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Colbians changing the world—one food at a time

Jennifer Coane is psyched about memory

Major Leaguers listen to coach Ewan Seabrook

Rugby turns lives around in Memphis
Let the Intellectual Journey Begin

Members of the Class of 2019 leave Lorimer Chapel Sept. 9 after the 198th First-Year Convocation. The students were urged to listen closely to others' arguments, to find comfort with uncertainty, and to pose questions that lead to new and significant insights.
In October we honored the brilliant journalist and author Katherine Boo with the Elijah Parish Lovejoy Award for courageous journalism. Many are familiar with her through her stunning and celebrated work of nonfiction, *Behind the Beautiful Forevers*, which tells the stories of families living in a Mumbai undercity. She immersed herself in their world for three and a half years to be able to report with great authenticity on their struggles and occasional triumphs. When one of our students asked how she built trust with the subjects of her research, she replied, “My greatest tool is time.” Her commitment to her craft and to discovering the truth is admirable and a wonderful lesson for our students.

Ms. Boo visited Colby in the same week that the latest Nobel Prizes were being announced. I have been fortunate to work with several Nobel laureates, and what has always struck me is that, like Katherine Boo, they have a depth of commitment to their work that is almost unmatched.

It is wonderful to celebrate talent and brilliance in its many forms, but I am reminded when I see great success that it is largely the result of plain old hard work. Of course, the combination of real talent and industry is unbeatable, and this might be where Colby has a distinctive advantage.

This came to mind recently while I was meeting with Paul Josephson, professor of history. The author of a dozen important books with more about to be released, his wide-ranging work on Russia, environmental issues, and science and technology has made major scholarly contributions and is emblematic of the intellectual depth and breadth of our faculty. To keep this pace of scholarly productivity while being an outstanding teacher and running more than 100 marathons (he is heading for 200!), he wakes before 4 a.m. to write. And he writes every day. Discipline and diligence help him maximize his considerable talent.

Those same attributes come to life in Brittany Chin ’16, a computer science and mathematics double major who also serves as vice president of the Student Government Association and is a star on the women’s lacrosse team (and a member of the NESCAC all-academic team). Brittany was telling me recently about her experience this summer working for a data science consulting company developing predictive models. I see in Brittany what I see in many of our students—this wonderful mix of drive and smarts with great values and a commitment to lifting all those around her. It is inspiring (and our faithful readers should be looking to hire her and other great Colby graduates!).

One member of the Colby family you can’t hire—because we simply won’t let her get away—is Sheila Ratte. Sheila has worked in food services at Colby for more than a half century, and many of you know her well. No task is too large or small for Sheila, who, in the midst of her tasks, is quick to offer a wry smile, a clever comeback. She seems to work every event we host, and she does it with grace and humor. My day is lightened when I see Sheila (as is everyone’s burden who works with her—she never leaves a task undone). She reminds me that hard work is virtuous and an obligation of those of us lucky enough to make Colby our professional home.

Leading a complex organization like Colby requires a good eye for talent. But when I see the notable successes of those in our community (and beyond), I recognize that talent is only a starting point. There is no substitute for committing to a job done well and the hard work it takes to accomplish that goal. That’s an attribute of Colby of which we can be justifiably proud.

David A. Greene
Shape Shifter

Environmental studies major Katie Chicojay Moore ’16 turns a piece of limestone into sculpture based on microorganisms studied by scientists at the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, a Colby partner. The study of form and texture brings an invisible organism into tangible, three-dimensional space. The course is Sculpture III, taught by Assistant Professor of Art Bradley Borthwick.
Scull Session

Ethan Ashley '19, center, rows in the stroke seat in the men’s varsity four at practice on Messalonskee Lake this fall. When he isn’t rowing, the Philadelphian studies computer science, philosophy, and English, and is editor of Odyssey Online at Colby, a student journal.
IMPACT

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Muheb Esmat ’17 was asked to solve the mystery presented by an unsigned drawing. He ended up unlocking its secrets.

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Bush, Blair, Buckley Are Left-Wingers?
I refer to the letter by Rush Oster ’61 (“Honorary Degrees—Where is the Political Balance,” Colby Magazine Summer 2015) suggesting left-wing bias in the selection of Colby honorary degree recipients. One notes that over the years commencement speakers have included such dangerous radicals as George H.W. Bush, Bob Dole, Tony Blair, William F. Buckley Jr., and chief executives of such subversive organizations as Barclays bank and IBM. In the interests of diversity, perhaps Colby’s Board of Trustees might consider inviting the likes of David Duke or Tom Metzger to instill idealism in future graduating classes.

Peter N. Grabosky ’66
Canberra, Australia

A Geography Nerd Weighs In
As a follow-up to Peter Roy’s excellent comment about quads in the Summer issue, I must point out that West Quad and East Quad are both geographically misnamed. The two buildings are not aligned in an east-west direction; instead they are aligned in a north-south direction. Thus, East Quad should actually be called North Quad, and West Quad should actually be called South Quad. Yes, this is the sort of thing that geography nerds like me pay attention to.

Gregory Naigles ’15
Concord, N.H.

A Plan for the Information Age
Peter Agelasto’s thought (Eyeing Past, Present, and Future,” Colby Magazine Summer 2015), that an ancient flute and other important items uncovered during his archaeological dig would help scholars learn more about the Mayan civilization if they were not locked away, was brilliant.

Why do we unearth things just to put them into boxes in museum or university basements? How can we learn from the past if we don’t know where to find it? And how can we build on that information—regardless of the source or form such new information takes—if we have no organized system for doing so?

Professor Thomas Longstaff’s message about preserving “articles in context” and Agelasto’s dedication to creating a way to do just that are truly inspiring, and so important for us and for future generations.

Betsy Roberson Gibson
Boston, Mass.

Let Alumni Enjoy Bryant, Too
I just read Professor Bryant’s piece “Of Blue Jays, Mockingbirds, and (Atticus) Finches” (Colby Magazine online, Summer 2015). I felt a pang of jealousy that I cannot enroll in his course this spring. It also made me hope that Colby might begin to offer an online course, lecture, or even podcast for alumni.

Catherine Mongeon ’04
Washington, D.C.
Colby Conversation via Social Media

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FROM FACEBOOK

On Professor Cedric Bryant and Harper Lee's Watchman

Jessica Matzkin Shactman ’94 Prof Bryant. . . one of the many reasons Colby is the best.
Kate Drowne ’92 Professor Bryant: the reason I went into higher ed. And the reason I grade with a green pen.
Lisa Shear Shawn P’17 Couldn’t we figure out a way for Colby parents who still wish they were in college sometimes to take this??
Jenna Klein Jonsson ’97 Oh, how I would love to audit this class! Cedric Bryant was an amazing professor.

On Tony Corrado’s National Commentary

Jen Milsop Millard ’90 One of the best professors at Colby—great to see him shine each election period!

On Robert Gastaldo’s Mass Extinction Story

Deborah Spofford Churchill P’17 This is MY KID!!!!!! And some other people that might or might not be important.

On the Rejuvenated Colby/Waterville Partnership

Tanya Cheff P’18 This is wonderful! So glad President Greene is fostering the relationship between Colby and Waterville.
Connor Tubridy ’08 These are great ideas. Happy to see Colby get more integrated into Waterville. Miss it up there.

Lisa Watson-Frederick P’18 Proud to be a Colby mom!!! Thank you Colby for your commitment to young people wherever they are from!!!
Jen Dunfee Wow! My 4th grader will definitely be setting his sights on Colby!!

FROM TWITTER

@JennyBoylan: I dreamed of @ColbyCollege’s Charlie Bassett, gone 4 years. I was lucky to be his friend, lucky to dream of him.

On Professor Lydia Moland Addressing the Class of 2019

Anna Fan ’15 What a GREAT speaker to welcome the Class of 2019!!!! Lydia is the best, seriously ... I already miss being in her classes.
Griffen Allen ’16 You won’t have a better professor at Colby!
Kris Miranda ’09 Lydia always saw the best in us, even if it wasn’t there yet. The Colby College Class of 2019 should count themselves lucky.

On the Colby Commitment to Student Access

Alan Yuodsnukis ’91 So proud of my alma mater! As a high school teacher in a poor, rural Maine district, it’s hard to overstate how pleased I am to read this. This will create opportunities for my students that may not otherwise be available to them. Thank you, thank you, thank you!
Linda Iverson P’16 As a teacher in Lewiston, I was thrilled that my daughter was accepted to Colby—this is a 100% need school—it isn’t free—but it is reasonably priced for us. So grateful and blessed to have Colby in our lives.
Taking Flight

This image of pteropods (also known as sea butterflies) is among photographs on display at Miller Library as part of an exhibition of the work of scientists at the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, a Colby partner. The images of marine microbes offer glimpses of the beauty and variety of ocean creatures that provide half of the earth’s oxygen and are crucial to the environment. A decline in pteropods could have dramatic impacts on the marine food web.
I have to admit it. A couple of hours talking with Joel Alex ’08 made my head spin. Alex is the founder of Blue Ox Malthouse and one of several food-related Colby entrepreneurs featured in this magazine, (“They Care What You Eat?” P. 20). He’s started producing malt, the processed barley that is the main ingredient in one of Maine’s fastest growing products—craft beer. But when we spoke at the malthouse in Lisbon, Maine, Alex didn’t talk much about beer. He did talk a lot about environmental policy, sustainable development, decentralization of commodities, R&D grants, feasibility studies, business relationships, market research, business development, narrative writing, industrial design, driving a forklift, and the need for a new crop for Maine farmers.

“I’m a lifelong learner,” Alex said. Well, yeah. He isn’t alone. Exploring the food- and sea-to-table world was an education itself, as Colbians traced the routes that led from Mayflower Hill to their respective callings. Without exception they showed that since Colby they hadn’t gathered any moss.

Laura Neale ’99 improvises with new crops on her farm, a community-supported agriculture initiative. Carter Newell ’77 uses his Ph.D. in marine biology to continuously refine the oyster business he runs with Smokey McKeen ’76. Robyn Wardell ’11 sees food as the linchpin of a movement to ease poverty and social disadvantage. Ben Rooney ’10 has proved the naysayers wrong by successfully growing rice in Maine—a farm-sized science experiment.

You can read and see more, both in this issue and in extended coverage online, that offers fascinating details.

My takeaway? These alumni, and many others like them in the food movement, left this educational greenhouse on the Hill with some of the tools to get the job done, and—more importantly—the ability to procure the rest.

Alex said his academic experience at Colby—with an environmental science and international studies double major—was really the study of relationships, crucial to what he does today. His capstone project was a report on the state of Maine’s environment. “I loved that class,” Alex said. “It was really, really hard, but it was immensely satisfying.”

Pat Sims (“Art School,” P. 38), is a freelance writer who lives in Maine and writes primarily about arts and cinema. She is also an editor for the Bard College-based literary journal Conjunctions and Lucky Peach magazine. She received her master’s degree from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

Abukar Adan ’17 (“Standing Up to Gender Violence,” P. 44) is an editorial assistant for Colby Magazine. A government and education double major, he aspires to contribute to the discourse on social issues through journalism and documentary film-making. He is also a blogger for the Huffington Post and a contributor to the political magazine Outside Colby.

Jenny Chen ’12 (“Logging on to the Future,” P. 32) is an award-winning science journalist and multimedia producer. Her work has appeared in the Atlantic, Reader’s Digest, New York Magazine, NPR, and elsewhere. She is a regular contributor to Colby Magazine.
The number of plates in the Audubon Double Elephant Folio, shown here during a page turning in Colby’s Special Collections. On loan with other ornithological materials from Colby parent and Emeritus Trustee Gerald Dorros Sc.D. ’01 until fall 2016, the rare Bien Edition was produced from 1858 to 1860. The 105 plates show 150 species, represented life-size by ornithologist/artist John James Audubon. Shown are Leslie Brainerd Arey Professor of Biosciences Herb Wilson, third from left, and students who are using the plates as reference for a class project.
Art majors participated in the annual Mirken Family Trip to New York City, which is intended to give senior capstone art majors a chance to observe and learn about a variety of art-related professions. The group, accompanied by faculty from the Art Department and the Colby College Museum of Art, met with curators, fundraisers, and gallery directors. Pictured is Harry Park ’16, interacting with a sculpted chair at the Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum. Park, an art history and global studies double major, is interested in museum education.
Rosengren ’79 to Head Trustees

Eric Rosengren ’79, P’12, president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, has been named the next chair of Colby College’s Board of Trustees. Rosengren will formally assume this volunteer position in May of 2016.

Rosengren, who credits the College for inspiring his interest in economics, went on to earn a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. President of the Boston Fed since 2007, he has developed a reputation for his deep intellect and unbiased analysis as well as his passion for improving the lives of the American public through policymaking.

“Colby is tremendously fortunate to benefit not just from Eric’s strong commitment to the College but also from his very sophisticated data-driven analysis,” said current Chair of the Board Robert E. Diamond Jr. ’73. More at colby.edu/mag

Much More Than His Mother

The Lunder Collection of James McNeill Whistler at the Colby College Museum of Art, with more than 300 etchings, lithographs, oils, watercolors and pastels, attracted Whistler scholars and experts on the history of American art to campus Oct. 15 for a symposium: Whistler: Nature and Nation. Speakers for the event, presented by the Lunder Consortium for Whistler Studies, came from the University of Glasgow, Emory University, and Washington College, among others. Associate Professor of Art Tanya Sheehan and Francesca Soriano ’16 were featured in the program, which was focused on ways Whistler reimagined ideas of nature and nation in light of his international contexts and experiences.

“I had a mentor tell me early on that not everybody [cares] about spotted owls, or understands the importance of arboreal forest. But everybody wants to or needs to eat two to three times a day. ... I consider food to be the gateway drug to responsible living.”

—2015 Oak Fellow Jodi Koberinks, founder of the Beyond Pesticides Network, and a frontline agriculture and food systems activist supporting farm families, rural communities, and those living in poverty. More at colby.edu/mag

Construction of turf softball and baseball fields and related facilities was nearing completion in November. Colby is the first in NESCAC to add the lighted synthetic-surfaced fields, a move that will attract the strongest academic applicants, lengthen the season, and require less travel for away games. Colby expects the facility, which will be available for use beginning in February, to be used by the community as well. For the latest news on the baseball and softball fields, visit colby.edu/mag.
“One More Person ...”

Gracie Baldwin ’16 was a sophomore learning about bone marrow transplants in Professor Lynn Hannum’s immunology course when she walked out of the classroom and into a bone marrow drive. She swabbed her cheek and hasn’t looked back.

“I had no idea it would turn into this whole big deal,” she said.

And a big deal it is. For the past two years Baldwin has spearheaded drives at Colby for Gift of Life, a national organization that keeps a registry of potential bone marrow donors. So far she’s added 680 Colby students to the registry. And out of those, two students have come up as matches for patients who may need their help.

A preliminary match was made with Scott Fenwick ’17, a biology/premed major who has seen the transplant process up close when he worked summers in a hospital in New Brunswick. “Having that experience and seeing hands-on that people’s lives can be saved is really special,” said Fenwick, who is matched with a 23-year-old man with leukemia. “I really do hope I get a call.”

Baldwin, who is working her way through clubs and sports teams, said she’s proud of Colby’s participation (as many students participated as at the 50,000-student University of Florida) and that, of all the schools in the organization’s college ambassador program, Colby was the source of the first match. “One more person could save a life,” said Baldwin, who has a slate of drives lined up for this year.

Education with Your Coffee?

The Colby Café got some international recognition last summer when the Rainforest Alliance highlighted the Mayflower Hill club for its efforts to educate students on social and environmental issues surrounding coffee production. The Colby group’s mission is to bring high-quality, sustainably produced coffee to campus. It’s done just that, with pop-up shops and a new presence in the Mary Low Coffeehouse, and it has promoted awareness of responsible sourcing, said one of the founders, Clint Henry Ross ’16.

Commitment to Access

Admissions launched the Colby Commitment, an effort to ensure that the most talented students from every background have access to a Colby education. “We’ve removed financial barriers. We’ve simplified the application process. We’ve enhanced the opportunities and support that lead to success in college and careers. And we have given every admitted student the chance to graduate without loans to repay.” More at commitment.colby.edu
The number of Colby alumni inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in August. Kim Condon Lane ’01, Gene DeLorenzo ’75, and Matt Gaudet ’95 were honored at the DCU Center in Worcester, Mass. Condon Lane saw injuries limit her playing time, but still scored 1,094 points and led Colby to the ECAC title in 2001. DeLorenzo, who coached women’s basketball at Colby after graduation, scored on a final shot to defeat University of Maine in 1973. Gaudet led the Mules in scoring each of his four seasons and ranks 10th in scoring with 1,481 career points.

Meyer’s Home Run

“Everything I could have hoped for and more.”

That’s the report from Dan Meyer ’16, whose analysis of Major League Baseball landed him a coveted internship with the Seattle Mariners last summer (“From the Classroom to the Bigs,” Colby Magazine, summer 2015). Meyer turned his analytical skills, honed in Colby economics and computer science classes, into a place on the Mariners’ roster. He spent the summer at Safeco Field doing quantitative analysis for the Mariners front office. In November, he was offered—and accepted—a full-time job on the team’s analytics staff. He reports to work after graduation. In the meantime, the Mariners have kept him on for the school year. “Tuesdays and Thursdays,” Meyer said, “are Mariners days.”
Out of the Scrum, Success

Memphis rugby program born of the Colby experience

By Devin O’Brien ’12

On the first day of practice Abdul ran in socks so as not to ruin his only pair of shoes. From the side of the playground, kids smoking cigarettes heckled Ali, who had never run a lap before. It was 95 degrees under the Memphis sun, and the 30 kids were looking at me for an explanation as to why I was wearing short shorts and kicking around a ball that looked like a watermelon.

Only one player had ever heard the word rugby before.

That day I saw Darrien double over in a drill because he’d only had chips to eat all day. I heard Brygton had been suspended for gang affiliations and learned Jacari didn’t have a home. And yet, in the midst of the realization of the odds stacked against my kids, despite the dropped passes and disorganized drills, what began in that public park has endured.

That daring group of kids has since grown into Memphis Inner City Rugby, a nonprofit organization with a mission to expand academic and athletic opportunity in underserved communities. Since I cofounded the organization with fellow Teach for America Corps member Shane Young in 2012, we’ve started the first four inner city rugby teams in Memphis. We have built bridges from neighborhoods where up to 90 percent of students can’t afford a three-dollar school lunch and half don’t graduate to high-achieving suburban schools. Through our weekly academic tracking, we identify where our kids are struggling, and we target academic interventions. This additional structure—coupled with the transformative discipline, dedication, and respect that characterize this demanding sport—has resulted in a 100-percent acceptance rate to college or the military. Ninety percent of our student athletes show academic improvement. Last summer, we celebrated our own Donovan Norphlet’s full rugby scholarship to Life University, one of the most successful NCAA Division I programs in the country.

Since I arrived in Memphis, I have been forced to concede that there are deeply embedded problems in our country far too tenacious to solve in a lifetime. Especially in light of recent events, it’s easy to perceive our nation as having lost its way, and perhaps its ability to find it again. Yet when I’m feeling helpless, I think about how Cody went an entire season without making a tackle, then stopped a runner in his tracks on the try line. I think about how Jacari went for weeks without a square meal, sleeping in a room without furniture, and still made it to Tennessee State University. And I think about Calvin, who went from gang affiliations to D1 recruitment letters and A’s on his report card. Above all else, my experiences in Memphis affirm in me a simple notion: things that are most daunting are the very things that hold the most power to transform us.

Memphis is a far cry from Mayflower Hill. Yet, whatever we’ve achieved at MICR began with an idea that arose from, and defines, the Colby experience: our education endows us with the ability—and the responsibility—to go boldly into the world, design a future rooted in our passions, and strive to bend the arc of the moral universe towards justice. From phone calls with old friends, to Colby Magazine articles about how graduates apply their education around the globe, my alma mater constantly fuels my desire to pay forward the immense privileges I’ve been afforded.

During our first fundraiser, nearly four years ago, a huge box of cleats showed up at my door in Memphis. They’d come from a former teammate at Colby. I hadn’t talked to him recently, nor solicited him for a donation. But no explanation was needed—not for me, or anyone who has called Colby home.
They care what you eat

With ingredients from the classroom, Colbians are helping to shape a new Maine, on the farm, in the sea, at the restaurant table

By Gerry Boyle ’78
Photography by Heather Perry ’93

In terms of food movements, how can we get things into people’s bellies that they didn’t have options for before?

—Rice grower Ben Rooney ’10
Organic rice, one farmer says, can provide double the yield of any other grain. Another farmer operates a thriving community-supported agriculture vegetable farm, supplying both members and low-income families. A trio is growing oysters in clear waters, supplying high-end restaurants and revitalizing what was once a polluted river. Another is creating a malting facility, making local beers truly local and giving traditional farmers a new crop.

With knowledge of biology and ecology, food systems and economics, rhetoric and religion Colbians are helping to change the face of Maine, joining—and in many cases leading—the national movement that has made food and nutrition a defining goal for a generation.

“Once you start thinking about food and where it’s coming from and where it’s going, the complexities of our diet, it does connect all of these things: social justice, environmental changes, global trade,” said Professor of Anthropology Mary Beth Mills, who is teaching a course on the subject.

On these pages, and online, are food practitioners from Maine and beyond, drawn to change the world by affecting what we eat. As food activist, Diet For a Small Planet author, and former Colby Mellon Environmental Studies Fellow Frances Moore Lappé put it, “It makes perfect sense to me that food is such a powerful avenue for people to make sense of the world, to find a place for themselves with meaning.”

Tucked into sprawling cornfields of the Kennebec Valley in Benton, Maine, is a series of rectangular troughs dug into the dense marine clay. The troughs, covering an acre, are filled with green grasses and irrigated with water from an adjacent manmade pond.

The grasses are rice—varieties with names like Hayayuki, Arpa Shali, Diamante. The ducks that paddle around the plants are for aeration and fertilization. The scene, like something from Southeast Asia, is the creation of Ben Rooney ’10, who is showing that rice can grow in northern New England just as it grows in northern Japan. “We want to figure out, is it worth it to do this excavation? Is it worth it to set up this system? What seeds work here? In terms of food movements, how can we get new things into people’s bellies that they didn’t have options for before?”

Wild Folk Farm is an experiment and three years in it’s proceeding according to plan. The only commercial scale rice-growing operation in northern New England is nearing its goal of producing 5,000 pounds of rice annually. Rooney is trying 25 varieties—from South Korea, Portugal, Chile, Russia, and Japan—gently improving the soil in the paddies and carefully monitoring the results. “What grows well here without us changing the soil a ton?” he asks.

The environmental studies major and ecologist traveled from Maine to Zimbabwe before a trip to visit family in the Philippines turned him on to “the beautiful paddy culture.”

His effort to transplant that culture to Maine has small-scale organic farmers and restaurateurs watching with interest as he carefully considers his slowly expanding operation. “It’s a steep learning curve,” he said, stepping into the water to open an irrigation valve. “A lot of it hasn’t been necessarily the specifics of what I learned at Colby, but the how.”
I am a really dedicated CSA farmer. I love it when we have a really diverse, really gorgeous share for folks. That makes my heart sing.

—Laura Neale ’99

Never had Laura Neale ’99 even heard the term “sustainable agriculture.” Until her first year at Colby, that is, when the reading for an anthropology course included Frances Moore Lappe’s landmark book *Food First: Beyond the Myth of Scarcity*. Neale still has the book, on a shelf at her farmhouse in Lyman, Maine. “It’s all trashed and underlined,” she said, “exclamation points for the provocative things.”

She’s living “sustainable agriculture” now as the owner of Black Kettle Farm, a CSA farm that supplies members and hunger-relief programs from Portland to Portsmouth, N.H. One day last summer she and her employees and apprentices were in full harvest mode on the farm’s 4.5 acres of vegetable fields—eggplant, potatoes, squash, garlic drying in the barn loft.

“The food’s beautiful,” Neale said, leading the way through a tomato- and basil-filled greenhouse. “As much as I’ve been doing it a while, it’s really thrilling and awe inspiring.”

A native New Yorker, Neale began her journey in Colby anthropology, with subsequent stops as a Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association apprentice (she hires them now), work with a nonprofit in San Francisco, and farming in Santa Cruz, Sonoma County, Calif., Connecticut, and, for the past five years on her own land in Lyman, Maine. “I’d never said the word career,” Neale said. “I was just doing things that interested me.”

And nothing interests her like farming—the seasonal rhythms, the “mega” to-do lists, manual labor, the knowledge that she’s putting healthy food on people’s tables, the model of a CSA, capricious weather, the “constant humbling moments.”
Dredging
had been underway for two hours as Jeff “Smokey” McKeen ’76 and Carter Newell ’77 crisscrossed their plot in the Damariscotta River one August morning, lifting hundreds of pounds of dripping, fresh oysters from the sparkling waters.

“It’s a good life,” Newell said, at the helm of the boat Oyster Girl. “Come out in December when it’s snowing.”

It is a good life for the partners in Pemaquid Oyster Co., whose oysters are in demand at high-end restaurants from Maine to New York City. (McKeen is featured in celebrity chef Mario Batali’s cookbook, America Farm to Table.) “At one point we were a hundred and fifty grand in the hole,” Newell said. “Now we’re running 30 percent profit.”

With Chris Davis ’78, the pair set out to reintroduce a species that had been killed off in Maine tidal rivers by pollution from upstream industry. Newell, a marine biologist with a master’s degree from the University of Maine and doctorate from the University of New Brunswick, brought a scientific approach to the problem that ultimately paid off.

Over nearly 30 years, McKeen explained, the oyster farmers learned to seed larger oysters to limit predation, to plant in a way to give each oyster sufficient space, and to hold their harvested oysters downriver in saltier waters before sending them to market.

Now demand for Pemaquid Oyster Co. oysters far outstrips supply, more oyster farmers have begun operations on the river, and stray oysters are surviving, reestablishing a wild population. “It takes you twenty years to figure it out and another ten to implement it,” Newell said. “Oysters have made it.”
Seeds sown on Mayflower Hill bear fruit in far-flung places. Just ask Robyn Wardell ’11. Wardell saw her time working in the Colby Organic Garden and volunteering in schools with Colby Cares About Kids combine to provide an epiphany:

“It was an awakening for me, seeing how food connects a lot of things I care about—social justice, the environment, health equity.”

The international studies and religious Studies major (her thesis considered food symbolism and ritual in Hinduism) found all of the above in FoodCorps, an AmeriCorps offshoot that launched as Wardell graduated. She joined the first FoodCorps class and soon was in Flint, Mich., schools. She helped build community gardens, integrated gardening into the curriculum, connected with food service staff, and gave disadvantaged kids their first experience with home-grown broccoli, green beans, and carrots. “Once they pulled it out of the ground themselves, they were not only excited to eat it themselves, but also encouraged the kids around them to try it.”

Food was a vehicle to address inequality that the students and their families faced every day, encouraging healthy diets, strengthening community organizations, and helping to empower both children and their families. “It’s more than having kids try a carrot,” Wardell said.

Her efforts got her featured in a national magazine story about food-centric activism titled “The Young Step Up.” She’s still stepping up, helping train new FoodCorps recruits and working with alumni of the program to provide them with ways to remain involved in the food cause.

Read more online, about:

Dairy farmer Andy Smith ’11J and The Milkhouse creamery. Mentored by organic farmers Polly and Prentice Grassi ’95 and Paige Tyson ’77 and Spencer Aitel ’77, Smith and his wife, Caitlin, are owners of a farm that has been preserved for agriculture in perpetuity.

Olivia Kefauver ’12, who early on took the course Global Food Policy taught by Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies Travis Reynolds and decided to find the area where she would have the most impact. “Have you considered being a farmer?” Reynolds asked. She hadn’t but she did and soon was.

Paul Dobbins ’87, whose company Ocean Approved has brought kelp farming to Maine. Kelp production in the United States, Dobbins says, could be the solution to many of the world’s looming food production problems.
I consider myself an ecologist. It’s a systems science. You’re looking at broad patterns, impacts, how things interconnect.”

—Blue Ox Malthouse founder Joel Alex ’08

Serious professional building blocks—environmental studies and international studies double major, GIS courses, economics, work in conservation policy, graduate courses in strategic sustainable development at an institute in Sweden. For Joel Alex ’08 it all led to acceptance to a prestigious graduate program at Yale.

Which he turned down.

Instead, Alex created Blue Ox Malthouse, a company that produces malt, the main ingredient in beer, which, until now, has been controlled by a handful of massive companies in Canada and the Midwest. “One-hundred percent of all the ingredients of local beer, except for water, comes from outside the state,” he said.

From a space in a small industrial park in Lisbon Falls, Maine, near Lewiston, Alex intends to rectify that, turning barley into the germinated seed called malt. It isn’t just the beer, he said. In a state that leads the nation in craft brewers, a successful organic malting operation in Maine would provide Aroostook County farmers with an alternative crop to potatoes and boost the economy in that part of Maine.

To make his idea reality, Alex tapped the extensive support system for entrepreneurs, landing multiple grants that helped him refine his business plan. Along the way he was joined by mentor-turned-investor Steve Culver ’78, a former Hannaford exec who looked at Alex’s plan and liked what he saw, both on the bottom line and in his younger partner. “He can learn anything,” Culver said.

Alex describes himself as “a catalyst,” a brain-picker who isn’t afraid to ask questions.

“I consider myself an ecologist,” he said, beside stainless steel vats in the Lisbon malthouse. “It’s a systems science. You’re looking at broad patterns, impacts, how things interconnect.”
Creative writing and literature were Mike Wiley ’08’s passions at Colby. Wiley studied with Ira Sadoff, Elizabeth Sagaser, and Elisa Narin van Court—but then he studied cooking at a private hunting and fishing lodge in Colorado and at Le Bosquet in Crested Butte. No surprise that his thesis in a master’s program at University of Colorado Boulder was on the aesthetic rhetoric in The French Laundry Cookbook by the chef/owner of the renowned Napa Valley restaurant of the same name.

When he found himself preparing wildly ambitious snacks for grad school get-togethers, Wiley knew it was time to “go back and work in a kitchen.” He did, at the Black Cat farm-to-table bistro in Boulder, where his writing skills were enlisted to write menus, and later at Hugo’s in Portland, Maine, where he rose quickly to sous chef and was asked by chef/owner Rob Evans (Wiley’s English major credential again) to proof an ad offering the restaurant for sale.

Wiley proofed the ad and then he and his partners bought Hugo’s, and quickly opened sister restaurant Eventide Oyster Co., a raw bar that has garnered national raves and down-the-block crowds. “We said, ‘Well, if we get beautiful little plates, commit ourselves to getting the freshest, most local stuff we can, we can have a great lineup of oysters and have fun with the food.’”

Deflecting praise, Wiley says the timing was perfect, that Eventide opened as oysters became very hip, and “we just have an awesome group of farmers and purveyors that we work with.”

The trio of restaurants (The Honey Paw noodle restaurant completed the set) buys whole animals for its meat dishes, fresh fish (and Pemaquid Oyster Co. oysters) from a local supplier, and veggies and mushrooms and plants from area farmers and foragers (including milk from The Milkhouse creamery).

“It’s so funny when people get committed to things like making food beautiful and delicious,” Wiley said. “It just so happens that what’s beautiful, in keeping with our politics, is also the most delicious.”

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—Mike Wiley ’03, chef/restaurateur
Ben Rooney ’10
Wild Folk Farm

Joel Alex ’08
Blue Ox Malthouse

Laura Neale ’99
Black Kettle Farm

Jeff “Smokey” McKeen ’76
Pemaquid Oyster Co.

Mike Wiley ’03
Hugo’s
Eventide Oyster Co.
The Honey Paw
Winifred Tate (Anthropology)

**Drugs, Thugs, and Diplomats: U.S. Policymaking in Colombia**


The aid package called Plan Colombia, passed by Congress in 2000, was intended to help Colombia fight drug trafficking, vanquish leftist guerrillas, and support peace and democracy. Most of the money went to the military, tied to paramilitaries that terrorized the population and trafficked drugs.

Tate's book is scholarship in the field of anthropology of policy, exploring how policymakers' visions shape their social transformation efforts abroad. In fact, Tate's extensive and sometimes dangerous fieldwork (her research made her a potential target for the violence rampant in the area) shows how militarization of drug policy actually creates the very crises it is intended to address. Human rights policymaking, she reveals, can and does have contradictory consequences as it creates a new reality on the ground.

Kyle Stevens (Cinema Studies and English)

**Mike Nichols: Sex, Language, and the Reinvention of Psychological Realism**

Oxford University Press (2015)

*Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, The Graduate, Carnal Knowledge*—Mike Nichols was the preeminent American director during the tumultuous 1960s. Stevens provides a groundbreaking study of Nichols's work and his early career, including discussions of the director's relationships with Meryl Streep, Jack Nicholson, and others. Demonstrating that Nichols's vaunted realism lies in the mystery of his characters, Stevens argues that the director's satire thrust Hollywood into a time of urgent cultural advances.

Paul Josephson (History)

**Fish Sticks, Sports Bras, and Aluminum Cans**


How is the now-ubiquitous sports bra connected to federal anti-discrimination laws? How did flood control projects on the Mississippi River and New Deal dams on the Columbia lead to massive production of high-fructose corn syrup? Who invented the fish stick and why is it still popular? It will come as no surprise to his former and current students that Josephson links these products to events and reveals the surprising impacts of societal and technical actions. This collection of thoroughly researched essays by Josephson provides insight into the forces that shape everyday objects.

Alexandria Peary ’92 (coeditor)

**Creative Writing Pedagogies for the Twenty-First Century**


Peary, a poet, scholar, and teacher, applies her varied skills to the teaching of writing, going beyond the traditional writing workshop, the primary pedagogy of creative writing. Both students and teachers can use this guide to reinvigorate the creative process.

Noah Charney ’02

**The Art of Forgery: The Minds, Motives and Methods of Master Forgers**

Phaidon (2015)

International art-theft expert and art historian Charney dives into another form of art deceit—the forgery. The book explores 30 case studies that illustrate the forgers’ skill and show that art forgers are accomplished artists motivated by pride, revenge, fame, and power. Whether it’s a forged Vermeer or Van Gogh, Dali or Daumier, financial profit, Charney says, is a bonus.
Barbara McGillicuddy Bolton ‘65

Lulu Goes to College (2015)

Toting two baby-blue plastic suitcases, Lulu Delaney took the bus to Lovejoy College from Aroostook County, Maine. She worries about losing her Catholic faith, whether she’ll find a boyfriend. Soon Delaney is studying the new hot poet, Marianne Moore, playing lacrosse in phys ed class, and learning for the first time of Jim Crow laws. Bolton’s novel conjures up the Colby of the early 1960s, with Greek Rush and house mothers but also intellectual exploration as earnest as anything that takes place today.

Elizabeth L. Armstrong ‘79

The Crimson Thread of Abandon: Stories by Terayama Shuji MerwinAsia (2015)

Armstrong, associate professor of East Asian studies at Bucknell University, discovered Terayama’s stories as she browsed in a public library in Kyoto with her 4-year-old daughter. She very quickly found that the writer’s “tales for adults” were challenging, engaging, and crafted to dash conventional expectations. Armstrong went on to translate this collection, offering Western readers the experience of stories that do not offer a happy ending, but do offer solace in the feeling that, even in our disconnectedness, we are not alone.

Rebecca Munsterer ’01


The second in a series of chapter books for young readers/skiers. Munsterer leads them out west where a chance to ski steep powder turns into an all-mountain adventure, complete with a mysterious map where X marks the spot.

Jonathan Bardzik ’96

Seasons to Taste: Farm-Fresh Joy for Kitchen and Table (2015)

Storyteller, cook, and author Jonathan Bardzik ’96 was looking for the next big adventure in life when he gave his first live cooking demonstration at Washington, D.C.’s historic Eastern Market in 2011. Four years later, he has given more than 150 live appearances around the country, created more than 600 recipes, and has become the culinary face of Footprints Edibles, a naturally grown and sustainably packaged line of herb and vegetable plants sold at East Coast garden centers. Seasons to Taste, his second book, is described as “a four-season celebration of farm and garden-fresh ingredients and the people—friends, family and farmers—that cooking and sharing food brings together.”

Cal Mackenzie (Government)

Independence (2015)

Mackenzie, the Goldfarb Family Distinguished Professor of American Government, turns his perceptive eye to the American Revolution in a fictional account of the lives of the Houghton family of Delaware, who encounter the luminaries of their time and are on hand for the most momentous events of the period.

Readers will have the advantage of knowing how the larger story ends. Mackenzie never forgets that for those who lived the revolution, the outcome was anything but certain, and the success that created the United States of America was a long shot at best.


Robert Gastaldo (Geology), “Is the vertebrate-defined Permian-Triassic boundary in the Karoo Basin, South Africa, the terrestrial expression of the end-Permian marine event?” Geology, v. 43, no. 10, October 2015.


“Adaptive capacity of co-management systems in the face of environmental change: The soft-shell clam fishery and invasive green crabs in Maine,” Marine Policy, with Grace O’Connor ’14 and Travis Reynolds (Environmental Studies), 2015.


“Approaches to restoration: Assessing the roles of structure and functionality in saltmarsh restoration in light of climate change,” University of Southern Maine.


Winifred Tate

assistant professor of anthropology

One of the real joys I find is connecting my research process to the ways I can mentor students doing their research. For example, for *Drugs, Thugs, and Diplomats* (P. 28) I did a huge range of research over a decade: analyzed declassified government documents, went to workshops with peasant farmers in the Amazon, interviewed U.S. officers at military bases. So all of these different kinds of research experiences I can bring to the classroom and use to mentor my students for the range of different kind of research projects they come up with—really bring the hard-won lessons of this research that I’ve been conducting to bear on their projects.

Being involved in research and writing and being involved in those conversations, you can bring that to the students in a real way. I can go into my class and say, ‘I’m trying to write this chapter and it’s really hard. I have to figure out how to connect these ideas, and these are the techniques I use.’ Talking about the different genres of writing, being asked to write blog posts—all of those things can really show students this is how all of this actually works. I think it’s good for them to understand that we’re all in this. It’s work that we’re all doing together. And they can be part of it. And they can have opportunity in their research to find out new things and write something that gets out there and becomes part of the conversation. You’re making something. You’re creating something. It’s the magic of anthropology.

*Assistant Professor of Anthropology Winifred Tate is the author of Drugs, Thugs, and Diplomats: U.S. Policymaking in Colombia (Stanford University Press, 2015).* This year Tate will be teaching the courses *Militaries, Militarization and War; Illegal Drugs, Law, and the State; Anthropology of Latin America: City Life;* and a *Jan Plan, Globalization, Democracy, and Political Transformation in Bolivia,* based in Cochabamba, Bolivia.
The theater is so dark that theatergoers can be heard, but not seen, as they shift in seats, clear throats, shush children. As cymbals crash, Emily Post ’15 presses the “Go” button on the lighting console and launches a series of effects she and her classmates created. Streaks of purple, blue, and yellow slice through the darkness. It’s as if the lights are dancing to the music. On a particular beat they go from center stage outward before fading with the music, resolving into a beautiful blue.

Post remembers her final showcase at the Stagecraft Institute of Las Vegas. “It’s really stirring to think about how to make a whole performance look a certain way just with the lights. You can use the lights to emphasize whatever emotion is going on.”

Post is one of the first interdisciplinary computation majors to graduate from Colby, in her case the major linked to theater and dance. She received a scholarship to SILV, a highly competitive summer program that offers training in entertainment technology—the wizardry that controls special effects, flies actors across Broadway stages, and creates lighting designs for live events, movies, and theater productions. Post traveled to sets around Las Vegas, learning from professionals who create Cirque du Soleil and other iconic shows.

The combination of skills, Post said, gave her an entrée into the hottest area of the entertainment industry. “I went to a couple of conferences and I was able to walk up and introduce myself, [saying], ‘I’m majoring in computer and theater,’” Post said. “They’d say ‘What? I want to talk to you!’”
Colby’s new majors in interdisciplinary computation are growing as students add computer science skills to their interests in theater, biology, environmental studies, and music. The majors, uncommon at liberal arts colleges, have married seemingly disparate fields and have opened a new world of job and research opportunities.

“There are quite a few colleges that have experimented with adding a computational component as a minor to supplement a major, but doing this as a major is pretty unusual,” said Valerie Barr, professor of computer science at Union College and former program director for the Division of Undergraduate Education for the National Science Foundation. “But I think we’re going to see increasing leadership in experimenting with adding that computational element in the liberal arts schools.”

The IC majors were the brainchild of Professor Bruce Maxwell, chair of the Department of Computer Science, who arrived on Mayflower Hill in 2007 with ambitions to integrate his field across other disciplines. “I was interested in taking advantage of being at a liberal arts college and creating more opportunities for interdisciplinary work,” said Maxwell, who graduated from Swarthmore with degrees in engineering and political science, with a concentration in computer science. “There’s a lot of precedent for interdisciplinary majors in the humanities, like American studies,” he said, “but not so much in the sciences.”

Maxwell was also thinking of a way to bring more students into the small and predominantly male Computer Science Department. Maxwell thought that if he could show how computer science could be applied to other aspects of life, he could attract more students from all academic divisions.

Interest was instantaneous. “This is where music is headed,” said Associate Professor of Music Jonathan Hallstrom, for example. Hallstrom has experimented with electronically created music for years; one of his original compositions includes a score where two pianists trigger musical and video events. Hallstrom and Maxwell knew each other through orchestra (Maxwell plays violin), and the two talked extensively about the intersection of computers and music.
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—Emily Post ’15
In a document pitching the new major, Maxwell listed benefits of combining the computer science major with other majors and benefits for students applying to graduate school. “Students who have had depth in both CS and another discipline ... are able to act as a bridge between groups of people of different knowledge sets,” he wrote. Interdisciplinary computation majors would take three foundational computer science courses and then take various required courses from one of four tracks—IC biology, IC theater and dance, IC music, and IC environmental science. Each student would also complete a senior capstone project.

The difference between the interdisciplinary computation majors and simply doing a double major in computer science and biology, for example, was that the IC major would give students a more integrated experience, Maxwell argued. Students would learn how to apply computer science to their specific field rather than learning unrelated computer skills. In addition, the course load for one IC major would be more manageable than a double major, which might permit an additional major or a minor.

The computational knowledge IC students receive gives them specialized research opportunities. Associate Professor of Environmental Studies Philip Nyhus worked with the first IC environmental science major, Sola Zheng ’17, last summer to monitor the effects of deforestation on tigers on the island of Sumatra, Indonesia. “[Zheng] was able to draw on her computer science background to understand the software and the environmental science background to understand the issue,” Nyhus said. “This made it possible to do more-advanced and more-original research, which otherwise might be only feasible with graduate students.”

The same is true in the non-science IC majors. Adjunct Associate Professor of Theater and Dance Jim Thurston works with students to incorporate computer technology onstage. “I can teach them about scenography and performance,” said Thurston, “but they can teach me about computers and how to bring my visions to life.”

The result has been stunning. Last year Orlando featured student-designed projections of changing lights and architecture that responded to the movements of actors on stage. Similarly Assistant Professor of Theater and Dance Annie Kloppenberg choreographed a new work called Crazy Lonely Yellow featuring projections that heightened the feeling of being locked in a room. Across campus IC music students help Hallstrom push the boundaries of composition: “I often use these students as research assistants to help me with issues I come across,” he said.

Numbers of IC majors are still small—three students graduated last year and 14 are currently enrolled, with IC biology the most popular track. It takes a very special student to take on an IC major, Maxwell said. “With a traditional major, students often think they know what to expect. If it’s brand-new, they often wonder ‘What is my career path going to look like?’ How will employers know what it is?” he said.

Students who made the leap found the major boosted their career prospects. Adam Lavertu ’16, an IC biology major, analyzed the gene profile of algae to investigate coral bleaching. “That experience showed me how powerful computation could be,” Lavertu said. “Biology has always been really qualitative, and it’s interesting to see how you can take computers to make sense of all the data.”

Lavertu says the IC biology major opened up opportunities he would never have had otherwise, like a Jan Plan on bioinformatics—the science of using computer science, statistics, mathematics, and engineering to analyze and interpret biological data. Lavertu is exploring internship and career opportunities with the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine, a research institution investigating genomic solutions for disease.

Similarly, Emily Post had no problems finding a job after her stint in Vegas. This fall she set sail with Carnival Cruise Ships running a multimillion dollar system for the line’s onboard shows. Cruise ships, she said, are a sought-after training ground for anyone who wants to break into the technical side of the entertainment business. “Working for Carnival has been an amazing experience so far,” Post wrote in an email from Aruba, where the ship was docked. “I’m lucky enough to be able to do the work I love and have the ocean waiting just outside the stage door.”

Looking to the future, Maxwell says he hopes to open a new track in economics, provided the Computer Science Department has the capacity. In a sign of our times, the department has gone from being one of the smallest on campus to one of the largest science departments in terms of declared majors. About a third of students now take a computer class before they graduate. “That’s the advantage of a liberal arts college,” Maxwell said. “We can take advantage of the interdisciplinary nature of the College to make computer science real with real-world applications.”

Emily Post ’15 works at the console at Stagecraft Institute of Las Vegas, Nev. Post brought computational skills learned at Colby to top-flight theater training.
Go Set a Watchman, Harper Lee’s much-anticipated second novel, has now been released, and among the wide range of first impressions about it is a palpable ambivalence, tending towards hostility, concerning what may be called the moral decentering or collapse of Atticus Finch.

To Kill a Mockingbird was first published in July 1960, and for 55 years both Atticus Finch and this Pulitzer Prize-winning novel have stood for social justice and humanism over the tyranny of bigotry and hate. Time, it seems, has radically altered, or perhaps more accurately, simply revealed, Atticus Finch’s complex views on racial equality, “due process,” and “equal protection”—basically all the best parts of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution. In narrative time this stunning revelation has happened in just 20 years, between the 1930s era of To Kill a Mockingbird and the mid-1950s trip back to Maycomb, Ala., made by a grown up Scout, called Jean Louise in Go Set a Watchman.

This new novel is thematically and narratively the contrapuntal complement to its canonical sibling. Race, class, gender, law and order, civil rights, innocence, and corruption are the exigent issues of both novels. However, Go Set a Watchman adds a minor but important concern with aging and eldercare that is notable both for its enlargement of To Kill a Mockingbird’s topics and for their relevance in our own time, especially as the Baby Boomer generation retires in ever-larger numbers. The Atticus Finch indelibly imprinted in our minds as a tall, dark-haired Gregory Peck (and dressed in white) standing in solidarity next to a proud black man played by Brock Peters in the famous courtroom trial, that Atticus Finch, in Go Set a Watchman, is 72 years old, severely arthritic, and (reluctantly) dependent on the kindness of kinship ties.

The heart of this troubling new novel is concealed in its biblical title, which stresses the responsibility of conscience. “Every man’s island, Jean Louise, every man’s watchman, is his conscience,” her uncle, Dr. Finch, cautions her. What catalyzes this modern morality play is the myth of home and the journey to it, or rather to the possibility of it, which human experience reminds us is always an evolution and a revision of who we are, and never simply a repetition. Occasionally, Go Set a Watchman carries the reader into the heart of its subject matter as poignantly and artfully as To Kill a Mockingbird. More often, however, the play of art, politics, and morality veers away from art, becoming too often didactic, mismanaging the critical balance between “showing” and “telling” that narrative fiction depends on.

When discursive telling takes the place of dramatically showing, and even when the balance is aesthetically right, Jean
What ... compels a paragon of moral rectitude, like Atticus Finch, to join Maycomb’s White Citizen’s Council? The answer, then and now, is essentially the same: when we perceive a threat to the privileged positions—economically, socially, culturally—from which we, all of us, define self, our identity can make monstrous shape shifters of us all.”

—Lee Family Professor of English
Cedric Bryant

Go Set a Watchman is inescapably a novel of its own time. However, it is emphatically a narrative for our own time as well that reveals the enduring complexity of race and racism through the paradoxes of all the novel’s “watchmen,” especially Atticus Finch and Jean Louise Finch. “What made her kind of people harden and say ‘nigger,’” Jean Louise asks, “when the word had never crossed their lips before?” What, in other words, compels a paragon of moral rectitude, like Atticus Finch, to join Maycomb’s White Citizen’s Council? The answer, then and now, is essentially the same: when we perceive a threat to the privileged positions—economically, socially, culturally—from which we, all of us, define self, our identity can make monstrous shape shifters of us all.

It is as difficult in Go Set a Watchman and To Kill a Mockingbird as it continues to be in our time to push the national (and local) discussion about race beyond the malignity of racial epithets and symbols, like Confederate flags displayed on the grounds of a state capital.

Words and symbols and words as symbols are unarguably important; being human without them is impossible. But the larger discussion about race, in fiction and in reality, always stalls, never seems to move beyond the reasonable recognition that words and symbols can be hurtful and, therefore, should be censured. And with this general consensus the discussion begins to dissipate, until the next racially charged tragedy—the unspeakable mass murder of black people at Bible study, for example—reignites the debate.

Go Set a Watchman ventures less deeply than To Kill a Mockingbird into the place where the “Other” is understood, however inchoately, as ourselves—where “race,” as the contributors to the essay collection “Race,” Writing, and Difference contend, is a metaphor, a dangerous “trope of ultimate, irreducible difference between cultures, linguistic groups, or adherents of specific belief systems ...”

Finally, throughout this sometimes poignantly artful, sometimes regrettably didactic second novel, Jean Louise Finch is repeatedly asked to come home. To do so, however, requires reconciling the past and the “tin god” her father has become with the idealist she is and the pragmatic realist she must learn to be. She must learn in the old biblical ways—“as if through a glass darkly”—to set aside the too simple either/or constructions of race, the South, and family and engage the moral contradictions and ambiguities inherent in them. And, she must learn to be a vigilant watchman, at all times on guard against the frailty and power of this volatile triad in an ever-changing world in which they inextricably and complexly always matter. So too must the reader.

Cedric Bryant is Lee Family Professor of English at Colby. His areas of expertise include Toni Morrison, William Faulkner, Southern regionalism, and the politics of race and gender, diversity, and multiculturalism.
Margaret Aiken is all ears.

She studied art at Yale and museum education at Tufts, then worked at the Center for Engineering Education and Outreach at Tufts, the Great Lakes Science Center, and the Science Museum of Minnesota. Now, as the Linde Family Foundation Coordinator of School and Family Programs, Aiken has set her sights on the already robust outreach efforts at the Colby College Museum of Art, with plans to:

- Expand on an already ambitious schedule of museum educational programming by masterminding workshops, coordinating with area teachers, and arranging school and public tours.
- Develop a teacher advisory board for levels K through 12, which will help shape the direction of new projects.
- Facilitate the creation of programs such as story time for preschoolers and art making for veterans and seniors with dementia and Alzheimer’s. Especially targeted for inclusion are underserved members of the community.

For all these things to succeed, Aiken understands she’ll need to build a foundation with outreach. “My philosophy about these programs is that you can’t have a build-it-and-they-will-come kind of approach,” she said. “You really have to have these conversations with members of the community to see what assets and needs they have. That just tends to create more fruitful experiences for everyone.”

She’ll also be working with volunteer and student docents. “I already told [the docents] I’m going to train them like I trained engineers and scientists,” she said. One of the professional development experiences Aiken delivered at Great Lakes was called Portal to the Public, teaching museum educators how to help professional scientists and engineers translate their work for the public.

Though she has been at Colby only since August, Aiken had in just a few weeks already met with the superintendent of AOS92—the school district that comprises Waterville, Winslow, and Vassalboro—as well as principals and teachers who serve the K-12 community. She’s looking forward to helping them boost their curriculums by showing them ways to engage with the museum’s collections.

Seeing the Alex Katz paintings in the Paul J. Schupf Wing, for instance, starts her thinking “about Holden Caulfield, or Ralph Ellison, and I’m able to understand these really period-specific tensions,” something she feels would be extremely beneficial for students.

In a larger sense, Aiken sees art as a cultural touchstone. “It’s not necessarily for survival, but it’s not really a luxury either,” she said. “It’s the way that people make sense of their experiences, how they relate to each other and their history, and how they find meaning in their lives.”—Pat Sims
Muheb Esmat ’17 made a significant discovery when he came to Colby. Actually, he made more than one.

Esmat arrived on Mayflower Hill from Kabul, Afghanistan, by way of Massachusetts (four years at Deerfield Academy) and Jordan (a postgraduate year at King’s Academy) and decided to explore. He took geology, psychology, English, and, in the same spirit of exploration, his first foray into art history, a class on East Asian art with Professor of Art Ankeney Weitz. He had loved the architecture classes he took in high school, and now it occurred to him that architecture and art could go together. “This,” he said, “is something I would be able to do for the rest of my life.”

Esmat was off and running, to the Colby College Museum of Art, a resource he describes as a treasure. “I have classes where I have written papers about pieces that are in the museum,” Esmat said. “That is a different feeling than writing about something that you only see on a website or you only get to see in a book.”

In his sophomore year Esmat declared art history his major. As part of a Jan Plan with Weitz, he curated an art exhibition, visiting the studios of artists who had immigrated to Maine from Taiwan and China and selecting works to show at Waterville’s Common Street Arts gallery. Last summer Esmat became a Mellon Research Assistant, working with the art museum’s Curator of Academic Programs Shalini Le Gall. One of his tasks was to help set up the Davis Curricular Gallery, which features art chosen by faculty members and museum staff that will be used for class work.

Esmat also assisted Le Gall in discovering not only the provenance of a piece of art that had been donated to the museum decades before, but the historical context in which it had been created, an absorbing and compelling project that required considerable art detective work.

—Pat Sims

For the solution to Esmat’s art mystery and more, go to colby.edu/mag
THE MEMORY PROFESSOR

With a $600,000 grant, Jennifer Coane continues to probe what we remember and why

Assistant Professor of Psychology Jennifer Coane is an expert in the science of memory, studying how we construct false memories, how memory changes as we age, and how to apply cognitive psychology to study techniques. In August 2015 she received a multiyear $600,000 grant from the James S. McDonnell Foundation for her work in understanding human cognition—a prestigious award the foundation typically gives to scientists at large research universities.

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The words castanet and Casablanca were examples in her grant application, and it’s estimated that the average adult has 50,000 of these entries stored up.

By Jenny Chen ’12
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The Memory Professor

Coane first became interested in memory as an undergraduate at Illinois State University. She remembers wandering into a memory lab where students were working with word lists and inducing false memories. In 1995 researchers Henry L. Roediger and Kathleen McDermott popularized a false-memory experiment where participants are given a list of words: bed, rest, awake, tired, dream, wake, snooze, blanket, doze, slumber, snore, nap, peace, yawn, drowsy. Then they are asked to remember as many words from the list as possible. About half recall a word that wasn’t on the list but is related—like sleep. This research drew widespread attention because of its implications for testimony in sexual assault cases and in eyewitness accounts during court trials.

Coane delved into the subject at Illinois, where she earned her master’s degree, and explored semantic memory in her doctoral work at Washington University in St. Louis.

At Colby Coane does more than reference her research in the classroom; she puts it to use. In the first 15 minutes she asks students to explain the topics they covered in the previous class. This, Coane says, engages them in a process called “active retrieval,” which has been proven to strengthen recall of a learned fact or concept.

She quizzes students at the end of each class to help them stay on track with the reading and also to challenge them to retrieve information soon after committing it to memory. “Her Cognitive Psychology class is one of the best classes I’ve ever taken,” said Kim Bourne ’16. With the memory techniques, “I really didn’t even have to study for the final.”

Coane’s passion is often passed on to her students. Kate MacNamee ’14, now in graduate school, is continuing research she started with Coane on word aversion (why some people hate the word moist, for example).

Chelsea Stillman ’10 earned her Ph.D. at Georgetown in lifespan cognitive neuroscience and is doing a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, looking at ways to improve memory and learning through lifestyle changes. A paper Stillman and Coane coauthored about how processing information for survival affected memory was named “paper of the month” by the journal Memory and Cognition.

The 2014 paper centered on research that asked whether older adults remember information better when it is processed for its survival relevance (linked hypothetically to surviving in the wild or moving to a foreign country, for example), as has been determined to be true with younger adults. The conclusion: the survival processing does not provide the same recall benefit to elders.

For Stillman, work with Coane paved the way for serious scholarly research and publication. “When we started doing poster presentations, I was amazed by how some of the other grad students hadn’t had the experience in the lab and writing and presenting that I did,” Stillman said. “I didn’t realize how much I got out of the experience until I left.”

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Newly arrived Charles A. Dana Professor of Sociology Neil Gross used to be a cop.

That Gross was a patrolman with the Berkeley (Calif.) Police Department for a year before going to graduate school may be only tangentially related to his decision to teach a course next semester called Policing the American City. But his time on the beat certainly gives him classroom cred.

The new course will explore militarization, mass incarceration, race, and other police-related issues. Gross also will teach Red and Blue America, a course about political polarization. Both, he said, are part of “an effort in sociology [at Colby] to reorient the curriculum toward classes that are pretty topical issues today.”

Coming to Mayflower Hill from Princeton University, Gross noted that he is joining an institution that was one of the first to offer sociology. President Albion Small (1889-1892) graduated from Colby in 1876 and returned to pioneer the discipline of sociology at Colby before establishing the department at the University of Chicago. “I hope to continue that legacy,” Gross said, not only for majors, but for any students interested in what a sociological perspective can teach them. “More than anything else, I want sociology at Colby to be the vibrant department that it can be.”
There is an increasing recognition among students that there are lots of topics that require seeing things from a variety of perspectives. And that means being fluent in more than one discipline.”
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Neil Gross

In his first weeks as department chair, Gross had already begun. Speakers this fall included sociologist Van Tran of Columbia University, who studies ethnic and racial equality including the consequences of gentrification on cities, and Eric Klinenberg of New York University, an urban studies scholar whose books about the new popularity of people living alone and forces that control the media, among others, have drawn wide popular interest.

Gross’s own interests are wide ranging. He’s written a sociological biography of American philosopher Richard Rorty and a book that set out to answer the question of whether college and university faculty members lean left—and try to indoctrinate students with liberal notions.

He concluded that faculty do lean slightly to the left on the political spectrum but don’t discriminate against conservative students. One research technique, which Gross called “a mild bit of deception,” involved sending fictitious queries to humanities graduate schools. There was no evidence of systematic bias against the prospective applicants who revealed a conservative bent, Gross concluded.

If this doesn’t sound like your grandmother’s sociology, or Albion Small’s, it isn’t. It may reflect Gross’s own interdisciplinary interests, which meld sociology, philosophy, intellectual history, higher education, and political science. “But always with a sociological root,” he said.

The subject will continue to captivate students, including some he’d already met at Colby—those who love sociology and embrace the way it sees the world. “At the same time, there is an increasing recognition among the students that there are lots of topics that require seeing things from a whole variety of perspectives,” Gross said. “And that means being fluent in more than one discipline.”

No surprise that he is aware of trends in higher education. In fact, this semester Gross is teaching College in Crisis?—the course title ending with a question mark. It explores, from a sociological perspective, the challenges facing higher education: rising tuition costs, questions about the value of such an education, even the relationship between the college party scene and equality. Gross planned to have the authors of books and articles used in the course answer questions from students, making the experience interactive.

“For a sociologist these are interesting issues to think about and explore,” he said. “What will be the future of American higher education? Will it continue on in roughly its present course? What will the trajectory be of innovators in the area? … As a sociologist interested in higher education institutions and academia, you can’t help being interested in the present moment.”

The present moment includes much discussion and growing concern about inequality in the United States, from both sides of the political spectrum, he said. And sociologists should be ready to step in. “This,” said Gross, “should be sociology’s time.”

Today’s students, says Professor Neil Gross, need to be fluent in more than one discipline.
SOCcer coach Ewan Seabrook offers Skills, from Colby to the NBA

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Colby men’s soccer coach Ewan Seabrook knows it’s not easy for an athlete to speak up when confronted with abuse happening—and it’s even more difficult without the skills necessary to intervene nonviolently.

Seabrook has a national profile for leading gender-violence prevention training for collegiate and professional athletes, from Colby to Major League Baseball and the NBA. And he knows a bystander’s actions can be powerful. His goal? To get athletes to see themselves as “bystanders who are invested in their teammates’ lives and who … have a social obligation to help them and intervene,” he said.

Teams across the country are taking a stronger stance on this issue, Seabrook said, and he and others are helping to make gender-based violence prevention a priority, including at the highest levels of professional sports. Their mission is to bring this training to all levels of the organization,” he said of his work with players, coaches, managers, and front-office executives. “This is for everybody.”

As a coach himself for over a decade, Seabrook understands that character development is a key part of his job. This led Seabrook, then coaching at the University of New Hampshire, to participate in Northeastern University’s Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) program. “Right off the bat we could tell Ewan was passionate about these issues and he was very knowledgeable,” said Jarrod Chin, the program’s director of training and curriculum.

After receiving instruction in MVP’s bystander approach to gender-based violence in 2013, Seabrook became a consultant through the program. He has since led conversations around the country—with the Oakland Athletics and the Minnesota Timberwolves among others—that are tailored to the needs of each team.

What makes the MVP model effective, Chin said, is that instead of talking to men as potential perpetrators of violence and women as potential victims or survivors, all participants are approached as bystanders who can be empowered to nonviolently intervene and confront abusive behavior.
Bystanders who are invested in their teammates’ lives ... have a social obligation to help them and intervene.

—Men’s Soccer Coach Ewan Seabrook

Seabrook’s work complements initiatives that Colby has implemented over the years aimed at confronting and, ideally, eradicating sexual misconduct. In 2014, when Seabrook was named to head of Colby’s men’s soccer program, he was delighted to find student-centered energy behind these initiatives, he said.

In collaboration with Colby faculty and coaches, he rolled out a modified version of the MVP trainings that was to engage all teams this fall. During the 2015 Jan Plan break, approximately 30 student-athletes who are leaders in their teams were trained to lead the conversations. “Instead of watching someone put on a performance or having someone lecture to you, this was more of a self-realization,” said soccer player Fred Randall ’17, one of the athletes at the Jan Plan session.

Randall, with two of his teammates, facilitated conversations throughout the season. In peer-led conversations “people are more open and honest about what happens at Colby,” he said. Even a couple of players who gave their time only grudgingly began referencing the training session afterwards.

“That night or the next day, people would be talking about what we had discussed ... piecing together elements that we had learned,” Randall said. Some of that learning takes place on the soccer pitch as well. If anyone uses sexist language, he said, the coach “is right on them.”
Haolu “Lulu” Wang traded finance for the lens of filmmaking

By Claire Sykes

It’s hard now to imagine Haolu “Lulu” Wang ’10 sitting all day at a desk in a corporate office. “Don’t worry. You won’t be doing finance for long,” her partner, Felix, now her husband, assured her back in 2011.

He was right. After only two years with an investment bank in Hong Kong, her first job straight out of Colby with a degree in government and economics, the Chinese-born-and-raised Wang left and took off for Florence, Italy, to become a filmmaker. Before the eight-week, hands-on introductory course there had ended, she realized “this was something I could do for the rest of my life,” she said in an interview via Skype.

Wang, who now lives in London, has written and directed three shorts: Labyrinth of a Dream (2013) captures a surreal confusion of illusion and reality through a photographer’s lens. In Being James (2014), a man’s attraction to a woman on the London subway takes him to a place he never expected, and it took Wang to five international festivals. And in Flip Flops (2015), running from someone doesn’t necessarily mean fleeing.

“I’m interested in what’s beneath the surface that drives people. I like to think there’s no simple truth. It’s what draws me to film. I like films that are emotional, psychological, and complex,” said Wang, who draws inspiration from Ingmar Bergman, Andrei Tartovsky, and Patricia Highsmith.

Growing up in Jiangsu Province in the 1990s, during major economic and cultural reform in China, Wang lived for Saturday evenings, when a dubbed foreign film, usually American, was broadcast on government-controlled television. It was the only way to see these movies,
outside of buying pirated DVDs, which she did by the fourth grade, learning English from them along the way. Later she took film and art classes at Fudan University in Shanghai and applied to universities in the United States. Coming from Communist China, “I realized I was brainwashed and I wanted to train myself to think critically,” by studying politics and philosophy. Meanwhile, economics, she thought, would get her a job. In 2006 she was on a plane to Maine, her first time outside China.

Wang quickly learned it was not strange to ask questions in class, as it was in China. “My Colby professors encouraged me to think freely,” she said. As a sophomore, she went to St. Petersburg, Russia, for Jan Plan and did a summer internship at an economics consulting firm in Cairo. And from 2008 to 2009 she studied at the London School of Economics. “While living abroad I enjoyed observing foreign cultures as a complete outsider and indulging my creativity by going to art museums, concerts, and films. Colby gave me the space to wonder, think, and imagine.”

After banking in Hong Kong and the workshop in Italy, a five-month program at the Prague Film School steered Wang toward making her first short. The following year she started the master’s program at the London Film School. Recently she worked on the script for a $5-million-plus Sony-backed commercial feature film starring Taiwanese actress Shu Qi. Wang is also a part-time creative consultant for a Chinese film-production company while she works on her own feature-length film based on her childhood.

“Filmmaking is very personal,” Wang said. “I feel lucky to have found this lifelong passion, and I hope to connect with audiences through the stories I tell.”

Haolu “Lulu” Wang ’10, left, during filming of Flip Flops. Above, Wang and cast and crew filming in Hong Kong. The film was selected for the 13th Festival International Signed de Nuit in Paris in November and December.
An article in the October GEOLOGY magazine concludes that we need to reconsider the global collapse model long used to explain how ecosystems responded during those mass extinctions. Whipple-Coddington Professor of Geology Robert Gastaldo is the lead author, with scientists from South Africa, Canada, and the United States as coauthors.

Their latest evidence suggests that the End-Permian event that killed most terrestrial reptiles and amphibians probably occurred 1.6 million years before the widespread die-offs of marine species. The two events were long believed simultaneous.

“It’s not to say the marine ecosystems didn’t undergo cataclysmic demise,” Gastaldo said in his office the week of the publication. “They did. There was catastrophic biodiversity loss. But our data now indicate that whatever happened to the animals didn’t happen because the plants died out. It’s probably one of these turnovers that are in response to some other event that isn’t directly related to what happened at the End Permian.”

Since 2003, 25 Colby students have worked on research in South Africa’s Karoo Basin building the case for this challenge to long-held theories. Most of those students were either coauthors.
on peer-reviewed journal articles or presented research at professional geology conferences. Eleven students were listed as coauthors of various articles thus far, and more than 30 national conference presentations have been made by students, Gastaldo said. All five Colby students who worked in South Africa in 2015 presented research at the Geological Society of America’s annual meeting, Nov. 1-4 in Baltimore.

Besides taking samples and analyzing strata in the layers of rock exposed at several sites in the Karoo, Colby recently added aerial drone reconnaissance to the research effort. In January 2015 Takuto Sasajima ’16 piloted a quadcopter drone to make video recordings of sandstone beds high on cliff faces—formations that scientists can’t see in detail from the valley floor and can’t see in sufficient breadth if they climb the steep terrain, Gastaldo said.

Those videos, combined with photographs, are rendered into three-dimensional computer models that can be studied back in the lab. “All the images and movies are combined into a big photomosaic that shows the entire mountainside,” Sasajima said. Using software called PhotoScan, the team created “a quite awesome video 3D model, more precise than we imagined it would be,” he said.

The recently assembled multidisciplinary data set also includes the discovery of zircon crystals that helped establish high-precision dates for various strata and events.

The evidence raises more questions about when and how life on Earth changed more than 250 million years ago, when nearly 90 percent of marine animals and perhaps 80 percent of land vertebrates are thought to have gone extinct. Why are newly discovered fossil plants and vertebrates found in Permian-age rocks that are thought to be part of the post-extinction landscape? Why is the fossilized skull of a herbivore found at the base of a river channel 15 meters higher and the head of a predator 120 meters higher than when these animals are believed to have died off from lack to food? Why is there a big chunk of petrified wood, complete with healthy growth rings, in a layer that was supposed to reflect a time of desert conditions? And what of the volcanic deposits discovered where others claimed to have found no evidence of volcanic activity?

Gastaldo said the research in South Africa has provided unique field and research experiences for Colby undergraduates over the last 12 years. It was Sasajima’s second research project as a geology major; he helped compile a post-glacial history of an island off the coast of Maine with Professor Bob Nelson earlier. Sasajima said he’s learned research techniques and presentation skills in the process, but learning “what it takes to look for an answer that’s not in a textbook, [and] discover something that no one else has ever discovered, is very exciting. Especially as an undergraduate. I’m grateful for the very rare opportunities Colby has provided to do real science and to learn what it takes to be a scientist,” he said.
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This June at reunion we celebrated our 71st (!) year since the Class of 1944 graduated. To be sure, some of us graduated before June 1944 and some in later years due to the war. I did attend President Greene’s reception June 5 in the grand entrance to the wonderful art gallery. The president spoke briefly welcoming alumni. It was the 50th reunion for the Class of 1965. I returned again Saturday—a magnificent June day—for the parade of classes. The Class of 1944 was one of the earliest classes represented. As none of my family could accompany me I was delighted when four of the returning graduates from the Class of 2014 asked if they might keep me company as we walked to the gym! The parade is a moving experience ... especially at age 91! Harold Joseph and his wife were in attendance but did not participate in the parade. I did greet them and give Harold a couple of hugs! He had both hips replaced, so he was walking pain free! • Nancy Curtis Lawrence writes from Washington State, “Same old, same old: sunning on the deck, reading, balancing the checkbook, a little correspondence, laundry, church on Sunday, downtown once a week (with granddaughter), early to bed, and early to rise. We have the world’s most splendid sunsets and sunrises. Life is good!” • Frank Strup celebrated his 94th birthday in September with his children in Stone Harbor, N.J. A local store wished him happy birthday on the sign in front of their store. How fun! Frank was an all-state basketball player at Colby. • In April my son Fred and I took a wonderful two-week tour of Ireland. The weather was perfect and we traveled with a small group and even stopped briefly in Sligo, the town that the early McAalars left during the potato famine. The Cliffs of Moher as well as the Cliffs of Dingle were breathtaking. The end of August my son-in-law, Tony, and I plan a trip beginning with a week’s sail visiting the Greek Islands then several weeks visiting Italy, France, and England! If you don’t hear from me again, you’ll know why! My love to you all.

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Carol Robin Epstein celebrated her 90th birthday in May, reports her granddaughter Rebecca. The family invited Carol’s friend and roommate Hannah Karp Laiison to a party in Carol’s honor. At Colby Carol wrote her own magazine called “No Time,” in which she recorded and illustrated College happenings and her own thoughts. In her first issue, from October 1944, she discusses campaigning for FDR, an exhibition of Andrew Wyeth’s watercolors and temperas in the women’s union. It includes an illustration of the layout of her dorm room in Mary Low. • Shirley Martin Dudley laments the loss of her former roommate Nancy Loveland Dennen, 4’7, who died in July. Nancy introduced Shirley to painting, and Shirley recalls Nancy creating posters for events while at Colby. Shirley hopes to visit Shirley Armstrong Howe, who lives in a senior home in Watertown, Conn., this year. Shirley Dudley and Dot Allen Goettman play duplicate bridge together several times a week. They live near one another in Florida and have been friends for 73 years. • Joan and Cloyd Aarseth celebrated their 63rd anniversary in June with good wishes from their children, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren (from 18 months to 8 1/2 years). Their oldest grandson works for a Paul Allen startup and traveled across the globe to help enhance information sharing about the Ebola virus, attending a conference at the UN in New York, and meeting with the U.S. Ebola czar in D.C. and with others in Dubai and Ghana. Their granddaughter Kim finished her first year at Yale Law School—she deferred admission for two years while she taught fourth grade in Baltimore with Teach For America. Kim worked in the office of the Federal Public Defender in Baltimore this summer and has been offered a clerkship on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals after she graduates in 2017. She was elected to law review in July. Kim’s brother Stephen, a Virginia Tech senior, is a business major off to Switzerland for a semester. Travel seems to run in the family! Joan and Cloyd look forward to being on Mayflower Hill in June 2016 for the 70th reunion.

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Howell Clement wrote about a recent serious illness. He had a case of pneumo- nia that put him in the hospital for eight days. This was followed by a case of strep that required more confinement. Now he is all right and at home trying to “get his strength back.” Howell turned 89 July 22. Occasionally he has trouble with his email, so he mailed two typewritten notes. • Janet Gay Hawkins writes, “All goes well here at Peconic Landing (it’s called a CCRC aka a continuing care retirement community). I’m in a very lovely cottage overlooking Long Island Sound—what could be better? My grandson, Jackson, has just become an Eagle Scout! Needless to say, we’re all very proud of him. He is a very exceptional young man at 16!” • Kay Weisman Jaffe saw Carol Stoll Baker this summer and made plans for a longer visit in the fall. On Sept. 30 Kay and husband Mike will go by train to New Orleans for five days and then by train to LA, where they will stay long enough to pick up a car and drive to the San Diego area. They will be there for five days then take the train back to Boston via Chicago. Recently, I had dinner with Carol at a Chestnut Hill restaurant. We had a leisurely dinner with plenty of conversation about our lives and other classmates. • Peg Clark Atkins always reads the class news first when she receives Colby Magazine, obits second, then finally the rest of the magazine. She and Harold are well, for their age. Summer finds them, again, in Onset, Mass., where they have a cottage to share with children, grandchildren, and other family members. Peg says Onset is an interesting village, part of the town of Wareham. There are live music nights, movies outside, festivals with booths, and activities for hundreds! They have Illumination Night with flares set all around the bay and, of course, fireworks. They do a meal for 60 or so family folks and then watch the fireworks display on a hill overlooking the bay. Spectacular when the weather cooperates. • George Wiswell ’50 wrote, “There’s little to report other than to say that both Harriet (Sargent) and I are in good health and enjoying life both in Connecticut and at our farm in Vermont.” • As for your class correspondent, the day before I left Florida to spend the summer in Boston I tripped and fell in my house, breaking a small bone in my right wrist. Three months later the wrist is now healed but weak enough to require therapy to build strength. I also have therapists to help me improve my balance and slow down my rapid walking pace. Needless to say the injury prevented me from playing golf this summer and that may have been merciful not only for me but also for my golf partners.

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I tried something new this time around, sending an online questionnaire to some of you with email. Thankfully I got a response, albeit small! • Alice Jewell Smith writes, “I live alone in a townhouse in a lovely over-55 complex. My two children live a comfortable driving distance, and one or both are here every weekend with their families.” Alice plays bridge a few times a week with friends. “Until recently I played duplicate a couple of times a week, but gave up driving at night. I also play mahjongg once a week in the neighborhood. I read and belong to a book club in the neighborhood, which meets once a month. Also I attend a Bible study once a week.” Alice taught math in grades seven and eight for 26 years, retiring in 1991, and she also taught a review course in math in the GED program for a number of years. She gets to Florida every year to visit friends in Naples and her sister in Sarasota. • June White Rosenberg enjoys “a three-apartment brownstone, one daughter on the third floor, another on the second, and me on the first in Brookline, Mass.” June spends her time “reading, knitting, maybe a course at the senior center, watching the Red Sox lose!” Since her spouse died, two years ago, June hasn’t traveled except to spend the winter months in Florida. • If any of you are moved to dig out from your email trash the questionnaire I sent in July, feel free to complete it and send it on. I need you all to help keep our class up to date!
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Happy fall, at the end of a blistering summer here in New Hampshire and elsewhere in New England. ● Jeanine (Mildred) Fenwick Starrett moved with her husband to a retirement community in Phoenix in 2011. Unfortunately, her husband died one year later. She is very active in the community and participates in programs such as Zumba, bus trips, and courses offered in the community. She has done considerable traveling. On a Vintage Tour to the Danube, she visited Prague, Nuremberg, and Budapest. In 2013 she went on a Grand Circle tour on the Seine from Paris to the Normandy beaches—an emotional shock to see rows of veterans’ white crosses. In July 2014 she took a river trip on the Elbe to see rows of veterans’ white crosses. In July 2014 she took a river trip on the Elbe to see rows of veterans’ white crosses.

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An uplifting update from Fred Boyle, whose cancer on his vocal cord is now a memory. He’s back to singing in the choir, reading to third graders, teaching a class on first ladies for senior college, and working on a new book, Early Families of Lyman, Maine. Here’s to your good health! ● John Linscott’s musical, Love and Lobsters, was staged by the Freeport Community Players for seven performances last July. He received significant and positive reviews. He proudly states that his dream took 18 years to come true. What began with one song, “Manhattan Lady,” morphed into a full stage production with a cast of 20 accompanied by a six-piece band. Congratulations, John! ● Richard Bowen was extremely sorry about Bob Brotherlin’s passing. They were friends for 65 years. Richard says life goes on for him and Lucy as they celebrate their 64th anniversary and await their seventh great-grandchild. Congratulations! ● Mary “Polly” Leighton Robertson thinks of the late Helen Palen Roth running about Foss Hall, always with a smile and cheerful greeting. “Sometimes she told us we had a phone call, and sometimes she just brought a message. Helen was a special friend to all the girls during our transition years to Mayflower Hill.” Mary and Helen were both from Connecticut and their lives meshed. They enjoyed Colby reunions and shared many laughs. Mary now lives in Newport, Beach, a displaced New Englander who still collects antiques. All the best to you, Polly. ● Dan Hall still lives and is very active in Duxbury, Mass. He and his family were pleased by a visit from a former American Field Service student. Thirty-five years ago Dan hosted the German student for a year and he attended Reading High School. The “student” was accompanied by his wife and 16-year-old son. Dan was thrilled with their reunion. ● Crif “Big Red” Crawford wrote from Boulder, Colo., following a family reunion in Woods Hole, Mass., where 41 of his 49 living descendants gathered. Two years ago the health-care building in the retirement center where Crif lives sustained significant flood damage when a nearby highway flooded. Crif and another geologist did fieldwork and data analysis that convinced the city council to construct a berm to protect the highway. They hope for construction in three or four years. Way to go, Crif! ● Lastly, Jane and our family returned from our annual Cape Cod vacation in Orleans. We’ve made that trip for 50 years and it doesn’t get any shorter, but always worth the long drive from Villanova, Pa. I’m still playing golf at 88 and have even broken my age on the course. My best to George Wales and Ted Shiro, with whom I try to stay touch. Ted was going into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. Congratulations, Ted! ● Have a great autumn and stay in touch with Colby. All the best.

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You have come through with news again! Ellen Lewis Huff moved from their beautiful house in the country, which they built themselves and lived in for 45 years, to a small house in town near the grocery store, YMCA, and church. “It was a needed move considering our declining abilities, but selling our house was like giving away our baby. We’re enjoying the new neighborhood and convenience of the location.” Ellen learned of the July death of her roommate Greta Anthonesen Chesley, who had been in failing health for some time. Greta and husband Bill had moved to Ellen’s area recently and were able to attend their 60th anniversary last year. ● In August Don Hailer attended a clambake that George “Lum” Lebherz held for friends, including Artie White, Carl and Muffie Morgan Leaf, Judy and Herb Nagle, and Lum’s son Chris ’85. It was the biggest crowd in many years. Don and Sheila also had Betty Levardsen Finegan’s daughter Kate and son Tucker the week before for an overnight. “They all looked wonderful.” ● Art White’s wife, Cynthia, passed away March 2 after several months of illness. “I feel blessed to have had 64 years with a wonderful mate.” George visited Lum Lebherz in Falmouth, Mass., for four delightful days, including the above mentioned clambake, in August. “It’s amazing how easy it was to pick up relationships, and my visit was a delight,” Art says. Art occasionally sees Bob Kline, who stops in for a visit when he’s in Bath at the YMCA for racketball. Art still plays golf and shot an 82 on his last outing—“the best score this summer.” ● Kathy Markham Habberley has lived in the UK almost as many years (41) as she was in the U.S. (44). She’s had treatment for skin cancer on her face, which is surprising, she says, “because the UK isn’t known for wall-to-wall sunshine!” She attributes it to her years in America, when no one thought of SPF. She’s broken her left leg twice, so her traveling is now sadly curtailed. She’s still able to walk around thanks to an inch-and-a-half lift in her shoe—thanks to the NHS in the UK! “Getting old isn’t what’s cracked up to be—but it’s better than the alternative!” ● Joan and Dave Morse reveal in the natural world of their yard and the adjacent Wells Reserve (Maine) Reserve at Laudholm, where Joan volunteers as a ranger and Dave writes for The Wrack, its online newsletter. Dave and Joan won a battle, finally persuading the woodchuck living under their porch that life would be better elsewhere, courtesy of a Havahart trap (with watermelon as the bait!). Now Joan’s garden can recover.

Russ Wallace planned to drive up to Mendocino on the northern California coast. He says, “Remember Alan Alda in the movie Same Time Next Year? Our plan is a couple of nights at the Heritage House to celebrate Anne’s birthday.” ● Al and Joan Martin Lamont saw Colette and George Pirie ’53 in Florida. They enjoy life on Hawaii’s Big Island, where the Lamonts hope to visit. The Lamonts still summer in New London, N.H., and winter in Sturta, Fla., and see friends Mark ’51 and Eddi Miller Mordecai in both states. Lamont sons Gary ’78 and Jeffrey have three children, but there are no great-grandchildren yet. They had their 60th anniversary last April with the entire family. Joan is active in a literary society and book clubs, while Al is chairman of pastoral care at their chapel. They both play golf and Al plays tennis. They feel blessed that life has been good. ● As for myself, I have learned to appreciate Vermont. After a year here, I see beauty around every corner here in the Champlain Valley—the gentle Green Mountains to the east, the Adirondacks to the west, and, of course, magnificent Lake Champlain. If you’re in the area, please do let me know. Stay well and enjoy the beautiful fall.
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John Lee says the class column brings more than news; it brings classmates together and because of it, he heard from Art Eddy ’54 after he read our column. John’s youngest son is a Connecticut state highway engineer after graduating with honors from the UConn night school. His grandson, after three tours in Afghanistan, is at Harvard for his M.B.A. His granddaughter left the TV industry to work on documentaries in New York City.

Bob Grodberg surprised me with a communication he “saved” for 63 years. Bob graduated from Boston University Law School in 1956 then practiced law in the Boston area, including time as general counsel for Purity Supreme, a New England supermarket chain. He’s been married twice, has three biological children, one stepdaughter, and another lost, tragically, on 9/11. She was a passenger on one of the American Airlines flights. They have nine grandchildren, all in the Boston area. Two of his children now practice law. Bob plays tennis and traveled recently to Wales and Dublin. He and his wife live in a 30-story cooperative overlooking Jamaica Pond.

Ginny Falkenbury Aronson’s summer of no travel brought family to her instead.

Marty Bruehl reports he’s “still alive” but just barely. He quoted from an old jazz tune, “I’m doin’ OK, living in a great big way,” from the 1935 movie Hooray for Love.

Rick Tyler sent a note, again, from his summer around Ogunquit, Maine. He and Ann looked forward to their first cruise in August.

Harold Cross stopped working (for pay) as a physician after 57 years. He lives in a continuing care retirement facility on Hilton Head Island, where there are many opportunities to assist others with health issues.

Carolyn English Caci still loves her life at Brookside Village in Peabody, Mass. Tommi Thompson Staples stopped for a short visit on route to Maine. Carolyn attended an amazing memorial in Portland for Ellie, wife of Ned Shenton ’54, which consisted of a boat ride through Casco Bay to a quiet island behind Diamond Island with a service, cappèd by a nice Maine lobster dinner.

On her way to Washburn, Maine, Tommi Thompson Staples stopped at Colby and visited the wonderful Alex Katz exhibit at the art museum, featured in the New York Times.

One evening in early August my telephone ID said Paul Dionne. What a pleasant surprise! We had a long chat. He still works as a part-time mortgage attorney at a local bank in his small town in Texas. He was county attorney for the past 12 years. His wife passed away and a park was dedicated in her name. We talked about old times at Colby, mentioning that he was my “date” for Sadie Hawkins Day. I remember that my Tri-Delt sisters encouraged me to ask “Paulee” for that fun occasion.

Alden Sprague retired from an environmental engineering company in NYC. He and his wife keep busy with community affairs, his environmental concerns, and his music, like gigs with the Long Island Banjo Society. Alden maintains his Maine roots by returning to his family homestead on Moosehead Lake, where he does maple “sugaring off” in March. He likes to visit the campus to see the construction and visit the Farnham Writers’ Center, a 1998 endowment gift from his parents, Roderick ’31 and Margaret Davis Farnham ’28.

I had a wonderful day with my Colby roommate Diane Chamberlin Starcher ’54. She and her husband, George, invited me to spend a Sunday at Sabbathday Lake, Maine. Diane and I caught up on all our latest family history. It was such a pleasure to see George again after 60 years (their wedding!) and to meet her son, Loren, and daughter-in-law, Janet. Diane and George left for their new home in Florida two days later.

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Many, many thanks to those who have contacted me—a record 11 members of the class. It is so good to hear from all of you.

Nancy Weller Brown, who now lives in Appleton, Maine, visited the Colby Museum of Art with her daughter Laurie ’86, and came away most impressed. Nancy, a double major (art and biology) was attracted to Colby because of the newly created Art Department and recalls that art classes were held in two rooms in the attic of the men’s union.

Lois McCarty Carlson’s “working” days finally ended along with, she fears, her golfing days. Lois is proud of the fact that she skied all over the world and played a decent game of tennis until 81, and she still takes care of a huge garden.

Jane (Millett ’55) and Karl Dornish recently spent a Sunday afternoon with Dave and Betsy Powley Wallingford at the cottage of Ellie Harris Shorey ’55 on China Lake. Karl noted that our class’s participation in the recent Colby Fund led all classes with a 91-percent participation rate. Lin and Bob Fraser took a tour of Myanmar (formerly Burma). They found the people wonderful but noted that the new government is a make-believe democracy with the old military faction still in charge.

Judy Jenkins Tomtan and her daughter enjoyed a trip to Arizona in May and then on to California for a 83-year-old nephew’s wedding and a delightful family gathering.

Nancy Moyer Conover has moved to Storrs, Conn., to be closer to her daughter, who works at UConn. She lives a block from town and the senior center and will be able to attend UConn women’s basketball home games.

Al and Mary Pilon Obery had lunch with Vic Scalise in late June. Al plays golf three times a week and both he and Mary enjoy good health.

Dorothy Forster Olson is a signature member and past president of Gold Coast Watercolor Society (Fl. Lauderdale, Fla.) and belongs to a group called 12 Voices Speaking for Art that works to keep art in public schools. She is grateful that people have enjoyed her work enough to purchase many of her paintings. Dot decided to put on the market a cabin that she and Roger ’53 built 20 years ago in Monson, Maine.

Arthur Cummings wrote, “Nothing exciting... Got out of Maine.”

Vic Scalise and wife Carolyn Elizabeth spent the summer in Ocean Park, Maine, with the following activities to fill their time: Vic’s 65th reunion at Mt. Hermon School, a Red Sox-Yankees game with his family at Fenway Park, Vic preaching in five Maine and Massachusetts communities, a KDR reunion with Al and Mary Pilon Obery, two plays at the Ogunquit Playhouse, the submission to the publisher of Vic’s final draft of his memoir, and dining on Maine lobster and fried clams. Vic reports, “It was a great summer.”

While I was in Brunswick, Maine, visiting my daughter Sara, I attended the memorial service for Ellie Turner Swanson held at Ellie and Ron’s lovely home on Mere Point. The day was gorgeous, the setting spectacular, and their daughter, Holly ’86, ran a very moving service, which, according to Holly, was entirely choreographed by Ellie. Al and Mary Pilon Obery, Helen Cross Stabler, Lois McCarty Carlson, and Albert Hoffman (husband of Jo Anne Conkling Hoffman) also attended.

50s NEWSMAKERS

A musical by John Linscott ’51, Love and Lobsters, was staged by the Freeport (Maine) Community Players in July.

Ted Shiro ’51 and John Edes ’58 were inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame Aug. 23.

Allan van Gestel ’57 was given the Samuel E. Gates Litigation Award by the American College of Trial Lawyers. A longtime Massachusetts Superior Court judge, he is the first state court trial judge to receive the award.

Short stories by Jim Bishop ’58 were the basis of a performance at Red Earth Theatre in Oak Creek, Ariz. The stories were from Bishop’s book, The Pink Nectar Café.

1955
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Wow! What a grand reunion! To echo the Out of the Blue e-newsletter: Phenomenal weekend: enough said! It hardly seemed like 60 years had gone by. Everyone was so happy to see one another—it seemed like the clock was moving slowly, if not backwards!

Sid Farr attended a luncheon in August with President David Greene in Waterville, where he heard updates on Colby’s plans for the campus and partnering with downtown Waterville. Sid says, “It all sounds very exciting and will be fun to watch as these plans develop.”

Vic Ladetto’s granddaughter Allison received an award for the being highest-ranking math student in her class. She’s also on the basketball and tennis teams.

Dave Roberts said hello from Damariscotta Lake before heading back to Minnesota. “I still enjoy the Havana Cuber accent here!”

Jane Whipple Coddington enjoyed the summer sun in Bosomeet, Vt. She had visits from her daughters and grown-up grands.

Jo Bailey Campbell loved reunion, saying, “It was great to see old friends.” She loves living in mid-coast Maine and feels no need to travel. In August Dauphine Keene and Dot Dunn Northcott visited Jo and me. We visited the beach, ate lobster, and laughed about old times, particularly Dunn House.

Peter French emceed a variety show at the Portland Players Theater in South Portland, Maine. “It was a huge success with cast members from the Broadway show Billy Elliot, including one of the boys who played Billy and won a Tony Award in 2009.” Kathy McConaughy Zambello ’56 and Carol Ann Cobb Christ ’57 were there.

Scottie Lee Austin moved to a retirement community in Williamsburg. She said, “John and I are both collectors, so it was difficult downsizing from 4,000 to 1,200
square feet.” They’re happy to be settled but miss their old neighborhood. ● John Reisman loved reunion. “Great get-together and conversations about the past. It was most interesting to meet and hear the new president. I think President Greene will do good things for the College.”

John and Jane (Daib ’58) moved to a retirement community in March. ● Marilyn Faddis Butler still plays tennis, is chairperson for her league, and coordinates six teams in Florida. Her daughter bought her a keyboard so Marilyn can review music for the choir she’s in. She also keeps up with her French studies—“keeps my brain active!” ● Bev Mossettig Levesque was sorry to miss reunion. They traveled south from Virginia three times this summer: To their grandson Rob’s wedding, to the beach for two weeks with family, and to Emerald Isle, N.C., where they’ve gone since 1973. Bev teaches Italian privately, leads a book group, and participates in afternoon teas where they speak Italian. ● Diane Reynolds Wright enjoyed time in New England last summer with reunions at Colby and Amherst. With husband Dick she enjoyed summer activities in Steamboat Springs, Colo.—tennis, walking, bridge, and biking. They spend much of the year in Minneapolis, where two of their sons live. Their 8-year-old grandsons make the year in Minneapolis, where two of their sons live. Their 8-year-old grandsons make their retirement years happy times. ● John Dutton wrote from hot California where wildfires proliferated. In August John had hip replacement surgery and was looking forward to gaining mobility. The physician assistant to the surgeon was Michael Outslay ’97. I’m sad to report that Sister Restall Horne passed away this summer after brain surgery. She had such a wonderful attitude toward life. She wrote to me in July thanking everyone who dropped her a card. Sistie and her family are particularly indebted to Eric and Beryl Wellersdieck Piper for their care and generosity.

Our class president, George Haskell, died Sept. 11. He missed reunion because of illness, but had reported in August that he was much better. Our sincerest sympathy to his wife, Karen Lawrence ’67. Sistie and George will be missed, as are the other classmates we have lost.

1956
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Andy Anderson tells of a great dinner in April that Warren ’57 and Babs Fattings Kinsman, Naomi and Andy Anderson, Sherry and Don Rice, Jean and Dick Campbell ’58, and Pam and Karl Honsberger had at Cat Island Grill, Sanctuary Golf Course, in Beaufort, S.C. Dick, Karl, and Andy had served in the Marines. The Andersons and Kinsmans live in Dataw Island, the Rices on Spring Island, the Campbells close to Beaufort and Hilton Island, the Honsbergers formerly in Bluffton, now in Ormond Beach. On April 25 they will celebrate the Kingsmans 56th anniversary. ● Joan Kyritz O’Rourke is a busy volunteer: Fort Lauderdale Film Festival, the Boca Raton and Fort Lauderdale garden clubs, and 10 weeks doing taxes for AARP. She attended a play at the Hyde School in Bath; her grandson had a leading role. She is going to Berlin for a week to locate the German town Kyritz, after which she will take an 18-day tour of Eastern Europe. ● Hope Palmer Bramhall visited Kathy McConaughy Zambello’s camp on Damarcissa Lake; RuthAnn Simmonds Mac Kinnon was also there. Then on to Southport Island, Boothbay, to see Barbara Nardozzi Saxon and Rosemary Chrouthamel Sortor. She hopes for a mini reunion in Portland! ● From North Carolina, Robert Weiss is fine and tells of his impending trip to Toronto to celebrate his son’s 50th birthday. He has not been back to Colby in 30 years. Well, our 60th is just around the corner! ● Jim Cobban and wife Phyliss have for 10 years lived at Masthope (Pa.) Mountain Community, an open community with its ski mountain (Big Bear) and a good stable of horses among its amenities. Previously they lived on Lake Bomoseen in Vermont. The bulk of his career was spent on Wall Street as an equity trader for institutional accounts at financial firms. Masthope is close enough to NYC for frequent visits. He would like to get together with anyone in the area. ● Yvonne Noble’s son and daughter arranged for her and husband Hugh a wonderful 80th birthday party at a grade-one Tudor countryside hotel in Devon, England. Cookie Kiger Allen came from Princeton, N.J. Amy Smith, daughter of the late Janice Holland Smith ’54, also made the trip. ● Lucy Blainey Groening had a fabulous three-week trip through Southeast Asia with her son, who lives in Jakarta, Indonesia. They visited Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Singapore, and Indonesia. Highlights included 15 minutes with a full-grown tiger in his cage, elephant riding along the Mekong River, a cooking class in Chiang Mai, the botanic gardens, Singapore, and the French colonial city Luang Prabang, Laos. They celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Singapore sling at the Long Bar, Raffles Hotel. ● Kathy McConaughy Zambello and her cousin visited Janet Nordgren Meryweather in Salisbury Cove, Maine, and explored Mt. Desert Island, after which they had lobster rolls on the deck with the “best-ever iced tea”—the recipe from Jean Hawes Anderson ’55. Next day they brough a tin Downeast to Eastport, Quoddy Head, and Campobello Island, all bucket-list destinations. ● It is with some sadness that I have retired, after 33 years, from teaching French and Latin at Darien (Conn.) High School. It was time to quit when I had former students’ children in my classes (including Russell Parnon, the Sortors’ grandson). Being with young students who, for the most part, appreciated learning was most fulfilling professionally. Plain and simple, I loved my work. Now, different ways to enjoy life!

1957
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Release the balloons (all 80 of them), uncork the champagne, shout a cheer or two, and celebrate! As a class, we have turned 80! ● Jim and Nancy Hansen Marchbank are venturing into a new lifestyle, and, after 48 years in the same house, they’re moving into an apartment in a seniors community nearby. Let me know when you are having your yard sale; I’ll grab my buddy Toni Ciunci Hudson and we’ll be the first in line. Once a “collector,” always a collector. The Marchbanks still plan to travel extensively, at least within the U.S. ● For a most fitting 80th birthday celebration, Mikki Chomicz Manno and her family planned a brunch at the Playwright Celtic Pub in the New York theater district to be followed by a performance of Matilda at the Schubert Theater (all a “surprise,” as she writes what her family has planned). ● Bev (Jackson ’60) and Tony Glocker have enjoyed a busy travel summer, with trips to Israel and Italy on the foreign exploration front and, on the home front, Acadia National Park in Maine and the Poconos in Pennsylvania, the latter with their children and the grands. On the return from Acadia, they swung through the Colby campus and found it to be more beautiful than ever. ● It was great to hear from Cathy and Fran Kernan and learn that Fran, at the tender age of 84, will once again be diapering twins, their fifth and sixth grandchildren. Two of their own five children are twins, so let’s hope that memory serves him well. Their last two daughters were married last summer, so despite a late start in the domesticity department, a lot of happy events are now taking center stage for the Kernans. ● This is a priceless sentiment from Anne Schimmelpenig Laszlo about turning 80: her house “has also joined the work-must-be-done-on-the-body chorus,” thus she is on a campaign to cut down on clutter and complete some moderate repairs. Anne put her travel shoes away for a while, which gives her additional time to enjoy reading (especially Garrison Keillor and Robert Kaplan) and lots of photography.

In October 2015, at its annual meeting in Chicago, the American College of Trial Lawyers gave Allan van Gestel the Samuel E. Gates Litigation Award, one of the most prestigious honors conferred by the college. Congratulations! Well done! Allan was the first state court trial judge ever to receive this award. ● I’ve saved Ken Haruta’s story for last. He and his wife, Patience, who has been in a nursing home for more than four years, raised an extremely accomplished family of three adult children: daughter Mako, associate professor of math at the University of West Hartford, who’s doing research at the National Science Foundation; son Evan, a senior software engineer at IBM; and son Gale, a graphic designer. Ken also enjoys his seven grandchildren, ranging in age from students at Brown, Tufts, Cornell, and Carnegie Mellon to three high school students. Ken spends time each day with Patience and manages to play tennis twice a week. Reflecting on his family must be an enormous source of pride and comfort and a great help in sustaining his daily life. ● In closing, please remember that we are limited in column space and in fairness cannot include a classmate’s news two issues in a row. But as always, stay tuned!

1958
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In June Red Earth Theatre in Oak Creek Canyon, Ariz., “dedicated to the passionate belief that the performing arts and theatre in particular are a vital part of who we are as human beings” (hear, hear!) produced a performance of short stories from Jim Bishop’s most recent book, The Pink Nectar Café (available from at least one online source). ● In August Karl and Ann Wieland Spaeth headed for Squirrel Island, Maine, where Karl has vacationed since he was 16. Their sons joined them there for years, and now their grandkids enjoy the activities too—especially sailing out to sea and going out to the seal rocks, and eating lobster. This fall the Spaeths plan to move to Cathedral Village Retirement Community in Philadelphia, not far from their current home. ● Ron and Marilyn Dyer Scott are both active in their senior community in Kirkland, Mo., using their professional skills (M.S.W. and Ph.D.) to assist in health and wellness, counseling, and hospice work. Their young people live in Illinois, Florida, and New Zealand. In August Ron and Marilyn looked forward to a Great Lakes cruise from Chicago to Toronto. ● Jane Gibbons, our champion hiker in recent years, rode her bicycle for nine and a half hours in California to raise money for a cancer hospital in Long Beach. “Riding in my old age is easier on my body than hiking.” ● Ted and Sally Howes Hansen are part of Cambridge (Mass.) AtHome, which delivers health services to residents, a boon to so many of us who want to stay where we are. The couple’s recent highlights include a boat
ride to Peaks Island and a reunion with three high school classmates “and their 95-year-old fourth-grade teacher, who is amazing!”

* In addition to her regular trips to Uruguay and Texas, Ellie Forbenbaugh de la Banderia is still working. She administers and grades oral Spanish court interpreter tests of people who want to be approved to interpret for the Administrative Office of the Courts of N.J. She also proctors oral court interpreter tests in other languages, does translations into Spanish of official AOC documents, and has graded oral Spanish court interpreter tests for seven states. “Keeps the brain in gear!”

* Speaking of that, for the last 10 years I have worked as copy editor for an international quarterly journal called Foresight, established by an emeritus professor of economics (if only Prof. Breckenridge could know!) to assist mainly business people improve their expertise in this field. The articles are pretty esoteric and I seldom understand them fully, but through the years there have been exceptions, like ones about forecasting which presidential candidate will win the popular vote, how potential investors in movie projects can be assured they will make a lot of money, or how many employees are required at telephone centers to handle all those calls we make for help (More! More!).

* Many thanks to Bruce Blanchard and Marty Burger (and any other classmates involved originally) for helping establish the William and Mardie Bryan Scholarship Fund and to Bruce for keeping track of its progress. He reported recently that the fund is now valued at more than a half million dollars and has generated 72 scholarships since 1982. What a wonderful tribute to the Bryans, accomplishment for our class, and great benefit to so many Colby students! Thanks to the loyal correspondents I usually hear from and to those who write less frequently.

* To those who seldom write, please update us about your activities, memories of Colby, thoughts about the College today, and any other topics. We’d love to hear from you!

1960

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Mike Silverberg said the reunion gathering in June was small but very interesting. It’s always wonderful to reconnect with everyone. Good spirit, good congeniality. The After Eight a cappella singers are still wonderful. Mike, Steve Curley, Phil Shea, and Ray Berbarian stayed in a cabin on the Belgrade Lakes. Mike stays in contact with Jerry Goldberg, Dick Fields ’61, and Hank Silverman ’61. Pat Sturges Aufdenberg was in Amsterdam before going on a river cruise. Beware of the cyclists who won’t stop for pedestrians, she warns! Her cruise ended in Budapest with many walking tours along the way. From Budapest they went to Prague by train, which left from the Hungarian train station that was filled with refugees.

* Tony ’57 and Bev Jackson Glackler are still very active with their local volunteer EMS squad. In July they toured Italy and then went camping and hiking in Acadia with daughters Margot ’88 and Alison ’90, sons-in-laws, and four grandchildren. They also visited Eunie Bucholz Spooner, her Colby roommate.

* Kay White was very disappointed not to get to reunion but hopes to next time! This October she starts her term as board chair of Common Ground in Oakland County, Mich. This crisis center now has a $13.5-million budget and answers 80,000 calls per year. She’s been on the crisis line for 32 years.

* Bob and Liz Chamberlain Huss retired to Martha’s Vineyard 15 years ago and stay very active. Liz plays tennis and both play golf. Liz tutors at the local elementary school, and Bob is on the town finance committee and the steamship authority port council. Their travels include a safari in Africa, a trip around Cape Horn, and kayaking in Portugal. They’re going to Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and Hong Kong in January. In October they travel to California and plan to visit Kathy Custer Lord.

* Bob Marier has exciting news. He wrote a children’s interactive ebook that was accepted as an app on the App Store. It is a musical storybook with five of his original songs embedded in the story along with narration and animation. Wonderful illustrations were done by an artist friend. The name of the book app is Murfy Finds A Home, and it’s available for download on Apple mobile devices. Let’s hope it becomes available on Android devices soon!

* Ken Nigro spent an amazing 10 days in the Dominican Republic, helping with the Red Sox annual kids camp. Twelve American boys (ages 13-15) and 12 Dominican kids work together mornings at a very poor village (El Mamon) and spend afternoons playing baseball. It always strikes Ken that our kids wind up liking the work at El Mamon more than the baseball. Ken is already counting the days to next year. The high point this year for Chet Lewis was returning to Colby for the 55th reunion, where he reconnected with Andy Sheldon. For the first time Chet spent significant time in the Colby Museum of Art, which alone was worth the trip. Chet is recovering from having his aortic valve replaced at the Cleveland Clinic. Barbara and Ron Weber are doing fairly well; their grandson is with them in Florida starting college. Ron’s son Jeff hopes to move to Florida as well. Ron hopes to see Gale and Mike Silverberg in March and other Colbyites as well. (I [Jane Holden Huerta] was extremely disappointed to miss reunion, but Juan and I left for a bucket-list trip to Amsterdam, Paris, and a Baltic cruise June 9. We have three grandchildren—Victoria and Alexandra, daughters of son Juan ’92, and Juliet, daughter of Jon ’95. I visited Joanne Price Rockett in NYC in September.

1961

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Jeanette Benn Anderson headlines again with news of her passing. She received Colby’s Distinguished Alumna Award at our 45th reunion in 2006. Jeanette was your correspondent’s roommate for two years and Sandy Nolet Quinnian’s roommate senior year, when the three of us occupied two adjoining rooms in Mary Low. Diagnosed with MS in the ’80s, Jeanette became our role model for strength and perseverance in the face of adversity.

* William Bainbridge works as a locum tenens four months yearly, mostly in prisons. “Concern increases about the numbers incarcerated for minor drug offenses. Having worked part time in detox, I now see drug dependency not as a crisis but as an illness. I’ve also become aware of the enormous number of mentally ill who end up in prison. With mental hospital closures, untreated patients are now in the general population where often lack of judgment, strange behavior, or poor impulse control lead to actions culminating in imprisonment.” Otherwise, Bill enjoys life, marriage and grandchildren. “Unfortunately time for sailing and playing music suffers. Choices!”

* Bill Byers writes, “I work on home carpentry projects or on photo freelance jobs. Just back after photographing birds at Cobscook Bay State Park and on the South Lubec Flats. Excitement! Merlin strafed a flock of ring-billed gulls resting on a sandbar just in front of me. The chase came near enough to reach out and touch the birds. Logging operations in Blue Hill followed camera work. Walked into a harvest job being cut by Prentiss and Carlisle of Bangor. A huge processor uses an articulated cutting head at the end of a long boom. Trees are grabbed, cut, picked up, and rolled through the head while the branches are cut off. Health and vigor are good. Regards to classmates!”

* Bill Clough says, “As trustee of a Maine foundation called The Betterment Fund, I often cross the N.H. border into Maine. On a recent trip to Ki and I visited Scotty MacLeod Folger and Jock ’62 and Debbie Lucas Williams ’62, all living near Mt. Desert in the sweet spot between creative, entrepreneurial, and philanthropic. Check out the John Williams Boat Company online or, better yet, go there and get inspired. Wow!”

* Denny Dionne and Mary recently visited Liz (Rowe ’63) and Bev Lapham at their home in Meredith, N.H. Denny attended Colby’s Alumni College in August: “The U.S. in 1865: War and Reconstruction. “The professors were top notch and we learned much in a very casual, relaxed environment. I highly recommend this experience to classmates!”

* Nancy Tozier Knox reports a busy summer with...
many children at their Highland Lake camp in Falmouth, Maine. “They don’t all come at once except for the July 4th weekend, thank goodness. And, we are grateful for our little in-law cabin so we can get away from the crowd when we need peace and quiet. We’ve enjoyed lots of rides on our pontoon boat, with the highlight being the ‘blue moon’ reflected over the water. We return to Florida in October and have given up driving back and forth. We now fly and feel safer in the air than on the highway.”

- In April Quimby Robinson celebrated for three weeks in France with Mitzi for his 50th anniversary—“a gift from our kids, Anne (Robinson ’96) and Woody Pollack ’97. With the whole family, we spent a week in Paris mostly eating fine French cuisine and climbing things between meals. Then Turenne followed. My sister Patricia Robinson Tucker ’56 and husband live in the beautiful Dordogne River area. We hadn’t been in France for 25 years and although the lines in the city were much longer, the amount of English spoken had greatly increased! With our limited ouis and mercis left from college French we got along with everyone just fine. Thanks, Colby children!”

1962

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Our classmates are healthy, busy traveling, and enjoying grandchildren. - Brenda Wroblecki Gottschalk and best friend had a frightening experience on a recent trip to Kathmandu when the 7.9 earthquake hit while they were on the road outside the city. The road had heaved 50 feet in front of them, so they returned to their hotel where a tent had been erected. Hot food, bottled water, and toilets using pool water made their refuge camp bearable. Then the foot of Mt. Katahdin. In late August, beautiful Pemadumcook chain of lakes near Norcross—my 48th summer here on the foot of Mt. Katahdin. In late August, beautiful Pemadumcook chain of lakes near Norcross—my 48th summer here on the.

1963

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“Still glowing in the nice vibes from our 50th reunion,” writes Steve Ettreim. Steve preaches about the dangers of man-caused climate disruption. His latest rally protested a 100-car oil train that planned to pass through South San Francisco Bay. He recommends Mary Pipher’s The Green Boat, Bill McKibben’s Eaarth, Naomi Klein’s This Changes Everything, and Lester Brown’s The Great Transition. - Tom Thomas had “a very nice trip to PEI in Canada.” - Sally White Butler works at the Lahey Clinic and was busy with the clinic’s recent move. Her favorite sister, one of eight siblings, died recently. Both had lost their husbands and had traveled together a lot. Pat Doucette Light ‘62 and Sally got together last summer in Maine. - On their annual summer sail, Rod Pierce and Al Carville met Ralph and Gail Price Kimball in Boothbay. Rod reclaimed the Gulf of Maine cribbage championship! Al raced his J70 sailboat with Chip Gavin ’90 and Gretchen Granger Hartley ’90 as part of his crew. In winter Gail quilts and Ralph plays hockey. - Mary Dexter Wagner says everyone she knows turns to our column first. She notes that we’re getting ever closer to the beginning of the class columns! - Mary Michelmore Hayes plays cello in an orchestra, is involved in the homeless shelter, and teaches reading for America Reads. Mary talks about her late sister’s biography, Louisa Catherine, The Other Mrs. Adams, now in paperback and Kindle. She keeps in touch with Barb Haines Chase and Sally Morse Preston.

1964

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Jim Harris and his wife, Madie, visited family and friends in San Diego last February. They stay in touch with Kristi and Dick York. - Richard Larschan notes that, “time flies as we get older to compensate for the fact that everything else slows down.” He volunteers at Thurgood Marshall Academy in NYC, helping kids write college essays and scholarship applications. Richard also leads poetry discussions at the 92nd Street Y and publishes book reviews of Broadway Shakespeare productions. He summers in Westport, Mass. - In response to why time flies, P.J. Downing Curtis guesses that since she spends a lot of time looking for things, she only gets half as much done! She spent a summer weekend in Baxter State Park with family, then headed to Minnesota, New Jersey for a high school reunion, and on to Springfield, Mass. P.J. saw David and Jamie Lewis Sweden in Bar Harbor in July. - The solution for time speeding up, according to Einstein’s theory of relativity, Steve Schoeman reminds us, is to travel in a spaceship at nearly the speed of light. Years on Earth would be but hours in the spaceships! Steve is receiving treatment at Memorial Sloan Kettering for prostate cancer. - Margaret Mattraw Dodge participated in Alumni College at Colby this summer. Joan McGhee Ames and Sara Shaw Rhoades were also there.

P.J. Downing Curtis
Margaret house-sat for Michael and Carol Ingberman Robinson “on their wonderful, peaceful pond in Lincoln, Maine,” and enjoyed summer with her three grandsons.

Barbara Carr Howson thinks time goes faster “because we cram as much as possible into each day having finally matured enough to realize that they’re numberized.” Barbie looks forward to a trip to Lake Champlain and dinner with Dottie Weathers Masters. Back in Richmond, Barbie enjoyed a visit from Suzy Noyes Mague and time with her two granddaughters.

Jean Martin Fowler says time flies “because we know more possibilities of how to use our time and understand more each day how special life can be.” She and her husband travel frequently to Houston for Michael’s clinical trials. While living in Florida, they visit family in California, N.C., and Pennsylvania. Time flies when watching grandchildren grow up!

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Yes indeed we partied on. About 100 of our remaining 268 class members arrived with spouses for a grand 50th reunion. We were 21 again and picked up right where we left off. After a fun Portland Harbor cruise on Thursday we continued to campus. On Friday Marty Dodge led a bird walk in the arboretum and Jay Gronlund led a panel discussion exploring how our values and attitudes have changed. Panelists were Nancy Godley Wilson, Tom Morrione, and John O’Connor. Barbara McGilliucuddy Bolton’s new book, Lulu Goes to College, covers similar comparative ground. Dinner Friday was at President Greene’s house. Saturday’s parade of classes was followed by award presentations. Bill Oates was honored with a Colby Brick and Lew Kinsky received the Marriner Distinguished Service Award. Pam Plumb Carey participated in the book-signing event with her latest, Elderly Parents With All Their Marbles. At Saturday night’s dinner there were honors and gifts—your correspondent was surprised and pleased to receive recognition for his labor of love composing this column these past 25 years. Thanks, fellow classmates, for your encouragement comments and analysis from the outside panel of the Maine State Library. She is blessed with good health, a wonderful husband, and dear friends, including classmate Sue Turner, “one of my special blessings,” says Linda.

Good news from John “Daisy” Carvelis, who recovered from last year’s health issues and is now fully retired. He splits his time between Vermont and St. Augustine, Fla., and looks forward to our 50th.

Tod Houghton writes, “Geoff Quadland talked me into attending reunion with him, after which we’re gonna go chase trains, just like 50 years ago! I wonder if anyone else will be arriving in an RV?”

Bill and Mary Gourley Mastin enjoyed an August three-week stay at a lakeside cabin on Priest Lake in Idaho with kids and grandkids. Plans for riding on bike trails were next on their list before heading to the Oregon coast to visit friends, returning to Arizona by mid-September.

Colby chemistry major Bill Koster has spent lots of time recently on Mounty Flower. Great to have this update from Bill: “Over the past three years I’ve been fortunate and delighted to chair Overseers visiting committees for review of the Physics and Astronomy Department and the Mathematics and Statistics Department. But this year was particularly meaningful since the administration asked me to chair the committee to review the Chemistry Department. It brought back fond memories of the time when Dick Friary ’64, John Haynes ’64, Peter Densen, Ed Derderian, and I were majors in the department. Having lunch with current majors brought back the excitement we had as we were about to embark on our careers. Touring the labs in the Keyes Building reinforced the nostalgia. The atmosphere and culture at Colby is that of a vibrant, dynamic research environment in which all majors participate. Hearing the highly complimentary comments and analysis from the outside academics who sat on the review committee adds to the appreciation of what we gained from being students at Colby.” Bill has a Ph.D. from Tufts and is president and CEO of Northern Pilot Company in Boston, a private consulting company providing strategic guidance to the pharmaceutical industry, his latest position in an illustrious professional career. Congratulations, Bill, and thank you for your service to Colby.

Gary Knight had a good preview of the 50th reunion when attending the 50th of his wife, Lynn (Longfellow ’65) in June. He caught up with some fraternity brothers, and he hopes “that my roommate Roger Hiss and other Pi Lams will be at Colby in June 2016. Have not seen Roger since 1966 nor Abou Sylla, whose daughter practices surgery in the Boston area. Perhaps he could make the trip from Africa to visit her and then skip up to Waterville!”

Marty Dodge echoed Bud, adding that she’s displayed her pastels and copper-plate etchings at art shows and visited her daughter and grandkids in Berlin, Germany.

Louise MacCubrey Lord’s leg has completely healed (she was “amazed and delighted” of the results of surgery). Right after reunion Marty left for Alaska for a month of fly-fishing, then “produced and installed copper-plate etchings at art shows and had enjoyed reconnecting with classmates.”

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60s NEWSMAKERS

Ed Marchetti '60 was inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame in August. • Bruce Brown '62 had three exhibitions of his photography held at the University of Maine Museum in Bangor and Fryeburg Academy. • Eddie Woodin '63 was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Woodin also received the Sonny Noel President’s Award, given to the individual who has done the most in his life to benefit the game of baseball in Maine. • Anthony Carnevale '68, director of the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, was the speaker at a training and education initiative at Thomas College in September.

in full swing as I write this column, working on all aspects of our 50th, June 2-5, 2016. Here’s your homework assignment: Call your freshman roommate, pester your fellow majors, prevail upon your sorority and fraternity pals, and BE THERE! Need someone’s contact information? Email me.

1967

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Leanne Davidson Kaslow considers herself retired, but is busy with friends from the DC area. Leanne recently entertained Ann Christensen, who continues to produce and show amazing art. Leanne’s husband, Richard, works in epidemiology at the VA. In 2016 Leanne and Richard will travel to Israel and Jordan. • Dick and Sandy Stemmier Nichols enjoy life on the waterfront in Smith Mountain Lake, Va. They occasionally travel to Connecticut to visit family. • Roland Connors doesn’t let grass grow under his feet. This spring he rode his bike, with pedals not an engine, from San Diego to St. Augustine, Fla. After climbing down from one saddle, he climbed aboard another and spent a few months riding and showing horses. • Mike and Pam Cooper Picher continue to work as arbitrators but take most of the summer off to enjoy their cottage at Thunder Beach in Georgian Bay, where they’re often joined by their four children and four grandchildren. • Joyce Demkowicz Henckler, after 48 years working for nonprofits, left her position as chief development officer at the University of Central Florida Foundation. She plans to spend her time writing, traveling, and enjoying cinema. • Charlie and Sally Ray Bennett entertain friends and show them Civil War sites around the Richmond, Va., area: Appomattox, Fredericksburg, and a small battlefield only five miles away. • Paul Cronin hopes to grab his suitcase and become a world traveler next year when Sue retires. This summer Paul spent a few weeks at a beachside cottage he’s rented for more than 20 years on North Carolina’s Outer Banks. His brother Kevin and children Amy ’06, Erin, and Brian ’96 joined him. Including Paul’s five grandchildren, there were 18 Cronins at the beach. • Richard Sadowski now lives in Duxbury, Mass., in a house they’ve remodeled. Along with his wife, Gail, and a brother, Richard visited cities in Poland, where they have relatives. Richard is currently in treatment for a autoimmune disease that leaves him with chronic fatigue and pain. We wish him well in his quest for good health. • Clemence Ravacon Mersonson celebrated her 70th birthday while building homes in the Philippines. Upon her return from a March Quaker convention in Mexico City, she was drafted to teach high school Spanish for three months. In June her granddaughter celebrated his first birthday in Uganda on Clemence’s 40th wedding anniversary. At an Alpha Delta Pi grand convention, she celebrated 50 years as an ADPi. Grateful for good health, Clemence and Homer still work on their family farm raising fruits, vegetables, and poultry. In September she returned to substitute teaching. • Peg and Tim Radley have lived in Colorado for two years after moving from N.H. to be closer to daughter Kate ’96 in Denver and son Mark in San Diego. They’ll be grandparents soon as Kate is due in November. • Phil Kay is getting more comfortable in his new home in Evergreen, Colo. When asked, “Why leave the beautiful North Shore of Massachusetts for Colorado,” he simply says, “Some people say there’s a woman to blame, and there is.” Many of our classmates met Candy at the spectacular TDP reunion last summer. Phil and Candy have traveled extensively in the U.S. and Europe. Phil saw Todger Anderson at a Colby event. • Richard Hunnewell, after coordinating the art history program

at Plymouth State University for 35 years, retired in May but will teach occasional courses. Anne also retired in June and, like other newly retired folks, they’re feeling loosened from their moorings as they chart a new rhythm and course. One of their summer highlights was a Colby mini-reunion. • In July Larry Sears made his annual trek from El Paso to Holderness, joined this year by Steve Dock and his wife, Carolyn Wilson, for happy reminiscing and hiking around Squam Lake. In addition, they enjoyed visits from their sons.
Mike Foose continues working at the U.S. Geological Survey, which he joined after graduate school in 1974. He spent 30 years as a research scientist, mapping rocks in remote parts of Maine, Minnesota, Montana, and Alaska. For the past 11 years he’s coordinated USGS work in Africa and the Middle East, enjoying the opportunity to visit countries tourists seldom see. Although they have been separated for 11 years, he remains married to Peg Phlsdon Foose. Their daughter is now “launched,” but both actively support each other in the care of their autistic son. In July Don Cauette and Teri became grandparents in his life to benefit the game of baseball Maine Baseball Hall of Fame and received a remark on how clear the water is in Casco Bay on Portland's waterfront and residents of Portland need a month in Maine, now an annual gathering Susan said they tried, unsuccessfully, to get to Gould Mountain, and many pubs along the way. They found Ireland a beautiful country with warm and friendly people, “except that they drive on the wrong side of the road!” Don continues to volunteer doing health-care counseling.

Susan Gould Hennessey and Anna Thompson Bragg were heading to Gould Academy in Bethel for their 50th reunion. Susan said they tried, unsuccessfully, to get Anne Scribner Curren to join them, but instead saw Anne in July during her annual month in Maine, now an annual gathering for the three of them. Rick Frantzi and Jennifer Fox, owners of Andy’s Old Port Pub on Portland’s waterfront and residents of Great Diamond Island, spoke at a recent Friends of Casco Bay press conference in Portland concerning the health of the bay. They commented, “People from ‘away’ remark on how clear the water is in Casco Bay. But you can’t see the nitrogen.” In July Eddie Woodin was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame and received the Sonny Noel President’s Award, given to the individual who has done the most in his life to benefit the game of baseball in the State of Maine. Congratulations Eddie! Moses Silverman and his wife, Betty, reported that their son, Ben, was to be married Aug, 29 to Marie Renee Cita. Marie just graduated law school and will practice in New York, where Ben has been practicing for five years. Their daughter, Rachel, earns a living in the New York theater world. Betty recently retired as special counsel to the American Jewish Committee. Moses continues practicing law at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, the firm he joined in 1973, and has no plans to retire in the near future.

Sandy Hoe has joined the government contracts practice as senior of counsel at the law firm Covington & Burling after having spent 42 years with McKenna Long & Aldridge. Sandy recently returned from a trip to Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia, where he worked with procurement officials from Afghanistan. He was heading to Istanbul in August to provide similar services to Iraqi procurement officials. I extend my best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy fall and winter!

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Jane Stinchfield Sexton expressed the sentiments of many: “Reunion was fun and I encourage classmates to come visit Colby at the next reunion. The trivia game Saturday night was a good idea to keep the evening moving.” This summer John and Jane went to the Seattle area to visit her sister and family. They then traveled to Vancouver and took a cruise to Alaska with the land extension to Denali. Jane reports that the Maine weather in August was great for sailing on Casco Bay. Dean and Carol Lewis Jennings and Jim and Lori Gill Pazaris joined Larry ’69 and Susan Doten Greenberg at Crescent Lake in the Olympic National Park in mid-August for the wedding of Susan and Larry’s son Michael ’04 to Lynne Dial. Also in the wedding party were Matt ’04 and Holly Niles Getty ’03.

Ted Wells was in South Sudan a few days away from finishing a second six-month assignment with Doctors Without Borders. He’s been working as a “doctor of Toyota Land Cruisers.” His first assignment was in the eastern Congo (DRC). He finds Africa fascinating, one that history has not been kind to, neither recent nor past history. Yet somehow Africans persevere, and there are many success stories on the continent. He hopes to do at least one more assignment with them; retirement just got too boring! Barry Hurwitz and his wife celebrated their 20th anniversary by flying to Reno, Nev., and spending time with Clark Smith and his wife at their ranch in Washoe Valley. From there they flew to and toured Alaska, and flew to Vancouver in time for the folk festival! Afterwards they took the Cascades train to Seattle, visited that city, then flew back to Boston. Barry still actively practices law. He just bought his 16th guitar and plays daily. Barry reports that Clark is one of the world’s leading bio-geochemists! Has his own company doing minerals exploration searching for gold and other metals, but the industry is in a slump so he’s tending his multiple beehives and selling honey. Many of us had a mini reunion in Old Orchard Beach prior to the actual reunion. Doug and Hazel Parker Smith went from there to Freeport and had another mini reunion with Wendy and Lee Clark before flying to Key West. Doug and Hazel live in Medford, Ore., where Hazel is a master gardener and works as a resource in the regional plant “clinic.” She’s learning propagation for indigenous plants and rare species and is volunteering as an archivist researcher at their rather formidable local historical society. Doug keeps busy with two hospitals’ neuro-rounds and his practice, which specializes in head trauma, stroke, autism, and Asperger patients. He’s looking for a successor but can’t find a younger doctor willing to step into these specialties.

Ray and Barbara Ann Fitzgerald were packing up (moving van was loaded) and moving from Ohio to Las Vegas (where he was working) in June 2014 when a tornado struck without warning, leaving their deck and pool seriously damaged. Until their house/deck is rebuilt and can be sold, Ray lives in Las Vegas and Barbara lives in Ohio, traveling back and forth. The good news: her skating students are happy she stayed in Ohio for now. She’s back to taking a couple of ballet classes a week and has a book (close to publication) that she has coauthored and illustrated. Finally, it is with sadness that I report the passing of Dave Shea Aug. 8. He will be remembered!

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The season is changing and I need a rest from all my frenetic activity to which I referred in our last column. As I submit this one I’m suddenly aware of how early darkness is falling! It’s interesting to see how many of you are referring to your retirement, long-awaited plans for what is where we’re at in our lives. It’s hard for me to realize (or accept) that this is where we’re at in our lives. Never having written in before, Tim Richardson says hello from historic Hallowell, Maine, down the Kennebec from Colby. He still practices medicine as chief of geriatrics at VA Maine in Augusta. Tim, are you coming to reunion? A retirement bulletin comes from Paula Grillo, who spent 30-plus years as a librarian. She lives in Ipswich, Mass., and cares for her 96-year-old mother in Gloucester. Paula hopes to make it to our 45th reunion next year. The rest of you are planning it, too, right? Duncan Hewitt will have a solo exhibit of his sculpture at the Portland Museum of Art from January to August 2016. Check it out if you’re in the area! Duncan, you’re coming to reunion, too, aren’t you? Beginning with a summertrip to Peru, Larie Trippet and his wife then went to Southern California to visit family and friends. They met with Linda Wallace and spoke with Jerome Layman by phone. They next went to Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado—this trip centered around the national BMW motorcycle rally in Billings. “Camping without beer is just sitting in the woods.” I know all of you will be coming to reunion.

Elaine Weeks-Trueblood and her husband took a fabulous vacation in the Canadian Rockies. Elaine is in countdown mode until her official retirement from JPMorgan Chase. She’s looking forward to what she will do post-retirement and is evaluating part-time teaching opportunities. They plan to stay in the Delaware area. Elaine, our reunion is next year—coming?

To celebrate her mother’s 90th birthday, Faith Tiberio Dougherty hosted a wonderful bash at her mother’s house in August. Faith, you told me, “maybe,” about reunion.

Jacques Hermant and family enjoy their country house in Charente (Cognan country in France) and his annual trek to a famous jazz festival. Later this year he will attend a conference in Japan, and then go once again to Vietnam. Jacques, reunion? After having launched his son into his career, Bill Hladky finds that three days of work and four days of freedom make a happy balance. He’s about to renovate his kitchen, which will become an empty box in the process, except for his paper plate and cup. Bill planned a trip to Seattle in October to visit his son. Bill, you need to come to reunion, too.

It’s great to hear from all of you; please keep it up. Who would like to take this job on next year? It’s really fun—and not that much work, you know.

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Janet Holm Gerber is director of admission at Christ Episcopal School in Rockville, Md., where she’s happily worked for 20-plus years. She’s in her second year in admissions and has never worked harder. And while her friends are retiring, she feels like she’s just gearing up. It was her good fortune that her two sons landed back in the D.C. area after college. The older is an aerospace engineer at the Department of Defense. The younger leads the international claims department for SoundExchange, the company tasked by Congress about a decade ago to pay royalties to musicians for their online streamed music (Pandora, Spotify, satellite radio, etc.). She recently attended a wonderful surprise 40th anniversary and 65th birthday party for Don and Liz Ross Withnell. "Life is good!" In David Cheever’s workday capacity as Maine state archivist, he’s gearing up for Maine’s 2020 commemoration of 200 years of statehood. He hopes to have the Colby-Bates-Bowdoin trio engage in the observance in some
meaningful way. While the schools are international in scope and reputation, they have also been integral to Maine and its people, and so many graduates have made significant contributions to the state’s history. And they will continue to do so, which is part of the point he hopes to make. It is not enough to engage in a retrospective, he says, and a signal birthday or anniversary is also a time for prospective thinking, a “what would we do if we could” initiative. Hopefully it will be well received and acted upon. ● Susan Hoy Terris is a professor of anthropology at Georgetown University, where she’s taught since 1994. She published her third book, Whose Child Am I? (Unaccompanied, Undocumented Children in U.S. Immigration Custody), with University of California Press in May 2015. She planned to teach in the Georgetown Villa Le Balze study-abroad program in Florence this fall. ● Jandy (Anderson ’70) and Randy Strickland visited Randy’s sister, who lives outside Amsterdam, in May. They saw the tulips and then got on a personal tour of northern France—to Rouen and Chartres cathedrals, Normandy beaches, Bayeux, Falaise, Champagne, and the Ardennes. In December Randy plans to retire and join Jandy (who retired three years ago) on the next great adventure! ● Stina Reed graduated from Southern Connecticut State University last May with a master’s of science, specializing in clinical mental health counseling. Kudos to you, Stina! To qualify for her license as a professional counselor, she’s completing 3,000 hours of supervised counseling hours by working as a counselor in a residential substance abuse treatment facility. She’s thoroughly enjoying her ultimate choice of a counseling career. ● Holland “Holly” C. Gregg married Patience Brewster in 1977. After holding several positions in the communications field, he launched and has operated his own video production company for more than 15 years. Patience pursued a career illustrating children’s books and greeting cards. She’s probably best known for her line of Christmas ornaments. In 2002 they created Patience Brewster, Inc., where she’s a startup doing design work. The Air Force is his second alma mater (after Colby of course!) and Gary, along with wife Janet (Shea), enjoy biennial reunions of his class. Gary is our only class member who served in Iceland during the Cold War. Their son, Charles ’96, manages a biotech firm in Cambridge that is seeking a cure for Duchenne muscular dystrophy, Prince-ton-graduate daughter Cathy lives in San Francisco, where Gary and Janet frequently visit and enjoy their grandson, 5, and twin granddaughters, 3. ● Gary Lawless and wife Beth Leonard visited Turkey, where they participated in the Haiki Summit on one of the Prince islands. The small gathering discussed the theme “Theology, Ecology, and the Word: A Conversation on the Environment, Literature, and the Arts.” Gary is a poet and co-owner of a bookstore in Maine and recently published Caribou Planet, a book of original poems and artwork that I highly recommend. ● Fran Gates Demjen traveled in Europe last spring. In Wales she visited the site where her uncle’s B-17 bomber crashed during World War II. Merrielle Bonney joined her in Wales and they traveled together to Merrie Lee’s home in Holland. ● Ida Dionne Burroughs is making progress reinventing her life after losing her spouse. She participated in a fundraiser bike ride with her son, visited old friends in Nova Scotia, and visited Ward Briggs in Bangor. She keeps in touch with Gary Fitts as well. Ida’s son enjoys his position as an executive vice president in the fashion industry; her daughter works as a nurse in Alaska. ● Rick Zaccaro and his wife, Bonnie Washuk, traveled to Los Angeles to see their grandchildren, to Martha’s Vineyard, and to New Hampshire, where Rick has climbed 44 of the 48,000-foot mountains. Rick recently completed a climb on Mt. Ebert in Colorado with his brother. ● I took my annual fishing trip with my grandson Max, 10, to Cherryfield, Maine. We stay in Norm and Pat Flanagan Olsen’s guesthouse on the bank of the Narraguasug River. There were many fun adventures kayaking on more than three miles of lakes, catching fish, and troubleshooting a few mishaps with fishhooks and kayaks. Pat works as a training consultant in Virginia, spending lots of time in their apartment in Reston. Meanwhile, Norm is a subject-matter expert on foreign affairs and the practice of diplomacy for U.S. special operations forces and consults on fisheries management. Their youngest son, David ‘04, an artist and fisherman, owns a home nearby and looks forward to working on it between Alaskan salmon-fishing seasons. ● I enjoyed time with forever friends Chris Mattern Way, Lisa Kehler Bubar, and Jackie Neinaber Appeldorn at the wedding of Tom and Debbie Mael Mandino’s daughter Michelle. We had a wonderful time, and later traveled north to Chez Bubar to savor the delicious creations of James Bubar ’72. This summer we also traveled to Stow to visit Chris, whose long and brave journey with cancer ended Sept. 17. In our sadness, we realize how fortunate we are to have had Chris in our lives. We will miss her immensely and send our sympathy to her husband, Jon, and her sons Matt, David ‘09, and Jesse.

1974

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Gay Peterson and her husband bought a Roadtrek camper upon retirement and made a six-week tour of the Southeast last year, followed by a month in Newfoundland, and finally an escape to the warmth of the Southwest last winter. “Our favorite place is still home in North Yarmouth, Maine (when the temperature is over 15 degrees).” Their son, Anders Peterson Wood ’07, married Jessica Seymour ’06 last summer at Suicide Six Ski Mountain in Vermont. Gay also enjoyed catching up with Judy Braden while they milked cows at Judy’s son-in-law’s farm. ● Retired for two years, Callie Dusty Leif became a grandmother in November when son Erich had a son. Her daughter, Tina, married in August 2014, and son Matthew graduated from Oregon State in June with a degree in fermentation science. He has a job with Boston Beer Company, makers of Sam Adams. Callie volunteers at her church, sings in the choir, and is decluttering and remodeling her home of 30 years in San Diego. ● Don Levis retired from corporate finance in 2012 and began teaching accounting and finance at Merrimack College, a position that became full time, “but allows for a pretty nice lifestyle with lots of time for golf in the summer months. So I guess I’ve gone full circle and am now back on campus.” He and his wife bought a startup doing design work. The Air Force director of engineering with Tech4Imaging, he served in Iceland during the Cold War. Prince-Appeldorn married Patience Brewster, Inc., where she’s a startup doing design work. The Air Force

1975

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Our 40th reunion was well attended with many first-time reunion attendees. A good trip to the canyons of the Southwest, Clif Brittian and his wife, Peggy Ladner, visited Sherwood and Jan Hampshire Cummins in San Rafael, Calif. “Jan still sets a blistering pace,” he wrote of their hike in the Marin headlands. Clif is volunteer shop manager for Urban Boatbuilders, a program that teaches 200 inner city kids woodworking skills by building as many as 20 different boats during the year, which are then used in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. ● The youngest daughter of Lee and Leslie Nickerson Bowers is an internist and their son is a PA in Lee’s medical practice. Their eldest daughter is assistant chief medical examiner for the Commonwealth of Virginia’s western office. Leslie teaches English to ninth graders in Newport News. She reports that Lee attended our reunion last year accompanied by Jackie (Lindsey ’75) and Omar Wynn, Keith Wilder, and James Glover. ● Henry Schea is senior director of quality and regulatory affairs for Avax Technologies, a Philadelphia-based cancer research/biotech company, as well as the pastor of a nondenominational church, and a supporter of local ministries’ youth and teen programs. He and his wife, Lisa, homeschooled all five of their sons. The oldest is a medical software program design engineer in Madison, Wis. Their second son is director of catering at University of Delaware, where their youngest is pursuing premedical studies. Sons three and four are in master’s programs in communications and urban anthropology, respectively. ● A practicing ophthalmologist, Rodger Silverstein says, “Luckily I love what I do because I am divorced, and my sainted ex-wife has successfully moved my retire ment age from 62 to death. I currently live in NJ with a giant dog, and have a second home in Amagansett, East Hampton, N.Y. I’m still healthy despite a rather reckless lifestyle.” He’s occasionally in touch with Barry Walch. ● Howard Lazar got together with Bob Tommasino, Artie Bell, Dan Rapaport, and Brian MacQuarrie for golf, dinner, and a Red Sox game during a recent deposition trip to Boston. Other highlights of his year were whitewater rafting on a Class 5 river and “first place after day one of the Seward Salmon Derby. Unfortunately it is eight days long.” His daughter just finished her second year of medical school at University of Washington. (Howard was watching whales from his office window in Anchorage as he wrote.) ● A bit more news at Colby Magazine online.
70s NEWSMAKERS

Manny Rosa ’76 was appointed director of community relations for faith-based groups at New York State Homes and Community Renewal by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo. Morning Sentinel writer Doug Rooks ’76 won first place for opinion columns from the Maine Press Association at its annual conference Oct. 17. An essay by Jocelyn Bartkevicius ’79 was named the 2016 winner of the John Guyon Literary Nonfiction Prize by Crab Orchard Review. Angela Mickalide ’78 received the 2015 American Burn Association Burn Prevention Award at the 47th annual meeting of the association in Chicago.

thing that we were all wearing name badges! 

Ed Walczak was happy to see some old (former) classmates and to revisit the beautiful campus. Ed was glad, too, that the College had golf carts shuttling the older alumni around campus, because he thinks some of us may need that assistance by our 50th reunion. Sarah Rosenberg enjoyed her first reunion ever at Colby, although she remembers almost no one from her college days except for good friends Libby Fay and Lisa Turtz Birnbaum. It was a great opportunity for what seemed to her to meet new friends and to visit New England again, which is a long trip from her home in Oregon. In September Sarah was traveling to Italy to spend a few weeks with her husband and his cousins and then spending four weeks in an art school in Florence learning Italian, drawing, and painting. From her list of books read over the summer, she especially recommends The Burned Giant, The Thirteenth Tale, and The Bone Clocks.

Peter Clark asked that we all remember Ed Cronick, who passed away June 1, a few days before our reunion. Peter knows that Ed most certainly would have enjoyed our reunion. We missed Ed and all our other classmates who are no longer with us.

Another first-time attendee, Kevin Cooman, was very glad to see so many old (former) friends, and it was especially good to catch up with Jeff Frankel and Ed Walczak. After almost no communication in 40 years, it was great fun to pick up conversation as if there had not been any gap. They even recreated a photo of the three of them taken senior year in which they were “praying” for good results on either final exams or getting into law and graduate school. Their reunacation 40 years later showed some change in hairlines, with Jeff changing least. They decided that this time they are praying to make it to the 50th!

In June Cindy Genta Streblow was delighted to meet the son of her Colby roommate Jackie Jones Huckle. Jackie had arranged for her son to drop by

Urbana, Ill., to meet Cindy on his way back East. This class correspondent is happy to be back for another five years. I had a wonderful summer, highlighted with our son Eric’s July wedding in Topanga, Calif., just north of Malibu. Extending our trip by a day, we drove south to Oceanside to visit Pete Coz and his wife, Susan, and their two very precious little girls, Petra and Lizzie, born May 2, 2015. They have their hands full to say the least! Pete is thrilled to finally have the opportunity to experience fatherhood.

1976
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Lots of news; let’s dive in! Cathy Worcester Molison returned to Maine last year and hopes to attend her first Colby reunion. Recently she’s worked remotely for Bentley Systems, a Pennsylvania-based engineering software firm. She and husband David are empty nesters, renovating the old homestead. Daughter Eileen is a biochemistry Ph.D. candidate at Harvard; son Nate graduated from University of South Carolina with a degree in supply chain management.

Kate Cone’s latest book, What’s Brewing in New England, is due soon from Down East Books. She notes Maine has more than 60 craft breweries! Deepest sympathies to Barbara Brennan Silano’s family; she died in May. Barbara was chief federal prose-cutor of the U.S. Department of Justice’s Organized Crime Drug Task Force in San Francisco.

Rebecca Hushing McCoile teaches aquatic and medical wellness strength and aerobics classes. Her daughter is in med school, and her husband just retired. Rebecca attended the reinterment of Richard III in the UK. Anne and Jim (O.J.) Morgan have two young grandparents in Nairobi, Kenya; their parents work in the U.S. embassy. Grandson Henry high-fived President Obama during his recent Kenya visit.

Michael Boyson lives in Portland; he and Nancy Grant have been married more than 35 years and he’s worked with Morgan Stanley more than 30. He was recently outspent at the end of the Beach to Beacon 10K by Harry Nelson, with whom he rides bikes, skis, sails, and bikes along with Lindsay Huntington Hancock, Kevin Carley, and Ellen Grant ’79. Michael wants his children to start having children and invites you to share “successful methods of accomplishing same.”

Manny Rosa was appointed by Governor Cuomo as director of community relations for faith-based groups at New York State Homes and Community Renewal. He was previously assistant director for the Promesa Community Residence Program, which helps individuals with persistent mental illness and substance abuse addictions. Manny also teaches urban studies at CUNY’s Queens College.

Scott Smith retired last July and moved back to the Pioneer Valley of Massachusetts. He saw Rob Anderson on the Cape with his two dogs, two boats, and one vintage Mercedes convertible. “Great ride!”

Douglas Rooks has a biography of Sen. George Mitchell that will be published next May; he anticipates a book tour. Stephen Marcus practices condominium and commercial real estate law in Braintree, Mass. Daughter Alistair recently graduated from Mills College. Son Jake is in the J.D./M.B.A. program at University of Miami Law School. The return of Stephen’s Cronh’s disease led him and Jake to start “Team Intestinal Fortitude,” raising more than $800,000 for research. Stephen is president of CCFA—New England (Cronh’s and Colitis Foundation of America).

Peter Labombarde writes that language and global outlook are his kids’ themes. Daughter Jocelyn worked for the Harpswell Foundation in Cambodia, learning Khmer. Son and U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Evan is an Arabic cryptologic linguist. Daughter Katherine uses French and Arabic working for an international economic development consulting firm. After 28 years at Mass General as a pulmonary and critical care doctor, David Systrom now conducts NIH-funded translational research on exercise and pulmonary hypertension at the Brigham. Wife Kathy is a reproductive endocrinologist at Mass General and a chief editor at Up-to-Date, a web-based medical textbook. Daughter Hannah studies at Dartmouth Medical School and her twin, Conor, works in electronic music in Brooklyn. David recently visited TDP roomie Dick Weaver and his wife, Karen, on Peaks Island, Maine, swapping stories late into the evening.

Sherry DeLuca Delany recently visited TDP roomie Jocelyn Frazier who moved back to Chicago from Seattle to take a position at VSA Partners, a branding and marketing firm.

Leslie Warren van Berkum looks forward to retiring in two years after 30-plus years running the Van Berkum Nursery. She does volunteer work with African refugees 12 hours each week and is “learning Kiswahili, but it’s very slow.”

Qaiser Khan lives in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, managing the World Bank Program for Ethiopia. Martin Lobkowicz updates us with the fact that he has lived a fine, varied life thus far, choosing a largely entrepreneurial business path. He and his wife of 32 years have two children, now grown. They now live in Florida. Martin admits to loving “the thrill of the hunt” when it comes to work. I myself know that feeling well!!

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For Ehrhardt Groothoff, “a long-held dream has come true! Our family has moved from California back to Chebeague Island, Maine, following my retirement from the San Francisco Fire Department after 28 years of service. So good to be home! We continue to homeschool and live crazy sport-family lives. Our oldest is one year away from college (Colby is in the mix).”

Evan Katz is now the school business administrator for the Swampscott Public Schools.

Alan Taylor completed a new book, American Revolutions: A Continental History, 1750-1804, which expands the usually told story limited to the East Coast by considering the impact on the entire continent of North America.

Ken Beland has found retire-

2016 American Burn Association Burn Prevention Award at the 47th annual meeting of the association in Chicago.

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awards. Jennifer Barber’s new book of poetry, Works on Paper, received the 2015 Tenth Gate Prize from The Word Works and will be published in 2016. Jenny saw Steve Jacobs in April at the Boston Marathon, and met with Fritz Martin and his wife, Betsy, in August in Colorado. Steve teaches pediatrics nearly full time to family medicine residents and recently found himself in a room with two other Colby grads—a third-year resident, Dr. Josh Garfein ’03, and a patient with her 13-month-old baby. Steve’s Hawaiian print reunion shirt gave him away! Steve planned to swim and bike in the Colby triathlon in September and wonders whether other classmates participated. * After years of longing to travel to Lithuania, where her father was born, Jocelyn Bartkevicius finally made it last summer. A highlight of the trip was a two-week immersion course at Vilnius University in Lithuanian culture and language—it’s the oldest living Indo-European language and very close to Sanskrit. Jocelyn reports ordering a drink in Sanskrit is almost impossibly complicated. She met extended family and saw the village where her grandmother was born and her great-grandparents were buried. The Genocide Museum (also known as the KGB Museum) was edifying but gut-wrenching, as was finding relatives’ names in the reconstructed KGB genocide files. But on a brighter note, two days into her trip she learned that her newest essay on Lithuania, “Mother Tongue,” was named the 2016 winner of the John Guyon Literary Nonfiction Prize by Crab Orchard Review—an auspicious beginning for a sabbatical year she is devoting to completing a book on Lithuania and Lithuanian heritage. * Bill Middleton came from New Delhi and met Ian Ogilvie in Chicago to see the Grateful Dead 50th reunion shows over the Fourth of July. Ian also lunches with Ted Bristol and his wife, Nellie, in Waterville in early July—Ian says Ted hasn’t changed a bit. * Lyn Hildebrandt Holian has worked as a school librarian at Tower School in Marblehead, Mass., for the past 15 years, so she especially enjoyed the book recommendations from classmates. * Mary Rolerson Hebert accomplished a lifelong dream in July—finishing second place for her age group in the Ironman competition in Lake Placid, N.Y. Mary connected with Kathy Jackson Gittin, Robin Towle Gynn ’79, and Gayle Amato ’79 when they stopped at her Kennebunk home for Clam Shack lobster rolls on their way Downeast. She also met Sally Pearce and her Colby parents—Charles ’49 and Virginia Davis Pearce ’50—for lobster rolls at the Silver Street Tavern and toured the Colby museum, where they especially loved Duane Hanson’s “Old Man Playing Solitaire.” * Katherine (Quimby ’79) and Gregory Johnson had a lovely week in Quebec City in June, walking all over the old port and the battlefield park. * Judy Fairclough had the perfect reunion with freshman roommate Tanna Ghizari Chandler at the Billy Joel concert in Boston and plans to meet Tana and Emily De Giacomo Roberts (both part of our freshman class but who left for other schools) for the first time since 1976. Judy’s youngest went off to college, her oldest started medical school, and her middle daughter moved to Boston to work for Avon39. Judy is grateful for her four cats. * Ed Smith hosted what Laura Hyer called a “perfect” gathering on a summer weekend with Jim Cook, Anne Marie Hobson Pesarik, and John Devine. “It is so heartwarming to find friendships that last forever, and ours certainly have,” Laura wrote. I think we would all agree! 1979 Cheri Bailey Powers classnews1979@colby.edu Can’t believe summer is over! Hope you spent it having fun, like Robin Towle Gynn and her family did. Robin and Dennis spent 12 days introducing daughter Kelly to the country where her father met her soninlaw in 1988. They started in Madrid, drove to the southern coast, and ended in Valencia. She noted that Spain has changed for the better in recent years. Kelly graduated from Cornell in 2014 and works as a hardware engineer at Lockheed Martin in Owego, N.Y. Son Dennis graduated high school in 2014 and began 75 consecutive weeks of mechanic training for gas and diesel vehicles. In August Robin caught lunch with Gayle Amato and Kathy Jackson ’78 at the Kennebunk, Maine, home of Mary Rolerson Hebert ’78, and lunched with Mary Shooshan Gasiorsowi ’78 in Concord, N.H. * Peter Krayser is embarking on his third career, having graduated from Texas A&M law school in May. He’s set to take the Texas bar exam in February. Using the post-9/11 GI bill to pay for law school allows him to go into low-margin public service work without the worry of defaulting on student loans. Peter wants to start a nonprofit that provides vets with integrated assistance in filing effective VA disability claims. He also wants to represent vets appealing bad decisions by the VA. There’s a pretty big need, so hopefully it will work out. Peter is recovering from a total hip replacement (first for our class?)). Otherwise life is good—all are healthy and happy. * Bruce Brown and family spent a week in London and a week in Paris this summer. With his oldest starting her senior year in high school, Bruce figured it would be their last summer for a family vacation together. * On April 22 Angela Mickalide received the 2015 American Burn Association Burn Prevention Award at the 47th annual American Burn Association meeting in Chicago. Angela is principal investigator and program director for the emergency medical services for the Children National Resource Center based at Children’s National Health System in Washington, D.C. * This summer I flew to Massachusetts and N.H. to see family and friends. I visited Martha Soucy at her family lake house in Upper Duncook Lake, N.H., for a wonderful weekend of sun (something that has been elusive during my other visits) and memories. Keenan and Kathy Bleakney Pawley came up for the day. We had a great time touring the upper and lower lakes, catching up, and having adult beverages. I missed my flight home and had to spend the night in Baltimore. Many thanks to Bill and Rebecca Rogers Bushong for putting me up for the night! Becky took me out for a drink to unwind and offered me a bed, nightie, and a toothbrush. It was so appreciated. * Hope everyone had a great summer. Look forward to hearing from you next time. 1980 Kevin Fahey classnews1980@colby.edu Thanks to everyone who responded to news to help extend our class’s unbroken record of columns since graduation. I hope to hear from more of you in the coming months and years. I have a correction to my note thanking my predecessors in the correspondent role. Diana Herrmann reminded me that Patty Valavanis Smith was her immediate successor followed by John Veilleux, Lynn Collins Francis, and Tommy Marllitt; my thanks to all for keeping us informed. * Sending my apologies to Patty for the oversight yielded news that she and Mark are now empty nesters with their son Dean at Quinnipiac University and son Jason in his junior year in the sports management program at UMass/Amherst. Patty still works for International Data Group and sings with the Merrimack Valley Chorus, a women’s a cappella group that was a finalist in WGBH-TV’s Sing That Thing! competition. Mark’s general contracting business has focused on clean room construction for infusion centers and pharmacies. * If this column was a series we could probably use #emptynesters as hashtag since it’s an aspect of several more classmates’ news. Dan Ossoff was in touch over the summer checking on neighborhoods around DC in which their youngest son, Will, can live as he starts a fellowship at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace following graduation from Bowdoin in the spring. * Greg Mills and his wife were off to South Carolina to drop off their youngest son to begin his freshman year at Clemson, where their oldest son is a junior. Both are studying mechanical engineering and have been heavily involved, along with Greg and his wife, as volunteers with the organization US FIRST (based in Manchester, N.H.), which focuses on inspiring students to become interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) subjects. Greg is not the only Clemson parent in our class—Glen Coral’s oldest son is in a Ph.D. program there. Glen and his wife, Amy, also travel south to visit their daughter, a senior at James Madison University in Virginia. Glen works in the insurance field focusing on retirement, legacy, and business transition planning. He’s also active with the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals. He also hikes, plays basketball, and coaches youth travel softball. * Greg Mills completed his 10th year as president of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce in Massachusetts. Continuing the empty-nester theme, Peter and his wife enjoy dinners in Boston’s North End while visiting their daughter there. Meanwhile their oldest son was married in September, and their second son is in the Army and redeployed to the Middle East for a second tour this fall. * Barbara Neal and Sarah Davis ’79 have moved into their new farmhouse and are busy building a farm in Ithaca, N.Y. The first livestock is a puppy, but they expect to add a rabbit and some goats, chickens, and pigs, as well as a large garden. Barb has a new job as Cornell cooperative extension educator in horticulture for a local upstate NY county. She’s also president of the American Society of Consulting Arborists and sometimes crosses paths with Mark Garvin, who is president of the Tree Care Industry of America. Barb continues her connections in DC, teaching two courses in the sustainable landscape design master’s program for George Washington University. * Meanwhile John Carpenter had a visit from Ted Tinson while he was in Maine at the end of July. They managed to get out on the water for a nice evening on Casco Bay. See a photo of them online at colby.edu/alumni on the “stay connected” tab. 1981 Steph Vratto classnotes1981@colby.edu Hope to see you at our 35th reunion June 2-5, 2016! Remember to join our Facebook page, created and managed by Victor Vesnaver: facebook.com/groups/Colby-College1981. * Congrats to Duncan and Karen Sondergeld Whitney, who moved to
the Russian Hill section of San Francisco after Duncan's genomic classifier for lung cancer was acquired by Veracyte. The biotech company welcomed Duncan with open arms to help develop and commercialize the test, whose hallmark is early detection via bronchoscopy rather than invasive surgery. 

- Dan '80 and Liz Pitzurro Ossoff are official empty nesters. Youngest son Will graduated from Bowdoin and will spend a year working for the Carnegie Endowment in DC, while oldest son Ben '10 works at Boston's State Street Bank. Liz and Dan continued a wonderful tradition of celebrating with Colby friends each summer at the home of Doug and Amy Parker Cook in Mattapoisett, Mass., along with Bruce and Ellen Reinhalter Shain. Deb (Zarella '79) and Rich Dube, and Marty MacMillin.

- Terri Lewis '83 and John Cleveneger also feel the empty-nest lifestyle inching closer. Daughter Caitlin graduated from Vassar in '13 and works for Epic, a major medical software firm, in Madison, Wis. Son Drew graduated from SMU last spring and works for Oracle in Austin, and youngest Zach is a high school junior.

- Brian McPherson is senior vice president of investments for the McPherson/Splain Group of Raymond James Financial in Washington, D.C.

- Living in Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., Holly Mackin Anzani visited Colby during a snowstorm last February and her daughter loved it so much they are returning for a fall tour! 

- Ted and Lisa Gale Taylor moved to Seoul from Bangor. Ted teaches chemistry and environmental science at Korea International School. Lisa continues to work for the University of Maine as a web programmer for several NASA missions.

- Marisa D'Andrea Barber saw Pam Ellis for their annual Maine coast visit. Marisa started a new job as marketing director for nonprofit World Vision Canada. Her son, Cameron, is a high school senior.

- Colby roommates Faith Bramhall Rodenkirk and Kim Wadkins Seymour enjoyed a weekend in Pittsburgh with their daughters, who are now roommates there! Kim's Ariane, who just graduated from Ithaca College with a B.S. in cinema production, works in Pittsburgh on a Cinemax film crew and lives with Faith's Lindsey, a Pitt senior, who spends summers there training with the swim team.

- Leslie Breton, in her 19th year teaching math at Lawrence Academy in Groton, Mass., traveled back to Storm King School in Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y., where she taught 1987-1997, to receive the Margaret Clark Faculty Excellence Award for dedication that transcends the classroom and high ideals that have become part of the school's tradition. Congrats, Leslie! 

- Mary Coe Connolly's daughter graduated from San Diego State with her M.S. in counseling and is a school counselor at Cathedral Catholic High School in SD. In June Mary welcomed a newborn granddaughter, Erin Lucy Connolly, and two weeks later, her son got married, so she also has a new daughter-in-law. She writes: "Two of my kids live in San Diego—perfect for frequent visits—and my grandchildren, Erin and Mitchell, 3, live close to me—perfect for spoiling." In her ninth year as director of college counseling at Presentation High School in San Jose, Mary traveled back to Mayflower Hill in September for the joint Colby-Bates-Bowdoin counselor trip.

- In May Karen Baumstark Porter's oldest daughter, Mary, a junior at University of Nebraska—Kearney, traveled with other students to Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands, where she was fascinated to see Darwin's work locations. This summer, Karen saw Karen Pfeffer Jones, Michele Adams Prince, and Tracy Don MacDonald '82 in Boston for a wonderful visit, then in August they all met up again in Augusta, Ga., for the wedding of Virginia Kuzia, daughter of Stan '85 and Susan Robertson Kuzia '82! "It was a beautiful wedding, and fun to see Colby pals twice in one summer!"

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Cathy Leonard Swain switched careers after many years as a Spanish teacher. Cathy's now an instructional designer at the University of New England's College of Graduate and Professional Studies helping design their online program in health informatics. 

- Andrea Brantner is VP of sponsorship on the board of the International Aviation Women's Association, is chair-elect of the ABA Forum on Air and Space Law, and is embroiled in the reorganization of GE Capital, which will result in a much smaller finance company that will include her business, GE Capital Aviation Services. "But the activity I'm most proud of," writes Andrea, "is training to walk in the AVON39 Walk to End Breast Cancer in NYC in October." 

- Dorothy Distelhorst's oldest daughter, Cynthia, is a second-year veterinary student at the University of Minnesota at St. Paul. Youngest daughter Ellen is a junior at Stonehill College. Dorothy enjoys being CEO of Streamsight Dental, mentoring employees, and helping clients move toward optimal oral health. She visited Jenny Batson Wilson last year. For their 25th anniversary, Dorothy and husband Karl went to Norway. 

- Deb Nader Hartshorn ran a solo gardening business last summer and spent time with her daughter, a Bates student. Deb sails each week on Lake Champlain, where her race team has pulled off some surprising finishes despite extreme weather and the occasional mishap. Hiking, volunteering for Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports, and live music rounded out a beautiful summer. Deb is an early childhood special educator and preschool consultant. 

- Nancy Briggs Marshall wrote a book called PR Works! How to create, implement, and leverage a PR program for your small business. She does speaking engagements and workshops on public relations, marketing, and social media across Maine. Nancy rode the seven-day BikeMaine ride from Kittery to Bethel in September. 

- Paul and Sarah Perry Indelicato are off on a safari to Kenya and Tanzania in February 2016. They hope to have great photos and stories to share. 

- Mark Clarallo says hi from Montreal. Contact Mark at markmanktnyclarallo-lawyer@hotmail.com.

- Mark Hopkins sends his best to '82. Mark manages a national sales force for Komori America, traveling the country but spending a lot of time at the Chicago corporate office. Mark coaches football for his grandson's team. His wife is a director of an early education learning facility; his oldest daughter had her third boy and is an orthopedic nurse and Kent State clinical professor; his oldest son works in Denver and plans to marry in December; his middle daughter continues missionary life in Guatemala and runs the girls' soccer academy; his youngest son graduated from Ohio State University in August; and Mark's youngest child is a freshman at Ohio State's Fisher School of Business. "Our house is getting mighty quiet after years raising five children." Mark connects with Peter Eshbaugh and John Crowley when in Chicago, and saw Jeff Flinn '85 in Seattle after losing touch since his wedding 28 years ago. 

- Bob Benjamin was promoted to full colonel in January and took brigade command in March. He writes: "Lots of travel with the Army Reserve, including time in Kansas, Pennsylvania, Fort Hunter Liggett in California, and Forts Dix and Devens." Bob graduated from the U.S. Army War College with a master's in strategic studies in July. He also attended the Colby rugby gathering in New York and enjoyed reconnecting with ruggers old and young. His son was married in September.

- My daughter Laura and I spent a fun August night with Doug and Kim Smith McCartney and daughter Blake '16 at their camp in Smithfield, Maine. My family then flew to San Diego to see our adorable first grandson. However, the most earth-shifting moment for me was dropping Laura off for her freshman year at Colby! Her room has a beautiful view of the pond, and she looks forward to skiing and playing ice hockey. I clearly remember that September day in 1978 when my dad delivered me to Foss and a whole new life began.

1983
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Pro tip: vaguely insane email ranting brings home a mother lode of bacon! As Becky Crook Rogers conceded, "Okay, Jen... you win." YAAAAASSSSS! Synchronicity reared its beautiful head in this news cycle: my first responses came from classmates we haven't heard from in a while, and both wrote from Sweden. Yo, do you guys talk? From Sean Duffy in Malmo, where he moved in 1991, that his youngest son, Ryan, celebrated his first birthday—and brother Liam is now 4 1/2. Sean plans to return to the U.S. when kids are school age. In the meantime, his marketing agency is focusing on international growth and has recently partnered with Jon Baskin '82. Sean also teaches digital marketing and international brand management at Lund University. 

- Also from Sweden, Dr. Stacey Sorensen Ristimaa sends greetings to all—she's been there more than 25 years. When she's not writing about core electron excitation (I googled her!) and teaching in the physics lab at Lund University, she plays Swedish folk music, really nice on lonngggg summer nights. On this summer's vacation, she hiked Bryce Canyon with her family then visited the west coast islands of Scotland. Stacey has a daughter in college at Gothenburg and her sons aren't far behind. Out of the Twin Cities, I got Ed Davies living the double life as mad-man software entrepreneur part of the day and PayChex 401k sales rep for the other part—and husband and father. I love the drama. Ed recently exited his software company, 24 years in the making—and presumably in celebration—was poised to embark on three weeks in France and Italy with his family: wife Amy, Calvin, 14, and Elizabeth, 12. Ed, pro tip: don't forget to eat, promise? For those of you still living in fear of Ed's backhand, I regret to inform you that he's hung up the racket for hunting grousie. Ed reports several enjoyable recent-ish trips back to Colby to visit his uncle George Coleman, our fearless registrar of many decades. 

- Loved the Chas Catania update from lakeside in Sherman, Conn. Chas's three boys are now out of the house: eldest Anthony is a junior at UMO and younger son Nick '19 is a Presidential Scholar who entered Colby this year. Nick's twin, Chris, is at UNevada at Reno. Awesomeness from John ("Merlin," really?) Olson, who writes from Lynn, Mass., where he lives with his wife, Kathy, and runs his own insurance business. Two daughters live nearby, and
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Lynn Brunelle ’85 won the Independent Publisher Gold Medal award for her book Mama Gone Geek: Calling on My Inner Science Nerd to Help Navigate the Ups and Downs of Parenting. • Joe Bergera ’86 was named president and CEO of Itelis, Inc., which provides information solutions to the transportation and agriculture markets. • Philip Thornton ’87 was named superintendent of schools for Warwick, R.I. in October. Thornton was chosen from a field of 24 applicants, reported the Warwick Beacon. • Jon Connolly ’87 was elected president of Sussex County (N.J.) Community College in September, as reported by the Sparta Independent.

1985

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The Class of 1985 had a good turnout for the 30th reunion in June. Highlights included Carolyn Altshuler Currie performing folk music, a cocktail hour, where President David Greene spoke, dinner with former dean Janice Kassman, and an entertaining video produced by (and starring) Gin Pup, Cicil Bevin Gordon, Rob Boone, and Scott Lainer ’87. • Marcie Campbell McHale, working as an architect in Seattle, toured Colby last April with her twins and connected with Kathy Hughes Sullivan and Cory Humphreys Serrano. Last March Marcie traveled to England, where she visited Catherine Blagden. • Andrew Worthington was appointed to the board of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. • Shireen Shahawy continues her business with her voiceover career. See www. ThatGirlCanRead.com. • Barbara Knox had a great summer, spending time with her mom on Peaks Island in Casco Bay where she saw Carol Eisenberg and Dave Simpson ’86. She also connected with Andy and Barbara Wilkes Sheehan. • Carol Eisenberg and her daughter biked across Iowa this summer, covering 500 miles in seven days with 20,000 other riders in the largest bike-touring event in the world. Carol often sees Meghan Casey. • Mike Vail returned to Portland, Maine, as president of Hannonford Supermarkets. Mike’s three daughters are making their way through college (BC, U. Tampa, and Elon). He’s reconnected with Wayne Eddy and Peter Dooling at the Colby football golf fundraiser. • Bromwyn Quirk Mohlke enjoyed rooming with Kathy MacMahan Simpson (freshman-year roommate) at reunion. She took a three-week trip to Wales this summer. • Ben Lowry played baseball in a 35-plus league in Maine for many years but retired this season. Next up: His tennis league. • Suzanne Krumm Yerdon was promoted to executive director for the National Exchange Carrier Association. Her 19-year-old triplets attend Wake Forest, Lafayette, and Cornell. • Stuart Johnson is a lawyer in New Haven and lives in Chester, Conn., with his wife, 5-year-old twins, and son Eric. • Jim Polk still works at Putnam and lives in Marblehead. He and his wife, Colleen, are empty nesters with daughters Grace (Notre Dame) and Charlotte (Dickinson) enjoying college. • Chris Lebherz, another empty nester with his three daughters in college, continues to practice law. • John and Kathy Hughes Sullivan live in Ipswich, Mass., with sons Slater ’18 (at Colby) and Tanner (at Exeter). They recently went on a trip to Newfoundland. • Terry Martin, a high school history teacher, had a lot of fun at reunion seeing old classmates again. • Rob Hazard, another reunion attendee, enjoyed the summer with his family in Rhode Island on Wickford Cove. • Sheryl Larson Mortensen started a new position as assistant superintendent of schools in South Windsor, Conn. • Peter Marchesi has practiced law in Waterville since 1989. He and his wife spent 10 days on Bonaire in August. • Mickie Linder Simpson checked in from Bethesda, Md., where she’s a residential broker with TTR Sotheby’s International Realty. Her daughter’s at Kent State, and her husband works for Raytheon and travels frequently to the Middle East. • Sarah Peaseul, husband Jamie, and their three children moved back to the UK after 11 years at British and U.S. embassies in the Middle East. Sarah now teaches languages. She’s also selling her family cabin on Spednic Lake in Maine—email Sarah at spjbl@hotmail.com FMI. • Kevin Bruen still serves in the Coast Guard in the San Francisco Bay area. He plans to attend at least five Colby football games to see son Connor ’17 play for the Mules. • Jim Meltzner’s daughter Maya is a member of Colby’s Class of 2019. • Andrew Myers missed reunion but did take his family (including daughter Cora) on trip to Maine, stopping by Colby. • John Robinson, still teaching in Andover, Mass., got married last May. He goes to concerts with Dan Allegritti. • Lynn Brunelle’s latest book, Mama Gone Geek: Calling on My Inner Science Nerd to Help Navigate the Ups and Downs of Parenting, won the Independent Publisher Gold Medal award. • Tom Clatyar chimed in from Myanmar, where he helped provide flood relief. • Swing Robertson sums up reunion as follows: “It was great to be on campus for reunion. The attendees’ enthusiasm for Colby is what makes our class special!” • Many thanks to all who wrote in!

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Lynn Brunelle ’85

John is now a—GASSPPP—grandfather to Abby. John relayed a tip on the “western Maine masters” tourney, an annual event coordinated by John LeMaine that includes lots of ’80s bros including Tom McGillicuddy, Jim Plumer, and Ric Craig. All of whom wonder where Paul Strocker is at?! Streck, write in, man! Furthermore on the golf theme, Chip Kelly texted from the Philly tarmac: he had just left Jamie O’Neil following their most excellent adventure golfing in Ireland, and HE PROMISED ME that Chico would follow up with the DEETZ. Denied. Dudes, pics or it didn’t happen! • Quick hits: Sal Lovegren Merchant started her own white-glove cleaning service on Mt. Desert, which makes for a grueling summer-time of 24/7 attendance to the needs of a demanding clientele; she devotes the school year supporting special-needs teens at Mt. Desert Island High School as their educational technician. She also serves as senior warden to Seal Harbor. • Ashley Lasbury’s eldest, Samantha ’15, just graduated from Colby; she spent three semesters overseas, and Ashley engineered time to visit her in France, Rome, and Ireland. Good move! I’m hoping one of my kids does a semester on the Black Sea. • Mair Sirakides Hill did her first TEDx talk titled “A Good Plan” after her recently published book. • Scott Dow has taken up glider flying. With a large financial planning practice, Scott divides his time between Portland, Maine, and Orlando, Fla. • John Northrop missed seeing his Colby homies this summer and asks the question, “Does anyone ever visit Houston?”

1986

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David and Sally Jaffe Curley celebrated their 19th anniversary in Turks and Caicos. Having lost their adored Hungarian Viszla two years ago, they became furry parents again to English setter puppy Derby, who has stolen their hearts. In Paris earlier this year, Sally saw Fred Elias, who many Caen JFY friends will remember. • All’s well for Lisa Falk in south Florida, where she’s an anesthesiologist at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. She dropped her younger daughter at camp at Colby this summer and found the campus prettier than ever. Unfortunately her daughter thinks it’s too far, too cold, and too small! Her elder daughter is at Georgetown playing Division I golf. • Ethan Wiesler continues working “too much” as chief of the hand/upper extremity surgery section at Wake Forest University, but he enjoyed a recent trip to Italy and looked forward to a New England trip. • After nearly 30 years in Washington, D.C., Jill Bond relocated to become executive director of corporate and foundation relations at the University of Texas, Austin. She enjoys life in the “barbecue belt and live music capital of the world.” Jll saw Fred ’87 and Gail Glickman Horwood over breakfast in DC. Their oldest daughter is in Colby’s Class of 2019. • Beth Schwartz moved to Ohio to become vice president for academic affairs and provost at Heidelberg University, after 24 years at Randolph College. Perfect timing, with her younger daughter at Bard College and older daughter at Muhlenberg College. • Another recent (and not happy about it) empty nester is Andy Docherty, who sent his youngest off to Cornell. Andy is finishing his final assignment in the U.S. Navy as current operations chief of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency at Ft. Belvoir, Va. He’ll retire next summer with 30 years of active duty service. • Bob Sidman became regional VP of medical affairs at the Connecticut hospital system where he’s worked for some time. He still pulls an occasional shift in the emergency department despite much time in meetings. Two of his children are in college, with just one more at home. • Leslie Greenslet Perry loves her new challenge—teaching eighth grade physical science at Bridgeport public schools. • Edward Tory Fiske has been with business interiors for 13 years at the Staples home office in Framingham, Mass. • Peter Coley was thrilled to show Colby to his 9-year-old daughter after attending the U.S. National Alpine Ski Championships at Sugarloaf. Trip highlights were meeting President Greene and reminiscing that he and Shelly Lent Gillwald cofounded the
once moribund Colby ski team in 1983-84 by driving to Sugarloaf in his old Volvo. Tom Fisher and wife of 24 years Laura live on a gentleman’s farm in Amherst, N.H., with sons Nate, 16, (accomplished motocross rider and Porsche enthusiast) and John, 14, (prodigal rock drummer). He looked forward to vacation on the western Ireland coast as a break from work as partner in charge of IBM’s global finance consulting practice. Tom splits time between Chicago and London. He runs into Jeff King in NYC and sees Abe Brass ‘87 and family. Following retirement from his Marine Corps career, Bob Loynd became assistant vice president and deputy director-Europe for the University of Maryland University College, working at UMUC’s Europe headquarters in Rhineland-Pfalz, Germany. Bill Kules is on a yearlong sabbatical from Catholic University of America, reflecting on what he learned from his Colby education, as well as what’s changed in how we “do” college. He wonders, “As a society, what do we intend our colleges and universities to accomplish?” Dave Epstein and husband Mark have a cabin in Harpswell, Maine, and would love visitors. I love hearing Dave’s voice on our local public radio station, WBUR in Boston, whenever there’s a weather event in our area. Dave is chair of the Alumni Council and very excited to help engage more alumni. He and I both say check out our reunion Facebook page at “Colby 86 30th Reunion.” Yes, reunion will be here before you know it, so mark your calendars now! June 2-5, 2016.

1987
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Have you ever heard the term “filler?” It’s invoked when there is literally nothing major to report in the news. Which actually means it was a fairly good day for the general public. This is typically a fluff piece, like captive pandas having cubs because, hey, what else do they have to do when like captive pandas having cubs because, for example? I have a quick suggestion, Ingrid Ekstrom and Erin Borgeson Castelli! Anyway, before we get to actual news, let’s open with the aforementioned fluff. John Collins ‘85, also known as “Gin Pup,” also known as “Flabby Cheeks,” also known as “A.K.A.” writes: “Sorry I missed the reunion (for Class of ‘85). Heard it was fun. As Rob and Cici will tell you, we actually submit our news to Scott over in the nearby Class of ‘87 column. We started doing this because we felt there was more than enough great news coming out of our class that we thought we would share the wealth. To be honest, the Class of ‘87 column needed at least a few interesting items to spruce up an otherwise lackluster column of no news.” (I’m sneaking under my breath right now. Just to keep you up to speed.) He goes on: “Moreover, we could no longer stand by and read Scott’s quarterly desperate plea for news. We may expand this mission of mercy to other columns but, for now, ’87 has become a pet project until we can get it turned around.” And if anyone knows about desperate, it’s Pup. Might I suggest, John, that you focus your energy on something more worthwhile? A gym membership might be nice. Or a few weeks camping in the Yukon. The very deep, as yet unexplored Yukon. See what I’m saying here? Put the You in Yukon. We have so many successful grads doing exciting things, they don’t always have time to write. In point of fact, the Class of ’85 gets an abundance of lackluster news, so they have to send their weakest links to bother us. One more swear to myself. There, that’s better. Now, the actual news. Tim Hennessey says: “My wife and I are having dinner in San Francisco tonight with my old Colby roommate Brian Low and his wife. This is our annual dinner. [That means they do it once a year.] I’m still living in the Bay Area, working for Prudential Real Estate Investors, playing hockey, and just got back from a week on the Cape, which is where I grew up.” See, that alone is worthy of an entire column. But there are simply too many stories to tell. Glenn Cummings writes: “I’ll send you an update shortly.” Okay, we may have skipped a beat here. But I can almost guarantee that his update will come in the next issue. Let’s ramp it up again. Class president, superstar, and recently fired judge on Dancing with the Stars Tina Zabriskie Constable writes: “I took over the Christian publishing division at Random House a year ago in addition to two other imprints I have been overseeing for a while. [Quick suggestion, Tina. Rename the company “Clearly Defined House.”] Random is just so, um, random.” It has been quite the adventure and a steep learning curve, but I have enjoyed the challenge. The company is based out in Colorado Springs, so while there has been more travel in my regular routine, it is a breathtaking setting and looking at the Rockies from the conference room window each visit never gets old!” Unfortunately, I’m getting old, Tina. And shorter. But in a distinguished, squint-and-I-look-much-better kind of way. I hope you all had a happy summer and, by the time you read this, a pleasant early fall. Remember you can always write to me, even if it’s not for the column. Mostly I’m sitting. Occasionally standing. And that’s MY news.

1988
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Tim Wissemann is in his 10th year owning and operating Mariner Beverages, Maine’s largest independent fine wine and craft beer distributor. Tim’s twin boys are seniors and in the midst of the college search. Tim sees Gary Donaldson frequently as their wives have been best friends since grade school. Ann Armstrong Bainés lives west of Philly in a 200-year-old house and enjoys collecting antiques from that period, keeping the furniture in proportion with the architecture. Ann was caretaker of the greenhouse at Colby for one year and her passion continues at her house and by taking classes at the local botanical garden. Ann’s daughter is studying architectural design at SCAD and her son is a high school rugby player. Allison Murray Valley sees Michael Burr frequently, as he’s married to one of her closest childhood friends. Allison has a furniture refinishing and refurbishing business and sells vintage furniture. Allison’s Facebook posts portray a life full of friends, family, and fun—and really toned arms, of which she knows I am quite envious. Kelly Marchetti migrated from her home state of Massachusetts to Boulder, escorted by her dad and her golden. Kelly’s move was in part to implement just-in-time production for her boot cover business. She’s adjusting her temperament to the politeness of Boulder, initially disconcerting for the Mass-bred and Mass-trained driver! Kelly has finally and graciously forgiven me for breaking her nose two months into freshman year during a field hockey practice. She has not forgiven me for dressing as her at Halloween and wearing a lot of white tape on my nose. Jennifer Allen has lived in Kentucky for 10 years with husband Anthony, daughter Grace, 8, and dog Guinness Underfoot and cat Kyndur Underfoot. It’s beautiful country surrounding their home on a lake, but Kentucky is landlocked and a very red state and New England has been calling her home. They now own a home in Marshpee and spent last summer on the Cape. Jennifer believes in the adage “beach your children well” and they accomplished that last summer! Jennifer spent time with Lisa Tomasetti Holmes, who summers in NH, and Brian Connors, who was visiting family on the Cape. Jennifer warns several Colby friends that she’s on a staking mission to see them during future summers. That includes Sarah Pope, Susie Allison, Nancy Knapp, and Courtney Celi Haan. Jennifer has been off-ramping work and retreated to three days a week at the Big O (Oracle). She’s been in technology since graduating, and while it’s been good to her it’s time to move on. Jennifer saw Steven and Ellen Krause Teplitz when they picked up their son from camp in Chatham. Jennifer and Ellen grew up together and have been friends since they were 5! Steven and Ellen have been married for 23 years and live in Washington, D.C. Steven is a telecommunications attorney and has been with Time Warner Cable for eight years. Ellen has been an at-home mom, volunteering at the kid’s schools and her church. Their son Andrew, 20, is a sophomore at USC and living the dream in Los Angeles while pursuing a B.F.A. in acting. Matthew, 17, is a high school junior beginning his college search. The Teplitz’s visited Gail Rutherford Woods ’89 in Charlotte, N.C. The Teplitz’s, and many of our classmates, were saddened to learn of the untimely death of Roland Cheyne. Steven attended his funeral along with many of Roland’s Colby friends. Roland was a great spirit with an easy smile. He will be missed by many.

1989
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I got a bumper crop of news this time! If you don’t see your news, look for it in the next issue due to space limitations. Bill and Anne Webster Stauffer were anticipating a trip to Copenhagen and Stockholm and enjoying Maine summer with their two girls. Bill will be in Dublin in January 2016 and looks to meet any Colbyites over there. John “Johnny P” Reynolds is writing for the Netflix series Mr. Peabody & Sherman, out in October. In his spare time, he hangs out with son Kai and keeps in touch “through the magic of the Internet” with Mark Cosdon, Kerri Hicks, Tim Fisher (who NEVER writes me), and Chris Tremain. Dave Fearon offered to send amusing cat anecdotes if I’m short on column fodder. Next time, Dave! Long-lost classmate Norwood Scott wrote from Yosemite, where he was filming a PBS nature show about water. He was in Calgary in April, and was headed to Saipan to help after the typhoon there. Who knew working for the EPA could be so glamorous? Tripp and Heidi Lombard Johnson celebrated their 23rd anniversary this summer. Daughter Abby ’18 is a sophomore at Colby who stayed for the summer to continue her athletic concussion research project. Their son Matt is a high school senior showing too much interest in a school in Brunswick for their taste. Their youngest, William, 16, lives courageously with spinal muscular atrophy as the family
Jeremy and his wife have two little ones, the oldest started kindergarten this fall. Jeremy and Tom Karafin caught U2 in NYC this summer, 18 years after seeing them at Boston Garden. Melissa Early Ruwitz’s twins also started college this fall—her son at University of Missoula and her daughter at Kenyon. They graduated from different high schools on the same date, so Melissa was happy that their college drop-off dates were separated by a day. Mark Cosdon is still molding young minds as a professor of theater history, literature, and criticism at Allegheny College. Plus he taunts us on FB with pics from regular trips to Italy.

You should need tips for that friendly poker game, look no further than Kate Carswell, who’s looking to relocate from Boston to Santa Fe within the next year. Carolyn Reed Kirkpatrick could not make reunion as she and her family were traveling in Taiwan, Myanmar, and Indonesia. Ingrid Moore Conway completed her graduate work in marriage and family therapy, then was hired as an MFT in a nonprofit’s gambling addiction treatment program. This work is so rewarding that it doesn’t feel like work to her. John Hayworth reports that his boutique law firm of 15 years has been subsumed into multiregional Butler Snow law firm. Kate Brennan Dailey saw Melissa Ray Nelson when their kids sailed in the same regatta in Marblehead, Mass.

Sue Beevers Seem was chosen in the “experienced leaders” category for her work as a CPA and audit partner with Deloitte and was recognized at MSCPA’s Women’s Leadership Summit in October. Congratulations, Sue! Though Joseph Cattivera says things have been pretty quiet, last year he got married, changed jobs, and moved from southern to northern California. Dave Vincent graduated in May from George-town University’s McDonough School of Business, earning his M.B.A. thanks to the G.I. Bill and Yellow Ribbon programs. He’s also reactivated his law license in the District of Columbia, where he plans to seek employment. Paige Brown Waters and her family still love their town of Newburyport, Mass.—the schools, festivities, and nearby beaches. It was nice having her classmate and junior-year abroad (Colby in Caen) friend Christine Tuccille Merry visit in August. Another summer highlight was a family trip to the south of France, where Paige saw friends and places from her Fulbright teacher exchange in the ’90s. She also loves connecting with softball teammate Erin Kelly DiGrande. Their daughters play club soccer in the same region—it’s funny to think that their daughters may meet up at any given tournament or game! Tim Palmer is still in Japan but got back to New England and spent two weeks with his dad in Maine and a few days in Massachusetts. Mike and Michele Friel Mullen live in Maynard, Mass., with son Ethan, 13, and daughter Jordan, 11. They keep busy with basketball, soccer, Girl Scouts, theater, and more. After 17 years working in the Norfolk county district attorney’s child abuse unit, Michele now works with the North-east Regional Children’s Advocacy Center to provide training and technical assistance to children’s advocacy centers. She works from home and travels to different child abuse programs in the Northeast. It’s been a great career change. Christine Tuccille Merry continues to run her graphic design business from home in Frederick, Md. She’s been homeschooling her oldest son for two years and sent him to high school this fall—her youngest son is a fifth grader. She took a trip to Newburyport, Mass., this summer and saw Paige Brown Waters and Beth Reutlinger Falconer, who both live in the area, and Wendy Langdon Fiero, who was visiting from California. They’re all doing well, busily juggling work and family. Donna Wentworth shared happy news that she’s now a strategic communications manager for an organization called Access (accessnow.org) that fights to ensure that fundamental human rights are protected in the digital age. She has colleagues in offices around the globe, from Costa Rica to India to the Philippines to Tunis. She
feels truly blessed that she’s able to work remotely from Maine, which allows her to raise her wonderful son Henry, 8, in the middle of nature. * I’m glad to hear that so many people are looking ahead to our 25th reunion in June 2016. Mark your calendars, and keep the news coming!

### 1992

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What a summer! * Torin Taylor, who lives in Manchester, Mass., says: “A bunch of ’92ers got together in Chicago for the Grateful Dead reunion in July: Thorn Luth, Wylie Dufresne, Steve Neuhauser, David Leavy, Josh Cummings, Kevin Whalen, myself, and Bill Michels ’93. Aside from some grey hair and staying in a suite at the Hilton (instead of Wylie’s van back in the day) it was like we hadn’t even left Colby! Josh and I also had a great visit with Jim Conrad who was back visiting from his current home in Abu Dhabi.” * In August JC Klick visited James Albright and Andrew Wallace for a mini-reunion in Houston. “Andrew is an attorney in Manhattan, James is a pediatric otolaryngologist in Houston, and I am an anesthesiologist in Cleveland. Great to catch up with the guys!” * Warren Claytor and his family hiked several of the Adirondack High Peaks and also visited the Olympic Center in Lake Placid, N.Y., the site of the “miracle on ice” from the 1980 Winter Olympics. “I was the same age as my daughter Pepper is now when the U.S. men’s team, made up of amateur and collegiate players, defeated the Soviet Union team, which had won the gold medal in six of the seven previous Olympic games. It was fun to relive the moment that allowed Team USA to go on and win the gold!” He also writes, “I have a new vacation house in Maine that my architecture firm designed for one of our clients; it overlooks Somes Sound on Mt. Desert Island. I also worked on a handful of projects on the Main Line of Philadelphia, collaborating with Kyle Lissack and his outstanding company, Pinemar.” * Anne Maddocks Michels had a very Colby summer. She and her husband, Bill Michels ’93, spent a weekend in Summerland, Calif., with Wylie Dufresne, David Leavy, Josh Cummings, and their respective families. Their nine kids played and swam in the ocean while the parents caught up. Visiting back east in July, Anne got together with Elaine Bueschen O’Grady in Vermont for dinner, and recently saw Amy Young Kops at a wedding. * Jon Eddinger, wife Robin, and son Jackson, 7, relocated to Amherst, N.H., in August 2014. Jon works nearby at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester. Jon saw John Poirier in Washington, D.C., this spring and says he will be catching up with Flint Hobart in NYC “as long as he doesn’t bail on me again! That’s right, hailing via Colby Magazine.” * Kristin Wallace Livezy visited Kelly Wonger in Portland, Ore. Kelly writes: “We did some small hikes to waterfalls and had a backyard barbecue; it seemed like no time had passed even though it had been five years since we saw each other. Eric and I are having a nice fall with Finnegan, 8, and Copeland, 6, back in school. Our design agency, Squishymedia, is growing and doing well.” * In August I ran into Torin Taylor and his son Nils at a Mylan World TeamTennis match on Boston’s North Shore and Kelly Evans Arevian and her son at a junior USTA match in Wayland, Mass. Both Kelly’s son and my sons are big tennis players. It’s great to find Colby in so many places. * Enjoy the winter, ’92!

### 1993

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Reena Chandra continues her work at the Wisconsin Foundation and Alumni Association, serving as the director of advancement and development for the school of nursing. Reena is also president of Combat Blindness International, a nonprofit Reena’s father started more than 30 years ago with the mission to eradicate preventable blindness around the world. Reena writes, “We do this by funding free cataract operations and provide sustainable support for eye care entities throughout the world. To date we have given sight to almost 250,000 people.” * Matt Kears was recently featured in Maine mag as one of 50 Mainers leading the state. Matt is currently vice president of development in North America for SunEdison, where he works to promote clean energy, including wind power projects. Matt also helped create a $700,000 conservation fund through the Appalachian Mountain Club and is active in the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Maine and the Maine Audubon Corporate Partners program. Matt keeps in touch with T.J. Winick, Mark Radcliffe, and Dave Higgins and recently saw Amy Young Kops at a wedding. * Jon Eddinger, wife Robin, and son Jackson, 7, relocated to Amherst, N.H., in August 2014. Jon works nearby at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester. Jon saw John Poirier in Washington, D.C., this spring and says he will be catching up with Flint Hobart in NYC “as long as he doesn’t bail on me again! That’s right, hailing via Colby Magazine.” * Kristin Stein is looking forward to her annual baseball safari with Sean Greene, Ben Merowitz, and Mike Pietraszek. The four attend a baseball game at a different stadium each year. This year’s baseball safari will take them to Washington, D.C. * Ari Drucker visited NYC this summer and caught up separately with Jon Yormak, Rob Hostler, and David Beatus. He also spoke with A.G. Gillis and John Southall, and reports everyone is still good. * Paul ’94 and Sheri Petelle Marnoto and children Sonia, 11, Tristan, 9, and Cameron, 8, live in North Andover, Mass. Sheri volunteers in the kids’ schools while Paul is a partner at K&L Gates law firm in Boston. Sheri visited Susan Krolicki Newmeyer this summer and also caught up with J’lly Soper Toomey ’92, Jill Camuso Daley ’92, and Jen Barnicle Babcock in Boston to send off Michele Ayan, who will be relocating to California. * After last winter in Boston, we are all very jealous of her and wish her lots of luck. * Janine Deforge Olson has checked marathons off her bucket list and is looking forward to a year of moderation. While she plans to keep running and may run a half marathon, she’ll be focusing on her kids, managing her financial advisory practice, and doing social action work this year. * Paul and Angela Tennett Butler dropped their oldest child off at college this year. Paul attended the Aug. 8 New England Basketball Hall of Fame induction of Matt Gaudet ’95 in Worcester, Mass. * Matt also was recognized with a special award presented by retired Colby basketball coach Dick Whitmore, a fellow NEBHOF member, who spoke of Matt’s courage following the paralyzing diving injury he sustained not long after graduation. I spent time with Greg ’95 and Sarah Hamlin Walsh ’96, who keep in close contact with Matt, and Jim Zadro zny ’95, who lives near Greg and Sarah in Franklin, Mass. * Earlier this year I caught up with Lael Hinman Stanczak in Singapore. Her oldest headed to college this fall. Although my family and I are back in Hong Kong, this summer we spent time in Scituate, Mass., where I hung out with Amy O’Mara Moore, and in Truckee, Calif., where I ran into Jeff Kosc. Thanks for sharing your news!

### 1994

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I hope you all had a wonderful summer. Mine was topped with a visit from Michelle Tadros Eidson, who was in Minneapolis for business and stopped at the Walsh house for a night. We had a lovely dinner on the deck and then yes, Lake House girls, I even went on a run with her the next morning. Shocked, I know. She’s busy at Platte River Equity in Denver and raising two darling kids with her husband, Sam. * Rebekah Freeman Schulze is...
enjoying life in Florida. She’s been working at Florida International University and recently accepted a faculty position at its college of education. Over the summer she traveled to the West and East coasts where she saw lots of Colby friends. In San Francisco she spent time with Stacy Warner and Ross Piper ’95 and their beautiful little boys. They had a great dinner with Greg and Erin Crossland Christopher and their kids at their lovely home as well. In August her family headed north, where they spent a fun weekend with Sara Perry Gyan and her family at their gorgeous new home in Montclair, N.J. She then headed to Massachusetts, where she caught up with Marilie Haydon Borden and her daughter. Further north in Maine she met Heather Lounsbery and her family, and then caught up with Carolyn Hart and Dave O’Shea ’93, Chris Austin, and Jon Frothingham ’95. They met Austin’s adorable new baby, Lorelei, and played with his 5-year-old, May. While I didn’t receive many updates from our class, you can also continue to post and read on our Facebook 20th reunion page. There you can learn about Michelle Mathai climbing 14,179-foot Mt. Shasta in northern California to raise more than $15,000 to support cancer research. Or see a photo of Jennifer Zwick Somer, Alyssa Schwenk Adams, and Erin Crossland Christopher having a mini-reunion in Dana Point, Calif. Keep the news coming in any form you can!

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First, thanks to everyone who attended reunion. I heard from quite a few folks that it was a great event. I can’t wait to see everyone at our 25th! Matt Medwick is assistant director of medical education at Tel Aviv University School of Medicine. Fred and Heather Johnson Webster and their two kids, Gwyneth, 13, and Mac, 11, had a great time at the 20th reunion. It was their first time visiting Colby since graduation and their kids loved exploring Colby. Afterwards they visited Boston, New York, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia. Fred works as an administrator at West Valley Medical Center and has started a business with Zija International. “We stepped back in time for a weekend and everyone was a better, wiser version of their old selves. Cheers to everyone who made it an awesome reunion weekend,” writes Scott Koles. * The American Association of Geographers awarded Emma Spennon Norman’s latest book, Governing Transboundary Waters: Canada, the United States, and Indigenous Communities, the Julian Minghi Distinguished Book Award. This award is given to the author of the best book published during the previous calendar year in the field of political geography. Emma also completed her first year as department chair of the native environmental science program at North-west Indian College in Bellingham, Wash., where she’s been a faculty member for more than a decade. In her free time, Emma enjoys gardening, trail running, and exploring the intertidal zone with her children, Parker, 9 and Luke, 6.

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First of all, a shout out to Matt Russ for showing his art at a Portland art gallery event I put together in June. Matt is seriously talented and greatly classed-up our affair. Thanks, Matt! * Donald Saucier tells me that he’s old, married, has two kids—daughter Delaney, 6, and son Liam, 4—and can still whip Ken Wilson in a race. He was also awarded the Coffman Chair for University Distinguished Teaching Scholars at Kansas State University, which is pretty rare for a former hurdler. * Jess Boyles and partner, Marti, had their first baby, Elias, Aug. 12. He’s healthy and lovely. They live in Berkeley, Calif., and Jess is a teacher in San Fran. She sees Jess Wolk ’96J on a regular basis and ate the world’s best hot dogs at Casey’s in Natick, Mass., this summer with Sarah Muzzy ’97, Kevin Emerson, and their posse of kids. Jess looked forward to a visit from Sarah Eustis and Andy Meeks when they come from Portland in September. * Erik and Michelle Torrens Gustafson spent a week in August hiking around Jackson Hole with their three boys. On the work front, the software company he started three years ago is doing well and he just hired his first Colby alum, Grace Perry ’97, to run enterprise sales in the Northeast. Hey Erik, get a hold of Ricky Catino ’95—he runs Leadbridge, a software sales consultancy—and thank me prior to our next issue. * While in Boston Sarah Gelman Carney ate breakfast with Mary (Thach ’98) and Alex Chin, then took her kids to their first Red Sox game at Fenway. Sarah has 11-year-old twins, one boy and one girl. Sarah says her daughter is taller than her #thatsnotreallysurprising.* Alex Chin writes that an epic crew of Colby folk descended upon Chatham Memorial Day weekend to celebrate the birthday of Glenn ’97 and Gregg Forger ’97. Attending were Brett Nardini and Eric Ayers-Nardini ’98, Stu and Karin Godrich Wales, Sarah and Jerrod DeShaw ’97, Amanda McGovern (wife of Todd McGovern ’97), Gregg ’97 and Danielle Rizzo Forger, Melissa and Glenn Forger ’97, and their 19 total children. * Whitney Glockner Black’s family welcomed their third son, Hugo Quincy Glockner Black, July 17. All were doing well and enjoying the hot (very dry) summer in California. * Susannah Kowal Lacroix lives in Colorado Springs with her husband and daughter Charlotte, 3. Susannah works as a pediatric physical therapist and spends as much time in the beautiful outdoors as possible. She hopes to move back to New England in the next couple of years as her husband finishes his career in the U.S. Air Force. * Eric Gordon’s sons took up golf, and to show them what a real waste of time looked like, he decided to compete in a marathon swim. Eric had already reunited with former swim team captain Heather Perry Weaver ’93, and worked as a tour guide for her business, SwimVacation (I have no idea what they do). Apparently people paid money for Eric to lead them through the warmth and clarity of the Caribbean. But when that became too pedestrian, he swam from the Tappan Zee to the George Washington Bridge (15.8 miles) as part of the 8bridges.org Hudson River Swim (he finished in just under 3.5 hours). Take that, Gordon boys! Eric reports that our class “rocks the flippin’ Casbah” for reaching our fundraising goal last year. Even so, Eric reminds us all to dig deep since we’re in a reunion year. He also thinks you should give preposterously sized gifts if your name rhymes with “clearani,” or “chardini,” or “porros,” or if you work in finance (give a mega-wad of jack to Colby!). Eric’s looking for reunion volunteers—you know, people interested in coordinating reunion activities, raising our participation level, or making runs to Jokas*. Let me, or him, know if you’re up for pitching in. *Oh wait, I forgot that Jokas delivers.

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Summer is winding down, and as I write this my children are settling in for sleep before their first day of school. We had a fun-filled summer, starting with a trip to Norway to visit my sister and her family. We saw the fjords and seemingly never-ending sun. (The sun technically set for five hours each night, but the sky still seemed rather bright to us an hour after sunset!) Later in the summer, we took a trip to Disney World with my extended family. There were 18 of us and we had a blast! Now on to the next adventure—second grade for my son, and kindergarten for my daughter. * Simone Kaplan Cote lives in Andover, Mass., with her husband and daughters. She had a busy summer of Colby reunions! Jen O’Neill and Tom Killilea recently moved to town. Jen and Simone belong to the same book group, so they’ve enjoyed some fun child-free time together. In mid-June Amanda Glaser-Blish, her husband, and her daughter visited Simone while on their summer trip to the U.S. (from their home in Berlin). While there Dave Hanauer and his family came for a barbecue. Simone said it was great fun to watch all of their children play together! While in D.C. this summer, Simone and her husband saw Rob Gimpel as well as JD and Megan Brennan Wood and enjoyed a picnic dinner together in Alexandria. * David Wright recently moved to San Francisco. He reports seeing friends Christy and Kent Robertson as well as Gregg ’96 and Cathy Neuger LeBlanc at Becky Brier’s wedding in New Hampshire last summer. * Jami Fisher got married in August. She still runs the ASL program at the University of Pennsylvania. * Susanna Montemezzo writes, “My daughter, Reggie (short for Regina), just turned four. It’s amazing how time flies! I started a new job working at AARP on housing, transportation, and consumer protection policy issues. I’ve caught up with some Colby friends. Cary Gibson lives in DC and works on health-care policy for a firm in town. My COOT buddy, Josh Stevens, works at the new Trader Joe’s and has an unpaid second job as a DC United superfan. He lives near me, and I run into him regularly and at DC United games. I saw Carole Reid Bird when she was in town for a conference. She lives in Hong Kong and is a college consultant for expats there. I also caught up with Tom DeCoff in Boston over this summer. He continues to work for the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.” * Rebecca Durham was preparing for another art show at the Montana Natural History Center in December, where she’ll present botanical renderings of native plants with haikus. Her daughter is in second grade and they’re learning guitar together. * Congratulations to Chad Higgins on the arrival of Max William, born Aug. 19. * Mika Hadani Melamed lives in New Jersey with her husband and
two daughters, 11 and 5. Her husband owns an architecture company in NYC, and Mika recently earned VP status at her workplace. Wendy Ridder Bergh recently joined Minted as SVP, operations, after nine years as an executive at Walmart e-Commerce. Between work and her family, which includes daughters Violet and Scarlett, she keeps pretty busy. They just had a wonderful family vacation to Turks and Caicos. If anyone’s ever in the San Francisco area, let her know.

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Peter Manning lives in Kennebunk, Maine, and works as an OB/GYN at Southern Maine Medical Center in Biddeford. Their 8-year-old and 10-year-old already have their eyes on Colby! He’s enjoyed seeing Adam Rana at Sugarloaf. Kate Hamzi lives in Boulder and teaches earth science to sixth graders. She has a son Micah, 3 1/2, and a baby girl, Chloe. Kate and her family ski, bike, hike, and enjoy the beauty that Colorado has to offer.

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Ali Mian finished his tenure as president of the Yale House Staff Senate and will take the boards next June. Meanwhile he’s enjoying his residency in radiology at Yale-New Haven. Ali and his wife, Elise, a pathologist at Lawrence and Memorial in New London, recently moved to Old Lyme and expect a second boy in November, joining big brother, Noah, 2.

Alexis Azar Posanski returned to work full-time last summer after spending five wonderful years at home with her three boys, Owen, 6 1/2, Griffin, 5 1/2, and Harry, 2 1/2. Alexis is the senior director of development for St. Louis University’s Center for Advanced Dental Education.

Megan Watson reports that Veda Logan Schissel was born in March, making her big brother, Finn, a really happy boy. They enjoy life in Mountain View, Calif., where driverless cars and brightly colored Google bikes abound. Chrsissy Barnett Miller and her family moved to Okinawa, Japan, for a two-year tour. Chrsissy’s husband, Kevin, is a civil engineer for the Navy. They look forward to introducing their daughter, 2 1/2, to Japan and will welcome another baby girl in November. Chrsissy was a freelance producer for Discovery Channel for two years and will be a stay-at-home mom once baby #2 arrives. Before they left the States, she caught up with Courtney Smith Eisenberg. Chrsissy would love visitors, so if any classmates find themselves in Japan let her know!

Nate Jue did the cross-country move from Connecticut to California and started as an assistant professor at California State University, Monterey Bay, teaching population genetics, genomics, and bioinformatics. Nate is pretty excited about the job and being out of the snow this winter.

After four years at the White Mountain School in New Hampshire, Ryan Aldrich accepted a position as the upper school director at Tahoe Expedition Academy in Truckee, Calif. His family is excited for the new adventure, more sun, fewer bugs, and hopefully tons of snow! Ryan already met up with Matt Smith ’00 (who lives in Truckee) for some mountain biking, and with Aaron Whitmore, who comes up often from San Francisco.

Emmett Beliveau left the White House for Austin, Texas, where he’s now the chief operating officer for C3 Presents, a global music and events company. And, sadly, the Class of 1999 lost one of our own this summer. The unexpected death of Corey Kessler Aug. 9 came as devastating news to many classmates. To Corey’s family and close friends, we hope you feel the love and support from his Colby family.

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Class of 2000! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and early fall filled with adventure, friends, and family. Limi Bauer is now a contributing writer for MOGUL, an online platform for women, at onomogul.com/users/limi-bauer. With her other time, she still teaches English at the University of Applied Sciences in Wels, Austria.

Paul and Jen Goodman (aka Goody) Bianchi had their first baby, Gia, May 7. She was a month early but is a trouper! One of Milka Perez-White’s favorite moments of our 15th reunion was stepping back on campus for the first time to see its beauty again. She wrote, “The moment I saw the first Colby College sign it gave me my mule pride back. What a lovely campus, what an opportunity it was to be educated at one of the finest private colleges, and what an honor to meet President Greene, a breath of fresh air for Colby. President Greene is an innovative leader who understands what Colby needs to move forward without losing its integrity.”

Alex Bahn and his family relocated to Philadelphia, though he still spends lots of time in DC. He’s still a partner with the same law firm, Hogan Lovells, practicing corporate and securities law. Otherwise, life is good, he writes. “Emily, 5, is excited for kindergarten, and Charlie, 3, is excited for pretty much everything.”

Ben Mackay completed his second acquisition under Long Trail Holdings and is looking for one or two more companies to round out the portfolio.

2001
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Class president Pierce Cole lives the dream in Wells, Maine, teaching and coaching basketball at Wells High School. He’s looking forward to seeing everyone at our 15th reunion. Mark your calendars for June 2-5, 2016, as promises to be a momentous occasion!

Pete Hanby is an architect, living and working in Brooklyn. He and wife Abigail had a son, Ansel Bolton Hanby, June 1.

Simon and Caroline Blair McKay live in Darien, Conn. Simon works in NYC and Caroline will continue working for John Hancock remotely.


Tim Wiswell lives in Moscow, but the highlight of his family’s summer was visiting family in Connecticut and the Ucko family in Weekapaug, R.I.

Scott Friemann works at Willis, where he brokers large casualty programs. He’s also engaged to Sarah Hanson. Scott and former roommate Alex Lear played a gig at the Yarmouth Clamfest, then Scott and Sarah traveled to Colby, where Alex’s wife (a professional photographer) took engagement photos. Last October Todd Miner married Emily Soergel, whom he met in graduate school at Columbia. They live in Brooklyn.


Eric Lantzman transplanted the family from Alaska back to Pittsburgh. He took a job with Allegheny Health Network developing a family planning department, a transgender medicine clinic, and enhanced care for the Bhutanese population of Pittsburgh.

Basketball star Kim Condon-Lane was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. She scored 1,094 career points and helped Colby win the ECAC New England title.

Kelly Kenney Cavagnaro lives outside Boston and leads the northeast institutional relationship team for State Street. She welcomed daughter Ella Mae last December, joining brother Jack, 5. Jack loves to play with Sylvia Nickse-Jones, Alyson Nickse’s daughter. Kelly and Alyson looked forward to helping at the Colby financial career day in Boston this fall.

Coy Dalley is a middle school dean and math teacher at the Packer Collegiate Institute in Brooklyn with several Colby alums, including Rashad Randolph ’02. Coy sees Juanito Savaille and his three daughters, and he caught up with Jon Lay, Rodrigo Mansilla, and Mieko McKay.

Marybeth Maney Wilhelm is excited that her boys, 5 and 7, are in school full time this fall. She’ll teach two classes for Endicott College: Seminar in Academic Inquiry and College Writing Seminar. Marybeth always tries to
channel her inner Colby prof (Katherine Stubbs and Elizabeth Sagaser, I’m thinking of you!) when she’s in front of students.  •  Junko Goda worked as the interpreter for the production designer of Quentin Tarantino’s The Hateful Eight, coming out at Christmas.  •  Rob Painter is a teaching professor in the linguistics program at Northeastern. He and Anna (Randall) celebrated their 13th anniversary. Anna teaches elementary science at Lincoln School, an all-girls Quaker school in Providence. They talk to John and Katie Stimac Mendelson, who live in Poulsbo, Wash., enjoy the trials of new home ownership, and caught up with Richard Hallquist, who moved his family to London for business for two years.  •  Stephanie Fye and her husband moved to Winthrop, Maine, with children Riley, 9, and Harper, 7. Stephanie received a promotion and is senior director of business development at Laurel Springs School.  •  Milan Babik and his family reside in mid-coast Maine. After a stint teaching international relations at Williams College, Milan started a new appointment at Dartmouth, and his wife, Jane (Chamberlin ’99) commenced her third year as an English teacher at Camden Hills Regional High School. They have two boys, Kylian, 7, and Matyas, 5.  

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Sister Madeleine (Sarah) Miller will make her final vows at Missionary Benedictine Sisters in October. This year she spent three months in Olinda, Brazil, working at their school in the slum and learning Portuguese.  •  Kara Hubbard Norman welcomed their second child, Leah Kathryn, last March. They still live in Boston (Readville) with their son Ian, 2, and dog Cheyti.  •  Pete Morelli is back in school full time for an M.B.A. at the University of Rochester Simon Business School.  •  Kristina TaborSaccone welcomed her first son, Isaac Jean, to the family in June and loves parenthood.  •  Per and Catherine Benson Wahl welcomed their second child, Alexander “Alex” Fredrik Harald, in May in Nairobi, Kenya. While in Kenya, Catherine was delighted to bump into Oliver Sabot.  •  Rob and Fraser Ross Maloney welcomed their second girl, Serena West, in January.  •  Andrew Townsend and his wife, Maggie, welcomed their second son, Luke Samuel, July 7. He’s happy and healthy, and adored by big brother Graham Steven.  •  Jordan Friel celebrated his two-year anniversary with his husband, Devon Maciver, and they were featured in Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign video “Equal” (youtube.com/watch?v=g2Y9abNmuRw), calling for marriage equality for gays and lesbians just before the historic Supreme Court ruling in June.  •  Shannon Murphy Weidinger and her husband welcomed their daughter, Emerson Irene, May 26 in San Francisco. Emerson met Alison Culpen Schwabe during her visit to California in July, as well as cousins Keagan and McKayla Murphy (Sean Murphy ’05 and Katie Austgen ’05).  •  Victor Cancel and his wife, Aileen, expect a baby girl in November.  •  Kendra Shank Kroll expected a baby girl in October to join 21-month-old brother Trevor. They continue to live in Minneapolis.  •  Noah Chanrey and his wife, Urska, welcomed their daughter, Izabella. His latest book is The Art of Forgery (Phaidon) and was the 190th best-selling book on Amazon, helped along by Noah’s appearances on NPR’s Fresh Air and CBS This Morning.  •  Nicole Boulanger Dyhrman opened an indoor cycling (spinning) studio in Williston, Vt., where she lives with her husband and two kids!  •  In September Gavin and Bridget Zakielarz-Duffy and their boys, Finn and Killian, relocated for a diplomatic assignment that allows them to live in Mexico City, Mexico, for a few years. They’d happily host any traveling Colby friends!  •  Tammie Sebelius moved to London almost two years ago to run the regional office for EF Tours. She keeps up with Kristy Malm Magyar, who lives in Hawaii.  •  Kathryn Kosuda has a new son, Rorin, born in July.  •  Anna Berke moved from D.C. (with her husband and 10-month-old), to Portland, Maine, to be closer to family. They had fun hanging out with Dave Zlatin and Stacie Galiger ’03, who were in Maine over the summer. Anna would love to meet other Colby grads in the Portland area.  •  Kate (Gardiner ’00) and Scott Tucker are now in New Orleans with their three children. Scott’s in private practice as a sports medicine orthopaedic surgeon.  •  Brian Wezowicz and his wife, Anne, bought a house in Upper St Clair, Pa., and expect a baby girl in December. She’ll join big brother Axel, 2.  •  Lindsey Williams moved back to New Hampshire from D.C. in January to pursue a Ph.D. in natural resources at UNH. She and her husband live in Dover with their two kids.  •  Chris and Sally Hall Bell welcomed a baby boy in June, Pierce Alden. They’re blessed out and loving life in Eugene, Ore., where the bounty of local produce, micro-brewed beverage, college football, and endless trails is a little slice of heaven.  

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Thank you to everyone who wrote in—I hope it was a great summer with family and friends.  •  PK Marshall and his family moved from Cardiff by the Sea to Leucadia, Calif. He left his job of 10-plus years at Advisors Asset Management to start a capital markets group. They welcomed a second child, Isla Monroe Marshall, in May!  •  Michael and Lindsay Tarasuk Aroesty welcomed a baby girl July 26. Big brother Jacoby was excited to meet his baby sister, Sydney Adeline. They continue to live in Pittsburgh and enjoy everything the city has to offer.  •  *Steve and Suzanne Skinner Forster welcomed James Stephen May 16. Suzanne and her family moved to Scarsdale, N.Y., last summer.  •  Kate Ginty and husband Craig (Haverford ’00) live in Philadelphia, where Kate works as an emergency medicine doctor in Camden, N.J. They welcomed son Will in May.  •  Last summer Nick and Kate Swayne Wilson and daughter Ella went to a wedding in Kennesoupark and stopped by Colby (and Big G’s!). They still happily live in Boulder and love having so many alums there, including Courtney Smith Delfaussa, Hal Hallstein, Anna Carvill, Anders Wood ’07 and Jess Seymour ’09, Erik Lambert ’04, and Natalie McKechnie ’04.  •  Jen Varley Gerds welcomed a baby girl, Addison, in December 2014. She joined big brother Brendan, 2 1/2. Jen and her family live in Seattle, where Jen joined the psychiatry department at the University of Washington. Life is full and fun!  •  Pat and Nicole Russo Evans are excited to announce the birth of their daughter, Lily Grace, born July 27. Her big sister, Nora, adores her!  •  Conor Cooper and family welcomed Zachary Francis in late August. Zach joins his twin sisters, Anna and Emma. While Anna is still warming up to Zach, Emma and the rest of the family were excited to add this new member.  •  Scott and Rachel Merrick Maggs moved to southern New Hampshire to expect their second child in January. They still see close friends in California at least once a year, including Pam Sawyer Powers and Kevin Yardi ’05, and keep up with everyone on Facebook.  •  Annie Hall married Meg Allen (American ’08) on a perfect July evening in Lakeville, Conn. Cobians in attendance included Laura Shufelt Kenney, Alyson Lindquist Osgood, and Brooke Harris, as well as Emma Hall ’10, Kate Hamre ’13, Maggie Hamre ’19, Bob Diamond ’73, and Letty Roberts Downs ’84. Only missing ‘90s representation! Annie still works at Hotchkins while pursuing an M.S.W., and Meg’s at Salisbury School.  •  Lee L’Heureux is based in New York and earlier this year was promoted to senior vice president, head of rhythm, urban & hip-hop promotion and strategy, for Warner Bros. Records. September also brought the third anniversary for Hot 104.7 Maine, a radio station Lee built and owns in Portland.  •  Erin Bodner was married last September, and she and wife Lori live in Minneapolis. Erin works as a speech-langauge pathologist for a local school district and they enjoyed the Twin Cities’ summer, exploring with their new puppy, Frankie.  •  Sarah Barclay Hoffman welcomed Conrad and Kevin 2015-16, and Harper July 26. Conrad joins big brother Frederick and everyone is doing well. Brian Wezowicz moved from San Francisco to Sun Valley, Idaho. In June they welcomed their second daughter, Grace Porter. Big sister Rose and parents are thrilled with the new wee one and the new location.  •  Chris Makarewisch started his third year of residency in orthopaedic surgery at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. His wife, Alyssa Hughes ’98, works as a veterinarian for an animal shelter in Park City. Chris, Alyssa, and their kids, Henry, 5, and Graham, 2, have fun exploring the mountains around Salt Lake.  •  Nat and Jess Wyor Chamberlin welcomed Henry Philip July 3. He (along with all the other babies in this column, hopefully!) will arrive on Mayflower Hill for COOT in August 2033!  

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Jackie Dao Dinneen still lives in the D.C. area and is now the associate policy director in the Office of the First Lady supporting Michelle Obama’s newest initiative, Let Girls Learn.  •  Justin and Lisa Reinhalter Burner moved to Tennessee where Justin teaches eighth-grade math at Baylor School, a private school in Chattanooga, and Lisa teaches Spanish at Sewanee: The University of the South.  •  Hillary Wyley McAllister is completing her clinical social work degree while working as a community case manager for adults with intellectual disabilities. Karli Jaffe Eron ’03 has been her field instructor for the last two semesters. Hillary spends her time at work, at school, and with her husband and daughter Brennan, 3.  •  Kevin and Emily Goodyear Forgett and son Ryan moved to Denver in December. Kevin works for the City of Thornton and Emily works in fundraising and communications consulting.  •  Chelsea Pawlek marked her five-year anniversary at Ilex Outdoor Clothing, where she works in supply chain management. She was recently elected as the board of directors of an outdoor industry nonprofit, the Conservation Alliance.
and Jillian Parker Blakeslee welcomed daughter Vesper Estelle in June. Rachel Damon and Amy Squires have visited, as did Amanda Restell Mand, who brought her son, Cormac, to play with Vesper’s big brother, Parker, 2. Sarah Elieffson writes in with updates from her friends. On Dec. 24, 2014, Isabelle Reining and Steve Bayes ’04 welcomed their daughter, Eleanor Marlow Bayes. This summer Haid Garrett married Leon Bloxham in Highlands, N.C. Sarah and Allison Neumeister helped the newwyedws celebrate. This summer Sarah received a Ph.D. in English from Loyola University Chicago. Catherine Pappas Marks writes with exciting news that she and her husband, Will, bought a boat and will take a sabbatical from their jobs to sail all over the Caribbean next year. They left in October for their big adventure. Follow their blog, at www.mondaynever.com.

Lauren Smith Camera recently accepted a job as the national education reporter for U.S. News & World Report. She’ll still be based in Washington and looks forward to continuing to spend free time on the weekends with Jackie Dao Dinneen, Will van der Veen, and the rest of the D.C. Colby crew. Since seeing many of you at reunion in June, my husband, Brad, and I welcomed our first child, Madison Alexandra Callow, July 9. I am fortunate to be enjoying maternity leave until December, when I will return to Deloitte Consulting as a manager in the Monitor Deloitte Strategy Group. Best wishes for fall and winter.

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Bobby Redwood has had a busy 2015. He’s working as an emergency physician in Madison, Wis., doing a second residency in preventive medicine at the University of Wisconsin, and finished up his M.P.H. degree in August. Bobby and his wife, Susanne, celebrated a long overdue church wedding on the Bodensee in Germany with Cliff White ’07, Kate Hanley White ’07, and Francis McGowan ’04 in attendance. Bobby and Susi’s daughter, Frieda, turned 1 Aug. 1 and just took her first steps. Emily Boyle Westbrooks writes that her husband, Michael ’07, has taken a yearlong sabbatical from his job in Dublin and they’re spending the year in Houston, where they hope to reunite with some classmates. Emily and Michael spent the day with Michael ’08 and Tracy Kolakowski King when they were all in Maine last summer.

Jonathan Bastian accepted a host/reporter job with KCRW, the Los Angeles NPR station. He lives in Santa Barbara to extend KCRW’s programming up the central coast of California. Previously, he’d worked for Louisville’s NPR station (WFPL) while also hosting a weekly PBS TV program that aired on stations across six states in the southeast. In the last two years he’s interviewed Ralph Nader, Congressman John Lewis, Oliver Sacks, Barbara Kingsolver, and many others.

Christopher DeSantis lives in Denmark with his wife, Kate, and their daughter, Olivia, who was born in 2013. Chris coaches swimming and went to the first inaugural European Games in Baku, Azerbaijan, as a coach for the Danish team. Shari Katz is actively acting and dancing in NYC. Having just performed in her fourth Broadway Bares, Shari recently played a supporting role in a TV pilot (that will hopefully be picked up!). Her “survival job” has turned into a vocation she loves: fitness. She serves as a manager at the NYC Pure Barre and teaches Zumba, hip hop, spin, and pound at the NYC Crunch Gyms.

Alex Koen finished his Ph.D. in materials science and engineering at the University of Maryland, College Park. He’s staying at UMD in a research faculty position working on materials development for solid-state 3D nanobatteries. In July Cathy White married Ajay Sethi in Newmarket, England. Claire Walsh and Caroline Polgar Perelli were delighted to make the journey across the pond to be bridesmaids for Cathy’s big day. Three weeks later, in August, Claire Walsh married Thomas Gallagher in New York City, and Cathy and Caroline made the trip to the Big Apple to be bridesmaids for Claire. Brad Petersen ’03 was also in attendance. Maddy Horwitz Bocuzzi was missed very, very much at both celebrations.

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Mark and Karli Gasteazoro McGill are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, Parker Jane. Karli continues to enjoy working as an oncology and palliative care nurse practitioner in southern Maine. Allison McArdle received her law degree from Suffolk University’s evening program this spring then moved to Durham, N.C., to continue working for Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund. She’s excited to have her free time back and to explore N.C. with Lindsay Snyder and other Colby pals in the Research Triangle.

Jennifer Hinson graduated in May with a master’s in higher education from the University of Pennsylvania. She works as a college counselor at Germantown Academy in Philadelphia counseling students in Beijing who wish to attend college in the U.S., UK, or Canada. Jeff ’06 and Kendall Kirby Miller celebrated daughter Hayden’s first birthday July 19 in Charlestown, Mass. Many of Hayden’s “uncle” and “aunt” mules joined in, including Pete Lagos ’06, Troy Lieberman ’06, Cassie Sancertor ’08, and Brittany Canniff ’09. Caroline Lyons married Petar Leonard June 13 at Lake Sunapee, N.H. Elizabeth Lyons ’09 and Ann Marchalad were in the bridal party. Jonathan Schott ’09, Jan Lee, Katie Trionfetti Wolfgang, Jess Taylor, Kate Hanley White, Naomi Wilson, Andrew and Katie Lilley Adelfio, and Stephen Zaharias ’11 made a strong Colby showing. Caroline and Petar honeymooned in Nantucket.

In May Julia Hutchinson graduated with a dual master’s in social work and holistic health studies from St. Catherine University and the University of St. Thomas. She now works as a mental health practitioner with individuals impacted by domestic and sexual abuse. She also studies Reiki and therapeutic touch and officiates weddings! In August Jan Weidner and Elizabeth Hughes ’13 graduated from Pacific University with a master’s of physician assistant studies. They’ll miss swapping Colby stories during long study sessions! Lee Emmons has taken a position teaching at a public charter school in southern Maine. He and his wife live an hour from Colby. Riley Doyle’s business, Desktop Genetics, received $2.15 million from investors to help accelerate the development of Riley’s DESKGEN genome editing software. Riley’s bioinformatics company aims to revolutionize the way genetic researchers work, according to a press release. John DeBrucker wrote and sang a Surf Punk song called “Drinking Soda Late at Night,” available on Soundcloud. Check it out!

Shauna Welch married Adrian Gilmore last June on Cape Cod. Joining the celebration were Claire Conger, Justin Hayes, Marissa Meyer, and Laura Smith ’08. Cybil Gayatin Guynn ’06 and K.T. Weber were among Shauna’s bridesmaids, and Michael Howard ’06 served as Adrian’s best man. Adrian’s father, David Gilmore ’72, also attended. Jessica McNulty married George Sargent April 11 in Boston on “what felt like the first official day of spring,” surrounded by families and friends. It was an amazing night (celebrated into the next day!) with a large Colby contingent spanning from the Class of ’48 (her grandfather, David Marson) to the Class of ’11 (her brother, Mark McNulty). There’s a photo of the crew at colby.edu/alumni on the “stay connected” tab.

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Thanks so much for all of the news. I’m delighted to write this column from Portland, Maine, where I now live and work for L.L. Bean—it is so nice to be back in Maine! As usual, our classmates have had an eventful few months. Brent and Sharon Fuller Aigler had a son, Logan, in June and report that big sister Ginny adores him! Annie Feutz is engaged to Chris Furlong, a Williams alumnus. They were engaged while hiking up Buckskin Pass around Maroon Bells near Aspen, Colo., and plan to marry next summer. They met 3 1/2 years ago at DC Doghead! Annie recently started working at Advanced Medical Technology Association as director of events and education. Jessica Osborne spent last year between Georgia and South Carolina involved in the new nuclear power plants being built there. Her company does nondestructive testing on components and welds to ensure quality and public safety. Jessica oversees implementation of new phased array ultrasonic
testing at the South Carolina site, as well as oversight and training of new technicians coming up through the ranks. She says it’s been busy but also extremely rewarding to see the progress of the new units that will provide much-needed resources to the region. **Billy Fong** and his husband, Dale, welcomed a baby girl, Fiona Natalie Fong-Frederick, into their family May 1. **Julie Bero**, Rishi Chathrat, Christina Feng Collette, Rebecca Travis ’07, and Amy Lu ’09, all attended her welcome-home party! **Patrick Collins** and Zach Redlitz ’09 spent one week in Costa Rica hiking the Arenal Volcano, where they were surprised to find that there was an abundance of Philadelphia’s Best. They hope to head to Munich for carnival in February. **Eric Hansen** married Mary Olive Jones in May. They had quite the Colby mini-reunion: **Evan Kaplan**, Brad Woodworth, and Marcy Shadrer-Lauinger were part of the ceremony and **Luke Laviolette**, Katherine Koleski, Bill Whittlede, Julia Stuebing Michniacki, Justin Dunn, Jenn Malpass, and Sarah Parrish were in DC to help celebrate. **Jennifer Malpass** met five Colby folks in Montpellier, France, at the International Congress of Conservation Biology meeting in August—none of them realized the others would be attending! **Christina Feng Collette** celebrated her wedding day with Colby family, including Professor Cal MacKenzie and Sally Vose Mackenzie ’70, **William Fong**, and **Stijn Ortega Coppin**. Her sister, Victoria Feng ’13, was maid of honor. **Adam Rich** was accepted into the master’s program in energy policy and climate at Johns Hopkins. He began classes at the DC campus in September. In August, **Julie Wilson**, Jon Bodansky ’06, **Nicolas and Christina Evrildades Cade**, Emily Parker Beekman, Lissa Martin ’09, Tiffany Ng, Chloe Warren, and Sasha Kenyon hauled their dancing shoes to Loreto, Italy, for a feast on Abruzzo pasta and celebrate the nuptials of Nathalie Chiavaroli and Timothy Blair! **Jamie O’Connell** had an exciting spring and summer. She graduated from the Yale School of Forestry with a master’s of environmental science and started a new job as the watershed protection supervisor for the City of Cambridge, Mass. She loves her new gig and hanging out with Boston alums!
got engaged to Michael Squindo in August. The wedding is planned for July 2016.

- After a recent move to Pennsylvania, Preston Kavanagh started work as an actuarial analyst for Madison Consulting Group. Patrick Burns is busy running his own art consulting and installation business. Galleries in Chicago, Dallas, Amsterdam, and London sell his work.
- Frances Nixon married Jon Denote in June. Hannah Lafleur, Margot Apotheker, Leah Turino, and Judy Merzbach were bridesmaids, and Peter Bruhn ’01 was a groomsman. Angela Warner married Gill Haylon ’10 Aug. 1 in.lexon, Mass., with 28 Mules in attendance, including bridesmaids Chelsea Heneghan, Grayson Palmer, and Rian Ervin, and groomsmen Adam Choice ’10, Andrew Katz ’10, Dave Hendrie ’10, and Michael Russell. The featured cocktail was a Colby (Moscow) Mule! A photo from each wedding is online at colby.edu/alumni under the “stay connected” tab.

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After three magical years in Boston, Clare Saunders moved to sunny LA to start her Ph.D. in philosophy at UCLA. She lives in West Hollywood and, when she’s not thinking about virtue ethics, tries to spot celebrities and works on her tan. While I’m sad that she left me on the East Coast, I’m looking forward to visiting her in California.

- Exciting news from one of our favorite 2012 couples: Cheesy Breene and Joe Albano got engaged in Boston in July! Sandhya Fuchs graduated form Oxford, where she completed an M.Phil. in social anthropology. Since then, she moved to London to pursue her Ph.D. in anthropology at the London School of Economics. Tim Corkum ’11, Aleah Starr ’11, Hannah DeAngelis, Jillian Howell, and Lindsay Hylek moved out of their beloved Jamaica Plain, Mass., apartment in September. However, they’re finding it hard to stay sad knowing that Hannah and Aleah will be getting married in Readfield, Maine, next summer. Congratulations to these Colby College sweetheartes!
- Campbell Stevenson, Pat Henke ’13, and Alexander Chase moved out West and work for a maple syrup conglomerate.
- Evan O’Neill took a new job as director of business development at Aquoto, a mobile startup, and recently moved into an apartment near Davis Square in Somerville, Mass., with Ryan Trafton and Tom Hurley. This summer he traveled to Wildwood, N.J., where he participated in the world’s largest beach Ultimate tournament with a Colby alumni team.
- Nicole Rainville started as a first-year medical student at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Maine.
- Bailey Girvan and Dave Morneau bought their first house together in Longmeadow, Mass., last winter. Dave works as an actuary at The Hartford and Bailey is the development assistant for the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge.
- Thanks to all who sent updates. It was nice to hear from all of you. Here’s to a wonderful fall and winter!

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As always, it was great to hear from many of you! Unfortunately, the more humorous updates may have to be archived until Colby Magazine decides to release a joke issue.

- Over the summer Matt LaPine and Emily Unger moved from Boston to Asheville, N.C. Matt writes, “We’re looking forward to exploring the exploding craft beer scene and the endless opportunities to hike, bike, and explore the area.” Liz Malone is in New York City and recently began a teacher preparation program at a language-immersion private school.
- Becca Levenson continues to live in NYC working for Phaidon Press but has moved from publicity to marketing and business development, representing the company at trade shows across the country and doing outreach for new partnerships.
- Also working in Manhattan are Lisa Hoopes and Lauren Zion, both at LiveIntent. Last summer they—along with Tess Petesch, who began graduate school at Duke this fall—embarked on “the trip of a lifetime” hiking the Grand Canyon, Zion National Park, and Bryce Canyon. See a photo of the trio at colby.edu/alumni on the “stay connected” tab.
- Ben Brauer and dog Bubba live in South Boston with Pat Harper and other friends. Ben began a new job with Cambridge Associates and looks forward to meeting up with more Mules in the area. Abbott Matthews is in Brazil on a Fulbright until November and then is headed back to the U.S. She writes, “Best part of my second year in Brazil was a visit from teammate and roommate Claire Dunn. We saw Brasilia and Rio de Janeiro and caught up before she headed to UNC for the beginning of her Ph.D. program in political science!” A photo of Abbott and Claire is also online at colby.edu/alumni.
- Many others started grad school this fall. Tyler Lauzon began law school at the University of Maine, Britteny Bell started school at the University of New England College of Dental Medicine, and Alexandre Caliott—who we voted most likely to become a professor—began his Ph.D. in American military history at Temple University. He adds, “The transformation from a Mule to an Owl is a hoot!” Julia Kneoff has finished graduate school, having completed international development studies at the University of Amsterdam. She’s now participating in a two-year traineeship at the Ministry of Economic Affairs in the Netherlands and hopes to welcome home Mules to her home in Amsterdam! Anna Caron writes, “I just finished up two years of AmeriCorps service with City Year N.H., the first year in a third-grade classroom and the second as an AmeriCorps VISTA in development. This fall I’m starting my M.Ed. in elementary education at UNH.” Ginny Keesler was selected for the inaugural class of the Kuehn Fellows Program, a new initiative from the Kuehn Charitable Foundation, which works on affordable housing and historic preservation. Ginny will work as an asset management analyst for the Community Builders. Stay in touch!

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Tyler White married his best friend, Christina, in Lorimer Chapel last June. Danny Fowler, Lucas Killcoyne, Forrest Lovett, Annika Moline, Brian Palmer, Cecil Papafio, Kevin Smithwood, Caroline Southwick, Ty Steinhauser, and Natasha Ziv all returned to the Hill for the occasion. Also in attendance were Thomas Attal ’15 and Tyler Papa ’15 as well as many current and graduated members of the Blue Lights (who of course, gave a rousing and joyful performance at the reception).

Congratulations Tyler and Christin! Nick Merrill and Jacob Kandel ’16 traveled to Colombia, where they taught basketball to local youths.
- Matt Carroll left his private banking job in Denver to reunite with Grey Benjamind, Justin Swansburg, and other 2014 alums. Matt will be pursuing his dream job of looking at numbers.
- Will Hochman has been training and working as an actor in New York off-off-Broadway shows, independent films, short films, student films, commercials, and web series. Will wrote, directed, and acted in two short plays and two short films. He’s entered his first submission to several film festivals across New York. Break a leg Will!
- Tom Nagler is finishing up a year of culinary school and hopes to open the sister location to Portland’s famed Duck Fat restaurant in Waterville.
- Andy Vandenbarg passed the level two CFA and lives in Murray Hill with Mike Foresta. John Madeira recently joined them in New York City and is working with Julia Blumenstyk at the Ad Council. John enjoys surfing and sampling microbrews in Brooklyn on the weekends.
- I still enjoy living in Southern California and like John, have been surfing a lot. I’ll also be competing in a 50-mile bike race with Noah Van Valkenburg ’13 in Baja California spanning from Rosarito to Ensenada. In October I attended the famed El Clásico Tapatío soccer match in Guadalajara, which pitted crosstown Liga MX rivals Club Deportivo Guadalajara and Club Atlas.

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Our first column will appear in the next issue of Colby Magazine, so watch this space for updates on our classmates. I’m thrilled to be our first correspondent—send me news anytime at the address above. I can’t wait to hear from you!
OBITUARIES

Jean Wellington Terry ’32, July 31, 2015, in Williamsburg Va., at 104. She obtained her degree in education and during her teaching career helped plan and implement desegregation of the Miami and Dade County schools. Predeceased by her husband of 64 years, William M. Terry ’33, she is survived by her son, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Hope Harlow Moody ’39, July 16, 2015, in Falmouth, Maine, at 98. She worked as a registered nurse in obstetrics in Framingham, Mass., and in Augusta and Bangor, Maine. After retirement she provided care to several elderly family members. She was an avid knitter and had a good sense of humor and a positive spirit. She is survived by two children, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Kathleen Matteo Hancock ’45, Nov. 10, 2015, in York, Maine, at 91. She was a stay-at-home mother who also volunteered in her community. She became a real estate broker and served as chair of the women’s committee and later as a trustee at York Hospital. Predeceased by her husband, former Maine Attorney General Frank Hancock ’45, and sister Eileen Matteo ’44, she is survived by two daughters, a son, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Lucille LaGassey Stampon ’45, Aug. 28, 2015, in Lewiston, Maine, at 94. She had a long career in teaching, cherishing her students and sharing her enthusiasm for education. In retirement, she spent time with friends, traveled to Myrtle Beach, S.C., and visited family on the West Coast. She was predeceased by her husband, Peter.

Ruth Lewin Emerson ’46, Sept. 9, 2015, in Winthrop, Maine, at 90. She taught English at Cony High School and Gates Business College and later worked in the tax assessor’s office in Winthrop. She was an avid reader who also played bridge. Predeceased by her father, Harry Lewin ’20, she is survived by her husband of 70 years, Joseph, four children, seven grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Janice B. Mills ’46, Oct. 1, 2015, in St. Petersburg, Fla., at 91. She graduated from Columbia Teachers College and taught in the Bridgeport, Conn., school system for many years. She is survived by her sister, nieces, and nephews.

Nancy Loveland Dennen ’47, July 24, 2015, in Buffalo, N.Y., at 90. She and her husband ran two gift shops, in Fairlawn and West Milford, N.J., before retiring to Amelia Island, Fla. She loved sailing, painting, gardening, writing, and animals. Predeceased by her husband, Vincent, she is survived by three children, two grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Jean Murray Fallon ’47, Aug. 13, 2015, in Augusta, Maine, at 89. She attended Colby before transferring to nursing school but began her career in broadcasting. She was a pioneering female radio and television broadcaster in Maine and chaired the Maine Commission for Women in the 1970s. A registered nurse, she also earned a degree in community health in 1985 and was executive director of the Maine Nurses Association. Predeceased by her husband, Richard, she is survived by five children, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Samuel Shipley “Ship” Atwater ’48, June 10, 2015, in Simsbury, Conn., at 93. A first lieutenant in WWII, he earned two Bronze Stars. Retiring after 34 years as a sales executive with IBM, he enjoyed travel, golf, and sailing. Predeceased by his brother James Atwater ’44, he is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marion “Midge” Sturtevant Atwater ’48, two sons, a daughter, and seven grandchildren.

Katherine L. Brine ’48, Sept. 4, 2015, in Cleveland, Ohio, at 89. She graduated from Case Western Reserve School of Nursing in 1973 and worked as an advanced clinical nurse at the University Hospital of Cleveland.

Ruth Rogers Doering ’48, June 15, 2015, in West Hartford, Conn., at 88. She earned an M.S. in mathematics from Radcliffe and taught at Spencer Business College while raising her family, followed by a 20-year career as a tax preparer for H&R Block, retiring in 2009. An avid reader and Jeopardy! fan, she was dedicated to helping others. Predeceased by her husband, Harvey, she is survived by two daughters, a son, seven grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters.

Mary “Barbara” Gilles ’48, in Medford, N.J., at 88. She earned a M.Ed. from Boston University and a professional certificate from Teachers College, Columbia University. She specialized in reading and became director of reading at public schools in New York. She served as president of the New York State Reading Association.

Jean Bonnell Day ’49, Aug. 4, 2015, in Damariscotta, Maine, at 87. She was involved with her community and her Colby classmates, did theorem painting and tin toleware painting, and loved history. Predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Charles, and her daughter Linda Day ’74, she’s survived by two daughters and two grandchildren.

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Barbara Backman Millar ’49, Sept. 5, 2015, in Montpelier, Vt., at 88. She worked at the National Life Insurance Co. in Montpelier, retiring as a computer systems analyst. She loved to ski and hike and spent much of her retirement sailing on Lake Champlain. Predeceased by two husbands, she is survived by four children, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Russell S. Phillips ’49, June 9, 2015, in Walpole, Mass., at 95. A four-year veteran of WWII, he trained in dental technology at Walter Reed Hospital and became a senior dental lab technician. Following the war he earned his degree and was a pharmaceutical representative. He enjoyed reading and traveling with his wife, visiting 30 countries and 26 states. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Helen Moore Phillips ’48.

George N. Bowers ’50, Aug. 16, 2015, in Hartford, Conn., at 90. He attended Yale’s School of Medicine and was an M.D. board certified in internal medicine. He was director
of clinical chemistry at Hartford Hospital for 42 years, published more than 200 peer-reviewed articles, taught at the UConn School of Medicine, and was president of the American Association of Clinical Chemistry. He made his own wine and helped build or renovate more than 60 houses with Habitat for Humanity. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Myra, a daughter, three sons, eight grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

Claire Draper Butler ’50, July 19, 2015, in Jacksonville, Fla., at 86. A career businesswoman, she was vice president at Voyager Insurance Company. She and her husband, Robert Butler, who predeceased her, were avid fishermen and founding members of the Captain’s Club.

Frank H. Jones Jr. ’50, Sept. 7, 2015 in Nashua, N.H., at 92. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and later worked for 32 years in marketing for Shell Oil Company. Predeceased by his father, Frank H. Jones 1914, he was married and had three children.

William P. Niehoff ’50, Sept. 8, 2015 in Winslow, Maine, at 90. After serving in the Army Corps of Engineers in World War II, he earned a law degree from Boston University and practiced law in central Maine for 38 years. Active in his community, he skied, golfed, and summered on Snow Pond. Predeceased by his sister Hilda Niehoff True ’43, he is survived by his wife of 64 years, Barbara, a son, a daughter, and six grandchildren.

Ormonde L. Brown ’51, June 25, 2015, in Reading, Mass., at 87. After completing Officers Candidate School, he served in Naval Communications in Japan during the Korean War. He was a salesman and sales representative for many years. He was Colby’s C Club Man of the Year in 1993. Predeceased by his wife, Dolores, he is survived by a daughter, Marcia Brown Arndt ’76, a son, five grandchildren including Carson L. Brown ’13, and a great-grandson.

Richard T. Chamberlin ’52, Aug. 26, 2015, in Augusta, Maine, at 84. He graduated from Tufts School of Medicine and was a Navy physician before returning to Waterville to practice internal medicine at Thayer Hospital. He was medical director of the Bingham Associates Fund, held academic positions at Tufts, and was president and chief medical officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maine. He was an avid skier and Red Sox fan. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, five sons, a daughter, 12 grandchildren, two great-granddaughters, and first wife Jean.

Greta Anthoensen Chesley ’52, July 10, 2015, in Levant, Maine, at 85. She and her husband served from 1980 to 1997 as missionaries in Alaska with Outreach to Russia. Their ministry to support Russian churches continued until 2010 with Credo Ministries, which they founded. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Bill, a daughter, three sons, 12 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her father, Frederick Anthoensen, a renowned craftsman printer who received an honorary master’s degree from Colby in 1951.

George B. Laffey Jr. ’52, June 27, 2015, in Chatham, Mass., at 84. He and his wife owned and operated Camp Avalon, a sailing camp with many recreation activities in Chathamport, Mass., for 20 years before retiring to Vero Beach, Fla., where he organized the Laffey tennis group at the Moorings. Predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth Winkler Laffey ’53, and son Glenn, he is survived by a son, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

Anton Martin Bruehl ’53, Sept. 13, 2015, in Huntington, N.Y., at 85. He was senior vice president of Danzer-Fitzgerald-Sample advertising, and was involved with “Game of the Week with Dizzy Dean” and “Rocky & Bullwinkle.” He later established a software company and worked for the Town of Huntington. He was a jazz enthusiast and active in local politics.

Robert A. Dow ’53, Aug. 20, 2015, in Old Orchard Beach, Maine, at 84. A pastor in Nova Scotia after high school, he transferred to Colby after being assigned to the China (Maine) Baptist Church. He earned two master’s degrees and a doctorate of ministries. He was a pastor, consultant, youth director, university faculty member, counselor, and director of counseling across the Northeast and briefly in Denver. He published two books and many essays and professional papers. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Eleanor, four children, and six grandchildren.

Claire Macy Dubis ’53, Aug. 1, 2015, in Chatham, Mass., at 83. She worked in a Harvard research lab before marrying and helping her father at B.F. Macy’s in Boston before starting at least four new businesses. She taught middle school math and was active in her community, Chatham, Mass. She loved golf, bridge, and family traditions. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Robert, a daughter, a son, four grandchildren, and nine grandchildren.

Richard H. Wetmore ’53, April 20, 2015, in Schenectady, N.Y., at 83. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked for Metropolitan Life insurance Co. in East Greenbush, N.Y., for many years and was a member of the Kinderhook Zoning Board of Appeals. He is survived by his wife, Diana, two sons, and two granddaughters.

Betsy Latter Longbottom ’54, July 24, 2015, in Portland, Maine, at 83. She worked for the Convention and Visitors Bureau at the Chamber of Commerce and for many years was director of planned giving for the Salvation Army. She performed at New England theaters in many plays, including Nunsense and Sweeney Todd. She is survived by her partner of 40 years, David Gonlet, her former husband, Robert Longbottom ’54, three children, and a granddaughter.

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David M. Raup ’54, July 9, 2015, in Sturgeon Bay, Wis., at 82. A pioneering paleontologist, he opened new approaches to extinction patterns and biodiversity. He earned his Ph.D. in geology and paleontology at Harvard and taught at CalTech, Johns Hopkins, and University of Rochester. He was dean of science at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago and later joined the University of Chicago faculty. Predeceased by his brother, Karl A. Raup ’51, he is survived by his wife, Judith, a son, a grandson, and a stepson.

Ward W. Tracy ’54, July 27, 2015, in Greenwich, Conn., at 82. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Dental School and practiced dentistry in New York City and in Stamford and Greenwich, Conn. He sang and performed with the Trouper Light Opera Company. He is survived by his companion, Meg Boshes, three sons, a daughter, eight grandchildren, and former wives, Prudence Belcher Schuler ’53 and Margaret Vincent.

Elizabeth Ayash Buckley ’55, Oct. 10, 2015, in Vienna, Va., at 81. In 1980 she received the CIA medal for 25 years of honorable service including tours in Pakistan and Thailand, and she went on to senior positions at AT&T, Bell Labs, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, INTERSAT, UNISYS, and major law firms. She founded CIRA’s Gold Coast chapter in Florida and volunteered at many organizations. She is survived by a daughter, a son, and four grandchildren.

George E. Haskell ’55, Sept. 11, 2015, in Wolfeboro, N.H., at 81. He had a lifelong love of flying and spent six years as a jet pilot and flight instructor in the Air Force. He started Spectrum Training Corp. with his wife and was founder, president, and CEO of Leading Indicator Systems, a software company, at the time of his death. He was a Colby trustee emeritus and an overseer. Survivors include his wife, Karen Lawrence ’67, six daughters, and seven grandchildren.

Stephen M. Kaufman ’55, June 27, 2015, in Baton Rouge, La., at 82. He served in the Air Force from 1956 to 1976, including two tours of duty in Southeast Asia. He received numerous awards including the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Airman Medal. For 23 years he was a realtor with C.J. Brown. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, a daughter, a son, and two grandchildren.

Arlie R. Porath ’55, Sept. 4, 2015, in Myrtle Beach, S.C., at 82. As
Anthony W. Ruvo 59, June 8, 2015, in North Caldwell, N.J., at 78. In a 40-year career with Union Camp Corp., he retired as vice president and general manager of the folding carton division. A 46-year resident of North Caldwell, he was a church lector, coached recreational baseball and basketball, and was on the board of the Bloomfield (N.J.) Educational Foundation. In 1990 he was inducted into the Bloomfield Athletic Hall of Fame. Predeceased by a grandson, he is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary Jane, a daughter, two sons, and five grandchildren.

Jeanette Benn Anderson 61, June 3, 2015, in Bangor, Maine, at 75. She returned to her native Houlton, Maine, and taught English before raising a family. Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1981, she chaired the local MS Society chapter, mentored others with chronic illness, and sold nutritional supplements. She received Colby’s Distinguished Alumna Award in 2006. Predeceased by her father, Oscar Benn ’25, she is survived by her husband, Bob, a son, a daughter, and five grandchildren. Four of her uncles and two aunts attended Colby.

Paul J. White 62, Oct. 20, 2015, in Cumberland, Maine, at 75. He earned his M.B.A. from Boston University and had a career in the financial services industry in Massachusetts and Maine. He volunteered at organizations and charities including Maine Medical Center and Catholic Charities and supported Colby athletics. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Katherine, three children, three grandchildren, and his sister Sally White Butler ’63.

Cynthia Richmond Hopper 63, July 1, 2015, in Millisboro, Del., at 74. In Avon, Conn., she was a director of Avon Dollars for Scholars and a member of the garden club. She was active in Republican politics and served on the Avon Republican Town Committee. She was former director of the Avon Free Public Library and was on the board of the Connecticut Waterfowl Trust. Predeceased by her daughter, she is survived by her husband, Monte, a son, and three grandchildren.

Donald E. Gilbert Jr. ’64, Sept. 24, 2015, in Sacramento, Calif., at 72. He served in Vietnam with the U.S. Coast Guard, then built a career as a commercial banker with Chemical Bank in New York and Republic Bank in Houston before founding a private investment banking firm. He traveled the world with his wife, fish, and spent time outdoors. He is survived by his wife, Susan, four children, and four grandchildren.

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Douglas R. Keene ’66, Oct. 7, 2015, in Scarborough, Maine, at 71. A U.S. foreign service officer, he worked at U.S. consulates and embassies in the Middle East. He was director of Arabian Peninsula Affairs during the first Gulf War and senior advisor for Middle East affairs in the U.S. delegation to the UN. He received the Vietnam medal, Superior Honor Awards, and a Cross of Merit of the Order of the Brotherhood of the Holy Sepulcher. In retirement he traveled and was community archivist for Ocean Park, Maine. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Beth Adams Keene ’66, sons Garrett and Sterling ’91, four grandchildren, a great-grandson, and brother David Keene ’68.

Louise Rebourn McDowell ’66, April 15, 2015, in Gilbert, Ariz., at 70. She was a Pan Am stewardess before marrying and becoming a homemaker and mother. Predeceased by her husband, Charles C. McDowell ’65, she is survived by two sons and two grandsons.

Christopher Armstrong ’68, July 21, 2015, in Scotch Plains, N.J., at 70. He received his J.D. at Syracuse University and joined the firm of Armstrong & Little, which later became the law office of Christopher D. Armstrong. He was involved in the United Way for many years, becoming president and board chair of the United Way of Greater Union County. Predeceased by his former wife, Lorraine Rudman Armstrong ’67, he is survived by his companion of 30 years, Barbara Dougherty, a brother, a niece, and a nephew.

Frederick C. Emery Jr. ’69, Sept. 4, 2015, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, at 67. After serving in the U.S. Army, he graduated from Cornell Law School. He worked in the U.S. Attorney’s office in western New York and later as assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Maine for 23 years. Predeceased by his parents, Frederick ’38 and Mary Heard Emery ’38, he is survived by a daughter, three grandchildren, four siblings, his partner, Carolyn Mowers, and his former wife, Alicia Ritts Orrick ’71.

Donald W. Leith ’69, Aug. 8, 2015, in West Boylston, Mass., at 68. He ran L&J of New England Inc., a family business, and had been president of the New England chapter, National Association of Metal Finishers. He was involved in community groups in central Massachusetts including West Boylston Little League and Burncoat Babe Ruth, as well as charities including Camp Putnam and Worcester Boys Club. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, two sons, brother, Duncan Leith ’73, and two sisters.

David M. Shea ’70, Aug. 8, 2015, in Boston, Mass., at 67. He earned a master’s in atmospheric science at the University of Wyoming and worked for 37 years as an atmospheric scientist with AEMCOM Co., an environmental consulting company in Chelmsford, Mass. He enjoyed golf, fishing, and boating. He was a member of St. Boniface Parish in Lunenburg and was a soccer coach and high school soccer referee. He is survived by his wife, Linda Loring Shea ’70, a son, and two daughters.

Mark Chalek ’71, Sept. 10, 2015, in Brookline, Mass., at 66. Mark passed away after a long struggle with depression. He received his master’s in education from Boston University and worked at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center as chief of busi-
ness ventures and as a director. He is survived by his wife, Jenny Lavigne, two children, and two brothers.

Christine Mattern Way '73, Sept. 17, 2015, in Stow, Mass., at 64. She graduated from Boston University Law School in 1981 and worked as a lawyer, educator, coach, town committee member, and volunteer. She worked at Palmer and Dodge law firm and taught ethics at Newbury College and legal writing at BU Law School. She loved tennis, sailing, and cross country skiing and was a cook, a debater, reader, and writer. Survivors include her parents, her husband, Jon Way, M.D., and three sons including David '09.

Tina Lindegren Horne '74, Oct. 12, 2015, in Norwalk, Conn., at 63. She received a Ph.D. in psychology at the University of New Hampshire and had a successful career in marketing, first at Wang Laboratories and for the last 12 years at IBM. She gardened, played tennis, and sailed Long Island Sound. Predeceased by her husband, Fred, she is survived by two daughters.

Edward S. Cronick '75, June 1, 2015, in Lyndeborough, N.H., at 61. He raised a family in Anchorage, Alaska, where he was president of Sound Environmental Services, Inc., which specialized in waste remediation. More recently he was director of sustainability at Kimball Union Academy, his alma mater. He is survived by four children, a grandson, and lifelong friend Sarah Ellis.

Barbara Brennan Silano '76, May 16, 2015, in Menlo Park, Calif., at 60. A graduate of Suffolk Law School in Boston, she worked as a criminal prosecutor in the Bronx and rose to become chief federal prosecutor of the Organized Crime Drug Task Force, U.S. Department of Justice, in San Francisco. She is survived by her husband, Robert, a daughter, and a son.

Robert F. McCaughey '77, Sept. 20, 2015, in Kileen, Texas, at 60. He worked in sales for television stations in Denver and on the East Coast. A devoted Christian, he loved to golf and was a Patriots fan. Survivors include his wife, Mary, three sons, a stepdaughter, five grandchildren, and two siblings.

Martin “Marty” S. Reader '78, Oct. 7, 2015, in Minnetonka Beach, Minn., at 59. He received his M.B.A. from Cornell University and built a career in marketing, becoming executive vice president at FieldSolutions, Inc. He is survived by his wife, Susan, two daughters, including Alison Reader '12, a son, and a sister.

Lee Roberts '78, Aug. 4, 2015 in Jensen Beach, Fla., at 59. He sold antiques; designed, manufactured, and restored lamps living in a small adobe structure in New Mexico for a time; and worked as a sales representative and shipping consultant at Unishippers, a Melbourne, Florida-based company.

Cathie Ann Marqusee '80, Sept. 19, 2015, in Arlington, Mass., at 57. For more than 20 years she worked at the Peabody School in Cambridge as an occupational therapist. She was a photographer and painter and sang in the Great Boston Intergenerational Chorus. She is survived by her husband, James Pustejovsky, a daughter, a son, and her mother.

Eric L. Weeks '80, July 3, 2015, in East Winthrop, Maine, at 59. He played football at Colby and was invited to the Patriots free agent camp. He worked in advertising for Maine newspapers and magazines and established a successful Internet business. He later worked in mental health support. He is survived by his mother, his former wife, Donna Rancourt Young, a daughter, and a son named Colby.

Damon G. Douglas III '82, June 6, 2015, in Amherst, Mass., at 55. A 22-year resident of Amherst, he taught in elementary schools and was an educational consultant for Collaborative Educational Services. He traveled in Europe, South America, and the American West and was active in mountaineering, skiing, trail running, and cycling. He maintained part of the New England National Scenic Trail. He is survived by his wife, Therese Ross, and three children.

Heidi Dickman Taylor '83, Oct. 18, 2015, in Los Alamos, N.M., at 54. With her husband she owned and operated Don Taylor’s Photography since 1984. She hiked, skied, and camped in the Southwest and traveled to reunions on Cape Cod. Survivors include her husband, Don, and two children.

Roland D. Cheyne '88, June 22, 2015, in Acton, Mass., at 49. An English major, he forged a career in educational publishing and helped young people apply what they learned. He was an avid reader, eager to pass along knowledge. He is survived by his wife, Karen, his mother, and two children.

Corey Kessler '99, Aug. 9, 2015, in Scotts Valley, Calif., at 38. He worked as a paralegal for several years before continuing earning a J.D. at Seattle University School of Law and a LL.M. at Boston University School of Law. He joined KPMG accounting firm as manager and worked in mergers and acquisitions—tax in Boston and Santa Clara, Calif. He enjoyed fishing, shooting sports, and mountain biking. He is survived by his parents, his wife, Krista, and their two children.

Catherine Nix '10, Aug. 22, 2015, in Jackson, Wyo. She was a camp counselor and backcountry trip leader in the Tetons and worked at C-Bar-V, a school for children with special needs. An accomplished marathoner, skier, hiker, trail biker, and outdoorsperson, she was killed in a fall from Tewinot Mountain in Grand Teton National Park. She planned to pursue a doctorate in psychology at Pace University this academic year. She is survived by her parents, a grandfather, and three siblings.

Eva M. Adams, Nov. 11, 2015, in Fairfield Center, Maine, at 56. A Sodexo dining services server in Dana dining hall, she worked for 15 years not just making sandwiches for students, but learning their names, hometowns, and dietary preferences. She earned appreciation awards from Sodexo, was engaged in her community, and was honored when asked to wear a Colby football player’s jersey to a home game this sea-

son. Survivors include her mother, her husband, John, and two daughters.

Rodney R. Ferland, Nov. 11, 2015, in Albion, Maine, at 60. He began working for Colby’s Physical Plant Department in 1978 and retired in September 2015. With a quiet dignity he maintained Colby’s lawns, roads, and plantings. He proudly drove the Zamboni at the Alfond Rink, often wearing a necktie, making the best possible ice. Survivors include his brother, nieces, and nephews.

Patience-Anne Williams Lenk, July 24, 2015, in Belfast, Maine, at 87. She worked from 1976 to 1994 as an associate in Special Collections at Colby, and served as subscription manager for the Colby Library Quarterly for 16 years. She was active in community theater groups and women’s rights organizations. Predeceased by her husband, Mortimer Lenk ’41, she is survived by her sons, David ’75 and Robert ’79.

Brent Maroon, Nov. 11, 2015, in Boston, Mass., at 64. A new member of the Colby community, he was a music associate who had performed professionally and taught voice for 28 years. He and his wife, Gayle E. Maroon, who formerly worked in Colby’s Music Department, ran a music studio in Waterville for 20 years. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, three brothers, and his parents.

Jack Sandler, Nov. 19, 2015, in Connecticut at 35. The head men’s lacrosse coach at Colby since 2013, he reportedly collapsed on a treadmill in a hotel while on a recruiting trip. In his first season at Colby, the team won the CBB title. He began coaching at his alma mater, Bates College, then coached for eight years at Skidmore College. He was an NCAA Division III representative to the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association and served on an NCAA regional advisory committee. He is survived by his parents and a sister.
Gianluca Rizzo,  
Paul D. and Marilyn Paganucci  
Assistant Professor of Italian Language and Literature

I have been reading rather odd books lately:  
The works by G. I. Gurdjieff. I especially recommend his *Meetings with Remarkable Men*;  
The works by Carlos Castaneda. I started them because of his connection to UCLA (which is where I did my graduate school) and I became enthralled by his tales of Don Juan, the Yaqui sorcerer and shaman. If that tickles your fancy, you might also enjoy Andrea De Carlo’s *Yucatan*, a novel he wrote after working as an assistant to the great director Federico Fellini. Apparently, Fellini wanted to make a movie on Castaneda, but a series of spooky incidents that befell the project made him change his mind;  
Edward Rice’s biography of *Sir Captain Richard Francis Burton*, a larger than life Victorian adventurer, who traveled through Africa, the Middle East, and India. He was the first westerner to complete a pilgrimage to Mecca, he translated the *Arabian Nights*, and, in his spare time, he worked as a spy in the Queen’s service.  

*When he isn’t reading and teaching, Gianlucca Rizzo is checking the first round of proofs for a book he coedited with Massimo Ciavolella titled Savage Words: Invectives as a Literary Genre, forthcoming from Agincourt Press. He is also working on a series of poems titled “American Obelisk,” which will eventually become an artist book, featuring the photography of Associate Professor of Art Gary Green.*
First Person

“We were shooting a video for admissions and I was asked about something I wrote on my LinkedIn summary about my life moving in big leaps. I hadn’t thought of that in a while and it kind of caught me off guard. I thought, ‘Oh boy. Why would anyone want to know my story?’ And then I remembered my struggles. Breathe, I thought. Just be you and tell them how Colby was the best thing that’s ever happened to you. Breathe. There are others out there who are now experiencing what you did during the college hunt. Breathe. I got emotional deep down inside because no matter what I could manage to get out, no words could wholly describe the opportunity that Colby has been in my life. I look at this photo and I see my passionate self, ready to boast to the world, ‘The Colby experience is a life-changing opportunity, but you need to experience it for yourself. Don’t take my word for it but at the same time, do!’”

—Joebelle Bonete ’18

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WHISTLER AND THE WORLD
THE LUNDER COLLECTION OF JAMES MCNEILL WHISTLER
AT THE COLBY COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART

James McNeill Whistler,
Chelsea in Ice, 1864,
oil on canvas, 17 3/4 x 24 in.
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