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Called to Action
Colby’s 20th President Takes Office

The Wonder of Bernard Langlais
Dan Harris Mulls His Bestseller
Melyn McKay’s Worldview
Face to Face

President William D. Adams contemplates his own image in a painting by John Whalley at Whalley’s studio in Nobleboro, Maine, Feb. 7. The portrait was commissioned by Colby and unveiled at a celebration in May.
What Happened to Colby Magazine?

There’s a saying in Maine, and probably elsewhere, about change. “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.” But here at Colby Magazine, we disagree. We know that this magazine is highly regarded by our peers—after all, just last year it was named best overall print magazine (circ. 25,000 and up) in our district by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). And more importantly, we know that our readers like it. A readership survey we fielded last fall indicated great satisfaction.

But Colby Magazine has looked the same for a long time. And like a kitchen that could use a remodel, we took it apart. Advances in technology and changes in the way people communicate and consume information dominated our strategic process. Colby Magazine, like Colby College, is great in part because it’s always striving to be better.

Here’s what you can expect to see.

• Prominently placed, boldly illustrated profiles of students, faculty, and alumni
• Full-page photography showcasing academics and athletics
• Surprises like the inside front cover, where you’ll never know what to expect
• Insights from and about professors, who will share their favorite teaching moments and their likes—music, books, movies—outside of the classroom
• A more robust media section that includes more faculty publications—including journal articles, editorships, and book chapters
• Iconography indicating additional online content (go to colby.edu/mag)

We also rethought the length of our feature stories and the style of the photography (shorter and bigger, respectively). And we’ve given a page (this page, starting with the fall issue) to our new president, David A. Greene. Here you can expect to get some insight into what’s on his mind.

But for now, we wanted to acknowledge that this magazine is different. We’re really excited about it, and we hope you are, too. And, whether you like it or not, please let us know. We want to hear from you.

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P.S. The print magazine isn’t the only big change. The Colby Magazine website (colby.edu/mag) has been completely revamped to enhance the user experience. It’s easier to navigate and much, much prettier. We hope you will check it out now and go back from time to time, as new content will be appearing regularly.
Hats Off

Mortarboards fly as the last degree is awarded to the final member of the Class of 2014 at commencement May 25. The day featured Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick and student speaker Omari Matthew ’14, who both warned of squandering the present and the real as graduates are immersed in the future and the virtual. More at colby.edu/commencement and #colby2014.
Hang Time

Carl Reid ’17 advanced to the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Division III Men’s Tennis Singles Tournament in Claremont, Calif., in May, earning All-America status as one of the top eight players in the country. Reid was undefeated at first singles for Colby this season.
Everything’s red, these chemicals smell, and photography has nothing to do with my major.

*But I wouldn’t want to be anyplace else.*

You took a lot of classes at Colby, some of which didn’t always seem relevant. But together they gave you a liberal arts experience that prepared you for life. By making a gift to the Colby Fund today, you can help current students expand their horizons in the same way you did.
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Condon Medal winner Justin Owumi ’14 has his eye on the prize.

After anthropology, Katie Lindquist ’14 brings tools to Rwanda.
The cover photograph for the spring 2014 Colby (and I’m assuming it is a photo- graph) is truly astonishing, having no gratifying qualities whatsoever. The president of the College is leaving and the viewer is left with the image of a man who looks as though he has been picked up off the streets of Hell’s Kitchen and attacked with a butcher’s knife, fragments of his ears left to go to rodents. Truly hideous.

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

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

Norman Macartney ’61
Morehead City, N.C.

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

Stoddard Crane
Minneapolis, Minn.

Colby Conversation via Social Media

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Proud of Adams at NEH

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

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

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

The Inspiration That Was Jim Wescott

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

—Matt Noyes ’92

“I ran for Jim Wescott @ColbyCollege and will always be thankful for the guiding force he played in my life.”

—@MHBucklin (Matt Bucklin ’05)

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

—Phil Hough ’81

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

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

—Tina Goudreau ’98

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

—David Cheng ’06

On Guilain Denoeux’s Last Lecture—and the Video

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

—Kim Marshall King ’94

A Commencement Moment Remembered

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

—Joseph Lilore ’90

More Mule Comments and Tweets

“This made me realize what a terrific decision I made for next year, I’m obsessed with @ColbyCollege <3 Colby2018”

—@Shea_Abby (Abby Shea ’18)

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

—@JHaubs2 (Julianna Haubner ’14)

Your comments, ideas, and suggestions are important to us. Tweet, comment, e-mail, or write us a letter.
On Facebook and around at least one water cooler on the morning of April 18, discussion of Salman Rushdie’s lecture the night before quickly turned to the list. Rushdie’s lecture, larded with reading suggestions, had many in the chapel wishing they had a pen and paper.

We did.

The Rushdie Reading List

Gabriel Garcia Marquez—One Hundred Years of Solitude
Phil Klay—Redeployments (best, real stories from Iraq)
Khalil Hosseine—Afghanistan—real deal
Nadeem Aslam—more authentic Afghan stories

“If you want to know what’s happening in Pakistan, read:
Kamila Shamsie, Mohammed Hanif, Danijal Mueenuddin.”

Adam Johnson—The Orphan Master’s Son (North Korea)
Yiyun Li—Kinder Than Solitude (Chinese-American experience)
Nau Le—The Boat (Vietnamese-American)
Jumma Lahiri—conveys Bengali culture and makes that part of American culture.

Teju Cole—Open Cities—Every Day Is for the Thief (Nigerian-American)
Laila Lalami—The Moor’s Account (Morocco)

As asked by Maya Ramakrishnan '16 what he was reading, Rushdie said he was revisiting “the wonder tales of the East”—the Ramayana, the Panchatantra, The Arabian Nights, and Kather Sairit Sagara, the latter literally the ocean of the streams of stories. “They’re all so goddamned wonderful.”
Not to sound like a geezer but this is the third presidential baton-passing I’ve witnessed. I was a year out of Colby when Robert E.L. Strider handed off to William R. Cotter. I came on as editor of Colby the same year President Cotter handed off to William D. Adams. And now Bro Adams has turned the College over to David A. Greene. In none of these cases did the new president settle for his predecessor’s status quo.

For that reason I read Ruth Jacobs’s cover story with more than an editor’s eye. I read it for clues about the new president’s priorities, for glimpses of his vision for the place.

All indications, from the story’s lead paragraph to the closing quote, are that a new and exciting era in Colby’s history has just begun. Access, reach, reputation—it appears (and the sources in the story support this) that the College is about to launch itself to a new level. As I read the story I found myself figuratively reaching for my seatbelt to buckle in.

Of course, this isn’t a race for racing’s sake. Good students come in. Better graduates, as President Greene notes, go out to do good in exponential ways.

As I was thinking about writing this piece, I started flipping through old copies of The Colby Alumnus. (The geezer thing, I know.) I landed on an installment of “The President’s Page,” a version of which will begin appearing again in the next issue of Colby Magazine. It contained this sentence: “The vitality which pervades the College, the widely expanding clientele which is in evidence, our financial condition greatly strengthened during the recent difficult years, the improvements in our curriculum and instruction which have raised the standards of our intellectual life; all these furnish abundant proof that our program is sound and that its completion is assured.”

That was President Franklin W. Johnson, in April 1940, not long before he turned the presidency over to J. Seelye Bixler. The more things change, the more things must change. Here we go.

The beginning of a new and exciting era

Christina Dong ’17 (“Quieting the Voice in His Head,” P. 40) is an English major who writes regularly for Colby Magazine and insideColby.com. She works for the Echo as assistant news editor and is writing for her hometown newspaper, the Palo Alto Weekly, this summer as an editorial intern.

Margaret Sargent ’14 (“Family Portrait,” P. 46) hails from 20 minutes outside of Boston and graduated in May with a major in psychology and a minor in theater and dance. She plans to move to Austin, Texas, where she hopes not to be homeless and also to have a cat.

Robert Weisbrot (“Remembering the March Against Fear,” P. 19) is the Christian A. Johnson Distinguished Teaching Professor of History and the author of, with Professor G. Calvin Mackenzie, The Liberal Hour: Washington and the Politics of Change in the 1960s, among other books.

David McKay Wilson ’76 (“Design or Punishment,” P. 42) is a New York-based journalist who writes regularly for magazines at Colby, Dartmouth, Columbia, Harvard, Stanford, and other colleges and universities.
The square footage of chalkboards in the mathematics portion of the Davis Science Center, which will open for classes this fall.

There also are markerboards throughout the building, but mathematicians still prefer chalk, as Carter Professor of Mathematics Fernando Gouvêa demonstrates.
The number of classes that used the Colby College Museum of Art as a place for teaching and learning in 2013-2014.

Professor of Art Véronique Plesch, center, works with students in her course Sex in Art. With the opening of the Alfond-Lunder Family Pavilion in 2013 and the receipt of a recent $600,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to enhance ties between the museum and academics, professors now can hang course-related art in a new curricular gallery. This coming year faculty will work with the museum’s Mellon Curator of Academic Programs Shalini Le Gall.
On Wescott’s Death—and Exemplary Life
News of the death of longtime track and field head coach Jim Wescott, following a medical emergency while rowing on Megunticook Lake in Camden, Maine, May 27, brought an outpouring of sympathy and tributes. Former Colby runner Bill Donahue ’86 wrote about Wescott in a moving essay in Colby Magazine online.

Church Forest Study Lands NSF Grant
Travis Reynolds (environmental studies) and Cat Collins (biology) landed a $390,000 National Science Foundation grant that will allow eight student researchers to work each summer in Ethiopia’s church forests, tracts preserved for hundreds of years by the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. The NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates grant establishes Colby as a center for training for the fieldwork, to be done by students from Colby and other colleges. The project expands work that Reynolds and Colby students have been doing in Ethiopia and on campus for three years. Read the full story at colby.edu/news.

The True Meaning of the Super Bowl
It’s Super Bowl Sunday. The brothers have a visitor, a Rinzai priest from Japan. He knows zilch about Super Bowls and watches impassively until, in an ad, a man in a locker room wheels on his friend, throws a cell phone in his face.

As the friend falls backward and hits his head, the priest jumps up and claps his hands with joy. He suddenly understands the Super Bowl. It is an epic parable, a teaching story, on the great cost of greed, anger, and ignorance, of self-created pain.

The visitor is sure the phone thrower is a teacher who, from deep concern, tries to wake up his student, to shock him into letting attachments go. The two brothers try to explain, but he just laughs and says, “You drop the ball. Don’t understand.”

—Peter Harris, from the 2014 collection Freeing the Hook.

To Your Health, By the Numbers
Former Senator Tom Daschle of South Dakota delivered the 2014 George J. Mitchell Distinguished International Lecture, introduced by Mitchell, April 16. A leading national authority on health-care policy, Daschle sprinkled his talk with data, including:

40 million | 25,000
The number of Americans without health insurance and the number of those who die each year.

$2.8 trillion
What America spends on health care. “More than the next ten countries combined. But when it comes to performance, we don’t even rank in the top twenty in overall outcomes.”

15 | 52
The percent of each American health-care dollar spent by the government in the day of Teddy Roosevelt (the first president to call for national health insurance) and today.

For a story on the event that bridged campus and community constituents, and to hear online audio, visit colby.edu/news.

Under New Management
This fall students will have the opportunity to study basic principles of business, finance, and management—via a new minor in the Economics Department.

Approved in December, the minor in managerial economics provides a foundation in introductory micro and macroeconomics, targeted economic applications, and case studies.
**Peanut Butter in Cereal?**

Each year the crescendo toward commencement begins with a farewell reception in the Pugh Center for senior international students and foreign-language assistants. The president bids them farewell as a group, and students receive colorful sashes in the patterns of their nations’ flags to wear with their caps and gowns. At this year’s reception, April 16, Associate Dean of Students Sue McDougal asked each student to share “one thing that surprised you at Colby.”

**Amila Emso, Turkey:** The number of students on campus carrying water bottles. “I wondered if I needed to buy one to fit in.”

**Byoungwook Jang, Korea:** “This morning.” (Two inches of snow in mid-April.)

**Kimara Nzamubona, Congo:** “Putting peanut butter in cereal? ... But I’m an American citizen now, so ...”

**Mila-Liisa Termonen, Finland:** “I heard they have winter here. ... I’m still waiting.”

**Ricah Kunde, Germany:** “People would say, ‘Let’s meet in the Spa.’ I thought, ‘They have a spa?’”

**Guga Gogia, Georgia:** “Why young, upperclass American men would wear pink shorts.”

**“I went up to him and I said, ‘You are a very discreet man.’”**

—Professor Kerill O’Neill, director of the Center for the Arts and Humanities at Colby, recounting his first conversation with President William D. Adams after it was announced in April that Adams had been nominated by President Obama to be chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Adams knew of the impending nomination for several weeks but was sworn to secrecy until the announcement came from the White House. O’Neill said he and Adams had many discussions about the humanities at Colby College while the NEH nomination was being kept secret.

**William D. Adams Gallery? Surprise!**

When he arrived at the Colby College Museum of Art for a reception in April, President William D. Adams was surprised to learn that the gallery at the museum entrance had been named the William D. Adams Gallery. The Board of Trustees, including life trustee Paula Lunder, above, also informed Adams of a new $3.6-million financial aid scholarship endowed in his honor. Adams said he was “deeply touched and moved.”

**Warm and Fuzzy? Maybe This Last Time**

Professor of Government Guilain Denoeux received the 22nd annual Charles Bassett Teaching Award by a vote of the Class of 2014. In the recent tradition, he gave the Last Lecture immediately following final exams. Speaking in Ostrove Auditorium May 19, he began his remarks with tongue firmly in cheek:

I’d like to start by recognizing the senior class for this serious lack of judgment and common sense that it displayed when it voted to give me this award. As I see it, it all paid off: my sustained contribution to grade inflation over the years; my consistently low demands regarding students’ work; my warm and fuzzy personality ...

Denoeux then offered five guidelines for graduates, illustrating each piece of advice with colorful anecdotes from his own career in international relations in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. Video of the Last Lecture is online at colby.edu/news.
Sunny Day for Shining Stars

The sun wasn’t the only thing shining at commencement May 25. The Class of 2014 includes many talented and accomplished people from all over the world, including valedictorian and ocean scientist Kathryn A. Moore (left) and Zimbabwean entrepreneur Gift Ntuli. With 472 graduating students, there are 472 stories, but we’ve posted about several who caught our attention: colby.edu/news.

Colby Bench Makes Final Four

It isn’t every day that Colby men’s basketball makes the NCAA Final Four. But being featured in the warm-up to the marquee television event was just part of the unexpected and viral success of a video showcasing the supporting talents of the Colby bench.

A few numbers: as of this writing, the video was viewed 241,961 times on YouTube. It was tweeted more than 13,000 times and noted on Facebook more than 30,000 times. The video was showcased on ESPN’s SportsCenter and World News Now, among other shows. For the few who missed it, search for “Colby bench” on YouTube.

Arendell, Marlais, and Reich Retire from Teaching Faculty

Three teaching professors—Teresa J. Arendell (sociology), Michael A. Marlais (art), and Leonard S. Reich (science, technology, and society)—are retiring from Colby this year.

Terry Arendell, professor of sociology, arrived at Colby in 1994 after earning her Ph.D. at University of California, Berkeley, completing a postdoc at the National Institute on Aging, and teaching at several other colleges and universities. Her research interests—gender and family and qualitative research methodology—made her an acclaimed expert on these subjects.

Lenny Reich, professor of administrative science and of science, technology, and society, earned his Ph.D. in the history of science and technology at Johns Hopkins University. At Colby since 1986, he was instrumental in establishing the STS program and he taught courses in the history of technology, the history of energy, and the history of oil.

Michael Marlais, the James M. Gillespie Professor of Art, earned his Ph.D. at University of Michigan after he had taught for two years as a lecturer in Colby’s Art Department. He retired after 31 years on the faculty. His areas of specialization are contemporary American, modern, Italian late medieval, and southern baroque art.

Work Hard, Present Well

Colby celebrated student scholarship in a big way May 1 with the annual Colby Liberal Arts Symposium. What began as a science-centric event in 2003 now encompasses all disciplines and included almost 1,000 students this year (see graphic at right).
Remembering the March Against Fear

By Robert Weisbrot

James Meredith, an African-American Air Force veteran from Mississippi, did not perish during the civil rights protests of the 1960s, but it was not for lack of trying. On Oct. 1, 1962, Meredith became the first black student to attend the University of Mississippi at Oxford, a death-defying step that impelled President Kennedy to send federal marshals and the U.S. Army to keep racist mobs at bay. On June 5, 1966, following passage of a Voting Rights Act that promised federal protection to blacks seeking the ballot, Meredith began a solitary 220-mile March Against Fear from Memphis, Tenn., through Jackson, Miss., to inspire voter registration. Meredith advanced just inside Mississippi when a Klansman felled him with a shotgun blast. Remarkably, Meredith survived to give his blessing to Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders to continue his journey.

Aram Goudsouzian’s recently published book, *Down to the Crossroads*, offers the first full account of Meredith’s storied March Against Fear, which came as the nonviolent Southern civil rights movement was fading, having toppled segregation laws but leaving few clear markings on the path to further reform. A 25-year-old march leader, Stokely Carmichael, electrified crowds with speeches that renounced integration, castigated white liberals, and demanded “Black Power!” Many historians find the march memorable mainly for Carmichael’s rhetorical rebellion against apostles of nonviolence and interracial harmony. King himself called the Meredith March “a terrible mistake,” and he deplored Carmichael’s riffs on Black Power for alienating whites by seeming to condone violence.

Goudsouzian nonetheless insists that King and Carmichael’s common principles of black solidarity, dignity, and self-assertion belied their headline-making conflicts. Looking back, veterans of the Mississippi movement praised how the march mobilized voters, Goudsouzian explains, and, by spurring racial pride and political mobilization of black communities, “expressed both the depth of black grievances and the height of black possibilities.”

The book is leavened with richly drawn portraits, ranging from unheralded marchers to the towering but tragic figure of President Lyndon B. Johnson. Once the civil rights movement’s heroic ally, Johnson refused to protect or even endorse Meredith’s march. Johnson felt “imprisoned … between white segregationists and black separatists” and “could no longer sustain his brand of consensus politics.”

As for Meredith, on courage alone he earned his place on the Mount Rushmore of modern black activists. Yet, according to Goudsouzian, his “intertwining penchants for self-determination, self-importance, and self-promotion” cast him down a bizarre path. Meredith later joined the staff of (arch-segregationist) North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms, and he stumped for Louisiana State Representative David Duke, a former leader of the Ku Klux Klan. Still, as Goudsouzian acknowledges, movements do not always raise up the leaders we expect. At a time when blacks needed men and women to risk martyrdom by defying a repressive racial order, Meredith’s “singular audacity” set in motion “a civil rights epic.”

Robert Weisbrot is the Christian A. Johnson Distinguished Teaching Professor of History.

On the tear-gassing of marchers in Canton, Miss.: “My whole body felt blistered; my scalp felt like every hair was being pulled out one by one, and my lungs as though I was inhaling molten steel.”

–Jo Freeman, a white volunteer
called to ACTION
David A. Greene takes office July 1 with the background, inspiration, and drive to catapult Colby.

By Ruth Jacobs  @ruthatcolby
Photography by Fred Field and Anne Ryan

Not long after the Board of Trustees named David A. Greene Colby’s 20th president, in September 2013, word spread that Greene wanted to increase the number of applicants—by a lot. Doubling applications, which he suggested, would be a dramatic shift for a college that typically sees single-digit growth in applications.

The University of Chicago, where Greene recently served as executive vice president, has tripled its number of applicants since Greene’s (and President Robert Zimmer’s) arrival in 2006, resulting in a more diverse student body by key measures—socioeconomic, racial, ethnic, and geographic. It has also soared in the rankings, from 15 to number five in U.S. News & World Report (under only Princeton, Harvard, Yale, and Columbia), created three major institutes, and opened two academic centers in Asia. Could growth like this be possible for Colby with this new president at the helm? By all accounts, yes.

Greene’s record shows that he doesn’t just talk big. He does big.
David A. Greene meets students in the Pugh Center during a campus visit in February.
But even a few conversations about the power of education make it clear that to Greene these accomplishments are a means to an end, not an end in themselves. Colby wouldn’t be increasing applications to grow the student body, but rather to ensure that more people are aware of the opportunities available here. Strong numbers reflect an institution’s ability to attract and educate the best students from all over the country and the world, regardless of their family history or financial resources. As one of seven children who worked his way through college and later through master’s and doctoral programs at Harvard, Greene views his work as his calling.

“Education is the route to changing your life. It’s the route to changing the lives of many who come after you. There is nothing in the world that we’ve seen that has the same power,” he said. “Every time you’re able to alter the life course of a student in a positive way, you have the chance of altering the life course of many thousands of others over time.”

Greene is quick to note that Colby does this extraordinarily well, pointing specifically to the lifelong connections between students and faculty. His job, he says, will be to harness Colby’s strengths and unique characteristics to turn the College into “an even better version of itself.” According to many who have worked with Greene over the years—at Smith College, Brown University, and University of Chicago—he is just the person to do it.

As summarized by former White House advisor David Axelrod, with whom Greene worked to establish the Institute of Politics at the University of Chicago: “He’s a great strategist. He is great in his interpersonal relationships. He gives his full attention to people and to problems,” he said. “I think the president of a college sets a tone, and he is just a palpably decent, warm, thoughtful, caring person. … To get those qualities with someone who also has the ability to drive a strategy, to drive initiatives to completion, is really a great gift. You don’t find that combination.”

Or, as former Secretary of the United States Treasury Henry Paulson said of Greene: “He’s a unique talent, and I’ve never run into anyone with his range of abilities at any academic institution.”

Paulson’s knowledge of Greene comes from working closely with him to establish the Paulson Institute at the University of Chicago, which, under Greene’s leadership, went from concept to reality in four months. Partnerships with Paulson and Axelrod were just two of Greene’s many programmatic accomplishments in Chicago—accomplishments that Greene says serve as a glimpse into the type of initiatives he might pursue at Colby. Greene led the university’s affiliation with the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole and worked with faculty to create the Becker Friedman Institute for Research in Economics. He led efforts to create a government relations presence
in Washington, D.C., and teaching and research centers in China and India. And he oversaw a wide-ranging effort to revitalize parts of the University of Chicago’s surrounding neighborhood, Hyde Park.

The Hyde Park accomplishment was one that kept Waterville leaders hanging on Greene’s every word during lunch with him at Colby in February. While the event served essentially as a meet-and-greet, it didn’t take long for Greene to launch into ideas about how the College, other key stakeholders, and the city could work together to build on the area’s assets. He spoke with great specificity about the challenges of bringing retail establishments and a hotel to 53rd Street in Chicago and how the right incentives stimulated additional investments. But

He will have a well-defined vision, ambitious goals, and an uncompromising commitment to achieve them.

—Mary Lou Gorno, UChicago trustee

more than anything he talked about the fundamental importance that partnerships and collaboration would have to play in a revitalization effort. Ultimately his interest in building on Waterville’s strengths—like most, if not all, initiatives he’s likely to undertake—relates directly to providing the best possible experience to Colby students and faculty.

Where he has been most successful in his career, Greene said, has been in “working with faculty and students in developing their ideas and bringing them into even a much greater reality than they might have imagined themselves.” Former colleagues from Brown and Chicago talk about his direct and impassioned involvement, about his ability to motivate others, and more than anything about his problem-solving mentality. He has an inquisitive mind, said Lina Fruzzetti, a professor of anthropology at Brown, “but also a mind that understands problems and can work them out. He can untangle them in ways that are very effective.”

Greene’s work to develop academic centers in China and India for the University of Chicago tested that ability, and he approached it intellectually and culturally as well as practically, according to Dipesh Chakrabarty, a professor of history with whom Greene developed the center in India. “He would often ask me … what was going on in the streets of Mumbai, for instance,” he said. “I could see that he was using time in India to understand the place so that he had a perspective, he had a sense of the context in which he had this project of building a university center there.”
President Greene, who worked to revitalize parts of Hyde Park in Chicago, is eager to create partnerships in Waterville.
What does David Greene want the Colby community to know about him?

“I’m going to live and breathe Colby College,” he said on a visit to campus in February. “That means it’s going to take everything I have. My family’s extremely important to me, my work’s extremely important to me. And those will be the two loves of my life.”

So who is this other love—the Greene family?

While in graduate school at Harvard, David Greene met Carolyn Umphries, a University of California, Berkeley, graduate also pursuing her master’s degree. She was a first-generation college student doubting that she belonged there. The son of a college president (his father, Richard Greene, was president of St. Thomas University in Miami and of Goddard College in Plainfield, Vt.), David Greene was a staunch advocate for educational access who worked three jobs—including waiting tables at Legal Sea Foods—to make ends meet. “He never complained about it,” Carolyn Greene said. “He is one of the hardest workers I’ve ever known.” They both believed in the power of education to change lives. “He has an unbelievable passion for education,” said Carolyn Greene. “He believes that every student should have an opportunity, even people like me” whose family histories didn’t include higher education.

Fast forward 24 years. The Greenes have three children, Madeline, 16, Nora, 14, and Declan, 13. Expect to see them all over campus, their mother says. “Campuses have always been a part of their lives,” said Carolyn Greene, “and to actually have this as their backyard—I think is going to be a great merger.” They might even bring their 5-year-old French bulldog, Rhody, to a lacrosse game. (“I think he’s the real boss of the family,” she said.)

Despite the obvious challenges of moving three teenagers from Chicago to Waterville, the Greenes were eager to start the next chapter, Carolyn Greene said. “I had some families say, ‘Are you going with him?’” she said. “Are you kidding? You don’t get it. The Greenes move as a unit.”
According to faculty and administrative colleagues in Chicago, Greene applies this approach—immersing himself in a subject and talking with stakeholders to develop a deep understanding that informs his actions and decisions—throughout widely differing projects with diverse players. “His ability to listen and figure out what your concerns are, as well as his very pragmatic view about ... the best way to get things done—I think that combination is what makes him very, very valuable,” said Nobel laureate, Professor of Economics, and Director of the Becker Friedman Institute Lars Peter Hansen. “And he appreciates academics. He understands what they’re about. He wants to nurture their strengths.”

Early this year Greene spent days on Mayflower Hill gathering information so he could do just that. He visited multiple times to meet with students, faculty, and administrators. And although many were eager to hear him talk, he was eager to listen. “I want to know everything,” he said to a group of student government leaders over dinner. “What’s really important to you about Colby? If you could change some things, what would they be?” The students were measured about sharing areas in need of improvement, and it sometimes took a little prodding on Greene’s part. “What’s most important to me is your candor.”

At a meeting with student leaders of Pugh Center clubs, Greene got candor. Students launched into complaints about the campus shuttle (the Jitney) and spoke passionately about concerns that the College wasn’t doing enough to recruit students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds or geographic areas. “My view is we’ve got a lot of work to do on this,” said Greene, adding that he values a community that includes not only people from diverse backgrounds but also people with differing political viewpoints. Winston-Salem State University Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Brenda Allen, with whom Greene worked at Smith and Brown, said Greene has the background to get that work done. “I think he has had a lot of experience watching the diversity conversation take off in places where people probably never thought it would happen,” she said.

As the Pugh Center dinner and dialogue progressed, students seemed energized. “You have a lot of amazing views,” said Victoria Falcon ’15. But Greene wasn’t looking for praise. He was setting the tone for a presidency that he says he hopes will include honest, open dialogue at every turn. Sometimes, he said, that means having difficult conversations. “There are ways of critiquing one another, there are ways of critiquing ideas, there are ways of really working together to find the best way forward where it’s not personal,” said Greene. “It’s really about doing the best thing for this institution.” Carolyn Greene, his wife of almost 19 years, said, “He’s completely open to listening to everyone, talking with everyone. Debating back and forth—he’s not afraid of that.”

Also prior to taking office July 1, Greene spoke with dozens of faculty members, some of whom have recently expressed concern about governance at Colby. Around a boardroom table with administrators, he stressed the importance of supporting the strong ideas of staff members. And after a meeting with student athletes, he reported hearing from yet another constituency about how tightly Colby holds its resources. “It’s a more common theme than I would like at Colby. Too many people feel like they’re stretching too far, [like] they don’t have the resources to be able to do their very best work.”

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Greene is eager to address this issue of frugality. “We need to be a place that’s always creative, always innovative, always in the lead. And to be able to do that I think we need to free up some of this sense that there’s too much constraint. That’s going to be a real challenge for us,” he said. “We’re going to need support from our friends to be able to do that. And we’re going to have to take some risks to be able to do that. But if we … provide the right incentives for people to really let their minds go about what’s possible here, then we’ll see great things. And that would be worth the investment.”

“He has a very high bar for excellence,” said University of Chicago Vice President for Communications Julie Peterson, who has worked closely with Greene since 2007. “He will always challenge you to make it better, aim higher.” And he will also be right there, with his sleeves figuratively rolled up, ready to go. The academic centers in Asia are one example, said Peterson. Greene met with foreign leaders, navigated government processes, put together the proposals, worked with the architects, met with donors. “He made that happen through the sweat of his brow.”

Said University of Chicago President Robert Zimmer: “There are many, many steps to doing these complicated projects. And again, because he’s so talented, he’s able to do all of these things—from working with the faculty, working with the students, to [navigating] real estate issues and the fundraising and the facilities—he did it all. And this required an enormous amount of determination.”

Greene’s work ethic was one of many reasons Zimmer brought him from Brown to Chicago when he returned to become president. Another was Greene’s ability to understand institutional culture. “I think that’s one great advantage for David going to Colby,” Zimmer said. “I’m one hundred-percent confident that he will be attuned to understanding fully the culture and values of Colby and how to proceed inside that environment and do great things for it.”

Accomplishing great things for Colby will mean doing some things differently, Greene told administrators. But like the admissions application numbers, changes will be a means to an end, not an end in themselves. “We don’t just make Colby a better place to make Colby a better place,” said Greene. “We do it because the students who are here can go on and do unbelievable things if we provide them with the rigor, and the training, and the kind of academic experience that will allow them to do extraordinary things in the world. And it’s the same thing with our faculty.”

“My job is fundamentally about enabling the excellence of the faculty, enabling the excellence of the students,” he said, “so that Colby can meet its mission at its absolute highest level.” Or, as he asked rhetorically of students in the Pugh Center, “What can [Colby] be? What do we want it to be—and how do we fight for it?”

He smiled and said, “I can’t wait to get here.”

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Samara Gunter
assistant professor of economics

I’m holding office hours on a Monday afternoon, and I’m trying to explain to one of my microeconomic theory students why the average cost curve always slopes up when the marginal cost of producing more of a good is higher than its average cost of production. My usual example for explaining the connection between marginal and average—that an additional (i.e., marginal) quiz will pull up a student’s grade average if they do well, but pull it down if they do poorly—is just not working.

Suddenly inspiration strikes.

“Does your car have one of those digital gauges that tells you your gas mileage?”

“Yes.”

“Each additional mile you drive is a marginal mile. Suppose you are coasting downhill. You’re getting great mileage for this additional distance. What’s happening to your average mileage?”

“It’s going up.”

“And what would make your gas mileage go down?”

“Getting low mileage on the marginal mile, like if you’re accelerating.”

And in that moment we’re there. She gets it! We’re both laughing with excitement and mutual relief.

I love the moment when a new metaphor makes a hard concept suddenly clear. For me, teaching economics, the search for the perfect example is like the hunt for a perfect seashell on a beach with rough waves. Most shells are flawed, but I choose a handful of the best and carry those with me. Still, I’m watching, ready to cast aside a former favorite to make room for something closer to perfection.
The Kid: The Immortal Life of Ted Williams
Ben Bradlee Jr. ’70   Little Brown (2014)

When a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter sets his sights on an athlete as accomplished and complex as Ted Williams, the hoped-for result would be a rich, detailed, and perceptive retelling of a remarkable life.

That’s what Bradlee has delivered after a decade of work—a nearly 800-page opus that is the definitive Ted Williams biography. It’s no hagiography; Bradlee presents “the Splinter” with all of his quirks and flaws. The Williams he recreates is, yes, the best hitter in the history of baseball (a goal Williams pursued with ferocious determination), but he’s also a man filled with fascinating and complex contradictions. From neglected child to national hero, Williams is a biographer’s feast, and feast Bradlee does.

The Hotel on Place Vendome
Harper (2014)

Tilar Mazzeo has a gift for finding subjects that illuminate much more than themselves. Fragrance maven Coco Chanel and champagne mogul Barbe-Nicole Clicquot Ponsardin have headlined Mazzeo’s past bestsellers. This time the nexus is a place, Paris’s Hotel Ritz, the luxury landmark that was home to the rich and famous (including Chanel) and also Nazi elites in Vichy France. Mazzeo leads readers down the hotel’s corridors, following in the footsteps of Hermann Goering and Ernest Hemingway, Chanel and Marlene Dietrich. Amid the glamour is the intrigue and horror of Nazi occupation, with enemies of the Reich tortured and executed, while life in the Ritz, despite the trials of the war years, went on.

The Long Struggle Against Malaria in Tropical Africa
Cambridge University Press (2014)

Health officials involved in renewed efforts to combat malaria, a scourge in tropical Africa, would do well to read Webb’s pioneering work. A historian who dissolves disciplinary boundaries, he combines materials from biomedicine, entomology, and parasitology and presents and interprets them in the context of the cultural, political, and economic history of the region from the late 19th century to the present. While recent campaigns promoting use of bed nets, insecticides, and antimalarial drugs have had some impact, tropical Africa remains the epicenter of malarial infection, with 100-200 million bouts of the illness annually, and 650,000 to 1.2 million deaths. Webb’s comprehensive examination of the problem is long overdue.

The L Word
Wayne State University Press (2014)

The Showtime series The L Word was the first prime-time television drama about the lives of lesbian and bisexual women. Reaction was swift and largely positive as the producers and writers, within the confines of a soap, explored the ways lesbians have been misrepresented and exploited in popular media. McFadden argues that the show is well aware of this history and sets out to demonstrate how those genres (think lesbian prison movies) reflect sexist, heterosexist, and homophobic ideologies. Through careful examination, she shows that The L Word constructs the lesbian viewer and encourages everyone to look at the show with this lesbian worldview.
Paul R. Josephson (History)

The Conquest of the Russian Arctic
Harvard University Press (2014)

The book details ambitious attempts (begun by Stalin and redoubled by Vladimir Putin) from Soviet times to the present to control and reshape the Arctic, as well as the terrible costs paid along the way. Josephson steers us through ill-fated expeditions, brutal Arctic gulags, and collectivization to tame indigenous nomadic people. The narrative continues to the present day, as pressures for exploration for fossil fuels collide with the realities of climate change. This fascinating but not uplifting history shows how this fragile continent has borne the brunt of a century of human exploration—and how greater exploitation looms darkly.

MORE FACULTY PUBLICATIONS


Karen E. Macke (Sociology): “Que(ering) Methodology to Study Church-Based Activism: Conversations in Culture, Power, and Change.” Chapter in Queering Religion, Religious Queers.

Erin S. Sheets (Psychology) and Morganne Kraines ’11: “Personality Disorder Traits as a Moderator of Poor Social Problem-Solving Skills and Depressive Symptoms.” Journal of Individual Differences.

Daniel Tortora (History)

Fort Halifax: Winslow’s Historic Outpost
History Press (2014)

Tortora explores the history of the Winslow blockhouse, from its beginning as a French and Indian trading post to its reconstruction after a devastating 1987 flood.

Earl H. Smith (College historian)

More Dam Trouble

Smith’s second mystery includes a cast of small-town characters who are as engaging as the author’s dry humor and make-you-smile prose.


Loren E. McClenachan (Environmental Studies) and Taylor Witkin ’14: “Do Community-Supported Fisheries (CSFs) Improve Sustainability?” Fisheries Research.

Larissa Juliet Taylor (History): “Apostle to the Apostles: The Complexity of Medieval Preaching about Mary Magdalene.” A chapter in Mary Magdalene in Medieval Culture.


Arthur Levering ’76 Parallel Universe (CD)
New World Records (2014)

Classical/contemporary composer Arthur Levering’s new collection is influenced by rock, Baroque, and Indonesian gamelan. Written for orchestra, strings, ensembles, and piano, the works have Levering’s voice with its distinctive wit, pacing, and color.

David DeLong ’73 Graduate to a Great Job
Longstone Press (2014)

Based on 30 success stories, DeLong’s latest aims to be both inspirational and practical. It includes a chapter for parents, who just may be interested.


With the Langlais sculpture Five Bears, 1976-77, Hannah Blunt takes a hands-on approach to her work at the Langlais estate.

Hannah Blunt thought she was prepared for the world of Maine sculptor Bernard “Blackie” Langlais.

As a curatorial assistant at the Colby College Museum of Art in 2007, she’d worked with some of his abstract works for a show there. Later she’d used Langlais’s (pronounced “Lang-lee”) work in graduate school projects at Boston University. But when Blunt moved into the late artist’s farmhouse on the Maine coast four years ago, charged with taking stock of the estate left to the College, she was bowled over.

“It was beyond words,” said Blunt, now Langlais Curator for Special Projects. “The estimate in gifting documents to Colby was something like fifteen hundred works. I discovered about two thousand more—mostly works on paper, early sketchbooks, and drawings—that had not been inventoried. They were stuck in baskets and chests and barns.”

And now that work is out in the world.

The work of the iconic Maine artist, best known for his massive wooden sculptures of animals, was left to Colby by his widow, Helen Friend Langlais, who died in 2010. In addition to the art, the gift included the couple’s waterfront property in the coastal town of Cushing.

The gift presented both an opportunity and a challenge for Colby, which was not equipped to oversee a collection of monumental sculptures and acreage 50 miles from campus. At Blunt’s suggestion, the College teamed up with the Kohler Foundation of Wisconsin and Georges River Land Trust to preserve Langlais’s legacy.

Colby will keep about 175 works, many of which will be part of a Langlais show at the Colby museum opening July 19. While some works were consigned to be sold, the vast majority were given to the Kohler Foundation, which is preserving and distributing Langlais art throughout Maine and beyond (see sidebar at colby.edu/mag). The land trust will own the 90 acres of fields and woodland, which will include a park featuring some of Langlais’s totem-like sculptures.

For Blunt, the disposition of the estate is the end of a process that began as she explored the overgrown fields, barns, and storage buildings on the Cushing property. Langlais’s home-built studios were intact, with his tools in place and some uncompleted works unchanged since the time of the artist’s death, in 1977.

“When he was alive and working, nothing was ever really finished,” she said. “It was this kind of work in progress. He’d place it on a building or outside and then he’d move it. If you look at photographs of the property, things are moved around all the time. It was this dynamic, ongoing process.”

The creative process was ongoing, but Langlais had found his final canvas—the farm overlooking the St. George River. It was a journey that began in Old Town, Maine, north of Bangor, where he grew up. The son of a carpenter, Langlais moved to Washington, D.C., after high school in 1940 intending to become a commercial artist. After six years in the Navy during World War II, he studied painting at the Corcoran College of Art and Design in Washington, D.C. Langlais then moved to New York City and quickly passed through several then-emerging genres, including cubism and abstract expressionism. But it was wood that inspired him,
and his wooden abstract reliefs vaulted him into fast artistic company. Langlais was given a solo show by the Leo Castelli Gallery, which launched the careers of Robert Rauschenberg, Jasper Johns, and others. “He got hot very fast, and the fame and limelight took its toll on him,” said Blunt, who has written an essay on Langlais for a catalogue to accompany the Colby show. “He was thrust into this world of parties and social pressures.”

“He made this splash, did something very innovative,” Blunt said. “He was very of the moment in what he was creating, relating to other trends going on around him. And rather than getting caught up in that and feeding off of the celebrity status and creating work that people wanted him to continue to make, he followed his instincts. What was important to him in being an artist was continuing to make work that interested him.”

Though Langlais continued to show his work, his audience changed, as did his subjects. The farm was home to livestock and cats and dogs, and soon his imaginative wooden representations as well. The new work was dismissed in art circles as folksy and craftsmenlike, but Langlais, settled into his life as artist/farmer in small-town Maine, paid no regard to the critics.

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_Hannah Blunt_, Langlais Curator for Special Projects

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*Bernard Langlais, Jungle Relief, cir. 1974, _Langlais Estate, Cushing, Maine._

*Bernard Langlais, Untitled (Leopard), 1975, _weathered and painted wood, 28 1/4 x 66 x 2 1/2 inches. Colby College Museum of Art, The Bernard Langlais Collection, Gift of Helen Friend Langlais._

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“Simple and childlike—that was a term he used,” Blunt said. “He created figures that were as simple and symbolic as they could be and still convey something. That was the idiom he was interested in.”

His decision to follow his internal muse is what makes his work distinctive—and worth continued study, she said. “I think the thing that’s exciting about him—and the thing that people maybe haven’t recognized until now and we are trying to present in this exhibition and this catalogue project—is that the seeds of that were there from the beginning. There’s this thread to follow, that that’s where he ended up, surrounded by his art and integrating his art with his life, really living in a place that was connected to his roots. You can see that thread running through from very early on.”

That was one of the reasons Colby, beginning with former museum director the late Hugh Gourley, was so interested in Langlais’s body of work.

Living in the Langlais home, and spending long days sifting through the barns and workshops, dusty boxes, and drawers, gave Blunt an understanding of Langlais’s vision, she said. “I did have a lot of dreams about him. When you’re thinking about somebody all day every day, surrounded by his life’s work, it sort of gets inside of you.”

She also came to appreciate and admire Helen Langlais, who saw the significance of her husband’s contribution and spent decades working tirelessly to preserve his legacy. That effort, Blunt concluded, is in some ways just as remarkable as Langlais’s accomplishments.

Helen Langlais, she said, kept meticulous notes and records of life at the farm, including an episode in the 1990s in which she and others were preparing a sculpture of a dog for transportation to an exhibit.

“They turned it over,” Blunt said, “and a wooden bone fell out of its mouth, a bone he had stuck inside. There he was, popping up fifteen years after his death.”

Helen Langlais wrote, “One of his plans to amuse and delight us.”

Amusement and delight, say all concerned with this effort, will continue far and wide, for many years to come.

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Bernard Langlais, Local Girl (Christina Olson), 1968. Langlais Estate, Cushing, Maine.
In the world’s hotspots, Melyn McKay asks the hard questions

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As she has since she first deployed to East Africa, McKay continues to examine the ways aid may be applied and to ask whether the impacts will be ultimately beneficial to those the aid is intended to help.

“If I think it’s healthy to question that,” she said. “I have to be quite cynical and hard on myself, because that’s the standard of care I owe the people who are impacted by my decisions and my thinking.” —Gerry Boyle ’78

“Photo by Georges Rabbath
Something has been bugging Colby geneticist David Angelini. How, Angelini wonders, can a single species (in this case the soapberry bug) produce two distinctly different forms, one with long wings and one with short, that are not linked to sex? What is the genetic mechanism that causes the wings to develop differently?

“How does it not overshoot the long form?” he asked. “Why doesn’t it undershoot the short form? Why doesn’t it end up somewhere in the middle? That’s an open question.”

And a question that the National Science Foundation wants him to answer.

An assistant professor of biology, Angelini has been awarded a prestigious NSF CAREER Award for $800,000 ($160,000 a year for five years) to intensify research on the soapberry bug’s unusual development (wing polyphenism, in scientific terms). The project includes sophisticated genetic experiments in the lab, conducted largely by Colby student researchers. Assisting the study will be public-school K-12 students who will do field studies to see if the long-winged version has led the bug’s northward expansion from Florida to Maryland.

In March NSF officials announced they had selected Angelini’s request for funding through the foundation’s Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) program. Angelini is the second member of the Colby faculty to win a CAREER grant; Associate Professor of Chemistry Jeffrey Katz was awarded funding through the program in 2007.

Russell Johnson, associate professor of biology and chair of Colby’s Division of Natural Sciences, has served on NSF panels that evaluate proposals and said in his experience as few as 9 percent of the proposals were funded. “Seventy or eighty percent were worthy of support,” he said. “A person really has to have a very convincing project.”

Angelini’s project is part of his career-long interest in how genes function and control the development of structures that animals have. Angelini traces his curiosity to an undergraduate class in molecular evolution that looked at genetics in a larger context. “It was this wonderful time in biology where people in development genetics started talking to people who were in ecology and evolution,” he said. “It was this great synergy of the two different fields.”

After graduating from St. Mary’s College of Maryland, he went on to earn his Ph.D. at Indiana University and arrived at Colby in 2012. He had already developed an interest in the soapberry bug, whose life cycle appealed to Angelini’s interest in both genetics and ecology. The centimeter-long black and red bug is native to South Florida, where it feeds on the seeds of a swamp plant called the balloon vine. Introduction of the golden rain tree, an ornamental plant, provided an alternative food source, and in the span of 50 years the bug had begun to produce the long-winged version of itself and started moving north. “Humans have been really good to them,” Angelini said.
But how did this happen?

“We don’t have a good handle on to what degree a single bug’s wing form, whether it’s long or short, has to do with their genetics,” he said. “Is there a genetic component to their being long- or short-winged?” Or is it nutrition or some other factor?

The research at Colby, already underway, involves manipulation of genes in soapberry bugs that Angelini has collected in the field. His student researchers “knock out” specific genes in the bugs and then observe the effect that the gene has on development. In one recent instance, a group of bugs failed to develop complete abdomens after a specific gene was manipulated.

This knowledge has implications far beyond the bugs themselves. The Colby study of how genetics may regulate organ growth and cell division could have implications for human health, he said, as cancer is essentially uncontrolled cell division.

Colby students, with a full-time lab technician financed by the NSF grant, will learn the principles and practices of molecular biology research, useful for work in biodiversity or entomology but also in other science fields. “The tools that we’re using to do this are not that different from what they would use in a medical or biotech setting,” Angelini said.

In addition, he said, the public-school side of the research will involve college students interacting online with the younger students to show how scientific research works.

Angelini said he has already learned something from the process.

Just before Christmas he received a call from Steven Klein, a program director at NSF. Klein left a message asking Angelini to call. It was early January before Angelini heard the message and got back to Klein, who delivered the then-unofficial good news.

“I was floored,” Angelini said. “I’m not great at checking my voice mail. Since this episode I’ve gotten a lot better.”

—Gerry Boyle ’78
Dan Harris ’93 (@danbharris) is co-anchor of ABC’s Nightline and weekend editions of Good Morning America and the author of the bestselling memoir 10% Happier: How I Tamed the Voice in My Head, Reduced Stress Without Losing My Edge, and Found Self-Help That Actually Works—A True Story.

Q How did you come to the decision to write the book—and put yourself out there?

I’ll be honest. I worried about it a lot. My mom actually sent me an e-mail not long before the book came out begging me not to publish the book, which freaked me out. And actually, I considered not publishing the book. I had a meeting with Diane Sawyer and told her I was thinking about not publishing the book and she talked me out of it. She told me she had my back and that an awful lot of people at work would. I’m glad I followed her advice.

Q Have you been surprised by how successful it’s been?

Surprised is too weak of a word.

Q Then what word would you use?

Well, I’m shocked. I used to joke with my wife, Bianca. I would get up from the couch where we were hanging out and I would say, “Okay, I’m gonna go work on the worst book ever written, the book that nobody is ever gonna read.” It became a running joke for us.

Q A joke?

We just thought it was hilarious. You know, I think she had more confidence in the book than I did—I know she did. … I wrote this thing over four years, and it was like a collection of Word documents on my computer. It didn’t feel real in any way. And now it’s like a physical object and out there in the world, and I’m hearing from people who read it and [it’s been] an incredible experience. It will probably go down as one of the most meaningful things I’ve ever done.

Q What was it like reconciling yourself to the fact that you needed to make some pretty big lifestyle changes?

Well, one thing I needed was a shrink, and he pointed out that I had almost ruined my career. … It was immediately and powerfully obvious that I needed to get my act together.

QUIETING THE VOICE IN HIS HEAD

ABC NEWSMAN DAN HARRIS ’93 ON HIS BESTSELLING MEMOIR AND WHY WE SHOULD MEDITATE EVERY DAY

Christina Dong ’17 INTERVIEW
I knew I would need oversight in terms of quitting drugs, and I really wanted to get to the bottom of why I’d been so stupid. And so it just seemed like the right first step.

Q Do you meditate every day?

I definitely still meditate every day and I believe everybody should. I think it should join the pantheon of no-brainers, like brushing your teeth, exercising, and eating healthy. And I think we’ll see that happen within our lifetime. Science, which has driven every other public health revolution I just mentioned, such as exercise and dietary changes and oral hygiene, now strongly suggests that meditation is really, really good for you. So I tell people they should do five minutes a day. That’s enough to change the relationship that you have with your voice in your head, which is the central feature in your life, whether you’re aware of it or not.

Q How does mindfulness manifest itself in your reporting?

Off the air, my relationships with my colleagues are improving. That’s not to say that I’m never a jerk, but I’m much calmer and a lot better at listening to people. The other thing is that I’m more sensitive to the people I’m covering. So while I continue to believe that it’s my job to ask questions, I’m a little less gruff than I was in my young Turk days, some of which were in Maine. And it really helped me in terms of my anchoring. … I’m not perfect, but I’m a lot better at listening to what people are actually saying and responding in a spontaneous way, and that really helped me be a more relaxed and jovial presence.

Q Are you considering writing another book?

I don’t know if I’ll write another book. I mean, this one almost killed me. … It is so much work. And it took me four years and I was constantly carrying around sheets of paper in my pocket. On airplanes, in taxis, waiting for an elevator, I was constantly working on paragraphs or chapters, trying to figure out the order of the ideas and fixing sentences, and it was just torturous.

Q How did you develop an interest in writing?

I took three semesters away from Colby: one in Washington, D.C., where I had an internship with a news organization, and Paris, where I worked for a TV production house, and I also took a semester at NYU film school. So my time away from Colby was where I figured out what I wanted to do with my life. At Colby I learned a lot about writing, about having ideas and handing them to other groups of people. And it was the first time that I really got initiated and fell in love with academics. … Colby isn’t a vocational school; it’s not where you go to learn how to do a specific job. It’s where you go to learn how to learn, and, I think, where you go to have your eyes opened and your beliefs challenged. ©
“Lots of daylight—that’s my mantra in all my buildings,” said architect David Miles Ziskind ’61. “It’s part of being humanized.”

Daylight spilled through the huge window in his corner office at STV Group Inc. in Manhattan, where he serves as the international firm’s chief architect. And it illuminates the cells at 200 correctional facilities he has designed around the world as part of his pioneering work in the field of justice architecture.

David Ziskind is changing the way we consider jails—and inmates

Ziskind, who leads and mentors STV’s 180-person architectural staff, was named to the American Institute of Architects College of Fellows in 2011. Now 74, Ziskind chuckled when acknowledging that he has cut back his work schedule to 50 to 60 hours a week. Much of that time is spent creating cutting-edge correctional facilities based on the belief that prisons and jails should work to turn around the lives of prisoners, many of whom struggle with mental-health issues. Ziskind acknowledges it has been a tough sell in some jurisdictions. But his firm continues to win design contracts.

Said Ziskind: “We create the environments where rehabilitation can happen.”

His architectural career dates back to the late 1960s, when he graduated from Pratt Institute with an architecture degree, but the ideas that have driven it date back to Colby. Ziskind said his administrative science major at Colby provided a wonderful opportunity for immersion in the liberal arts as well, and he delved into history, child psychology, sociology, and philosophy.

Ziskind turned to designing correctional facilities when his career was getting off the ground and governments were looking for ways to redesign their prisons in the wake of successful inmate lawsuits over their treatment behind bars. His designs transformed prison construction, finding ways to eliminate steel bars, bring in more light, and create environments that incorporate elements from hospital settings. In Ziskind-designed prisons, instead of sitting behind glassed-in enclosures, correction officers are behind desks so they can interact with inmates. Common areas, meanwhile, look more like gathering spots at a college dorm.

At some facilities he has eliminated the menacing razor wire that rims the prison perimeter. One county jail in downtown Syracuse, N.Y., has the look of an office building.

One of Ziskind’s latest projects is the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women, which has a dedicated wing for those with mental illness and an assisted-living section with two hospice suites for the prison’s growing elderly population. He’s also mentoring landscape architecture students from Iowa State University who have developed a master plan for the project’s grounds, which includes an outdoor classroom and amphitheater. —David McKay Wilson ’76
As the only first-year student on the Baylor University Model United Nations Team some 15 years ago, Laura Seay got the last pick of the available topics, and that meant one thing—Africa.

Charged with tracking refugee movement in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Seay found herself considering a country where civil war had broken out and tens of thousands of people were fleeing every day. The fluid situation made the project impossible, but her curiosity was piqued.

“It just got me,” she said. “This is a place where there are a lot of questions that haven’t been answered.”

Seay (pronounced “See”), assistant professor of government, has been seeking to answer them ever since, considering the way people organize to survive in the DRC, Rwanda, and Nigeria, and doing extensive on-the-ground research in central Africa, where conflict is all too common. How do people respond, she asks, when government can’t or won’t provide basic services and security?

“It’s actually inspiring,” Seay said of her work. “You’re talking about people who are finding ways to use very limited resources, very limited human capital, and yet continue to keep a school system open, continue to keep a hospital running. And continue to provide—to do the things that government does—when the state is largely absent.”

Her research takes her to some of the continent’s most fragile states, where courage sometimes stands in stark contrast with violence and tragedy. The horrendous violence can be dispiriting, but Seay continues to be fascinated by places where Western rules don’t apply. “What a state is, who interacts with whom, who’s making the decisions, what accountability means—none of it fits in with the things you learn in a standard freshman international relations class,” she said. “You learn it in mine.”

This summer Seay is to do research in four provinces in the DRC, including sites three days’ walk from the nearest road. The question: has a multimillion-dollar program to change the form of governance there succeeded?

This fall a team of students, including graduate students from University of California, Berkley, and a Colby team that will include Leah Breen ’15 and a to-be-selected incoming Presidential Scholar, will analyze the data collected by the DRC researchers, including some 30 Congolese researchers who will work with Seay to gather information.

“It’s really important to have your facts right and to have the methodological tools and skills,” Seay said, “that whatever career you go out into—a lawyer, an aid worker—you’re going to bring to the table the skills of making smart, evidence-based arguments rather than heartwarming anecdotes. A lot of money has been spent in the past on heartwarming anecdotes, and it hasn’t actually made anybody’s life better.” —Gerry Boyle ’78

For more read Laura Seay’s blog, Texas in Africa, and her posts in theatlantic.com, the Christian Science Monitor’s Africa Monitor, and the Washington Post’s blog The Monkey Cage. Follow Seay on Twitter at @texasinafrica.

Summary of Seay’s next project: colby.edu/mag
When Lucas Lam '17 first visited Colby from Southern California, he wasn’t sold. But then he jumped into his first snowbank and promptly got stuck.

“Some Colby kids dragged me out and I was like, ‘Wow! People at Colby are so nice,’” he said. “Then I started taking the visit a little more seriously.” He enrolled, and within months he was helping economically disadvantaged high school students do the same.

Lam was a co-leader of Amnesty International, served on the Multi-Faith Council committee, and helped coordinate Colby Live, a program that introduces prospective students to Colby.

A soon-to-be science, technology, and society major, Lam was born in Arizona but spent his early years in Hong Kong. When he was five, his parents moved to California, where his mother worked with Gallo Winery and his father was a mechanic. His Colby visit introduced him to snow.

Since coming to Mayflower Hill, Lam has taken his strong work ethic and service sensibility back to Southern California, where he spent Jan Plan working with Bright Prospect, a Pomona organization that helps students prepare for college. Lam’s experience left him determined to start a similar program in central Maine. He envisions a Central Maine Scholars program, which would give students ready to commit themselves to college the tools to make it happen.

Lam said investing in promising students through tutoring, financial aid, and other college preparatory programs can help entire communities—that there’s an economic loss when a promising student isn’t given opportunities. When you help students succeed, he said, they’ll return to their communities ready to make a positive difference of their own.

“There are people who are in a poverty bubble that are able to come to places like this as long as they work hard. ... But learning how to get here is such an important part of it.” —Lucas Lam ’17

“Pomona needs that,” Lam said. “Waterville needs that. A lot of places need that.” —Jacob McCarthy

Lucas Lam ’17 is involved in a lot at Colby—and there’s a lot of financial aid keeping him here. He receives assistance from the Judith P. and William R. Timken Scholarship Fund, the John O. Crawford Scholarship Fund for Colby Men, and the Robert M. Crowell Memorial Fund. His work in Pomona, Calif., was supported by a stipend he received as a Ralph Bunche Scholar, and this summer he’s working with the Maine Academy of Natural Sciences thanks to support from the Linda K. Cotter Student Internship Fund. “I wouldn’t have been able to come here without financial aid. That’s why I care about access to higher education.”

“Traditionally, bakery owners wouldn’t have a bachelor of arts in music and a Senior Scholars project in twentieth-century experimentalist music,” King said.

But it’s all part of the background that helps him run a successful 24-7 business, with bread and pastry divisions, retail and wholesale operations, and 28 employees.

“Arranging a group of unruly [Colby Eight] guys is not unlike having to organize a group of baristas or bakers,” he said. “It’s having them work together to put a daily performance together.”

King’s academic ingredients include four years of writing and research. “All of that taught me how to organize my thoughts and be interesting and try to engage the reader in subjects that threaten to be boring if you approach them incorrectly,” he said.

And biology? He’s still doing it.

“Knowing stages of mitosis and how that works for single-celled organisms like yeast—you have to understand the real science behind it,” King said. “If you think baking is magic and an art, you’re not going to be a very good baker.” —Gerry Boyle ’78
My grandmother loses her past in pieces, like baby teeth, waking in the morning to find she’s swallowed her granddaughter’s name, her son’s wedding, her husband’s funeral.

At breakfast, she leaves her license embedded in a piece of melon, and before bed, she spits the front door key, bloodless, into the sink.

But nothing grows into the gaps, and she can only run her tongue over soft gums and wonder what’s gone.

She calls me by her sister’s name, looks at my face and sees my mother’s, reaches tenderly for the hand at the end of my arm.

And we all crowd in close, surround her with a family of thirty-two smiling strangers.

Margaret Sargent ’14
Family Portrait inspired by Alex Katz’s Group Portrait 2

Margaret Sargent ’14 wrote this poem last year as an assignment in Introduction to Poetry. The project asked students to write ekphrastic poetry, work that collaborates with visual art, inspired by a piece of their own choosing in the Colby College Museum of Art. Audio of her recitation of the poem is online at colby.edu/mag.
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We who entered Colby in the fall of 1940 are celebrating our 70th reunion this year! Hard to believe. Due to the events of Dec. 7, 1941, everything changed. Colby began a year-round schedule of classes. Some of us graduated in December 1942, June 1943, or December 1943, and some graduated as scheduled, in June 1944. We experienced a lot of changes. All of the women students were moved to the two very recently completed dormitories on Mayflower Hill—Mary Low and Louise Coburn halls. Transportation to get to classes and back was provided by a bus called the Blue Beetle. If we missed the bus we walked, no matter the weather. Our dining room was in the basement of the dorms. There were also a couple of classrooms down there. The women’s gym (Runnals Building) also served as the auditorium where speakers, concerts, and graduations were held. The other buildings on the Hill were Lorimer Chapel, Miller Library, and the Roberts Building, all empty shells. President Johnson and President Bixler presided over the College while we were there, and they knew every student by first name. Fifteen years later Fred ’43 and I attended a summer event at the University of Maine in Orono and were amazed and delighted when Julius Seelye Bixler spoke to us and called us by name. He was teaching a summer course there. I have enjoyed being your class correspondent, taking over for Vivian Maxwell Brown when she became unable to carry on. However, I do not receive any news from you folks. Don’t you realize that just still being around is news?! Unless several of you drop me a line, this will be my last communiqué. Personally, I am fine. Still driving, walking, traveling, snowshoeing, gardening, and singing. Love to you all, JoJo.

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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 chorale, 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.”

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In March I received a long letter from my 1944 roommate, Howell Clement. It was three full pages in longhand. In the letter Howell discussed many important topics. It is unfortunate that there is not space to include his comments because they are spot on. Everett Rockwell celebrated his 90th birthday in March 2013 and has moved to an assisted living facility in Massachusetts. He still loves his clients. He and his grandson Chris traveled to the Galapagos Islands in 2008 and to China in 2009. Janet Gay Hawkins wrote that she had 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.

1949
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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 owners 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 Crook Lieck 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.  

I am sad to report that Jim Noice passed away in 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.

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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 “thinn 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 and then 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.

1951
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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: fboylgen@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 idea source 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 Shimmel 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.

1952
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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,
Hawaii, Alaska, China, and Israel and went on a cruise in Europe. It was a wonderful time in our life. Then in July of 2012 we lost our 56-year-old son, who was unmarried and lived in Seattle, to T-cell lymphoma. That was hard and still is, but a reunion in Maine with my Colby roommates helped. We gathered at Bev Cushman Pratt’s home in Bangor, and Nita Hale Barbou and her husband, Chandler, joined us. We had a great time reminiscing of our days at Colby. Our two daughters and four grandchildren live in Massachusetts. We are getting ready to move to a condo; an eight-room colonial and three-quarters of an acre of trees is too much.”

David Morse says, “I hope all is well and you survived the supreme test of winter. My latest book, Harry and Maude Take It On, is a series of humorous short stories about a retired couple and their misadventures. Well-meaning and lovable Harry manages to get them into trouble, whether it’s getting a Christmas tree, going fishing, cleaning the cellar, or buying a new computer. The ever-patient Maude comes to the rescue. The book is available through Amazon. We upzised from a condo to a home on the edge of the Wells Reserve at Laudholm. Return to paradise!”

Al and Joan Martin Lamont live in sunny Stuart, Fla., but savor summers in New London, N.H. They feel older each year but still golf, crochet, and play bocce and bridge. They have two married sons, including Gary ’78, and three grown grandchildren. No great-grandchildren yet. They remain enthusiastic supporters of Colby and attend events when they can, especially in Florida. Joan’s round-robin letters of nearly 60 years keep them in touch with Nancy Nelson Cedrone, Betsy Fisher Caldwell, Janice Vaughn Crump, Joan Kelby Cannell, Beverly Baker Verrengia, and Jan Leslie Douglas. They also see Edna Miller Mordecai often as she also summers in New London. Al and Joan were saddened by the recent passing of Mary Sargent Swift and Elis Warendorf Hulm. “My thanks to these classmates for their news. Now a thought has occurred to me. I know some of you either reside or vacation on Cape Cod: Would you be interested in a get-together here during the summer? Please e-mail me at canj52@comcast.net if that appeals to you. Until the next time, my best to you all.

1953

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Nelson Beveridge called to say he heard that George Pirie sold his Georgia home of 37 years and moved to Hawaii. Nelson was also in contact with Al ’52 and Joan Martin Lamont ’52, who left New London, N.H., for a home in Florida. Pete Bell’s daughter sent an e-mail that her dad passed away Feb. 2. Virginia Falkenberg Aronson will be treated to a trip to Vienna in July. She plans to visit her son and brother in Prague as well. Ginnie sends along a message to all Colby friends to have “good health and God’s blessings.” Martin Bruehl sent a quick “hello” via e-mail and says he is aging gracefully. Quinn and Ruth Sheehan Bersani regretfully missed our last reunion because of health reasons, but they now are okay. Quinn said that Carolyn English Caci gave them a great description of what they missed. They, Carolyn, and Barbara Chessemeer Hooper ’52 all live at Brookside Village in Peabody, Mass. Ruth and Quinn celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in April and planned to spend a week at Von Trapp Lodge in Vermont with a daughter and family. Busy Helen Koniales Cleaves sent a long note about meeting with Colby friends in early April: lunch with Joan Rooney Barnes and dinner with Ann Burnham Deering ’55. Helen says she and Ann are looking forward to getting out on the golf courses together soon. Helen is still involved in real estate (Coldwell-Banker) but finds time to attend her grandson’s soccer, basketball, and lacrosse games at Waynflete School in Portland, Maine. He will be off to college in the fall. Her oldest grandson was slated to graduate from Swarthmore in June, and another grandson attends Bates. Helen hopes to attend a few functions at her late husband’s 60th reunion at Bowdoin. Then she will be taking visiting friends from Florida to Colby to check out the Lunder art exhibition this summer. Arthur Klein writes that his life has changed after living in New York City for so many years. He and his wife have moved to a retirement community of only 400 people in Maryland. Now I quote (because I like his description): “All our needs are taken care of, and our families live nearby. In the morning we can actually hear the birds and see the sunshine … not hidden behind tall buildings. We are seeing parts of Maryland and learning about a whole new world—THE SOUTH. We do miss the Colby events that took place in NYC.” “I want to add that now and then I hear from my Colby roommate, Diane Chamberlin Starcher ’54. She is in the process of moving from France to a new home in Florida. That is quite a change for her and George.”

1954

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Judy Thompson Lowe spent a month on Anastasia Island, Fla., and loved being there. She has moved to a retirement community in Gainesville, Fla., where she finally has a garage. Dave and Betsy Powley Walliford are well and thoroughly enjoy their five grandchildren, who live nearby. Having Mark and Larry Walker Powley only two hours away allows them to get together often. They have also reconnected with Mary Martin Campbell and her wonderful husband, Bill. Vic Scalise planned to perform a grandson’s wedding June 7 in Ocean Park, Maine, and attend another grandson’s high school graduation in Brewer on Cape Cod June 8. All of this after attending some of our 60th reunion! Frank ’53 and Judy Jenkins Totman took a cross-Canada trip to the Canadian Rockies in May to celebrate their 60th anniversary. Carol Dyer Wauters, who still lives in Jackson, Wyo., enjoyed an extended visit with her daughter and family in Santa Monica, Calif.

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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 there for some vacation time. One grandson is ready to enter college.

I received another sad note from Janet Nordgren Yett. Her husband, Steve, died April 5 during their stay in their Nokomis, Fla., home. To Janet and her family, our deepest sympathies.  

Barbara “BJ” Davis Howard and her husband celebrated her 80th birthday in Bermuda in March and later in Tampa with old friends.

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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 the Q?rius area, designed for hands-on interaction with the 70-plus ski club. Now, that’s skiing!  

I’m selling my Waterville house. Hope some good people find it as comfortable as we did.”

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1957

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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 classroommate 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 ski 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 Krasniger have lived on Callawassie 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 Haring 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!”

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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 whacked 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’ sonopy continues 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
was undefeated). John was sorry to hear that Larry Cudmore passed away, as were Bruce Blanchard and many others who knew Larry well.

- For a belated honeymoon, Archie Twitchell and wife Irene toured Rome, Florence, and other parts of Italy, then boarded a ship to cruise to Athens, Istanbul, and the Greek islands. A stop in Naples, devastated in World War II and still not recovered as of 1961, showed a flourishing city. The archaeological museum has a wonderful audio tour, and the Amalfi coast is still beautiful but overrun by tourists. The Twitchells are building a house in Bardstown, Ky. “Fortunately we share many of the same tastes, so much of the decision making is not difficult, though the volume of decisions is breathtaking.”

- Ginny Angney Bushes spent part of the winter in Myrtle Beach and enjoyed seeing movies and shows but still could not escape the ice storms that harassed the North. She was sorry to hear from a summer neighbor in Morgan, Vt., that Willie Lyman Sherman passed away in October.

- Judy Brown Dickson recently took a Road Scholar trip to Cuba. “People-to-people exchanges were an incredible experience!”

- Marty Burger is still working. He recently completed an associate’s program in risk management after finishing two final courses. “I find it quite interactive, so he has to be careful.”

- Bill and Edo Foresman Donaldson have been living full time in their RV for 14 years, traveling all over the country and in parts of Mexico and Canada. It seemed time for a change, so they have bought a small home in Leesburg, Fla., in a 55-plus community. It reminds them of a large campground with all the activities available. Edo was sorry to miss reunion and sends her best to the Class of ’59.

- Fran and Boyd Sands still live in Cape Canaveral, Fla. They have five children, 15 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Boyd still works part time for two baseball teams, the Washington Nationals and the Brevard County Manatees.

- Since selling their house in Florida, Elaine (Healey) ’62 and Paul Reichert have become “snowbirds,” spending winters in Florida. While there, their neighbors convinced Paul to play shuffleboard. Coming in first or second earns prize money, which he did. He guesses he lost his amateur status, but he is not in a higher tax bracket. The city of New Smyrna Beach put on a big parade for their 54th wedding anniversary March 4. As they were leaving the parade, Paul heard someone say they enjoyed the Mardi Gras parade! On their return to New Hampshire the Reicherts encountered some snow to remind them about winter. Jim McIntosh wrote that Lafayette College honored the late Norm Gigon at its annual baseball preseason dinner Jan. 25. Norm was head baseball coach from 1968 to 1982. I’m sad to report that Greg MacArthur passed away peacefully at his home Feb. 12. Greg had begun his own investment banking business in 2000. As I write this I am looking forward to the 55th reunion. It doesn’t seem possible that that many years have gone by.

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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 Boccasile Mavis flew north to celebrate significant birthdays with Judy Ingram Hatfield, Wendy McWilliam Denneen, Debbie Wilson Albree, 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 her 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 DU 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, also I see my cousin Susan Macomber Vogt and her husband, Dick ’58. They are both well.

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**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 Juhlin: “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 my extended ‘hidden child’ family.

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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, beginning her studies 90 years after her great-grandmother Margaret Davis Farnham, who was Class of 1928. I know the Schmallzes beat me to this honor. The father of Joan Dignam Schmallz ’63 was Class of 1933, just after my father, 1931, and Heide Schmallz 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 grandsons’ 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 the Phillipes.

Brenda Wrobleski 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 Largent, 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 a best book award in Antwerp, Belgium. He hopes to research an 18th-century women’s reading club. Mary Michelmore Ackerman-Hayes wrote from her cot.

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Mary Fannin Regetz of our class discussed her upcoming visit to Houston. She is single and enjoys dancing lessons on the Nobmans and summertime on the beach!’

Some of their time is spent helping with classes at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. Last year they went to the Everglades and to Alaska to see wildlife. I recently attended Talking Art in Maine: Intimate Conversations hosted by Jane Melanson Dahmen at the Lincoln Theater in Damariscotta. Jane conceived the series to interview artists and curators who have made substantial contributions to the arts in Maine. Jane did a wonderful job interviewing Sharon Corwin, director and chief curator of the Colby Museum of Art. She’ll interview artist Lois Dodd July 18.

After time in Florida, Jeannette Fannin Regetz returned to Washington to prepare for the arrival of her second grandchild, “a doll, of course.” She lives close by, so she can run over to help if needed. Her son, Jonathan, was home working in Antarctica and Alaska. Jeannette hopes to see Karen Forslund Fahl when she comes to visit her daughter.

At our reunion Mary Michelmore Ackerman-Hayes spoke about the biography Louisa Catherine: The Other Mrs. Adams, which her late sister researched and which Mary and family finished and published. It’s the only biography of John Quincy Adams’s wife and sounds excellent. It’s now available on Amazon.

Wayne and Mary Dexter Wagner celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by revisiting national parks in Arizona, Utah, and California. Mary is a trustee and officer of the D.A.R. and the Wantagh Historical Society and Library. “So often I think back to our 50th class reunion and the wonderful times we shared together. May we continue to stay in touch with fellow classmates for many years to come.”

Paul and Susan Schaef 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...
Family News

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SAD NEWS > HAPPY NEWS. The last issue of Colby had a brief notice of the death of Dr. Stu Rakoff. Stu was diagnosed with ALS in 2012 and wrote a blog about his struggle, which ended Jan. 5, 2014. This extraordinary man designed manpower programs for the U.S. Army and IRS and founded Cornerstones, a firm offering faith-based guidance, in Reston, Va. “I am a cornerstone because I accept my personal responsibility to the community,” he wrote. Learning of his passing, a client wrote, “I would not be who or what I am today without Stu’s professional insight, personal support, and comradeship.” Your correspondent recommends his blog, “Drinking Through a Straw—My Journey with ALS,” at stuspeaks.wordpress.com. In February came word of the passing of Patti Raymond Thomas, wife of Tom ‘63. She fought a long battle with cancer in Doylestown, Pa, Update #110, issued days before her death, included plans to see the Galapagos Islands in April. Looking ahead positively was typical of both of our classmates. We will treasure their memories and contributions.

Ned and Lynne Urner Baxter have returned to Bath, Maine, after his retirement from Shippenburg University. They can see the Kennebec River from their 1800s-era house.

Ren and Pam Pierson Parziale are having way too much fun. They travel to Florence, Italy, for a month each year “to connect with other artists and some potters.” They report traveling on a wine tour in Chianti and to villages noted for ceramics.

Dave Hatch and Dale Rottner Haas enjoy bicycling in Venice, Fla. Jerri Hamilton Bost has resigned from the “Broken Pencil Club” (BPC) to report that she is in Denver living near her sister who helps Jerri deal with MS. They’re able to travel abroad using a scooter and/or walker. She’s retired from being a clerk in the Marin County, Calif., court system, “hating every minute of those 15 years. Lots of unhappy people all day long.” Also resigning from the BPC is Michael Gilman. He semi-retired from employment law practice and he and wife Laura moved to North Carolina after 36 years in Wellesley, Mass. “North Carolina has been a misguided adventure (I don’t golf), and we are planning to move back to Massachusetts.” Joss Coyle Bierman celebrates milestone birthdays with Sunny Coady, Marcia Harding Anderson, and David and Louise Melanson Belknap in Florida. Number 70 will see them all on a Disney cruise to Nassau over July 4th. Norman and Joss Coyle Bierman are planning to take a cruise around the UK and up the northern coast in the fall. Marc Machbitz, another BPC responder, deals in residential real estate in Hawaii. He was planning to perform some piano duets with his bride of 50 years at a recital given by her piano students. Marc has invited us all to visit him. Colby Professor Tom Morrione is hanging it up after 43 years, most recently teaching “experiential philanthropy.”

His wife, Nancy (Ryen), will retire from her admissions job at Colby at the same time. Tom plans to resume work on restoring his second Austin Healey.

Show biz classmate Bruce Hertz has been directing community theater productions at the Gaslight Theater in Hallowell, Maine. He also serves as commissioner of the Maine State Museum. Another show biz guy is our half of the “The Reverend and the Rabbi”—Rev. Peter Ives. The show airs Thursday mornings in Northampton, Mass. Peter recently released two books—Honoring Truth: The Sojourner Statue Story and A Meeting House for the Valley.

Watch your wing tip for Norman Miner, who flew a T-6 Texan trainer last January while on vacation in Orlando. He’s planning to return to Nevada for some horseback riding next fall, and this summer he will be a colonial reenactor at the Fort at No. 4 in Charleston, N.H., and maybe at Lexington and Concord. Small world department: Margo Beach and a childhood friend stopped for lunch in Charleston, S.C., while driving from Florida to Waterville. The couple at the next table noted the friend’s purse made from Maine license plates and asked questions. Turned out to be Bruce Barker, who started with us. A skiing accident interrupted his studies and he finished as a ’66. Margo encouraged him to attend our 50th. Pam Plumb Carey has just published Elderly Parents With All Their Marbles: A Survival Guide for the Kids. That couldn’t mean us, could it? Hail, Colby, Hail!

1966
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Sad news came in the spring magazine when we learned of the death of Barry Willdorf. I have sent our class’s expressions of sorrow to Barry’s wife.

Now our thoughts turn to Donna Tyler Cummings, who writes, “After years of not sending news, I want to share with my classmates that from August of 2012 to August of 2013 I lost my mother, my daughter Erin, and my husband, Dennis. My mother...
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 grandsons, ages 5, 3, and 10 months.” Kudos to classmates John Carvellas, 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 Wise Lynch is still working and enjoying her children and three grandchildren. A baby granddaughter was due at any time when 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. Phew! ● Invertebrate 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.

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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 Elixirouge, 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 Kastlow 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 grandma—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 Boulos 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 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 recog-
nized 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 prop-
erties. 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.

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Larry ’69 and Susan Doten Green-
berg 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 grand-
daughter 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. Congratu-
lations, Jane and John! ● Ben Bradlee was a reporter and editor for the Boston Globe for 24 years, resi-
ning 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 Venezuelians, 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 Wheel-
men’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 of ankylosing spondylitis that he was still dealing with when he wrote his letter. ● On a happier note, Doug Smith sends memories of spring at Colby—bet-
ting 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, Fla., 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 Rethlefsen 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 sabbati-
cal 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 contrib-
utor 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 remi-
niscences 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 Dano, 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 ’68ers Gary Weaver, Rick Mansfield, Rich Beddooe, Alex Palmer, and John Birkinbine. ● Life continues on apace for me.
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 including Alaska, which they enjoyed with Chris Cambridge in Bar Harbor and Clark Ruff, Don Bates ’70, Art Young, and Chip Edgerton 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 newborn 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 vowed 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 Withnell 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 newborn 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 outdoors 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 Phlloon, 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.

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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 Dick Kaynor ’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 Callaghan 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 Hawai’i’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 a 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!” Vicki recently returned from a trip to Albuquerque and Santa Fe and loved New Mexico in September, covering diplomat in residence at the University of 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 Helki’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 alums 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.

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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 nonhuman 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-Apicella ’74, Ken Hardigan ’74, Rick Schenkel ’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.

1976
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Greetings, fellow ’76ers! Let’s jump right in, starting with a correction from the last column. David Chris-tie’s beautiful daughter is Anna, not Jennifer. Sorry for my error. • Craig Spencer was recently named Orin M. Lothst 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 helping her 95-year-old mother, Madeleine, have finally settled into their “new” 1928 home in Nashville. • Emmanuel has been working 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.”

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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.

1978

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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 rsruns.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.”

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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 Daviddof 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 at colleges. One plays basketball, so, despite constant bribes of Colby sportswear, UConn seems to be the draw.

Sonia Turcotte Fois gets to visit Goldman Sachs’s NYC headquarters frequently, enabling her to see her oldest son at NYU.

Cate Talbot Ashton, Colby’s associate director of career services, frequently sees Class of ’80 offspring around campus—most recently Charlie Madden ’15 (Bev Nalbandian Madden), Elisabeth Chee ’16 (Jackie Low Chee), and Kelsey Davis ’15 (Glenn Davis). She reports that there are 17 class of ’80 offspring currently enrolled, and there will likely be more with this year’s admission decisions.

I had a phone call from Esme McTighe as she was driving back to Maine from visiting her daughter, Petra, at Harvard. Esme’s working as an elementary school librarian, fixing up her house in Edgecomb to put on the market, and contemplating a move. It’s not too early to mark your calendars for our 35th reunion June 4-7, 2015.

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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 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 C buscaire, 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 anesthesia 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 graduates 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 battlefield 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 Sciacca, 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 Najarjan 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 possible.” 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’ (sevenandcandles.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 Marel- len 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 daugh- ter is at Wheaton. ● Jennifer 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, Jennifer 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. Jennifer is my nominee for the alumni profile! ● Let’s flip to the other coast, where Jennifer Beever, 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 Pepper- dine’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 perenni- ally 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 Marelleen 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 Silitch 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 hilariously 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].

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Greetings, classmates, and thanks to those of you who actively participated in this column. ● While Marian Leever would have loved to attend reunion—along with her dad, Benedict ’54, who is celebrating his 60th—he was instead heading to watch her daughter, Katie, compete in a regional gymnastics meet prior to nationals in July. ● Berndt and Kiyana 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 HELKESLASSINGEN, AG. ● Jay ’81 and Maureen “Moe” Hagerty 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 Valle has been married to his college girlfriend, Michele, for 28 years. They raised their family in Swampscott, 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 Pazary 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.

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Hello, Colbians! 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 neighbor- hood 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: Callings 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, gra- ciously hosted a few hearty ’85ers—including Stephen, Sean Padgett, Ann-Megh White, Rick and Kathryn Clark Anderson, Kate Lucier O’Neill, Shireen Shahawy, Chris Murphy, Stephen Reed, Eddie Maggiacomo, 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.  

1986

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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 pediatrics practice and hired a new partner after 10 years in the same location.

Robin Clisby Pelczar helped a friend mark a Certain Birthday on the very near future. Thanks for writing.

1987

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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, Brigid Hoffman Murray ’86, and new papa Anthony Fazzone ’88. And I miss Jim Ffrench ’85.”

The Cutliffe 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?] Never mind.] 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.”

Jon 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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**1988**

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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 scoping out along the summit by moonlight, FM radio, and card games as entertainment, a can or two of Pabst’s sweet-est nectar as diluent, and first runs from the top.

Robb Koff enjoyed a trip to Vail last March with Geoff James, Kent Fikrig ’89, and Peter O’Toole ’89. Jim Brandt recently celebrated his 19th anniversary with wife Caterina. They live in Brookfield, Conn., where Caterina is a realtor. Jim just finished his 26th year as an earth science/biology/special ed teacher at John Jay High School in New York. Daughter Michelle will enter Rider University in the fall, tenth grader Kathryn is a softball player, and son Max, 16, made the move from the suburbs to downtown Boston Red Sox.

Mike ’89 and Joanne LaMarre Cantara made the move from the suburbs to downtown Boston, and their son, Max, 16, made the move from his longtime school (Max Duane was his science teacher) to the Holderness School, where he enjoyed his first year very much. Mike enjoys working at MFS Investment Management, where he has worked for the past 13 years. Mike and Joanne enjoy city life: walking to work and everywhere else and the multitude of restaurants that make dinner cleanup a breeze.

Laurel Anderson works as an ecologist professor at Ohio Wesleyan University and enjoys life with husband Dan and son Evan. 11. Laurel enjoyed seeing Margot Glockier Liffiton, Jean DeNapoli, and Debbie Gentile Springle on a camping trip to Acadia National Park. Laurie was in Maine last fall to run the Mount Desert Island marathon. Steven Masur ran a digital media, venture, and entertainment firm called MasurLaw for 20 years until last year when he merged with Cowan, Debaets, Abrahams & Sheppard law firm, creating CDAS Venture Law Group operating in New York and LA. The firm has enjoyed great growth. Steven still represents Bob Vila. Steven won the USSA Alpine Masters National Championship this year “for our increasingly ancient age group!” He also “had a blast” skiing with Jonathan Selkowitz in Jackson Hole. Jonathan showed them a great chute and took amazing pictures. Steven lives in Tribeca, fills his time with work, traveling for work, skiing, and time in Montauk kiteboarding, surfing, sailing, and sailboat racing. He keeps a J105 sailboat in New York Harbor.

Brannon Claytore spent last spring cheering on his son’s North Yarmouth (Maine) Academy lacrosse team. 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 Sailie is attending Pomona, Class of ’18. Colby was never in the running due to distance. Sailie 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 news 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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**1989**

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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 Brett 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 Annapolis 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 “Robby” 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 Gilvar’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 Gionfriddo, 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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**1990**

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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 Varlas 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 Streecher 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 to the Naval Academy. 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 “Robby” Genovese on the lacrosse field in Darien, too. Heidi and Tripp Johnson 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 Gilvar’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 Gionfriddo, 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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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 new family of five is learning from each other and discovering the future together. • I was lucky enough to hang with Elizabeth LeRoy Clothier last night and watch her fifth-grade daughter demonstrate that she has clearly inherited all of her mother’s lacrosse skill. She told me what a ball she had over the winter attending Jodie Brown Lawlor’s surprise 50th birthday party. Since it’s hard to get one past Jodie, the party took place at Chuck E. Cheese’s in York, and LeRoy excitedly told me about the prizes she won playing skeeball.

1991
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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 Alfond 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 Williamsburg, 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. • Jack Aydelott 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 brother’s 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, Expecting their fifth child in June and 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 McCurry 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 Teague 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 Creedon, Louisa Merianos Anastasimoulou, and Betsy Arden Rickards, and she and neighbors with Emily Muldowno Katherine and 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, 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 that 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.
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 maniacs, but otherwise zero 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 everythinginthesongstrue.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 Healey’s 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 don’t have to wait to send in your updates, and I love that I get to share them in our class column. See you there!

1995

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After living for three years in Bangkok (highlights included visits from Liz Keith and Jill Koooyoomjian), Michele Elliott and Brian Caravillano 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 Wiodarski 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, Lori, 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 Grdina 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 Doris Morrison Galvin, Courtney Sullivan Homer, Tammy Smith Wilkerson, Abby Smith Derrig, 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 pediatractic 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 Tahome 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.

1997

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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. Linç 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!

1999

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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 Coniglio 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.

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Thank you all for writing! On to the news... Miranda Eberie 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 healthy and happy Seline Elsa Allen in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. You’ll be happy to hear she has red hair.

On March 8 Nat and Christine 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 Dynenforth 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 Dynenforth 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.

2001

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Congratulations to Robb Henzi and his wife, Pamela. They welcomed their first child, Ruby, March 23. Robb is working at VICE Media in Brooklyn. He has lots of exciting things going on and was looking forward to seeing Tim Grayson and family over Memorial Day and Erik Balsbaugh and family right after that. Tim Wiswell and his wife, Natalia, recently welcomed their second son, Emile. Big brother Theo loves him and is a great help. Tim and Natalia are both looking forward to watching them grow up and play together.

Jodi Dakin Loughlin and husband Mark moved
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 D.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 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 Haida 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.

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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 Sebells was planning to move from Lucerne, Switzerland, to London this spring. ♦ Matt and Loryn Transversi Irwin expect a third child in August. ♦ Hillary Laverly 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 Zuaro 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 Yaple (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 Clemmons is still the lodge manager at Three Forks Ranch on the Colorado/Wyoming border. 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 Altneu 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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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 McKeechlie 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 August, a boy. ♦ Marcin Hoffman Kemnitz had her second baby boy in January, and Shelley Hughes and Katie Altneu 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.

2005

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Jocelyn LeBlanc and Rodney Yeoh welcomed a baby girl, Amelie 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 department at Clemson University.

2006

Caitlin Peale married Alexander Sloan in Westford, Mass., April 26. Jenny Venezia Faillace 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 Gaeligé. 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 McNerney. 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 bumped into Jackie Doo ’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. Bowlied a 150 at happy hour yesterday. Also was named ‘together captain’ of my kickball team.” *Carolina Scard* married David Willette Feb. 8 in Cancun, Mexico. *Heather 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 Daigle* 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. *Eréndira Muñoz* married Rolando Flores in April. Eréndira is the founding principal of KIPP Vida Preparatory, which will open in the fall in Los Angeles.

Thanks for the updates! *I was honored to be asked by Patrick Sanders to be the “best lady” in his upcoming September wedding. We are busy planning his bachelor party festivities, which will undoubtedly be quite epic. Patrick and Dustin Hilt will be groomsmen in each other’s weddings this fall. The two were freshman roommates and will be getting married two weeks apart. In April Patrick joined other Colby alumni at an admitted student reception in Chevy Chase, Md., and he and Esther Boyd ’09 reenact the wedding reception of Meagan Berg ’07. *Darcy Taylor* was happy to share that she is engaged. *Erica Ciszek* and her partner, Christina, are delighted to announce that their daughter, Quinn Frances Raymond-Ciszek, was born Dec. 3, 2013. Erica will be joining the faculty at the University of Houston’s Jack J. Valenti School of Communication as a tenure-track assistant professor of strategic communication this fall. *Sarah L. Clark* is enjoying teaching eighth-grade science in Braintree, Mass., and reported having a fantastic time over school vacation visiting her sister, Molly Clark ’13, who is teaching English in Moscow, Russia. *Joe Rothwell* and Tory Starr ’09 are engaged! *Andrea Heidi* and Carlie Minichino ’09 said that Justin Timberlake is disappointed but knows the better man won. Joe and Tory are the second Colby couple in the family as sister Michelle Starr ’07 and her fiancé, Matt Aschaffenburg ’06, will wed this year in Maine. *Thanks to a recent write-up about Coast Brothers providing opportunities to individuals who are turning their lives around, Patrick Collins is happy to share that they may be filming an ad to be run throughout the Tampa Bay area. *Sasha Kenyon* is excited to be heading to Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth next year. *Keep up the awesome work, ’08!*

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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. Hope-fully 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 Wassemman* 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 Boulden will be performing at ImprovAcadia 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 Jordanne Dunn ’09 regularly. * Dan Prunier, Roger Bel, and Jim Wood are in a dead heat for apartment high score in Around the Clock on the dartboard (50). * John Clason* 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 Graff and is excited for summer travels to Germany and Budapest. *Jen Shriber* moved to Atlanta to start an M.P.H. program for global environmental health at Emory University. *Jack Brinaard* 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. *ClaireCole* 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 Gouch, James Brady, Reilly Taylor, Rohan Dutt, Dan Marden, Michael Baldwin, Doug Sibor, Tom Milaschewski ’09, Scott Veidenheimer, and Schuyler Weiss. *Peter Johansson* 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 Bohonnor 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 Y.U.S. on the freestyle aerial ski team.

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 ONeill, 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 progressive 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 miserable 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 Gardiner Food Co-op. ▪ Looking forward to future updates—in the meantime, have a wonderful summer!
Catharine Wakefield Ward ’34, March 6, 2014, in Gwynedd, Pa., at 100. She grew up in China and Japan, where her father was a missionary, and earned a master’s in English from Radcliffe College. She and her husband were peace activists who helped in the postwar reconstruction of China in the late 1940s. A devotee of poet Vachel Lindsay, her uncle, she also loved archival work. She was predeceased by her husband of 65 years, Paul, a history professor at Colby in the early 1950s, and her daughter. She is survived by sister Martha Wakefield Falcone ’38, three sons, five grandchildren including Elizabeth Ward Saxl ’97, and seven great-grandchildren.

Robert W. Colony ’35, Dec. 9, 2012, in Auburn, Calif., at 99. He was a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army in the 1940s and was vice president and plant manager of Vibrasonic, Inc., in Van Nuys, Calif. He married and had two sons and a daughter.

Priscilla George McNally ’42, April 18, 2014, in Wrentham, Mass., at 94. After teaching in Maine, including in a two-room high school in Jonesboro, she returned to her home state of Massachusetts, where she taught junior high school English, earned an M.L.S. at Simmons College, and became a school librarian. A trustee of Boyden Library for nine years, she was a charter member of the Foxboro Association of University Women. Predeceased by her husband, Leslie, and sister Jane George Daniels ’48, she is survived by a son and two grandchildren.

Norman L. Porter ’43, Aug. 14, 2009, in Frankfort, Ind., at 89. A United Methodist minister in New England for 42 years, he earned his master’s in theology from Boston University and in 1970 was awarded a Stowell Scholarship that enabled him to travel in the Holy Land and southern Europe. He and his wife retired to Bayonet Point, Fla., residing there for 20 years before moving to Frankfort, Ind. He was a 50-year Masonic Lodge member, a member of the Rotary Club, and past executive secretary of the Preachers’ Aid Society. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Barbara, two daughters, five grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Deborah Dobson Fekete ‘44, Nov. 20, 2013, in Wallingford, Conn., at 91. She worked for many years in the financial department at the Choate School, later Choate Rosemary Hall. An avid reader and knitter, she also loved traveling with her husband and was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church and its women’s guild. Predeceased by her husband, Gabriel, she is survived by two daughters, one son, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Alice Leyh Fisher ’44, April 27, 2014, in Sarasota, Fla., at 91. A member of Delta Delta Delta at Colby, she was a 31-year resident of Sarasota, Fla., where she volunteered at Doctors Hospital. She enjoyed summers at Lake Henry in the Poconos. Predeceased by her husband, Larry, she is survived by a son, three grandsons, and six great-grandchildren.

Pauline Foley Thompson ’44, May 24, 2014, in Wareham, Mass., for 62 years, she loved spending time with family, gardening, reading, painting seascapes and pet portraits, and working on jigsaw puzzles. Predeceased by her husband of more than 50 years, A. Francis Thompson ’41, she is survived by a son, daughter Dorcas Thompson Jepson ’69, son-in-law Donald Jepson ’67, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Addie Roberta “Bobbe” Holt Sachs ’45, April 10, 2014, in Des Moines, Wash., at 89. A member of Delta Delta Delta, she supported her husband’s aeronautical career and taught for more than 20 years in Omaha and Seattle. In her later years she enjoyed playing bridge and serving as a representative for new residents at her retirement home. Predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Donald, and parents Ross Holt Sr. ’18 and Maude Herron Holt ’24, she is survived by a son and siblings Beverly Holt Wiegand ’50 and Ross Holt Jr. ’53.

Gerald E. Roy ’48, May 23, 2014, in Oakland, Maine, at 87. At age 10 he purchased distribution rights to sell Boston newspapers in greater Waterville, using the income to put himself and his brother through college and to help support his widowed mother. He continued his distribution business into the late 1970s. He worked as a state bank examiner, retiring as chief bank examiner. In retirement he and his wife traveled extensively in their motor home and wintered in Naples, Fla. He was active with the Waterville Lions Club for more than 50 years and was a passionate tennis and cribbage player. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary, four daughters, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Elaine Browning Townsley ’48, March 6, 2014, in Laconia, N.H., at 87. A 63-year resident of Laconia, she was co-owner of the city’s Rails and Crafts shop for 20 years and worked in retail at Laconia Hardware for 35 years before retiring in 2001. The first winner of the 4-H Governor’s’ Trophy, in 1946, she was very active with 4-H as well as other community organizations. She enjoyed gardening, watercolor painting, and spending time with her family, friends, and pets. Predeceased by her husband, Frederick, a daughter, and son Dudley W. Townsley ’72, she is survived by a daughter, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Audrey Fountain Jordan ’49, April 9, 2014, in Summit, N.J., at 86. She was a devoted homemaker who lived in New Jersey most of her life. A longtime member of New Providence Presbyterian Church, she taught Sunday school, communicant, and Bible study classes and volunteered at two hospitals. Predeceased by her husband, Hugh Jordan ’50, she is survived by two sons, one daughter, and two granddaughters.

James C. Noice ’49, March 30, 2014, in Deland, Fla., at 87. He received the Presidential Citation during World War II and retired from the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant senior grade. He worked for 10 years as a manager/vice president with Smith Barney in Florida and served as president of several organizations including the Orlando Stock and Bond Club. He is survived by his wife, Diana, three sons, and two grandsons.

Conrad G. White ’49, Feb. 1, 2014, in Cashiers, N.C., at 87. A Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he had a long career in the broadcast industry including 13 years in advertising. On his retirement, in 1990, he and his family moved from Ridgewood, N.J., where they had spent 30 years, to North Carolina. He was active in the Church of the Good Shepherd in Cashiers, N.C., and for 24 years was a tenor with the Western Carolina Community Chorus. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Martha Jackson White ’49, whom he met while singing the Elijah oratorio at Colby, as well as a son, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

George J. Giffin ’51, May 15, 2014, in Red Bank, N.J., at 85. He was a Marine Corps captain during the Korean War and earned master’s degrees from Colby and the University of Vermont. A resident of Fair Haven, N.J., for nearly 60 years, he taught biology at Rumson Fair Haven Regional High School for 35
years and served as chair of the science department. He coached both girls’ and boys’ basketball as well as golf and developed a girls’ rifle drill team. He had a penchant for ballroom dancing, which he enjoyed teaching to middle and high school students. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marcia, a son, a daughter, and two grandsons.

Els Warendorf Hulm ’51, April 22, 2014, in Wolfeboro, N.H., at 84. Born in the Netherlands, she immigrated with her family to Scarsdale, N.Y. Following graduation she toured Europe with Colby friends, meeting her future husband aboard ship on the journey back. In the 1950s she started a round-robin letter among her Colby friends that would last more than 60 years. She and her husband retired to Wolfeboro, N.H., where she volunteered for the local hospital. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Jim, three daughters including Nancy Hulm Jones ’78, six grandchildren, and sister Jacqueline Warendorf Shelton ’54.

Harold W. Kent ’52, Dec. 31, 2013, in Bluffton, S.C., at 82. A D.O. and an ophthalmology and otolaryngology specialist, he had a private practice in Maine for many years and was a U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel medical doctor who served in the Gulf War, retiring in 1992. He enjoyed playing the piano and woodworking, developing what he called “a satisfactory Amish shop.” He is survived by a daughter, a son, and two grandsons.

Melvin Lyon ’52, May 4, 2014, in Washington, D.C., at 83. After earning his M.A. and Ph.D. from Boston University, he began a long research and teaching career in experimental neuroscience, including work at the University of Copenhagen, University of Arkansas Medical School, and University of Southern California. He loved travel, reading, and music, and he leaves behind seven chapters of an unfinished book. Predeceased by his first wife, Ruth Flagg Lyon ’53, brother Richard Lyon Jr. ’50, and grandfather Henry Warren Foss, Class of 1896, he is survived by wife Nancy, former wife Birgit, four sons, one daughter, one stepdaughter, and eight grandchildren.

John D. “Jack” Powell ’52, April 17, 2014, in Keene, N.H., at 84. He served three years in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft control tower operator and earned master’s degrees from Springfield College and Western Reserve University. He was principal of several Ohio elementary schools and in retirement taught at Central Carolina Community College in Sanford, N.C. He is survived by his wife, Gloria, two sons, grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Barbara A. Scott ’52, March 18, 2014, in Calgary, Alta., Canada, at 82. After earning a master’s in urban sociology from Boston University, she moved to Canada and lived in Calgary for nearly 50 years. Propelled by her passion to help society’s most vulnerable, she sought public office and served as an alderman from 1971 until her retirement in 1995, the longest career for an elected official in Calgary history to that point. She received many awards and, in 1997, was honored as a member of the Order of Canada. She loved the Canadian Rockies, skiing, hiking, and Dr. Seuss books.

Richard E. Beatty Sr. ’54, May 9, 2014, in King of Prussia, Pa., at 81. After serving as a captain in the U.S. Air Force, he earned a master’s from Bridgewater Teachers College and taught at Rockland (Mass.) Elementary, where he became vice principal. He later went into management and, eventually, real estate, working as an agent and mortgage consultant with Weichert Realtors. He enjoyed sports, bird watching, crossword puzzles, and time with his family. He is survived by his wife of nearly 59 years, Joan, three daughters, two sons, 11 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

John R. Hammond ’54, May 13, 2014, in Leawood, Kan., at 82. He served three years in the Navy and five in the Naval Reserves. He founded his own insurance agency in 1965 and later founded Hammond Financial Services. He was a lifetime member of the Million Dollar Round Table. A youth-baseball enthusiast, he served as president of the Johnson County 3&2 Baseball Club for more than 20 years and sponsored and coached more than two dozen teams. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Paula, four sons, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Theodore K. Rice ’54, March 14, 2014, in Portland, Maine, at 81. He served with the military police in the U.S. Army and earned a master’s in counseling. A certified social worker and registered substance abuse counselor in Maine, he held a number of positions including clinical director of the substance abuse program at York County Counseling. He also taught communications courses at University of Southern Maine. A past director of the Southern New Hampshire Appalachian Mountain Club, he enjoyed hiking, kayaking, biking, and snowshoeing. He is survived by a son, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

Douglas M. Harlor ’55, Feb. 4, 2014, in Tacoma, Wash., at 81. He worked for the Weyerhaeuser Company for 34 years and started a successful lumber consulting business in his retirement. He had a lifelong love of the outdoors and enjoyed getting together with friends and golfing. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Marianne, three sons, and four grandchildren.

G. Curtis Whelan ’55, March 18, 2014, in Branford, Conn., at 81. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he worked for the New Haven Railroad and later as area construction engineer for Amtrak. He dedicated much of his retirement to the town of Clinton, Conn., where he served on the board of finance and was a trustee of the Henry Carter Hull Library. He was committed to family and community and enjoyed traveling with his wife. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Ellen, two sons, and four grandchildren.

Willard G. Wyman ’56, Feb. 25, 2014, in Stanford, Calif., at 83. He received an M.A. and a Ph.D. at Stanford, where he was dean of students and special assistant to the president. He was dean of students and associate professor of English at Colby from 1971 to 1975, after which he returned to California as headmaster of the Thacher School. In retirement he won awards as a novelist (High Country and Blue Heaven) drawing on his experiences leading pack-animal trips in the Sierras. Predeceased by his grandfather John Monroe Wyman, Class of 1881, he is survived by two sons, three grandchildren, including Caitlin Wyman ’10, and his partner for many years, Barbara Saxon ’56.

Lynwood D. “Sam” Graft ’57, April 29, 2014, in Las Cruces, N.M., at 79. He left Colby to enlist in the U.S. Army and earned his bachelor’s at Montana State University and his master’s at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His career in recreation administration included an appointment as New Mexico’s state parks and recreation director and a term as director of community facilities in Las Cruces. He served on the board of Tresco, a nonprofit helping children with developmental delays and people with disabilities. In 2002 the Sam Graft Park was dedicated in Las Cruces. He is survived by his wife, Sid, five daughters, 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, three stepdaughters, and five step-grandchildren.

Frederick J. Harris ’59, Nov. 10, 2012, in Stuart, Fla., at 75. A former resident of Saco, Maine, with a winter residence in Jensen Beach, Fla., for more than 20 years, he worked as an auditor in the shoe industry and was a member of the National Guard. He enjoyed following the Red Sox, Patriots, and Celtics. He is survived by his son and two grandchildren.

Josiah H. Drummond Jr. ’64, March 20, 2014, in Scarborough, Maine, at 72. He dedicated his career to secondary school and college fundraising, including at Kents Hill School, Bowdoin College, and Gould Academy, all in Maine, and he worked with his wife on a fundraising consulting and graphic design business from their farm.
house. A conversationalist and storyteller, he served on the boards of the Portland Stage Company, Bethel Library, and Greater Portland Landmarks, among others. He is survived by his wife of more than 30 years, Joanna, two daughters including Damaris Drummond ’03, two sons, and eight grandchildren.

Patricia Raymond Thomas ’65, Feb. 27, 2014, in Doylestown, Pa., at 70. A prolific volunteer, she was involved with local chapters of the League of Women Voters, Planned Parenthood, the YMCA, and the American Association of University Women. In 1991 she received the Lois Burpee Service Award from the YMCA. A graceful hostess, she enjoyed gatherings of family and friends. She is survived by her husband of nearly 50 years, Thomas M. Thomas ’63, two daughters, son and daughter-in-law Robert ’88 and Caroline O’Brien Thomas ’88, and eight grandchildren.

Caleb T. “Tom” Hodsdon ’66, Feb. 7, 2014, in Rye Beach, N.H., at 69. In the 1970s he worked in New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller’s office before opening the Whale’s Tale Restaurant in Hampton Beach, N.H. Following the sale of the restaurant, in 1988, he continued on as an advisor and enjoyed golfing and traveling. He struggled with frontotemporal degeneration (FTD) for several years. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Anne, and daughter Morganne Hodsdon ’16.

Laila Walji Alidina-Dosani ’67, Nov. 6, 2013, in Orlando, Fla., at 69. Originally from Tanzania, she earned a medical degree and doctorate at the Medical College of Pennsylvania and was certified in allergy and clinical immunology and in pediatrics. She is survived by her husband, two sons, and grandchildren.

Jeanne Merola Mukai ’69, April 30, 2014, in Mercer, Maine, at 66. She dedicated her life to educating students in Maine schools. She passed away at home, surrounded by family, after a long battle with breast cancer. She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Kenneth Mukai ’68, three sons, and two grandchildren.

Susan Magdefrau Werkhoven ’69, May 10, 2014, in Washington, Conn., at 67. A 43-year resident of Washington, Conn., she earned her master’s in education from Western Connecticut State University and taught math at the Gunnery preparatory school for 25 years. She was an engaged member of the First Congregational Church and for 13 years served on her town’s zoning commission. She savored both simple and special moments with loved ones, and she enjoyed reading, walking, traveling, and singing. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, David, a daughter, a son, and four grandchildren.

Richard S. Jones Jr. ’72, May 25, 2014, in Waterville, Maine, at 64. He earned a master’s in education technology from Thomas College and spent 26 years teaching fifth through seventh graders in the Waterville area. He wrote Tools for the Geographer, a textbook published in 1996. A soccer aficionado, he coached for the Waterville Youth Soccer Association, served the United Soccer Federation of Maine, and coached Olympic Development teams as well as Waterville varsity teams. He led Bible study, enjoyed woodworking, and was a gifted vocalist. He performed with the Imposters at Colby, formed the Mustard Seed Choir, and cofounded the Christian band Light. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Mara, his mother, his father, Richard S. Jones Sr. ’44, a daughter, two sons, and five grandchildren.

Dudley W. Townsley ’72, Feb. 5, 2012, in Sanbornton, N.H., at 61. A U.S. Air Force major, he earned a master’s at University of Southern Mississippi and enjoyed a 20-year communications career, retiring in 1992 as a communications-computer systems officer. He received myriad awards including the Meritorious Service Medal and National Defense Service Medal. Returning to his home state of New Hampshire, he worked at Lakes Region Community College and was honored with the Governor’s Initiative Award. His mother, Elaine Browning Townsley ’48, passed away March 6, 2014. He is survived by a son.

Gregory White Smith ’73, April 10, 2014, in Aiken, S.C., at 62. He earned master’s and law degrees from Harvard and edited legal books prior to his writing career. He and his husband, Steven Naifeh, collaborated on 18 books, including the bestselling Van Gogh: The Life and Pulitzer Prize-winning Jackson Pollock: An American Saga. They were also successful authors of how-to guides and true crime. Smith served as a Colby overseer from 1987 to 1996, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1992, and was the speaker at Colby’s bicentennial commencement in 2013. He learned he had a brain tumor in the 1970s and for nearly 40 years defied ominous prognoses with innovative treatments. He is survived by his husband.

David F. Scudder ’76, April 16, 2014, in Centerville, Mass., at 59. Passionate about the sea, fishing, and Cape Cod, he joined his family’s ferry and charter business, Hy-Line Cruises, where he eventually became vice president of operations. He was known for his affable and generous nature, serving as president of the Cape Cod Maritime Museum and as fundraising chair and later chair of the board of the Cape and Islands United Way. He is survived by his wife, Sheila, his parents, two brothers, and many nieces and nephews.

Nathaniel K. Fenollosa ’92, Feb. 23, 2014, in Guilford, Conn., at 43. A compassionate veterinarian who loved cycling, skiing, and art, he continued to share his joie de vivre and pursue his passions even when he was sick. After more than two years, he succumbed to glioblastoma. In his memory, the Nathaniel K. Fenollosa Fund at the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven provides support to children with families affected by cancer. He is survived by his wife, Amy, and two sons.

Eitan S. Green ’09, May 30, 2014, in Mt. Rainier National Park, Wash., at 28. An accomplished climber who was guiding in the White Mountains and on the Aconcagua coast while still a student, Green died in a climbing accident on Mt. Rainier. Working for Alpine Ascents International, he was guiding an ascent of the Carbon Glacier, one of the most difficult routes up Rainier. While at Colby he studied in India, learned Nepali, and completed an anthropology senior honors thesis on the international climbing community. He graduated magna cum laude. He is survived by his parents and a sister.

Griffin G. Metto ’15, March 14, 2014, in Franklin, Mass., at 20. A double major in classics and government, he had just been elected to Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society, and he hoped to attend law school. He was news editor of the Colby Echo, a member of Model U.N., and a staunch Red Sox and Celtics fan who attended as many games as he could. Described as an old soul, he was kind and loyal. He passed away after a brief illness and is survived by his parents and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Adjunct Professor of Physical Education and Athletics Emeritus James B. Wescott, May 27, 2014, in Camden, Maine, at 71. As a high school decathlete he won the New Hampshire State Championship in 1961. After earning his bachelor’s degree at Plymouth State and a master’s at Indiana, he coached at North Carolina State before coming to Colby in 1978 as head track and field coach, a position he held until his retirement in 2003. Active in several Maine communities, he served as a mentor to schoolchildren and as a Belfast YMCA board member. A rowing enthusiast, he competed in the Head of the Charles Regatta at age 70 and was sculling on Megunticook Lake in Camden, Maine, during the final moments of his life. He is survived by his wife, Jo, a daughter, a son, and a granddaughter.
Eric Thomas, director of band activities

Later this summer my newest work will have its premiere. The commission is for a string octet, and I’ve decided to combine the sounds of the trains from my father’s hometown of Miles City, Mont., with the sensibilities of the first movement of the Mendelssohn String Octet, the rhythmic content from West African music, harmonic motion from blues progressions, and melodic snippets drawn from Charlie Parker.

Most of what I’m listening to now is related to the way I process as I compose. The list includes

- George Winston’s album *Ballads and Blues 1972*, especially “Miles City Train”
- The third movement of the Shostakovich String Quartet no. 14
- Charlie Parker: “Bongo Bop” from *Bebop & Bird, Volume 1*, and “Love Don’t Get You Nothing But the Blues”
- “Okwanjula Kw’Endere” from Wendy Hymes’s *African Art Music for Flute*
- Herbie Hancock’s album *Dis Is Da Drum*
- Mustapha Tettey Addy’s album *Master Drummer from Ghana*

Colby faculty members have rich lives that extend beyond the classroom. In this, the first installment of a regular feature, we asked musician and composer Eric Thomas what he’s listening to—and why.
First Person

I’m sitting in the Theatre at St. Clement for the opening night of the off-Broadway premiere of my play With Love, first performed at Colby. The audience is holding its collective breath as Francesco Tisch ’12, left, and Thomas Rene hit this one out of the park.

—Diana Sunder ’13

This is the first installment of a regular feature in which a photo is explained by a participant.
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Saturday, September 13, 2014

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