree, who retired recently and still lives in upstate New York, and Jay Philoon, who lives about a mile away in Lincolnville, Maine. ● And last, but certainly not least, I received news from Rick Leslie and his wife, Joyce, who spent a few days in Rome, Italy, where they visited friends that he made while flying for American Airlines. They followed that up by taking their boys to Florida to see the Kennedy Space Center, Universal Studios, and Busch Gardens. In September they plan to visit Napa to attend the Schramsberg Vineyards fall harvest camp.

1973
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I truly love this job! So many of you are writing to share your news and connect with one another—like Gary Lawless, who wrote to Ida Dionne Burroughs, initiating memory sharing. Gary and his wife are caretakers of a national literary landmark on Damariscotta Lake, about an hour away from the bookstore he owns in Brunswick. He has two donkeys and teaches senior college part time. Gary, Ida, and I have enjoyed sharing our mutual love for Newfoundland in our messages. ● Rick Zaccaro, married for 16 years to journalist Bonnie Washuk, retired from his 36-year career with the U.S. Postal Service. He enjoys climbing the mountains of New Hampshire and has scaled 28 of the 48 mountains over 4,000 feet. He and his wife look forward to a trip to Italy this year. ● Fran Gates Demgen spent spring break at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., watching the awe in her grandchild’s faces and enjoying the Cherry Blossom Festival fireworks with classmate Anne Garner. ● Jack Sigel is nearly retired from Fairway Beef, his family’s 70-year-old company in Worcester, Mass. (“Come by and visit,” says Jack.) He is looking to retire on Cape Cod in the summer and in the desert in the winter; he is attracted to Sedona, having learned that it’s where “old hippies go to die.” ● Ken Gross still does lots of gigs in a variety of bands and is in regular contact with Gary Arsenault and sometimes our president, Norm Olsen. ● Ellen Kornetsky recently moved to Brunswick, bringing her private counseling practice with her. The oldest of her six grandchildren is 18 and heading off to college in the fall. She enjoys being part of a book group and reveling in the joys of Maine—even in the winter. ● Jon Miller and his wife spent three and a half weeks in India, where he went to follow in his footsteps from 1970. He’s currently working on books and movies about the TM movement and about ocean ecology. He’s in touch with friends DickKaynor ’72, Bill Goldstein ’72, and Ted Weissman ’71. ● Geoff and Janet Shea Legg visited their daughter and grandchildren in San Francisco and dream of having one of their grandchildren want to go to Colby someday. (I share that dream too, Geoff.) Geoff is busy in his “retirement” with a full-time job as a design engineer for Tech4Imag.
and listened to their answers. And he was generous, almost to a fault. Greg taught my family much about love and understanding. He and his husband, Steve, were true partners in every sense of the word and stood as a perfect example of partnership. He was a giant, and we were all better for having known him.

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Brian and Marilyn Lebowitz Rothberg write from Valley Forge, Pa.: “We are spending whatever time we can with our three terrific grandchildren. Two live only 20 minutes away, and one is in Manhattan, just two hours up the road. Marilyn is planning to retire, after 25 years as an elementary school librarian and a previous 15 years as a fundraiser. Brian still toils away at a Philadelphia plumbing and heating wholesaler and bicycles whenever he can. We’re planning a summer trip to Alaska to see four of Alaska’s eight national parks in our quest to see all of the U.S. national parks. If all goes well we will have only four left!” Way to see the United States, guys! • Anne Calaghan dropped us a line from British Columbia. “How can 40 years have passed? I remember coming back to Colby for senior year to graduate with the Class of ’74 after being away for two years in Japan. My brother, Neil ’76, and I were part of that wonderful Winter Street group house just up from Professor Westervelt and his family. It was a great year. Neil lives happily on Hawaii’s Big Island and runs a health food store with his partner, Malu. I’m wrapping up my tour as consul general in Vancouver and heading to Albuquerque to be diplomat in residence at the University of New Mexico in September, covering New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and northwest Texas. I’d love to hear from Colby graduates in the area!” Vicky recently returned from a trip to Albuquerque and Santa Fe and loved both places. Have fun there, Anne! • Deb Watten Finn, unofficial roving reporter and assistant to the class correspondents, reported that the Class of ’74 was well represented by Rebecca Littleton Cobett, who just finished an eight-year stint on the Board of Trustees. Thank you for your service, Rebecca. • S. Ann Earon is helping Deb on Colby’s Alumni Council, and her daughter is just finishing her freshman year at Wagner College on Staten Island. • Art Bell has also joined the Alumni Council. His oldest son, Chris, who graduated from GWU Law School, landed a job with a law firm in Pittsburgh. • Jefferson Megargel checks in from Bronxville, N.Y. He’s been unemployed since 1994. He has a mild case of multiple sclerosis and asthma and receives supplemental income from the Social Security Administration. • Grandparent news: Dave and Sonja Powers Schmanska were excitedly anticipating daughter Heiki’s second daughter in May. Older granddaughter Annabelle is 2. • Lindy Krohn Lund lives in Minnesota with her husband, Todd, and announced the arrival of their first grandchild, Eloise Lynne, born April 23 to Lindy’s son, Dylan. Congratulations! • Joe ’72 and Martha “Taffy” Hamilton Benson welcomed daughter Missy’s first child, Andrew Clark, in March 2013. • This is the last column that Vicki and I will be doing. We have thoroughly enjoyed keeping in touch with our classmates and feel as if we know so many of you much better now. We’re passing the baton to Nancy Spangler Tieman, who is moving to Maine after living in Colorado for many years and has volunteered to write the column for the next five years. We’re thrilled that she’s offered to take on this role. We’re also excited that several ’74 alumns are moving back to Maine either full time or seasonally. We hope we can soon figure out how to get together more often than every five years.

1975
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Since retiring in 2000 Joan DeSalvo-Mansour has spent winters in Florida and summers in Massachusetts. To commemorate turning 60, Joan resolved to run a half-marathon—not an easy task for her, but she did just that at Disney World last January. Joan has promised Dianne Billingston Stronach that she will return for our 40th reunion next June. • Ruth Tracey recently returned to her maiden name and is now enjoying her Florida retirement after working for the Palm Beach County Library. She keeps busy with volunteer activities and helping her 95-year-old mother, as well as frequenting the local Y, since she needs motivation to exercise. Her four grandchildren all live in New Jersey, and though she tries to visit them, it doesn’t happen often due to her “animal” kids, one Welsh corgi and a cat. • Last December Mary Jo and Rick Drake moved into their “new” 1928 home in Nashville. After six weeks of remodeling, they unpacked and were ready for the holidays in three days, just in time for the kids to arrive. Older son does stand-up comedy in Chicago and comedy festivals around the country. Younger son is an engineer who recently relocated to Atlanta. Rick works for a health-care consulting firm that deals with acute-care hospitals around the country. He still finds time to play ice hockey for several teams and makes an annual trek to Tampa to play in the 60+ nationals. • Edwin Walczak went skiing in Telluride, Colo., for a week this past winter and was just happy not to break anything. • Liz Richards enjoyed her first winter in the 1920s cottage she renovated outside of Farmington, Maine, near Clearwater Lake. She never thought she would enjoy sanding, staining, and building so much. “So all is well, the family is happy, and really what more can you ask.” Liz describes her four daughters as “getting ridiculously old” considering she refuses to! Liz welcomes all to visit her in her rural, peaceful cottage just 40 minutes from Colby. • The latest news from Dr. Will Tuttle is that he recently returned from a lecture tour in Taiwan, Australia, and New Zealand for his book, The World Peace Diet. The book has been translated into a dozen languages and was a #1 Amazon bestseller a few years ago. Will’s life mission of promoting vegan living and compassion for non-human animals has been an inspiring adventure for him. After 17 years living full time on the road in an RV and putting on about 150 lectures and concerts annually, Will and his wife, Madeleine, have finally settled into a house in Northern California and are creating a food forest there by a spring-fed lake. He has also just released another book, Circles of Compassion: Connecting Issues of Justice. • Susie Gearhart Wuest [yours truly] is walking much better now after partial knee replacement surgery in February. • Doug Windsor still has fun working as a JV lacrosse coach while running a very successful commercial construction company—House of Windsor. His two sons attend Proctor Academy; David is a lacrosse and hockey player, and Luke is a ski jumper and hunter. Doug attended a great reunion a while ago with Eric Boonstra ’74, Libby Corydon-Apicezza ’74, Ken Hardigan ’74, Rick Schelling ’74, and others. “How special four little years are!” were his closing words. • For our 40th reunion, class president Byrd Allen is seeking volunteers to join him in planning the event and activities as well as helping with our class gift. If interested in being on the committee, please send an email to classnews1975@colby.edu. The planning has already started. Save the date for June 4-7, 2015.

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Greetings, fellow ’76ers! Let’s jump right in, starting with a correction from the last column. David Christie’s beautiful daughter is Anna, not Jennifer. Sorry for my error. • Craig Spencer was recently named Orin M. Lothus Distinguished Professor in recognition of outstanding teaching and scholarly activity at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D., where he has taught for 23 years. This January, while leading a Jan Plan course to a remote coral island off the coast of Belize, he had an unexpected reunion with Dr. Russ Cole from Colby’s Environmental Studies Program—they both were leading tropical ecology courses to the same field station. • Mark Janos recently visited with Brian Kiely and his wife, who have lived in Coral Gables, Fla., for years; their two grown children have been replaced by seven cats. Mark’s sons (28, 26, and 24) are out, but he’s not lonely. Emmanuel is traveling throughout Australia and Southeast Asia for six months, on sabbatical from his law firm; Louie is selling insurance and living in Boston’s North End; Jimmy is earning two master’s degrees at Seton Hall, one in foreign affairs and an M.B.A. • Douglas Rooks is hard at work on a biography of Senator George Mitchell, the first one to date. Because Sen. Mitchell has deep connections both to Waterville and Colby, Doug has been spending more time than usual in town. Publication
is planned for 2015 by Down East Books. *Jim “O.J.” Morgan* was recently chosen as a Klingenstein Fellow and spent time at Columbia University’s Teachers College with 20 heads of school from around the world. He writes, “Needless to say, it was a fabulous experience made all the better by giving me some time in NYC.” He also noted the growing number of pages between our class news and the present. (Those of us who regularly go to reunion have noticed a similar change with our placement when we march in the parade of classes.) It was great to hear from Robert Richardson, who has been working for Boeing Company as a computer system engineer/integrator for the past 10 years. Through his job, he’s relocating this summer from Los Angeles to Charleston, S.C. Robert visited Colby last March and spoke to students from SOBHU (Students Organized for Black and Hispanic Unity) about his Colby experiences and the times and events during the early 1970s. During that trip he also competed in the Masters Indoor Track and Field Championship in Boston, where he took third place in the triple jump. He’s hoping to compete this summer at the Masters Outdoor Championships at Wake Forest University in North Carolina. The last update for this column is a sad one—we lost our classmate David Scudder this April. To quote from a *Cape Cod Times* appreciation, “David Scudder was a fisherman, a family man, and a Cape Cod man. Scudder, whose family is well-known for operating local ferry and charter businesses, died Wednesday at 59 after a long illness. He is being remembered for his good nature, his love for the Cape, and his generosity.” David was a member of KDR and played hockey and baseball at Colby. His father and uncle started Hy-Line, the ferry service between Cape Cod and the islands, and David became director of operations. He was active with the United Way and the Cape Cod Maritime Museum, the latter of which made him president emeritus. For another appreciation, search barnstablepatriot.com for David Scudder.* David’s passing is another reminder of the value of our Colby friendships and community. Our next reunion may seem far off, but already it’s less than two years away, June 2-5, 2016. Mark your calendars now and take time to renew old friendships and make new ones. And, as always, please continue to support the Colby Fund. Thanks for reading!

1977

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Jane Hoffman is an educational consultant. She recently attended a program for Colby alumni in New York City with Colby’s dynamic young rabbi, Rachel Isaacs, to learn about Jewish life on campus. Jane writes, “Serving as both the rabbi on campus and at the Beth Israel Congregation in Waterville, Rabbi Isaacs is trying to strengthen Jewish life both at Colby and in the Waterville area. She spoke of Colby’s interest in developing academic expertise in the study of rural Jewish life in America and, I believe, an endowed chair for such. She talked about having Colby students tutor bar and bat mitzvah students in the community. In fact, the Development Office welcomes funds to support the activities both of Rabbi Isaacs and academics at Colby.” *Alan Taylor* will start a new position occupying the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Chair in the history department at the University of Virginia in August.

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Chuck Lukasik and Bob Johnston reported very challenging spring skiing conditions in late April! At Sugarloaf where they spent some time with John ‘80 and Ronni-Jo Posner Carpenter recounting the past 35 years. Chuck and his wife, Judy (Cue), plan to return to hike in the greener months. *Don “Nauga” Hyde* lives in Derry, N.H., “doing the dentist thing and getting older, fast.” His son is a veterinarian one year out of Mizzou, and daughter is a third-year M.D. student at Dartmouth. *Dan More* retired from Morgan Stanley in March as 35 years of investment banking seemed like enough, but his “third act” won’t be idle. Dan serves as an overseer at Colby, and his expertise in energy finance and renewable energy investment gained him election to the board of the NYISO (New York Independent System Operator). *Geri Rizzolo Nelson* sent news [for the first time!] from Chapel Hill, N.C., where she is a psychotherapist in a residential weight-loss program. Her youngest heads to college in the fall, and she echoed a sentiment I’m hearing and thinking often these days: “Facing the empty nest is a little daunting, but my husband and I have plans for more travel and a possible sabbatical in Italy in the next few years (if there is any money left after paying for two private school tuitions!).” *Gerry Skinder*’s career will shift next year when he becomes president of the Winchester teachers’ union—half time for teaching, half time for union obligations. I had two of my worlds collide recently: Maine-based Islandport Press will publish *Gerry Boyle*’s new books and reissue back titles in his Jack McMorrow mystery series. Islandport founder Dean Lunt and I were newspaper reporters together in the ’90s before he moved back to Maine and started the publishing house—and I worked on his first book. On a more serious note, many classmates were deeply touched by the events at the 2013 Boston Marathon, and many returned this year. *Rus Lodi* was one who was inspired by his experience. He sent this update: “I ran my ninth Boston Marathon this past April and raised over $10,000 for the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership, a nonprofit that helps lower-income and homeless individuals and families find homes. I got back into running marathons two years ago when my oldest daughter, Hannah, ran her first to raise money for MBHP. This year was the first time I’d run the race for charity, and I found the combination of running for a good cause and honoring the victims of last year’s bombing to be tremendously motivating. I trained all winter in the bitter cold and even kept a blog at rusruns.tumblr.com. Last year I was stopped less than a mile from the finish and couldn’t reach my wife, Liz Gruber, who was waiting for me near the finish line. I had to walk two miles back to Brookline to my mother-in-law’s apartment so I could use a landline to call her. When I finally reached Liz, I learned she had arrived at the finish line a few minutes after the blast. As you can imagine, this year was emotional. When I reached the spot where I was stopped last year, I started to choke up. The crowds through this stretch were bigger and louder than I ever remember, and it was a privilege to be able to participate in this marathon.”

1979

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As I write this I’m hoping many of you will attend our 35th and I’m looking forward to our trip east to visit family and attend reunion. The big news from Susan Raymond Geismar is the wedding of her oldest daughter in July. Susan is looking forward to a great celebration and fun reunions for her family and that of her husband John ’78. Susan planned to return to Malawi in late April/early May, accompanying a group of Bates students and their professor for a short-term course on child/educational development in the very rural district of Ntchisi. She was there for a month in January with a group of Eckerd College students and their professor exploring service learning and African NGOs. The work of the NGO she volunteers with, Go! Malawi, in education and sustainable agriculture (specifically coffee) is a constant challenge but incredibly rewarding. *Amy Davidoff* has decided to throw her hat into the political ring. She’s running as the Democratic candidate for District 10 (Arundel, Dayton, and part of Lyman) in the Maine State House of Representatives. Unopposed in the primary, Amy is running against a Republican incumbent (an uphill climb, she says). Since 1997 she has been a faculty member at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. Her research focuses on heart disease and diabetes. Amy still loves to sail and has her boat moored in the Saco River—when the river is not frozen—near her office. This is a short column, but I promise a full report on our 35th reunion for the next issue. Please write in and share your reunion and/ or summer highlights.

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After running his own successful groundwater consulting company in Jacksonville, Fla., for 15 years, *Andy Miller* has taken a job as senior project manager with environmental consulting firm Terranea PMC in St. Augustine, Fla. Andy’s been doing
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With more than 25 years of environmental consulting experience, Wayne Cobleigh ’81 was appointed to the Connecticut Green Building Council board of directors for a three-year term. He is CPSM manager of project development for GZA GeoEnvironmental Inc. Cynthia Trone ’83 was named director of education at the Lighthouse ArtCenter’s School of Art in Tequesta, Fla. She is also executive director of Mother Ocean, a nonprofit focused on creating, inspiring, and empowering ocean advocates worldwide. In April Lincoln Peirce ’85 broke the Guinness World Record for the world’s longest cartoon strip by a team. The strip comprises 1,202 panels and spans 3,983 feet and 2 inches—longer than 13 football fields. A collaboration among Peirce, HarperCollins, booksellers, educators, and students worldwide, the comic is an adaptation of Peirce’s first two Big Nate books, Big Nate: In a Class by Himself and Big Nate Strikes Again. The Penn State Beaver Advisory Board and student body honored Kristen Olson ’88 at an awards dinner this spring. Olson, associate professor of English at the school, received the Andrews Industrial Controls Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award and the Michael Baker Jr. Inc. Faculty Excellence in Service Award. Olson has been with Penn State since 2000.

consulting work in Los Alamos, N.M., for the past six years, so this move will put him much closer to his daughters in Jacksonville. Since May 2013 the Reverend Jane Dibden has been pastor of Forgan United and Gate United Methodist churches in Oklahoma. Her family is loving life in the Panhandle, where Jane reports “the people are very warm and loyal.” Kitty Weil Dove spent MLK weekend at Sugarloaf with Bill Muller ’79, Bruce Forsley ’79, Lindy Williams ’79, Nancy Piccin ’78, John Carpenter, and Betsy Morrell. A fun time was had by all (except Kitty, who tore her ACL). John Sylvan is running a new startup, Zonbak, and hoping to beat the sales records of his last company, Keurig. His kids are starting to look around campus—most recently his daughter, Emily, graduated from Saint Joe’s College of Maine with a degree in elementary education. Emily played soccer there all four years. Since Pete’s son, Matt, is also a graduate (Bates ’11), “Tuition payments are done!” Pete and wife Leslie visit regularly with Jon Light and his wife, Melissa. It was so nice to hear from Barbara Cooper (Cowan), a five-year breast cancer survivor who is enjoying a busy, healthy, and happy life in Southern California with her husband of nearly 28 years. They own an organic Star Ruby grapefruit grove on their Sabbath Day Ranch and grow many other organic fruit and nut trees as well as vegetables. “We have plans for a line of organic preserves, fruit spirits, and skin-care products.” Barb is a certified AAPC medical coder and runs a medical billing company specializing in anesthesiology and pain management. Husband Mark is CEO of an anesthesiology group and associate medical director for patient safety. Barb and Mark’s son Mark II just graduated from Sierra Nevada College in Incline Village, Nev., with a degree in business management. Their youngest son, John, is a junior at the University of La Verne in La Verne, Calif., where he is a broadcast journalism major focusing on film production. “He already has some experience working on movies and TV shows in the LA/Hollywood area. We’ll keep our fingers crossed!” So will we, Barb.

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Hey, Class of 1981, start spreading the news! I heard from only two of you for this column. There are hundreds more of you out there, so please send me your fascinations, celebrations, and incantations. I’ll begin with myself as a filler. Fascinations: birds of prey, including red-tailed hawks, kestrels, falcons, and harpies. I have been learning about these majestic raptors over the past few years and participate in several online nest-cam blogs. Celebrations: a new job at Shire Pharmaceuticals in Lexington, Mass., working in corporate administration. Incantations: Did you hear that noise coming from your kitchen last night? That was me installing a transmitter so I can conjure some news from you! Peter Cocciardi’s daughter, Emily, graduated from Saint Joseph’s College in Incline Village, Nev., with a degree in elementary education. Emily played soccer there all four years. Since Pete’s son, Matt, is also a graduate (Bates ’11), “Tuition payments are done!” Pete and wife Leslie visit regularly with Jon Light and his wife, Melissa. It was so nice to hear from Barbara Cooper (Cowan), a five-year breast cancer survivor who is enjoying a busy, healthy, and happy life in Southern California with her husband of nearly 28 years. They own an organic Star Ruby grapefruit grove on their Sabbath Day Ranch and grow many other organic fruit and nut trees as well as vegetables. “We have plans for a line of organic preserves, fruit spirits, and skin-care products.” Barb is a certified AAPC medical coder and runs a medical billing company specializing in anesthesiology and pain management. Husband Mark is CEO of an anesthesiology group and associate medical director for patient safety. Barb and Mark’s son Mark II just graduated from Sierra Nevada College in Incline Village, Nev., with a degree in business management. Their youngest son, John, is a junior at the University of La Verne in La Verne, Calif., where he is a broadcast journalism major focusing on film production. “He already has some experience working on movies and TV shows in the LA/Hollywood area. We’ll keep our fingers crossed!” So will we, Barb.

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Bill Maddox just won a case before the U.S. Supreme Court in Rodney W. Russell v. United States. The case involved false statements in a matter relating to health care. From Bob Benjamin: “My oldest son became engaged in March. Oldest daughter graduated from University of San Diego this year and hopes to serve in the Peace Corps. I’ll be happy not to pay college tuition for a few years, as both of my younger children are still in school.” Bob is finishing his battalion command (six units across Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts) in New Hampshire this July. He is working on a master’s in strategic studies at the Army War College and has been selected for promotion to colonel. The ninth grade football team he coaches was undefeated last year, his wrestling team won the prep school Connecticut state tournament, and he is also coaching lacrosse. Paul and Sarah Perry Indelicato were in Sicily and Florence for his birthday surprise this year. They visited the fishing village in Sciaccia, Sicily, where three of Paul’s grandparents were from. They toured the Uffizi Museum and Vasari Corridor in Florence, took the train to Pisa, and enjoyed great food. Sarah and Paul teach scuba diving in Chelmsford. “Diving has opened up a world of travel to us, from Florida and the Bahamas to Honduras, Mexico, Hawaii, the Galapagos, the Bikini Atoll, and Egypt!” They are planning a safari trip in 2016. Sarah is still with Fidelity Investments as a project manager in human resources. She, Paul, and cat Mr. Goodpuss live in Woburn, Mass.

Wende Davis writes, “My family and I moved to Basel, Switzerland, in March of 2013. We kept our house in California, but it has certainly been a life-changing experience.” Carolyn Berry Copp has started a new job as associate director for leadership giving at Lahey Health. She’s hoping that working for a well-respected teaching hospital system will be more stable than the small nonprofits she’s been working with for the past decade. John Najarian writes, “Kim and I have started our new routine: winters in Bonita Springs, Fla., summers on Sebago Lake in Maine. It’s been an excellent change for us, and we love it so far. Older daughter Tracy finished her master’s in occupational therapy, passed her boards, and is working at a children’s clinic in Charleston, S.C. Younger daughter Kelly graduates in May from the College of Charleston with a B.S. in biology. I’m still working at Gen Re as VP of underwriting R&D and chief underwriter, remotely when in Florida.” Jeff Brown was gearing up for festivities surrounding daughter Hannah’s graduation from Sewanee in May. Son Alec finished his sophomore year at Davidson and planned to intern with Ingersoll Rand in Charlotte this summer before heading off to King’s College in London for a semester abroad. Ann Renner Stillwater writes, “Spouse JD created and is presenting ‘Seven Candles: Science for a Deeper Spirituality’ (sevencandles.org) around the country. I like the travel and am his main promoter. We
head to Europe this summer, and I look forward to seeing science history sites and practicing my Spanish."  ●  

Chris Landry lives in Northampton, Mass., and runs Landry Communications, a branding, strategy, and content development firm that helps mission-centered organizations clarify their core stories and how to tell them. Most of the company’s work revolves around sustainable agriculture, climate change, and related issues. Chris recently finished a short film called Joanna Macy and the Great Turning, based on the work of 84-year-old environmental teacher, writer, and activist Joanna Macy. Chris reports that while he is happy watching sons Ben and Dylan become fine young men, he is less happy to see them both behind the wheel.

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Here we are at the summer issue of “Whassup, ’83?” First, happy 25th anniversaries to Rich Schwermer and Susan Sheehan and to Mariellen and Noble Carpenter, the ones who fessed up to a quarter century of marital bliss; Rich and Susan are headed to Fiji, and the Carpenters wisely haven’t revealed their plans.

● From the lovely Emily Batchelder comes news of her daughter’s September wedding to her college sweetheart. In a karmic twist to the plot, the wedding party will include the son of Mike Daly ’80. Emily is CBRE property manager for One Boston Place, a job she adores. She sees Ogden White ’84 from time to time [dude, where’s your news?].

● I loved hearing from Scott Dow, who is traveling extensively meeting clients on behalf of his Portland-based business. Scott lives in Falmouth with his partner of several years. His son is a performer in Portland starring in a production of Flat Stanley, daughter Samantha is finishing up her junior year in Cork, and his youngest daughter is at Wheaton.  ● Jenifer Ambler lives in Brattleboro, Vt., where she has a private optometry practice. For years she has been making annual clinic trips and guiding students in service visits to El Salvador with her church. Through her position in the local Rotary, Jenifer helped develop the Pure Water for the World project that now conducts water-purification projects in Haiti, Honduras, and El Salvador. Her daughter, Kate, has been an active participant in her service work and is majoring in theater. Jenifer is my nominee for the alumni profile!  ● Let’s flip to the other coast, where Jennifer Beevers, who started life in the software industry, is now a marketing consultant to technology companies and poised to augment her lively schedule with teaching. She’ll be leading a class in marketing-entrepreneurial ventures in Pepperdine’s grad program and a module in advertising ethics in UCLA’s extension program. Unlike yours truly, JB never packed in her ski poles, and she enjoys the slopes at Mammoth Mountain [which Wikipedia tantalizingly dubs a “lava dome complex”] in addition to running, cooking, and traveling. I vote her most likely to plan my next vacation.

● Ah, the perennially youthful Noble Carpenter notes that he has moved on from 20+ years with Jones Lang LaSalle to a privately held real estate service company, Cassidy Turley, and likes the switch. Three of his four kids are in college (senior, junior, and freshman), and the fourth is home managing the family homestead while she burns her way through eighth grade. You go, girlfriend, and don’t take prisoners! As I noted, Noble and Mariellen are celebrating their 25th this year. I did not get invited on their cruise but am thinking of crashing the family vacay in Michigan. Who’s with me?

● I had lunch with Scott Stein this spring. At USA Today Scott oversees product, a position that compels him to spend time with leaders of every business unit with the goal of creating a seamless user experience across all customer touch points [sh, I do this for a living, yo!]. He’s having a great time. He and his wife, Andrea, enjoy weekends on Long Island on top of all that NYC has to offer.

Quick hits:  Rick Manley writes that his youngest son, Todd ’17, started at Colby last fall, following his brother, George ’13. Nick Sillitich asks the class to remember our Colby grads when you’re looking for talent. Nick has helped several Prudential business units pick up our talented younger colleagues. Barb Leonard and Dan Marra have taken up curling, which Barb humorously describes as sliding over ice in triangle pose.

John Northrop raised $3,000 riding in BP’s MS 150 to support a cure for multiple sclerosis [best Twitter profile pic EVER! @JHNorthrop3].

Tyger Nicholas took a fascinating juncture to Montevideo [capital of Uruguay—I had to look it up too], the “Switzerland of Latin America,” in his words. Susan Sheehan is finalizing preparations for the commencement of a $130-million, 220,000-square-foot expansion of the research laboratories at Huntsman Cancer Institute. Very cool!  ● Have a gr8 summer and find me before I find you: my volunteers are legion!

1984
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Greetings, classmates, and thanks to those of you who actively participated in this column.  ● While Marian Leerburger would have loved to attend reunion—along with her dad, Benedict ’54, who is celebrating his 60th—she was instead heading to watch her daughter, Katie, compete in a regional gymnastics meet prior to nationals in July.  ● Bernd and Kiyata Vittands Hefele are getting ready for retirement. They’re planning to open a culinary shop in New Jersey specializing in gourmet cheeses from around the world.  ● Cecil Holstein is still residing in Germany, where he is CEO of Helkselingspringen, AG.  ● Jay ’81 and Maureen “Moe” Hargest Polimeno were heading to Colby to attend their daughter’s graduation. Aimee ’14 was captain of the softball team. Moe also recently connected with Barbara Duncan Marchetti and her family.

● Joe Vallee has been married to his college girlfriend, Michele, for 28 years. They raised their family in Swampscook, Mass., but have been spending time watching their youngest son, Billy, play lacrosse for Bowdoin. Their oldest son is playing in the band WET, which was touring London as I prepared this column. Their daughter is going to Spain to teach for a year after graduating magna cum laude from Northeastern. On a personal note, I can vouch for the fact that Joe is a great litigator and has been a partner at Riemer and Braunstein in Boston for 25 years.

● Jenny “Wardo” Ward Collins couldn’t come to reunion because her son was graduating from Dartmouth. We’ll miss you.  ● Val Miller Brancato is living in NY and contemplating a run for city council.  ● Congratulations to Dave Rocco on a successful surgery and best wishes for a quick recovery!

● Warren Burroughs, Craig Allie, and yours truly are involved in Agassiz Village, a nonprofit camp in Maine for economically disadvantaged Boston-area children.  ● Since John and Deb Pazar Ayer will soon be empty nesters, Deb has decided to try her hand at amateur auto racing and will soon be attending training at Skip Barber Racing in Lime Rock, Conn. I hope to see as many of you as possible at reunion.

1985
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Hello, Cobians! Our class president, Swing Robertson, shared some fun news. He was fortunate enough to be in the Boston Strong photograph on the cover of the April 21 Sports Illustrated. Swing is the guy on the far left holding the trophy (first place from 1916). Although he has run Boston four times, he wasn’t able to participate this year. Maybe he can organize a Colby team of ’85ers before our 30th reunion next year?

● First-time writer Harland Storey reports that after 25 years he caught up with Kevin Trant over Christmas while he was renting a place at Sunday River. Harland and his wife planned to visit Kevin at his home outside Houston. Harland has four children, 18-28, and a grandson, 3. He’s general manager for Hancock Lumber in Yarmouth. He recently remarried and lives in his hometown of Cumberland, Maine, with his wife, Teresa.

● Tom Colt is traveling with his wife to Peru this summer and plans to visit Lima, Cuzco, and Machu Picchu. He had some Aaron Paul (of Breaking Bad fame) and Russell Crowe sightings in his neighborhood recently as they are filming the movie Fathers and Daughters.

● Lynn Brunelle’s big news is that her new book is coming out this year: Mama Gone Geek: Calling on My Inner Science Nerd to Help Navigate the Ups and Downs of Parenthood. Lynn has kept those memories of her old Colby science classes alive!

● Stephen Langlois writes that Mark Howard and his wife, Marion, graciously hosted a few hearty ’85ers—including Stephen, Sean Padgett, Ann-Meg White, Rick and Kathryn Clark Anderson, Kate Lucier O’Neill, Shireen Shahawy, Chris Murphy, Stephen Reed, Eddie Maggiclamo, and Dan Auslander—86—and spouses at their summer home in East Boothbay.
last fall for a collective celebration of 50th birthdays. Highlights included spending time at Colby with the Padgetts’ daughter, Catherine ’17, and the Andersons’ daughter, Emily ’14; taking a cocktail cruise to Christmas Cove; and reviewing various historic relics and artifacts from their time at Colby, including a “VERY entertaining (and modestly incriminating) letter written by Dan Auslander ’86 to our classmates in London reporting on sordid comings and goings on campus. After this we can hardly wait to turn 55!”

The big news with the Adams family is that our daughter, Eliza, will be attending Colby as a freshman this fall, and her twin brother, Cameron, is headed to Franklin & Marshall in Pennsylvania. My husband I were happy to discover that move-in days are a few days apart, so we can be there for both of their “launches.” If anyone is headed to the Boston area, please get in touch. I would love to reconnect with some old classmates, and I anticipate more free time in the very near future. Thanks for writing.

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Maybe I should start this column by saying HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Many of us are celebrating a special birthday this year, so here’s a shout-out to all of you.

On that note, Lila Hopson Monahan had a great time celebrating a milestone birthday (of Joyce Sutton Anderson and her husband, Kevin) at a bash this fall. While there, Lila reconnected with Janet Dean ’87 and husband Ed Raff ’86, who was in our freshman class at Colby. Joyce reports that Janet hasn’t changed a bit in 25 years. (None of us have, have we?) Lila has had a busy year. Two weeks before daughter Cassie graduated from high school, husband Jim returned to the workforce after 17 years of being a stay-at-home dad. Cassie is now at the University of Maryland, College Park. Lila also relocated her pediatric practice and hired a new partner after 10 years in the same location.

Robin Clisby Pelczar helped a friend mark a Certain Birthday on his first NYC Marathon (eighth marathon overall) with a time of 4:13:31. He ran on behalf of the Cancer Research Institute. In more NYC news, Evan Dangel enjoyed attending a President’s Leadership Society send-off party for Bro Adams. He and wife Sue (Roberts) hope a nephew of theirs chooses Colby this year.

Karen Jo Giammusso Shapiro is facilitating workshops for leaders and professionals on interpersonal skills and professional growth through her business, Your Next Steps Coaching PLLC. While she works mostly with nonprofits and educational institutions, she enjoys coaching in the corporate environment too. Bob Loyd wrote from Brussels, where he was transferred by the Marine Corps last November. He is very busy with his assignment at NATO, where he serves as a U.S. Marine Corps colonel on the NATO International Military Staff. He and the family still find time to explore from this central location in the heart of Europe. He hopes by this time next year his French will be vastly improved.

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Psst, don’t tell anybody, but … Teri Kinsella and her husband are now business owners! “Tim and a partner started a hotel software company called StayNTouch, bringing touch and tablet computing to hotel operations. Skip the front desk! With a round of seed funding in July ’13 and first product testing in March ’14, we’re on the way. As entrepreneurs, we now only feel like vomiting about once every six months instead of every day! I’d hate to be your dry cleaner, Teri.” Our goal is to make enough to send our boys to Colby in ’17, ’20, and ’22.”

Jeff Russell is pleased to announce that Alison Davis Russell, daughter of Jeff and the late Beth Henry Russell ’88, will journey to Mayflower Hill as a member of the Class of 2018. It was her first choice with absolutely no lobbying from Dad. “Just daily grovels.”

Keary Hanan is senior vice president of digital programming and production for Epix, a premium subscription movie channel owned by Paramount, Lionsgate, and MGM. “Husband Paul Marcum is head of global digital innovation at Bloomberg. Son Jake, 7, attends the Browning School, skis, and plays chess, lacrosse, soccer, and golf. Daughter Margaret, almost 5, is entering the Spence School. She’s an amazing skier, ballerina, soccer star, golfer, Spanish speaker, and firecracker. Labs Bert and Sadie are happily living in NYC, spending every weekend in the country. [Great, even the dogs are doing better than me.] I stay in touch with Amy Rosen Moran, Bridg Hoffman Murray ’86, and new papa Anthony Fazzone ’88. And I miss Jim French ’85.” The Cutlife Family Singers “just finished the first school year as empty nesters. Daughter Jenn is a freshman at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., and Jess is a junior at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Jess is studying abroad at the University of Westminster in London. Larry, Jenn, and I will be traveling in England and France for two weeks.” [Bring me home a smart car. They fit in the overhead.]

Andrew Jeske “left Young & Rubicam to become a creative director at Havas Worldwide in Tribeca. [I love hummus! Oh, Havas?] My almost-15-year-old, Sam, will spend his fourth year at Camp Cobbossee in Monmouth, Maine. We’ll make our annual trek in mid-July to fetch him. Ben will turn 10 in June and spend the summer playing tennis, taking a movie class, learning about 3D printing, and playing drums, guitar, and piano at various day camps. Naomi, 6, is bringing up the rear at our town rec camp.”

John Connolly was named vice president and dean of academic affairs for Kennebec Valley Community College, one of the nation’s top ranked community colleges. “My wife, Joanie, graduated the University of Wyoming and is now an RN specializing in eldercare.” [I’ll need her soon, Jon.]

Patti D’Agostino had an extended stay from mid-January through mid-April at company headquarters in Scottsdale, Ariz. She wrote during her stay, “Since I live in NYC, and considering the weather, this temporary residence is working out great for me! I plan to have Colby friends like Sue White and Paula Friedrich visit.” [Scottsdale. Nice name.]

Jane Nichol Manuel’s eldest, Ben, is a sophomore at Clemson. “We love the football tailgates and games. A little getting used to as there are about 79,500 more people in attendance than at Colby. Our second, Andrew, heads to Hobart in the fall. Excited to see Jeanne and Mitch Cook at Parents Weekend. Youngest William is a high school freshman. I’m busy working and playing tennis, tired from waiting up for the boys, and enjoying the Charleston, S.C., lifestyle. I had a great visit with Elizabeth Warren Bogo in Hilton Head as she watched her daughter play for the Colby tennis
team. We loved cheering for the Mules! [Yes, mules are so huggable.] • Be happy, fellow Mules!

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John Davie, Harold Rider, and Bill Bullock ’89 visited the Stowe Mountain Resort and spent a night atop Mount Mansfield in a 1930s-era stone hut. There was no electricity or running water in the hut, but with skills tested by past COOT adventures, the three were able to make the best of it and enjoyed scamping along the summit by moonlight. FM radio, and card games as entertainment, a can or two of Pabst’s sweet nectar as diluent, and first runs and race up Mount Mansfield in a 1930s-era car. Alongside him at the games was Greg Cunningham, whose son also played on the team. He sent a picture that is posted on the Colby ’88 Facebook page. • Josh and Stacey Marx celebrate the departure of their first child to college. When the couple arrived in Seattle, full of confidence that the prestige of Colby would resonate in job interviews, they were mostly met with blank stares. Josh would often say, “It’s like the Pomona of the East.” Their daughter Sallie is attending Pomona, Class of ’18. Colby was never in the running due to distance. Sallie completed a remarkable feat this year. She raised $19,000 and awareness for ankylosing spondylitis while completing three triathlons including a Half Ironman 70.3-mile race. Becca Bruce Dobberuhl cheered her on as she ran through Austin, Texas. • Brian N. Connors passes along some notes that illustrates the impact an upperclassman can have on freshmen. All members of Woodman third floor ’84-’85 were saddened to learn of the death of their RA, Linda Carroll Higgins ’85. He remembers that Linda “was really good to everyone, a great RA for a bunch of rambunctious freshmen.” • Be well.

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By the time you read this, I hope to have seen many of you on Mayflower Hill. I also hope that it has stopped snowing in Minnesota, but that’s another story. If you’re not on the class reunion Facebook page, you have missed out on many hilarious posts and pictures of us in our younger and not-wiser days. Get on there and check it out—there should be lots of post-reunion posts, too. • Now for the news: Krisan Evenson had an eventful 2013, working with a multitude of worthy causes including Invisible Children, a group that supports war-affected children in Uganda, and Love in the Language of Yarn, which supports Syrian refugees in Jordan and Turkey. • Marc Rando wrote just after the new year that he rang in 2014 with Dave and Cindy Cohen Fernandez, Matt Sotir and his family, and Rob and Hilary Barnes Hoopes in Waterville Valley, N.H. (Wrong Waterville, folks!) Marc was looking forward to reunion, where he hoped to see Bret Dixon, Larry Scoville, Chuck McCormick, and Eric and Shari Sadowski Stram. After reunion, lucky Marc planned to travel to Spain again with the Thayer crew. Once again, he did not invite me to go along. • Bill Auerswald, his wife, Emily, and their kids, Cate and Copper, are moving from Ann Arbor to Greenwich, where Bill will be director of finance and operations at the Greenwich Day School. • Dawna Zajac Perez was recently promoted to dean of student success at Northern Essex Community College. Her eldest son just got his license and is looking at colleges. I agree with your reaction to this, Dawn: Yikes! • Laura Thornton Pellegrino lives in New Canaan, Conn., with four girls, the oldest of whom is also looking at colleges and is headed to Barcelona this summer with the daughter of Sandy Humphrey Brinn ’90. Maybe she’ll run into Gerry Hadden there. Laura sees Catherine Andrew Rogers over the Fourth of July and runs into Ed ’88 and Jen Pierce Barr on the squash circuit during the winter. She saw David “Rocky” Genovese on the lacrosse field in Darien, too. • Heidi and Tripp John- son couldn’t be at reunion because their oldest, Abby, was graduating from high school that weekend. When Heidi wrote, Abby was on Mayflower Hill for a Class of 2018 (!) Presidential Scholar accepted student orientation. Heidi says they were 90 percent sure Colby is where Abby will end up. • Our class is doing its part filling Colby’s halls: Jennifer Pattison’s son, Keith, is a member of the Colby Class of 2014, and Jennifer hoped to stay in Maine between his graduation and reunion so she could see all of us. • I will be road-tripping from Hartford with Tracy Gibson, picking up Meg Christle (and maybe the one and only Rosette Royale FKA Tim Burton) on the way, and I cannot wait. Have a great summer, and keep that news coming!

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Thanks for your news, and please keep it coming. Mark your calendars—June 4-7, 2015—since we are now a year out from our 25th reunion. Try not to let life get in the way. Class presidents Amy Farmer and Mark Michaud promise to make it worth the effort. • After working for more than four years at Phillips Academy Andover, Katherine Cole Aydelott has recently transitioned to instruction librarian at the Dimond Library at UNH. Her husband also works at UNH, so other than the pressure of attaining tenure, the job is perfect. • John Hayworth met up with Bob Lian at the Naval Academy in Annapolis over Easter weekend to take their sons (all lacrosse players) to the Navy versus Johns Hopkins lacrosse game. • In her first year back at work after being a stay-at-home mom raising four kids, Merrie Post Gramlich’s work innovating new programs for disengaged high school kids has been recognized by the Washington Post. • Randy Yarlas lives in Mansfield, Mass., with his wife and daughter and has been a portfolio manager at PanAgora Asset Management in Boston for the past 13 years. He keeps in touch with Dave Weissman, who’s been living in Arizona for years, and Dan Forman, who recently returned to San Francisco after spending years in New York. He wanted to send shout-outs to Jon Thompson and Dave Streeker and hopes they are both doing well. • Unfortunately, Sarah Hayne Reilly has had to hang up her speed suit since she blew out her knee this winter racing her 12-year-old son down the practice course at Okemo. She was looking forward to spending Easter with Cindy Demskie Kenney and family, • Kerri Weise Augusto is a professor of psychology at Becker College. She was grateful
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Teacher Meredith Post Gramlich ’90 was quoted in a Washington Post article about an alternative-education redesign with a personalized approach in Montgomery County, Md. Regarding efforts already underway, Gramlich said, “Some of our most disengaged students are coming to school, asking for help and beginning to plan for the future.” In April the Associated Press appointed Foster Klug ’95 chief of bureau for South Korea. Previously Seoul news editor, Klug has been with the AP since 2000 and has covered Asia for nearly a decade.

This summer Amy Darling ’96 will have her paintings publicly displayed for the first time. An exhibition at Tahoma One Drop Zen Monastery on Whidbey Island, Wash., will be a prelude to a more extensive show at Miro Tea in Ballard, Seattle, in November. Architect Lyle Bradley ’99 was featured in the March/April issue of Design New England for his work converting a poorly designed 800-square-foot East Boston row house into a vibrant and space-efficient home for his family.

for the support of classmates Jim and Kerri deForest Jarosz when her mother passed away late last year. In February her family expanded by taking guardianship of a 14-year-old boy, Chris. Her two other children have embraced him fully, and the boy, Chris. Her two other children have embraced him fully, and the

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Greetings, classmates! Here are a few bits of news to enjoy. Jane Maloney Chitkara writes, “My husband and I and our three kids, Aiden, 12, Isabelle, 10, and Chloe, 6, live in Wayland, a suburb of Boston. When I’m not schlepping my children to hockey (all three play), lacrosse, tennis, soccer, or piano, I’m likely spinning, playing tennis, running, or volunteering at one of the schools. I just ‘retired’ from marathon running, having just run my ninth Boston Marathon (15th overall) in a personal best time of 3:17:56. It was quite an amazing and special year to run Boston—the runners and spectators felt united and more enthusiastic than ever before. Also running from our class were Matt and Becky Melander, although I didn’t see them. A few days later Jenny Alfon Seeman ’92, a hockey-mom friend who also ran it, went with me to a reflexology spa to get a foot massage. And in a few days I will be enjoying my quarterly dinner to catch up with Michele Friel Mullen and Catherine Giles Stecher.

Hilary Greene is still living in a big farmhouse in Williamsport, Mass., with her husband, Seth, and son Declan. She coaches cross-country skiing at a nearby high school, imports and markets her own brand of high-tech ski poles, and manages a curiosity shop on her family property. Jenna Hartel was granted tenure at the University of Toronto, promoted to associate professor of information, and is on sabbatical for the next year. Sometime soon, she and Hilary will take a road trip through New England to visit Colby friends. Tim “Whaler” Christensen, a potter and sculptor on the coast of Maine, and Allen Carlson, an associate professor in the government department at Cornell University and also the dad of two great boys, reports that things are “crazy busy” at work. His wife, Katherine (Cole) ’90, has a new position at the University of New Hampshire, so they can commute together. As for your loyal correspondent, I recently returned from a brothers weekend and family trip to the Big Island of Hawaii. We went diving, did some fishing, visited coffee and macadamia nut plantations, walked on a volcano, went snorkeling with manta rays, and spent some time just relaxing in the sun. The most ironic part of our visit? Traveling 10,000 miles to get out of the New England winter, then driving to the top of Mauna Kea into a snowstorm. Thanks for writing! I’d love to hear from more of you out there, so keep the news coming.

1992

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Happy summer, everyone! Happy anniversary to Wylie Dufresne. His avant-garde New York restaurant, wd-50, is celebrating its 11th year. In April I ran into Mike and Jessica D’Ercole Stanton and their two children on a flight from Boston to London. Mike had just run the Boston Marathon. They were visiting friends in Kensington Gardens and taking in the sights. My son, Webb, 8, and I visited family in Hampstead. We explored the city (Buckingham Palace, St. Paul’s, Tower of London, Tower Bridge, London Eye, etc.); saw Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at the Royal Theatre; paid homage to the Beatles on Abbey Road; stood at 0° longitude at the Prime Meridian in Greenwich; pretended to board the Hogwarts Express at Platform 9 ¾; and toured Wimbledon. On our last day we caught up with the Stantons again at a heated Fulham v. Hull City soccer game. This spring Sarah Block Wallace, her husband, Chad, and their boys, Jacob, 9, and Sam, 7, visited San Diego, Calif. There they spent time with Tom ’91 and Kristin Wallace Livezey and their children, Jocelyn, 10, and Luke, 7, who live in Encinitas. They feasted at Fish 101, railed each other in heated football elimination tournaments, and even took a swim in the Pacific. Sarah and her family live in Denver. After eight years in Washington, D.C., Heather Ferguson Coldebellia and her husband, Gus, have moved back to Massachusetts. “We wanted to be closer to family and to give our ‘one and only’ daughter the opportunity to feel a part of something bigger. Once we decided to make the move, we found ourselves ‘unexpectedly’ expecting our second child. We welcomed Grace Beckwith Coldebella on Feb. 2—five years to the day after her big sister, Tenley. A very fitting Groundhog Day gift! I’ll gratefully continue to put Colby degree to good use as mom for a few more years to come.” In July Jim Condron (jcondron.com) will be a summer residency fellow at the Edward F. Albee Foundation in Montauk, N.Y. The foundation’s mission is “to serve writers and visual artists from all walks of life, by providing time and space in which to work without disturbance.” This spring Jim was a semifinalist for Baltimore’s prestigious Sondheim Prize, and his work will be shown at the Decker and Meyerhoff Galleries of the Maryland Institute College of Art from July 17 through Aug. 3.

Katherine Rynearson Tagtmeier and her family have been living in Dubai since January 2013. She and her husband have three boys (ages 10, 9, and 6) and have been traveling extensively in the region. This spring they added Thailand to their list and are hoping to next connect with Jim Conrad in Abu Dhabi.

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Kimberly Carr and Rob McCarley are expecting their fifth child in June and recently added a yellow lab puppy, Annie, to their growing family. Kimberly and Rob’s three older girls are trying softball this spring, and their youngest daughter is giving T-ball a go. Rob plans to coach. Lael Stanczak says, “Twenty-one years later and Sarah Burditt McDougall and I went on spring break together, again! Heading over to Asia, Sarah popped by Singapore for a whirlwind tour of the island before heading with me to Bali for a girls’ week. We had a blast.” Lael is starting to tour colleges with eldest son Teaguen this summer.

Beth Curran Balter is marketing director at Aspera Technologies (a German software company). She was training for the Run to Remember half-marathon in May. Beth has recently seen Kat Creeden. Louisa Merianos Anastasiou and Betsy Arden Rickards, and she and her neighbors with Emily Muldoon Kathleen: Beth’s and Emily’s daughters play soccer together.

Doug Morrione married wife Laura last September; they relocated to Dubai “just in time to introduce our daughter, Valentina,
who despite being born at the American Hospital in Dubai, will inherit U.S. and Mexican citizenship. Life in Dubai is a trip, with many ex-pats driving like miacans, but otherwise no crime (a big change from NYC). As far as having a baby goes, I’m all for it, just took me a while. I’m wrapping up a feature film on cowboys, and folks can see the trailer at everythinginthesongtrue.com.”

For all of you White Mules who took sociology, Doug’s dad, Professor Morrione, is retiring this year. Doug reports his dad “will be spending the rest of his days happily restoring multiple Austin Healeys and splitting time among Maine, New Mexico, and Santa Cruz, Calif.” Doug’s mother is also retiring from admissions work at Colby. He says, “I’m grateful for my days in preschool in the Lorimer Chapel nursery, as I’m sure the contact with other Colby professors’ offspring is a big reason I’m still a viable citizen (of what country, I’m not sure, currently).”

* Mike Saad married his partner of nine years, Jason Schlyer, Feb. 14, 2014, in a small ceremony at San Francisco City Hall. Mike and Jason live in San Francisco. Congratulations, Mike! * After Krista Stein left American Express back in 2012, she took time off to travel in Asia and Colombia. Krista has settled in NYC and recently started as head of innovation and customer experience for a company called CT that provides services for entrepreneurs and small business owners. * Mike Murphy caught up with Becky (Birrell) ’92 and John Smith in Brunswick recently. Mike has recently moved to Taos, N.M., with his wife, 3-year-old, and two dogs. He writes, “Just got a year-round job as a family therapist, missing my first Alaska summer in 19 years, excited for the change. Welcome any and all ‘93 alums to contact me in Taos for a room to stay in and a guide to hot springs and local hikes.” * Thanks to all of you who wrote in. I genuinely enjoy reading your updates, and I love that I get to share them in our class column. You don’t have to wait to send in news—drop me a line anytime at classnews1993@colby.edu.

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1995

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After living for three years in Bangkok (highlights included visits from Liz Keith and Jill Kooymojman), Michele Elliot and Brian Carovillano moved to Montclair, N.J. Brian is working in New York for the Associated Press. “We’re happy to be here, and our kids (8 and 4) have been thrilled by all the snow this winter. It has been quite a homecoming!” * Jon Frothingham and his wife, Tamsyn, live in western Maine, and their business, Brilliant Smiles Dental Hygiene, is going really well. They signed up for the Great Northeast Tough Mudder event in Westbrook, Maine, in August (his third, her first), so they’ll be busy training this summer. As a member of After Eight, the a cappella group made up of Colby Eight alumni, Jon planned to attend reunion weekend again this year for the annual rehearsal and performance at all of the class dinners. “Definitely looking forward to it but also excited for our 20th reunion next year!” * Regina Wiadorski Kruger is excited to move to Shrewsbury, Mass. She will live a lot closer to her daughter, who attends a residential school near Boston. “I’m also glad to be farther north, near skiing and Colby.” * Noah Learner and his wife moved from Nantucket, Mass., to the Boulder, Colo., area in August. He works in website design/social media, and his wife, Lorie, works as a horticulturist. Noah received an invitation to play in the Amateur Disc Golf World Championships in Minneapolis this summer, and his kids, Calvin, 7, and Dylan, 5, are doing well. * Dan Polk is the founding director of global citizenship at the Hamlin School in San Francisco. * Gerald Coakley left the practice of law and, in December 2013, opened a restaurant in Dedham, Mass., called Heirloom Kitchen. It specializes in providing farm-to-table meals that busy people and families can heat at home. Have a restaurant-quality meal on the table in 20-30 minutes! * Michelle Girdina has been working with the Colby alumni office and is already gearing up for our 20th reunion next year. We’re shooting for a record turnout next June (4-7) for a great weekend on Mayflower Hill. If you’re interested in helping with the reunion, please contact me. See you there!

1996

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Notes galore, so let’s get to it: Keith Albert writes that his wife, Pamela, is shifting jobs to use her M.P.H. degree (in epidemiology) to work at the University of Southern Maine. The Alberts spend their time shuttling their two boys to ice hockey games and hitting the slopes at the Loaf and Sunday River, where they’ve run into Ethan Spencer ’94, Justin Van Til ’95, and Matt Morse ’98. Keith is also in touch with Matt Russ, Mark Johnson, Colby Wyatt, Karen Bossie and Chad Sisson, Chuck and Betsy Low Bowen, Mark Porter ’95, Kevin Rice, and a few other Mules too. * In May Tatum Calder Sinclair, Caroline Bird, Kim Turner, and Dori Morrison Galvin planned to take on Ragnar Cape Cod, a 12-person, 190-mile overnight relay race from Hull to Provincetown. Dori lives in Boxborough, Mass., with husband Chris and two children, Troy, 8, and Dorothy, 6. * Jen Pope married Bill Michie in Dover/Portsmouth, N.H. * Amie Sicchitano Taylor was her maid of honor, and Colby attendees included Dori Morrison Galvin, Courtney Sullivan Homer, Tammy Smith Wilkerson, Abby Smith Dermg, Ben and Alex Kean Strong, Brad Sicchitano ’99, and Jen’s brother, Greg ’99 (obviously). As an aside, I think most of those people were in my freshman English class with Charlie Bassett. Anyhow, Jen and Bill live in Washington, D.C., where Jen works on reproductive health issues worldwide.

On a recent trip to Ethiopia, Jen saw Patty Benson Bechard during a layover in Frankfurt. Patty recently moved there with her husband and two sons. * Chris McMath moved from New Hampshire to the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains (Lenoir, N.C.), where he joined a new pediat- tric practice in October 2013, then welcomed twin daughters, Molly and Emma, on March 14, 2014. Move, job, baby: the natural hat trick. Nice! * Speaking of hat tricks, my second favorite Colby women’s hockey player of all time, Sarah Gelman Carney, met Doris Kearns Goodwin ’64 April 12, scoring a nice photo on a deftly executed “Gelman-style attack” (her words) in the Charlotte airport. Sarah was on a family trip to Hilton Head Island. * At the end of 2013 Amy Darling consolidated her clinical acupuncture practice to Seattle and began devoting more time to watercolor painting. Amy began practicing Zen meditation in Waterville during her last year at Colby, in 1996, and Zen practice has remained a foundation of her life, with regular meditation and silent retreat informing her work, her art, and her life. For the past two years she has been studying Mountains and Rivers Sutra, a lyrical exposition by Zen master Eihei Dogen (1200-1253) on the nature of the Buddhist path and awakening. Inspired by this study, she has been painting from photographs taken during years of Cascade mountain hikes. In July her work will be displayed publicly for the first time at Tahoma One Drop Zen Monastery on Whidbey Island, Wash. There will be a more extensive show at Miro Tea in Ballard, Seattle, in November. * And finally, Alex Chin works for a beer company. He says his job is awesome. I think he’s probably telling the truth. * Keep the notes coming, please.

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Not too much news this time around. Please feel free to e-mail me with any sort of update—everyone would love to hear from you! * Congratulations to Jami Fisher, who just finished her doctorate in higher education. She teaches at UPenn, where she runs the American Sign Language program. * Kate Lawn Chouta shared, “My husband and I welcomed a daughter,
Juhi Jillian Chouta, on the last day of the Dragon Year in 2013. Juhi is now 11 months old and keeping Prashant and I very busy chasing after her. It’s been fun introducing her to our family arriving from the East Coast, India, and England. Work at Berkeley continues the same for me, but I am taking on fewer freelance editing projects.”

Amy Stengel has been living in Boulder, Colo., for the past 12 years. She works for the University of Colorado, and she has a daughter, Barrett, 3. She met up with JJ Eklund McGawn, Jen Mason Drolet, and Brian Duffany ‘96 at a Denver-area alumni event last winter. Simone Kaplan Cote lives in Andover, Mass., with husband Curt and two daughters, Margot, 5, and Tamsin, 3. She works as an editor for Citizens Bank. She wrote, “We hang out regularly with Ken ’94 and Julia Rentz Dupuis ’95, who live in town with their two boys. We saw Tay Evans Rhoads at Christmas, and we see Dave Hanauer and his wife, Danielle Bennett, and their two boys pretty regularly as well. Life is good!”

Carter Davis and family celebrated Easter with Dana Cease and his family. Carter reported that Steve Kidd was planning a June wedding and was looking forward to the birth of his first child. Steve took a new job teaching drama at Moses Brown School in Providence, R.I. Carter also reported that Mark Adelman was getting married in early May.

Josh Keith planned to return to the United States in June after six years living and working in Switzerland. He’s settling in NYC and looking forward to reconnecting with Colby alums in the area. Also in New York, Lincoln Farr and his wife, Elizabeth, welcomed their second child, daughter Theodora, March 12. Their son, Gideon, 5, will be starting kindergarten in the fall. Linc and his family live in Brooklyn.

Stephanie Blackman Stokamer and her husband welcomed their first child, Aaron James “AJ” in January. When she e-mailed, they were planning to take him on a cross-country train trip back east to see family and friends. Hope the first family adventure went well, Stephanie!

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Hello, everyone! Holly K. Austin was recently named president of the board of directors of the Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation. The foundation celebrates Gage as a major historical figure involved in the suffragette movement and is dedicated to educating current and future generations on contemporary social change and human rights issues. Holly is a partner in the environmental practice of Hancock Estabrook, LLP. She represents her clients on environmental law issues including permitting, health and safety regulatory compliance and enforcement, remediation, and zoning, and land use.

Jenny Lane Townsend continues to work at Clarkson University, where she has been employed for more than 10 years. This is her third year as assistant director of the honors program at Clarkson. She is expecting a baby later this summer. She lives with her husband of 10 years, Ethan, and their 5-year-old son, Calvin, in Canton, N.Y. They enjoyed a very snowy winter, skiing well into April.

Liz Hooper Bala is a den mother for her two boys and has been awarded the Courage Award from the Cub Scouts of America for her work promoting autism awareness.

Charlie and Jennifer Stephens Conigli and their daughter, Violet, welcomed Simon Charles last May. Jennifer is now director of conferences at American Lawyer Media in New York City.

Rebecca Troeger defended her dissertation and graduated from Boston College with a Ph.D. in English in May. The Reefs Hotel and David Dodwell were featured in a recent Vineyard Vines catalog.

Emily Larsen and her husband welcomed their second daughter, Ella Jane, April 3. Emily lives in Tempe, Ariz., teaching high school biology. Hope all is well. It’s great to hear from everyone.

1999
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Katie Frank lived in Lesotho, the tiny mountain kingdom surrounded by South Africa, for two years, recently moving to Nigeria, where she will continue to work for Johns Hopkins University on projects in Abuja for the next year. Katie has been shark diving, caving, and bungee jumping in South Africa and gorilla trekking in Rwanda. She plans to balloon over Cappadocia in Turkey.

Kelly Field recently celebrated 10 years at the Chronicle of Higher Education, where’s she’s the chief Washington reporter. She lives in D.C. with her husband, Eric, an attorney, and two daughters, Emma, 4, and Adrienne, 1.

Steve Murphy got engaged to Sarah Grossblatt in Cuba; Steve is a policy advisor to the U.S. special representative for global health diplomacy at the State Department, and he would love to connect with Colby alumni working on global health issues.

Kurt Kelley and Stephanie Small ’98 welcomed their second child, Hannah, March 5. Kurt continues to grow his ophthalmology practice in Brunswick, Maine, while Stephanie works nearby as a women’s health nurse practitioner.

Sasha Brown-Woshard had her third baby at home. Adara Fairchild joins big sister Samara, 7, and brother Alan, 5, who are both madly in love. Sasha is working as an editor in NYC after having recently moved to the area from Boston.

Andy King recently published a cookbook, Baking by Hand, based on home-baking techniques and products he serves at his bakery in Salem, Mass. He still owns A&J King Artisan Bakers with his supremely talented wife, Jackie. Their two children (Emaline, 9, and Elliot, 4) do not sing a cappella at all. He lives with his aforementioned family, four huskies, a cat, seven chickens, and a few hundred bottles of homemade wine in Topsfield, Mass.

David and Megan Rourke Gustafson welcomed twin girls, Grace and Emily, to the family. The twins join older brothers Kevin, Connor, and Grady. Keep the news coming!

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Thank you all for writing! On to the news…

Miranda Eberle Freberg graduated with her Ph.D. in school psychology from Penn State University in May.

Jon Allen and his wife, Jenny, announce the safe arrival of happy and healthy Seline Elsa Allen in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. You’ll be happy to hear she has red hair.

On March 8 Nat and Chrissie Marzano Davis hosted a baby shower near their home in Avon, Colo. Colby folks attending included Lara Bonn, Kathryn Johnson Kaminski, Hilary Spitz Arens’01, and John Baptiste ’97. Everyone was able to get in some great skiing at Beaver Creek and Vail while they were visiting. Nat and Chrissie then welcomed their first child, a little boy, Logan James Davis, April 4.

Benjamin Schlitt Ritz will be information editor for the law review at South Texas College of Law for 2014-15. Ben will be interning/ clerking with the Texas 14th Court of Appeals in the fall semester. He is the proud father of Charley, 2.

In February Michael Siegel was traveling in Houston and tried to connect with Peter Hans but didn’t have time. The next week, Peter was in San Francisco, and he didn’t have time to see me. Apparently an eggplant farm and baked ziti got in the way.

Nelia Dwyer lives in the northeast kingdom of Vermont, where she teaches and organizes experiences at a small, community-focused elementary and middle school called Riverside. She is engaged to chef and restaurant owner Dave Rath, and they’re planning an outdoor autumn wedding.

Portia Dyreinfeld decided to leave her position as assistant professor of psychology at Hobart and William Smith Colleges to spend time at home with her first baby. Elliott Dyrenfost Stearns was born in January, and Portia is thrilled to get to hang out with him full time for a while. They’re still deciding where they might move next after enjoying six years in the Finger Lakes region of New York.

Ben Mackay has resigned as a principal of Evolve Capital and will be pursuing private equity deals under his own firm, Long Trail Holdings, which is based out of Jackson Hole, Wyo.
to Concord, Mass., last summer. Alta Rose Loughlin was born in September 2013, and their daughter Page turned 2 in February. The family spent most of the winter in Killington. ★ Corey Stranghoener Reuwee and husband Brian relocated to O.C. at the beginning of the year and then welcomed daughter Virginia Grace on March 10. Corey would love to connect with classmates in the greater D.C. area. ★ Other recent D.C. transfers include Jon and Jenny Burbick Engel and their two adorable kids, Emmett and Macey, ★ Michelle Farrell, assistant professor of Spanish and Portuguese at Fairfield University in Connecticut, just returned from Havana, Cuba, as part of a team of Fairfield professors traveling with 19 students to explore the complex realities of contemporary Cuba. It was a huge success. Michelle remained in Cuba for her research on the young digital filmmakers movement. She will return to Cuba this summer and looks forward to traveling with more students in the future. ★ Lauren Schaad climbed Kilimanjaro last summer. ★ Van Haidas and his brother are opening a restaurant on the Cape later this summer, The Knack (theknackcape-cod.com). They have put several years of work into it and many more years of research, creating The Knack with one purpose in mind: to share the food they grew up with, the food that hits the spot when you come in from a day at the beach, the food that defines summers on Cape Cod.

2002

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Kim Reiss Binder is in her second year of an oncology fellowship at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. She is very much enjoying the combination of taking care of cancer patients and pursuing her research interests. She married in 2010 and has a 20-month-old, Amelia, with baby number two due in September. ★ Chris and Anne Tricomi Lang bought a home in North Yarmouth, Maine, and had a baby girl, Juliana Tegan. Anne works for Healthy Casco Bay on public health, policy, and environmental change, including tobacco cessation, physical activity, and nutrition. Anne still plays volleyball and gets to play with and against Candice Parent (Colby coach) every now and then. Anne loved attending the wedding of Abbey Stella ’04 last September and seeing Laurel Burnham Deacon ’03 and Kimberly Prescott ’04. ★ Sister Madeleine (Sarah) Miller is now an adjunct instructor at Wayne State College in Nebraska, teaching sociology and political science. She will student-teach this fall and earn her teaching certificate. ★ Matt Tolve and his wife, Mercy, welcomed a second baby girl, Sasha Elise Tolve, in February. Everyone is doing well, even Chloe, Sasha’s initially skeptical but loving older sister. ★ Nicki Shoemaker McNair and her husband, J.R., welcomed Abby May McNair Sept. 15, 2013. She’s 7 months now and changing daily. Nicki reported that Tammie Sebellus was planning to move from Lucerne, Switzerland, to London this spring. ★ Matt and Loryn Traversi Irwin expect a third child in August. ★ Hillary Lavelly Corbin also has a third child, daughter Holloway Hillman Corbin, born Feb. 28. Holloway joins big sisters Lavelly, 5, and Campbell, 3. The Corbin girls are doing well. ★ Eric Zuario moved back to Telluride, Colo., and is doing structural welding and carpentry for Back of Nowhere Engineering. In his spare time he helps out on his girlfriend’s farm and works on his art. ★ Blake Crowley married Eduardo Navarro (Tulane, master of architecture, 2005) April 12. They’re happily settling into married life in Oakland, Calif. ★ After nearly nine years with the company, Shannon Murphy Weidinger was promoted to senior vice president in April and continues to lead MSL-GROUP’s San Francisco health-care practice. ★ Chris and Sally Hall Bell continue to work at the University of Oregon and are in love with bucolic Eugene, Ore., where local food and wine are abundant and the coastal and mountain recreation is endless. They’re excited about a trek to Nepal in late summer.

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Thank you to everyone who wrote in. This is our lightest column since graduation, which must mean that everyone is happily absorbed in family, work, kids, school, etc. Hope everyone is having a great summer. Looking forward to more news in the fall! ★ Jacob Seilheimer wrote in (humorously, of course) with some good and some not-so-good news: over the past two years, he got a cat (Little Nancy Reagan), was diagnosed with cancer (oligoastrocytoma brain tumor), got engaged and married to Megan Yapple (SMU ’03), underwent cancer treatment (surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy), and returned to work as a corporate tax consultant. Jacob—we wish you the best, and you are in our thoughts. ★ Kyle Burke just spent a year teaching at Colby and is moving to New Hampshire to start his new job at Plymouth State. He will miss eating lunch at Bobs every day. ★ Jenn Brenneman Clements is still the lodge manager at Three Rivers. She and her husband, Dave, are expecting their first baby in August, a boy. ★ Marin Hoffman Kemnitz had her second baby boy in January, and Shelley Hughes and Katie Altsneu visited Marin and family in Minnesota. Katie is doing great with her ever-expanding acupuncture practice in Denver, and Shelley is about to go into her second year of business school at Kellogg in Chicago. ★ Melanie Newton Lago and her husband, Patrick, welcomed their first baby, Ethan Malcolm Lago, April 20. He was 7 pounds 3 ounces, and everyone is doing well. They plan on visiting Maine this summer with Ethan, and then Melanie will be back in her kindergarten classroom this fall.

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Adam St. Pierre ’04 helped coach the U.S. under-18 Nordic team at the Scandinavian Cup in Rovaniemi, Finland, this winter. St. Pierre is a coach with the Boulder (Colo.) Nordic Junior Racing Team. ★ In March David Gutman ’06 was a panelist on “From Beats to Tweets: Media Coverage of the Elk River Spill” at West Virginia University’s Ef. Reed School of Journalism. Gutman is a Charleston Gazette reporter who covered the chemical spill, the government response, and Freedom Industries’ subsequent bankruptcy. ★ Emily Judem ’06 was project editor on the GlobalPost team that won a 2013 Award for Excellence in Health Care Journalism for “Step by Step: The Path to Ending Child Mortality.” Judem is multimedia producer for special reports at GlobalPost. ★ In February Congresswoman Chellie Pingree (Maine) selected Brooke Barron ’09 as her agricultural policy advisor in her Washington office. Barron previously served as associate director of administration to Vice President Joe Biden and as special assistant to the deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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Amanda Belden and her husband were expecting their second baby around the same time as reunion; she was sad to have to miss it. ★ Becky Evans is completing her anesthesia residency at the University of Utah and is moving to Philadelphia to start a fellowship in pediatric anesthesia at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. ★ Natalie McKechnie lives in Boulder, Colo., and recently got engaged to Todd Mannherz. They’re planning an August wedding. She works as a pediatric occupational therapist and started a piano business called Piano Therapy, where she teaches piano to children with special needs. ★ Matt and Lorraine Beane Baline welcomed their first child, Lily Rebecca, in February. After living in Texas for the last 10 years, they’re excited to be moving to Denver. ★ As for my latest news, I started DRINKmaple, a maple water company, this past spring. We launched our first product—maple.—in New England stores and online May 12. Check out drinkmaple.com for more information.

2005

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Jocelyn LeBlanc and Rodney Yeoh welcomed a baby girl, Amelia LeBlanc Yeoh, Nov. 23, 2013. ★ Tom and
Kate Crocker Jordan welcomed a new addition to their family, Sebastian Chase Jordan, Feb. 13. Kate is taking this academic year off for maternity leave and will resume her third year of medical school at Imperial College London in July. She and her mother, Ellen Geaney Scarponi ’78, are already trying to influence Sebastian to be a fifth-generation Colby Mule. Jessica Pilcher writes that Emily Given was elected editor in chief of the UCLA law review in her second year of law school. Kevin and Emily Goodyear Forgett welcomed Ryan Goodyear Forgett to their family March 23. Christina Pluta recently traveled with two fellow Mules, John Wheelock ’06 and Alex Russell ’08, to Singapore and Vietnam as part of a Tuck School of Business spring break learning expedition. They are all members of the Tuck class of 2015. Carolyn Hunt and husband Brendan Carroll welcomed Chloe Amelia March 3. Carolyn and Brendan enjoy living in Brussels, Belgium, where she is working at the European headquarters of UPS and Brendan is working as a public policy assistant professor at Leiden University. Casey McCarthy and his wife, Marge, moved from NYC to Westchester, where they bought their first home. Casey is working at Bon Appétit, and Marge is teaching science at the Marymount School in Manhattan. Their son, Peter Anthony McCarthy, turned 1 in March. Patrick Hamer is doing personal training and corporate wellness coaching in Cincinnati, Ohio. He and wife Leah were busy with Bradley Method classes leading up to the birth of their daughter, Brielle Mae Hamer. Patrick is also preparing and training for the first ever Obstacle Course Race World Championships and is trying to recruit Xavier Garcia for the endeavor. Bill and Michelle Cote Gallitto moved from Boston to Saco, Maine, where they bought their first home. Michelle is working at Martin’s Point Health Care, and Bill is practicing law at Bergen & Parkinson. Phil and Laura Miller Rios are expecting their first child in June. Mallory Young was named head coach of Colby women’s hockey and continues to carry the Class of 2005 torch on campus. Following the completion of his Ph.D., Jonathan Lees started a job as a protein purification scientist at PlantVax, a small biotechnology company in the D.C. area. Nora Beltz is starting her Ph.D. in kinesiology at the University of Connecticut in August after three years as assistant athletic trainer at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H. Mac Lynch married Mary Bushnell in July 2013 in Old Saybrook, Conn., followed by a reception at Rocky Neck State Park overlooking Long Island Sound. Colby alums in attendance included Sheldon Stevenson (groomsman), Matt and Maureen Sherry Lynes, Dan and Carrie Greer Cummins, Mike Silberman, Jon Gilboy, Carreau Mueller, Jon Ryder ’02, Lauren (Uihmann) ’06 and Aaron Blazar, Jonah Waxman, Courtney Smith, and Matt Roland. Mac and Mary live in the Shadyside neighborhood of Pittsburgh, Pa., where Mac works as a financial advisor and Mary teaches at Shady Side Academy. Enjoy the summer!

2006

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Caitlin Peale married Alexander Sloan in Westford, Mass., April 26. Jenny Venezia Faillance was matron of honor, and Katie Fuller was a bridesmaid. Also attending were the bride’s parents (naturally), Carol McIntyre-Peale ’75 and James Peale ’77, and their friends Susan Story Galt ’75 and Katy Brunault ’75. A great time was had by all. Garry Bertholf is the inaugural postdoctoral fellow in race, science, and society at the University of Pennsylvania. In the fall he will begin his tenure-track appointment as assistant professor of digital rhetorics, comparative media, and civic culture in the English department at Clemson University. Emily Boyle Westbrooks is now the online editor for Ireland’s largest wedding magazine. Michael is still the guidance counselor at an Irish-speaking high school, teaching all his classes in Gaeilge. Emily writes that they now have four chickens that were raised on the side of a mountain and probably can’t figure out how they ended up in their little city back garden. They almost always don’t escape and eat all her flowers. Brittany Hamblin is engaged to Chris McInerney. The 40 Winter Street girls cannot wait for wedding festivities to begin. Kendra King has been working at Grand Circle Travel for a year and a half as world wide business operations manager of their Central and South American regional offices. Kendra ran the Boston Marathon, her first marathon, for the New England Aquarium. She recently attended the wedding of a high school friend and jumped into Jackie Dao ’05, Lauren Smith ’05, and Johanna Black. Brandon Smithwood planned to marry Meg Davis ’07 in May. Brandon and Meg are excited to move to San Francisco after the wedding. Alex Jospe finished her master’s in environmental conservation at Umass Amherst last fall and is working at the Nature Conservancy as a regional GIS analyst. She continues to coach junior skiers for the Cambridge Sports Union and has lots of crazy orienteering adventures all over the world with the U.S. orienteering team. Bethany Peck got engaged to Andy Spitz on Thanksgiving. She graduated from law school in May, moved to Snowmass Village, Colo., and passed the Colorado bar exam. She is working for the Aspen Skiing Company. Allison Hertzberg got engaged in late January to Jeff Schneider, a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music. To watch their unique and awesome proposal, search “bar flash mob—Jeff and Allison” on YouTube. They recently moved to Brooklyn and are planning a June 2015 wedding. Josh Montague started a new job as a data scientist at Twitter. He’ll still work in beautiful Boulder, Colo., which is great because he can still hang out with all the Colby folks nearby. Recently he helped warm a new house in Boulder belonging to Jess Seymour and Anders Wood ’07 with some alumni beer die. Also present were Caitlin McDonald ’07, Leigh Audin ’07, Lindsay Tedeschi ’07, Natalie McKechnie ’04, and Erik Lambert ’04.
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Josh Handelman is working with Hawaii’s other senator now (Brian Schatz) and will spend the summer in Honolulu. Otherwise, he is based in D.C. • John DeBrucker reports, “I finally eliminated my big commute in February by getting a job writing for an advertising agency in Center City, Philadelphia. I bike/walk to work now and love it. Bowled a 150 at happy hour yesterday. Also was named ‘together captain’ of my kickball team.” • Carolina Sicard married David Willette Feb. 8 in Cancun, Mexico. Heathier Miele, Melissa Cianciolo, and Antonio Mendez ’06 attended. Carolina is a paralegal at a family law firm and is enjoying married life in Denver. • Tara Bergin Daiglelish finished her first year working at a small-animal veterinarian in the U.K., but more excitingly she is expecting her first baby in July. • Mary Warlaumont is moving to Charlottesville, Va., to start her residency in emergency medicine at University of Virginia. • Aaron Bradford completed a dual Ph.D. in biochemistry/molecular biology and integrative toxicological sciences at Michigan State University. He is now happily working as a postdoctoral fellow at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense in Maryland. When he wrote, his wife, Julie, whom he met and married while at Colby, was pregnant with their first child, a daughter due in May. • Jennifer Hinson will relocate to Philadelphia in August to attend the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education. She’s looking forward to hanging with McKenzie Wessen and Matt Mitchell ’06 and any other Mules in the area. • Alexis Heimann Wilbert and her husband, Adrian, welcomed a baby boy named Chauncey April 3. • Krissy Thatcher Morin and her husband, Eric, expected their first child in early June. The baby’s gender was to be a surprise. • Erédinda Muñoz married Rolando Flores in April. Erédinda is the founding principal of KIPP Vida Preparatory, which will open in the fall in Los Angeles.

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Kris Miranda decided not to get that Ph.D. in philosophy after all and instead applied successfully to M.F.A. programs in playwriting (in Albuquerque) and screenwriting (in Chicago). As of this writing he wasn’t sure where to go. Last time he had the luxury of such a choice, in 2005, he decided to attend Colby. Hopefully he will choose as wisely again.

Dan Heinrich and Scott Zeller are planning to visit Peru and hike Machu Picchu this summer. They’ll be waiting for Danny Wasseman at the top of the mountain. • In May Nina Gold received her M.D. from Harvard Medical School. In June she’ll begin a combined residency in pediatrics and medical genetics at Boston Children’s Hospital. • I hope lots of you were saving your news to share at reunion. I’m sure there will be an abundance of news for the fall magazine.

2010

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Hi, everyone—I hope you’re having a lovely summer! This will be my last column in Colby magazine. Starting in the fall, the lovely Caity Murphy will be taking over. Thank you for sending me your news over the last four years. I’ve enjoyed getting all of your e-mails. • This summer Andy Bolduc will be performing at ImprovAcademia in Bar Harbor and with The Second City aboard the Norwegian Breakaway, a cruise ship that ports in New York City and travels to the Caribbean. • Pat Bagley has joined a small army of Colby alumni at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, meeting up with Jordonne Dunn ’09 regularly. • Dan Prunier, Roger Bel, and Jim Wood are in a dead heat for apartment high score in Round the Clock on the dartboard (50). • John Clauson is living on his boat in Baltimore and getting ready for summer in the Land of Pleasant Living. • Leigh Bullion started a new job in March. She still does event and meeting planning, but now in such exotic locations as ... Toronto? She and Ross Nehrt live in Cambridge, Mass. • Kat Cosgrove is senior democratic fellow for the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission with the U.S. House of Representatives. • Yanica Faustin is getting married in July. Posse mentor Joe Atkins will officiate, and Jessie Frick will be maid of honor. This fall Yanica will start a Ph.D. program in at the UNC Gillings School of Public Health. • Chelsea Stillman finished her fourth year of her Ph.D. program in cognitive neuroscience at Georgetown. She recently caught up with Emily Cook ’11 and Michelle Graf and is excited for summer travels to Germany and Budapest. • Jen Shriver moved to Atlanta to start an M.P.H. program for global environmental health at Emory University. • Jack Brainerd graduated from Indiana University School of Medicine and started an emergency medicine residency at Western Michigan University School of Medicine. • Blythe Miller finished her second year at Fordham University School of Law and is spending her summer at her dream job—the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York. • Laure-Helene Caseau is graduating with a master of fine arts from Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia. • Claire Cole is starting an accelerated program for vascular sonography in July. She is excited for summer travels to Camden, Maine, to visit family and a pit stop in Portland to visit Sarah Frisk. • Eric Braunstein graduated from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and is an internal medicine resident physician at Mount Sinai Hospital. • Libby Kugel lives in Anchorage, Alaska, and does wetland conservation at a land trust. She met up with Jennie Brentrup and John Swain ’08 in Hayward, Wis., to do the American Birkebeiner ski race. • Caroline Dickson works as an associate buyer for furniture at One Kings Lane in New York and is marrying John Roberts ’09 in August. • Anna Kelemen, Jenny Gelda, and Megan Browning are in the bridal party. • Scott Brown planned to marry Emily Traicoff, cousin of Tom Milaschewski ’09, on May 24. The following alums planned to attend: James Westhafer, Bobby Gooch, James Brady, Reilly Taylor, Rohan Dutt, Dan Marden, Michael Baldwin, Doug Sibor, Tom Milaschewski ’09, Scott Veedeenheimer, and Schuyler Weiss. • Peter Johanson has been in Beijing for the last two years, working at a think tank specializing in economic research in emerging markets. He’s looking forward to returning to the States to pursue a master’s in international economics and finance at SAIS at Johns Hopkins. • Liz Beltran is excited to be the summer school kindergarten and first grade teacher at Sierra School, Calif. She spent a great winter holiday season in NYC with Ratul Bhattacharyya ’09, Amanda Wolin, Alex Fenstermacher, and Jennifer Li. • Michael Schwartz is completing his Ph.D. in school psychology at the University of Oregon. He loved
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Amelia Fogg ‘11 will serve as a field team leader and AmeriCorps national service member for a six-month term with the Maine Conservation Corps. Fogg previously served with the MCC as an environmental educator in 2012 and a field team member in 2013. ● Danny Hoshino ‘11 and his country-folk band, the Novel Ideas, were featured in Interview magazine in April. Hoshino and bandmate Daniel Radin talk about the quintet’s beginnings, writing songs about home and heartbreak, and their new single “Montana.” ● Sarah Fensore ’13 was selected as an environmental steward and AmeriCorps volunteer for a 45-week, 1,700-hour term with the Maine Conservation Corps.

having Jess Levasseur, Lauren Hendricks ’11, Lewis Seton ’09, Lauren Pongan ’09, Henry Powell ’09, and Robyn Wardell ’11 visit this spring. ● Lexi Bohonnon traveled to Sochi to watch brother Mac compete for the U.S. on the freestyle aerial ski team. ● Last but not least, Kaggie Orrick and Sameera Anwar are excited to be the 2010 class presidents in planning the five-year reunion next year. Stay tuned for updates on what will be a wonderful celebration June 4-7, 2015!

2011
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Charlotte Wilder and Hilary Walker live in Cambridge, Mass., in an attic apartment. Charlotte is an editor at America’s Test Kitchen (publisher of Cook’s Illustrated), and she also has her own blog, The Wilder Things (thewilderthings.com). In all of her culinary research, she has yet to find a recipe that rivals the raspberry bars at Bobs. ● Lia Engelsted recently spent two weeks backpacking around Ecuador with Emily VanWyk, her freshman-year roommate, and Lea Korsmeyer ’13. (Emily and Lea had been traveling around South America for a few months.) Lia also spent a long weekend in Florida to celebrate Alicia Kreiger’s bachelorette party with Cait Fleming and Hillary Rockey ’10. On a career note, Lia was accepted into George Mason University’s master program for industrial organization psychology. She will be starting this fall. ● Thanks for the updates. Hope you all are well!

2012
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After completing her master’s of health services administration at the University of Michigan, Sarah Falkof is moving to Denver to work at DaVita. ● After graduation Than Moore moved to Longmeadow, Mass., where he spent two years in a physician assistant graduate program at Bay Path College. After he takes his boards, Than will begin searching for a job in emergency medicine. ● Arya Moallem is returning to the States to begin a master of theological studies with a concentration in Buddhist studies at Harvard Divinity School. ● Tom Hurley, Evan O’Neill, and Ryan Trafton are planning a road trip in SoCal to explore national parks and lakes. ● In fall 2012 Jennifer Gemmell moved to the Republic of Georgia, where she taught English. She’s now living and teaching in Osaka, Japan, with Duncan Hardock ’11. ● Margie Weiner, Gordon Lessersohn, Jenny Stephens, and Ben Grimmig have made Harlem, N.Y., their home. ● Rachel Frenkil will spend the next four summers at Middlebury Language Schools earning her master’s in Spanish with a focus on teaching methodology and progressional preparation. ● Thanks again to those who wrote in. Now that we’re past the two-year mark, it’s interesting to see all of the different paths we’ve taken. Here’s to a great summer!

2013
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Time certainly flies—our miserably rainy graduation weekend feels like yesterday! It was great to hear from a bunch of you who wrote in chronicling your adventures. ● Debbie Amato lives in Somerville, Mass., with Kelly Kneeland, a former roommate from the Hill, and is development associate of operations at the Boston Children’s Museum. ● Riley Wagner is a crisis worker at Daymark Crisis Recovery Center in Statesville, N.C. She’s also assistant director of the Manitou Experience Foundation, which provides free one-week camps for children who have lost a loved one. Riley continues to work with horses and occasionally competes in events. ● In Boston Chelsea Tyler is the first office coordinator at FlipKey, Inc., a TripAdvisor company. “Learning a lot and having a great time!” she says. ● Alex Murry recently finished the nine-month Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs in New York City. She’s only the second graduate from the College to receive this fellowship, which is one of the oldest public affairs programs in the nation. As a Coro Fellow, Alex worked with organizations to address systemic issues across government, political campaign, labor, for-profit, and nonprofit sectors. ● Julia Knoeff studies at the University of Amsterdam, working toward her research master’s in international development studies. In August she’ll begin three months of fieldwork in Sri Lanka—examining post-civil war northern Sri Lankan villages, with a focus on economic wellbeing—followed by a three-month internship. ● NYC roommates Erika Hinman and Jane Munger work in marketing at Kroll Bond Rating Agency. Erika and Jane play rugby through the New York City Rugby Club and recently welcomed a rescue cat into their home. ● Eliza Larson will receive her master’s from Northwestern’s Medill School of Journalism this August. She says, “It’s been quite the wild year!” ● Charlotte Wiesenberg is back in the States, having completed a six-month teaching fellowship in Tel Aviv, Israel, which she describes as incredibly rewarding. While across the globe, she spent time with Lauren Fisher and also saw Michelle Searles, who made a visit. Michelle attends law school at George Washington in Washington, D.C., and describes her first year as “extremely challenging but very rewarding.” This summer she’ll “work at the U.S. Office of Special Counsel — Hatch Act Unit, an independent executive agency that oversees Hatch Act regulation and compliance.” ● In Ewing Beach, Hawaii, Mark Nelson teaches math and coaches baseball through Teach for America. ● After holding a position with the Department of Defense at the Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, Abbott Matthews began her Fulbright in Brasilia, Brazil, where she’s an English teaching assistant at the federal university in the capital. Abbott is also completing research with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. She’ll return to the States in late 2014. ● Ben Brauer finished his first year teaching math and history at the Canterbury School in New Milford, Conn., where he’s now the football team’s offensive coordinator. Ben will spend the summer in the Boston area playing golf, taking a class, and reconnecting with friends before returning to Canterbury in the fall. ● Lindsay Peterson teaches history at Milbrook School in Milbrook, N.Y. She’s also a dorm parent and softball coach. ● In our beloved Maine, Kelsey Conroy was a long-term sub at the Holy Cross School in South Portland and finished the academic year at Baxter Academy, a public charter school in downtown Portland. In September she’ll enter the Sisters of Life, which she explains is “a religious order devoted to the protection of the dignity and sanctity of human life.” ● Also in the Pine Tree State is Kaitlyn Bernard, who’s working for the Appalachian Mountain Club’s policy office in Portland. ● In Jefferson, Maine, Garrison Beck is senior program manager at the Damariscotta Lake Watershed Association and vice chairman of the board of the Gardner Food Co-op. Looking forward to future updates—in the meantime, have a wonderful summer!