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FOR ALUMNI, PARENTS AND FRIENDS



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# C O M M E N T A R Y

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## Commons Bonding

The Commons system celebrated its fourth birthday last fall, and it has made great strides in its short history toward becoming an effective student government. But it has a way to go yet.

Most of the problems with the Commons system can be traced back to the intentions of its builders. Administrators say that the Commons system was supposed to emulate the good things about fraternities, like unity and bonding, but bury in basements on Frat Row all the bad things, like discrimination and hazing. The Commons system is based on student involvement. More than 100 students, including some fraternity members, even helped design the system in the spring of 1984. But the new government was not without enemies, and many students were still bitter about the banning of the brothers in January 1984.

I arrived as a freshman at Colby several years later, in the fall of 1986, and was elected a governor of my residence hall. Consequently, I also served on the Mary Low Commons Council. We spent more time discussing what we were going to decide, whom we were going to tell about our decisions, and how we were going to tell them than we did actually making the decisions. The decisions we did make carried little weight and certainly did not significantly alter campus life. Our opinions rarely went anywhere except home with us on the carbon-copied minutes of the meeting.

The most memorable thing we did as a council was throw a few successful parties. "You should do this more," said our fellow students. Well, maybe we should have, but that was not the primary purpose of the Commons system. Governors were supposed to be representatives of the students, their policymakers, not party hosts. However, if we didn't throw the parties, who would fill the gap left by "legal" fraternities? It was a frustrating year, and the dual role of party host/policymaker is still a muddy one today.

This year, my junior year at Colby, there are signs that the Commons system is making headway. Today's students have only known Colby with the Commons system. The Commons presidents, the Student Association executive board members, and the board of governors include many veterans of the system. They understand that student governments do not overrule but, rather, work with administrators and faculty. At the same time, student leaders are learning both what decisions they have the authority to make and how to use the political power of a united student body voice. The governors are starting to worry about policies and not parties, allowing the social chairs and other committee chairs to fulfill their own duties. This experience within the system is making a difference.

Additionally, the Commons system is starting to make decisions about important campus issues. Removing club status and funding from the *Colby Crossfire* (a publication of student opinion and attitudes) when its editors chose to violate the Student Association constitution is the best example I've witnessed. The board of governors considered the facts, talked to the offenders, discussed the problem, and made a decision. The Commons system should continue to get its hands dirty and tackle other difficult campus issues that need to be addressed.

The most neglected problem currently plaguing the Commons system is its relationship to the student body. Ideas and complaints often have a difficult time "trickling up" the system. Events such as town meetings, at which the residents of a hall gather with their governors, are helping to build a better bridge between Colby students and the Commons system. Still, while most students can rattle off a few lines about how the system provides representation for the student body or can explain how the Commons hierarchy is set up, that isn't enough. Students need to understand what the Commons system can and cannot accomplish as well as what it is accomplishing.

I am not a flag-waving fan of the Commons system. I do, however, believe that Colby is a better place with this system than it was with legal fraternities. Administrators acknowledge that underground fraternity members are elected and appointed to positions within the Commons system, sometimes for the sole benefit of the system and other times to make sure their organization is represented. Of course, if fraternities follow the example Zeta Psi set when they dissolved their group in December, life on Mayflower Hill would change dramatically and become easier for the Commons system.

Nevertheless, the toughest part is over—the Commons system has survived its first years. Now it just has to grow up.

Chip Gavin '90

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On the covers: Outside the greenhouse on the walkway between Arey Life Sciences and Keyes Science Building, snow still covers the campus, but inside it's a springday. Tim McCutcheon '89 tends the greenery.

# EUSTIS MAIL ROOM

## Setting the Record Straight

I enjoyed reading of my father, Edward C. Roundy, in the anniversary edition ("Athletics at Colby"). It is always with a feeling of great pride that I read of his accomplishments and gifts to Colby. I do, however, find two glaring errors in the article that I feel should be corrected: My father went to Colby in the fall of 1924, not 1925; he died in 1954, not exactly a "retirement," and he had just completed his 30th, not his 28th year. He had just received a further honor as a reward from Colby for his many years of service and love to the College, a three-year contract, which would have carried him to his 65th year. It was my understanding at the time that it was the first multi-year contract ever given a coach.

Though many called him "Eddie," most of Waterville called him "Coach." Mike Loebbs was "Mike," Al McCoy was "Al," "Cy" Perkins was "Cy," but Eddie Roundy was, to a great majority, "Coach"—to me an indication of the love and respect given him by those who knew him well. I feel so lucky to have been one of those and particularly to have been his daughter.

Mary "Dixie" Roundy Bebee '46  
Crystal River, Fla.

It was with mixed feelings that I reviewed my fall 1988 issue of *Colby*, which celebrated the 175th anniversary of the College. I congratulate the College its students, alumni, and faculty, and I applaud the staff of *Colby* for a fine anniversary issue. I am proud to be an alumnus of such a fine institution of higher learning.

My mixed emotions arise from the manner in which the occasion was celebrated. The bright and colorful balloons adorning the front and back covers of the issue may seem festive and gay to some, but to marine mammals, fish, and sea birds they can mean death by suffocation or starvation. Balloons such as these have been found in the gullets of seals, dolphins, whales, and sea birds and identified as the cause of their untimely demise.

The half-life of such balloons is measured in decades. As an environmental studies major at Colby, a marine biology technician, and a sailor, I have learned how fragile our oceans and their inhabitants are. During this past summer, the media was full of stories about how we are destroying the oceans from which all life on earth comes. Plastic objects, including balloons, comprised the bulk of trash recently picked up from the Maine shores during a coastal clean-up sponsored by the Maine Audubon Society. If one of Colby's balloons was found on Mount Desert Island, it is quite possible that others made their way into Maine waters and onto the shore, thereby contributing to the pollution.

I certainly am not opposed to celebrating such milestones as Colby's 175th anniversary, but I would ask that the College place a ban on the release of balloons from its campus for any reason. Balloon releases have been denounced by many environmental organizations for their contribution to the deaths of many marine fauna. I hope that Colby will join in their cause.

Charles P. LeRoyer III '75  
Lincolnton, Maine

No words can convey the pleasure I felt in reading your magnificent fall issue of *Colby*. It provided me with an intensely nostalgic tour of the old campus, and I am deeply indebted to you and all of your talented staff for making the issue possible.

I had known personally three of the distinguished alumni: Harold Marston Morse, Herbert Carlyle Libby, and Joseph Coburn Smith. The Morses were friends of our family in Waterville. Meroe and Dryden, Marston Morse's children, were frequent visitors at our house on Silver Street, as we were at theirs on Park Street. Marston Morse was always my hero, since he excelled at everything he did.

Herbert Carlyle Libby was my professor of public speaking. On one occasion, I was discussing before a somnolent class the alarming flaws present in a pro-

posed version of the National Labor Relations Act. The class showed no alarm. Meanwhile, Dr. Libby was banging on the piano lid. This behavior had the intended effect, which was for me to lose my way. When I had wandered to a flustered and complete stop, Dr. Libby just beamed innocently. Making what I thought was a brilliant recovery, I said: "Before I was so rudely interrupted . . ." but stopped short, my face crimson with embarrassment, realizing how impudent and disrespectful my words had been. Dr. Libby was gracious, recognizing my discomfiture, and told me and the class how to deal with hecklers.

I spent a lot of time with Joseph Coburn Smith, both at his home on Park Street across from the home of Marston Morse, and at the College. We had a mutual interest in photography. I am surprised that your text does not mention the fact that Joseph Coburn Smith was the son of George Otis Smith.

Four of the men in your series [Morse, Libby, Averill, and Day] were personal friends of my father, Harvey Doane Eaton, Class of 1887 and a Colby trustee. Holman Day was in my father's class at Colby. His book of verse, *Up in Maine*, was excruciatingly funny, and I have it to this day.

George Averill was a familiar figure around town when I was young. He often walked by our house at 55 Silver Street but at other times rode around in his Pierce-Arrow, the car with the distinctive headlights sprouting from the front fenders.

I could go on forever in loving reminiscence of my days on the old campus and of the wonderful professors I had back then. Once again, thank you for your magnificent issue.

Fletcher Eaton '39  
Needham, Mass.

Heartiest congratulations on that splendid, encyclopedic issue of *Colby*! I couldn't put it down. It was good to be reminded of the forward-looking people who were involved with Colby's past. "There were giants in those days."



And probably there are giants in these days, too.

My time as a student was the period 1913-1917, while Prexy Rob was trying to operate the College single-handed, with no secretary, no dean, no telephone, etc., but the football team was running up incredible scores, beating Maine 14-0, Bowdoin 48-0, and Bates 61-0. (I quote from memory, and probably incorrectly.)

As a proofreader and veteran of many years spent writing for Hebron Academy's alumni publication, I ran across the non-expression *avante-garde* [page 54]. The expression, as you and I know, is *avant-garde*, as *avant* is a French preposition and shows no gender.

Harold E. Hall '17  
Hebron, Maine

We in Women's Studies would like to encourage you to highlight women's contributions to the College in *Colby*. We were disappointed that the fall issue of *Colby* did not balance women's historic roles at the College with the treatment of men. It is important that women be perceived as part of the historical story of the College and not simply segmented into things some particular group—women—did. We did appreciate your comment in the Commentary that further coverage of women would be forthcoming, and we offer to help you in any way we can.

Patrice Franko Jones  
Assistant Professor of Economics  
Co-chair Women's Studies

Congratulations to you and to all who produced the splendid fall 1988 *Colby* 175th anniversary issue. The magazine is a striking collection of memorabilia, reacquainting us with the strength of the College's life, especially through the diverse people making Colby a reality yesterday, today, and into tomorrow.

As a retired school historian/archivist [St. George's School, Newport, Rhode Island], I offer particular kudos to the students of the Jan Plan who joined you in producing the magazine.

Gilbert Y. Taverner '48  
Concord, Mass.

In the last issue of *Colby*, you made a slight error in "The Old That's Worth Saving" [page 38]. I was a member of the

Class of 1986 and a class officer who helped to start the tradition of placing blocks of carved granite in the Student Center fireplace. We were proud to begin this tradition again, and I felt I wanted to tell you it was the Class of 1986, not 1985.

Leslie Greenslet '86  
Greenwich, Conn.

First and foremost, I wish to offer my congratulations for a superb issue of *Colby*! It was not only interesting and informative but also served as a warm reminder of cool fall days at Colby, which are not always easily recalled in sunny California. However, I would like to point out one error I found under the Drama Section in Appendix G: "A Selection of Events 1987-1988." "Broadway Musical Revue" was listed as a "Powder and Wig" production—which it currently is not, nor has it ever been.

"Broadway Musical Revue" was founded in 1985 by three individuals independent of the student drama club "Powder and Wig." During the fall semester of 1985, the show was funded through the Commons system, the Music Department, and the Performing Arts Department to varying degrees. In the spring of 1986 the show was funded by matching funds from the Student Association and the Dean of Students Office for three all-campus performances and a private show for the Board of Trustees. In the fall of 1986, "Broadway Musical Revue" was accepted as a Student Association club. Since that time, the funding for the shows has been provided through the Student Association.

"Broadway Musical Revue" has become a tradition at Colby, with many members of both the Colby and outside communities attending every show. It is a production that many people look forward to and appreciate for its novelty on a campus dominated by straight dramatic productions. Therefore, although any recognition of the Revue is appreciated, I felt it necessary to clarify both the "roots" and the independence of the production. "Powder and Wig" provides many terrific experiences for both audience and cast members; however, they are not the only club on campus producing student-directed shows. It is important to recognize that the "Broadway Musical Revue" is a totally separate and self-standing unit.

"Broadway Musical Revue" provides a unique experience for all who partici-

pate. I encourage everyone to attend next spring's show. I heard this fall's was a tremendous success!

Melissa Ruff '88  
Mountain View, Calif.

Greatly enjoyed the current issue of *Colby*. Dean Runnals had a break in her service in that Erma Vyra Reynolds was dean of women for at least two years around 1928. I can't forget that, as I got a red hot tongue lashing from the dean, and it wasn't Runnals. The names sound alike, but they were quite different people. As I recall, the women were happy to have Dean Runnals back at Colby.

And thanks for printing the letter from Glen P. Goffin '58. He is old enough to recall that prior to Castro taking over Cuba, people like Professor Bowen insisted Castro was not a "Red." Granted that Castro overthrew a dictator named Batista, and though I don't like right wing dictators, Cuba was better off than it is now. I'm happy to see that others wave Old Glory and don't fall for malarkey.

Rod Farnham '31  
Hamden, Maine

Frederick M. Drummond '47 called to say that if we wanted to see the interior of the fieldhouse on the old campus correctly, we should look at it in the mirror—the photo was flopped! Our thanks to all for their sharp and appraising eyes.

## To the Class of 1989

Hey, how are things back at the fort? This is just a quick note from the outside describing some of the experiences of postgraduate life. It's still hard to believe it's all over and I actually made it through. Seniors, how is the job search going? Perhaps that deserves a rephrasing omitting the first word: is the job search going? In the words of a famous philosopher, "Don't Panic!" Take your time. You'll spend plenty of time working during your lifetime, so why push it? Besides, you have six months before you have to start paying those loans off anyway. Pack your Colby sweatshirt and go someplace for a while. Or go many places for a while. Worry about how little time you spent at Career Services later.

The farther away you get from Colby,

the more you appreciate the time you spent there. There are few places with such close contact to professors of the caliber you find at Colby. Also, at other colleges, students do not have a say in policy or tenure decisions to nearly the extent that they do at Colby. A few months ago I was asked to write a letter of recommendation for a professor who was seeking tenure. My co-workers and the associate director of my firm could not believe that I would play a role in such an important decision. (I couldn't believe that students and alumni wouldn't play a role in such a decision.) They were even more amazed when I told them the extent to which students are involved at every level of the system, from how College money is spent, to the stands the College takes on political and moral issues, right down to the integral role students played in designing the Student Center. (If you don't like it, blame the classes responsible.)

You may ask how all of this affects you. Aside from the direct effects that policies have on you, student involvement gives you the feeling that you are a part of the College and that your opinion matters and will be heard when decisions are made. It is important to stress here that if you don't take control of and use the power that has been given to you, you will lose it. Therefore, it is your responsibility to make yourself heard in the important decisions that affect you and your College.

Otherwise, you could find yourself in the same position in your school that you occupy in your country. How much power do you feel voters (few as we are) have over the policies adopted by our country? We should be our own government, yet sadly, many of us view it as a separate entity, us against them. The first step in overcoming this separation is to encourage controversy and get involved. Don't be afraid to talk politics or religion in Dana or raise your hand in Lovejoy 100. Nobody will be happier than your professors (most of the time). They understand that if you are simply writing down what they say and not actively and critically listening, then you are not learning. If you play an active role in your education, you will come away from it with confidence, the feeling that you are not limited, that you can do anything you put your mind to. That is what sets Colby apart, and it is the essence of the liberal arts education that you are paying for.

You may also find that Colby will always be close by in some form (whether

you like it or not). I've met Colby people on mountaintops in Austria, in bars in Italy and in villages in Mexico, at the Chicago blues festival and at a tollbooth on I-95. I met one driving down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., another at a wedding in Bloomington, Ind., and another who runs Pizza Oasis in Portland, Ore. There's a town on I-90 in Kansas whose founder seems suspiciously similar to the guy who gave us that big grant, and subsequently his name, back in the old days (refer that one to the history Jan Plan). Just when I thought I had truly escaped—I was amid the 200-foot red sandstone cliffs of Lake Powell in southern Utah, at least 80 miles from any marks of human civilization save Native American ruins—I opened up an August 8 issue of *Time*, and what did I see? Professor Sandy Maisel's big goofy grin and a story a mile long about his son, Josh. I reflected on the fact that I had given Josh swimming lessons, and I thought about what my father would say—"Dambd if that ol' boy don't have a knack fer stayin' in the limelight!"

Meanwhile, what have I done with my Colby degree? I teach a reading and

study skills program at high schools around the country and world (check Readak in Career Services). This was most probably influenced by those swimming lessons and hours tutoring German. At this point I can honestly (and safely) admit that one of the greatest freedoms I have experienced since graduating from Colby is that I can think, say, and write what I believe, and Chip Hauss can't make me do a rewrite.

Steven Masur '88  
Ogden, Utah

### Do Many Have This Problem?

I am writing to ask if you would consider sending me the quarterly *Colby* magazine in a plastic wrapping. When the magazine is sent by U.S. mail, frequently the pages are torn and wet when it rains.

While I enjoy reading *Colby*, it is discouraging when the magazine arrives in poor condition.

James E. Fell '32  
Fall River, Mass.



Wow! . . . 26 alumnae in one picture . . . September 10, 1988, at the women's alumni soccer game. Front row: Marianne MacDonald '87, Anne Tiedemann '84, Katherine Sullivan '87, Leah Don Basbanes '88. Second row: Mary Needham '86, Carol Simon '85, Charmaine Twigg '87, Sarah Pope '88, Courtney Celi '88, Jennifer Allen '88, Laura Shaver '87, Jennifer Estes '86, Sue Whittum '87, Beth DeSwarte (a "ringer"). Third row: Coach Terry Parlin (Colby head coach 1981-85), Marsha Landau '84, Lauren Watson Charwat '83, Mary White '84, Patrice Galvin '86, Anne Boatright Beaney '85, Maura Cassidy '84, Lisa Tomasetti '88, Lesley Melcher '85, Jennifer Douglas '86, Deborah Brooks '86, Carol Anne Beach '88, Julie Bruce '83.

# NEWS FROM THE HILL

## Have Heart, Will Volunteer

Concerned students from the Colby Volunteer Center raised a total of \$1,181 for the Sacred Heart Church soup kitchen in Waterville last November. Contributing to Maine Hunger Week coffers, the volunteers sponsored events in the residence halls and Student Center such as a penny collection, bake sale, and auction.

The local soup kitchen is a favorite labor of love with the students, but they willingly give time and talent to nursing homes and schools and serve as literacy volunteers, tutors, and entertainers with impressive musical gifts and a popular clown act. Rachel England '90, who is coordinator of the campus-wide Volunteer Center, meets with student leaders weekly to plan special events and transportation. The volunteers will do almost any task in the area requiring young backs and strong arms, including stacking firewood and shoveling snow. Approximately 100 people are on the task force list, and 30 to 50 are involved in various projects on a weekly basis for as many as 20 hours. The program continues throughout the academic year, with several special events planned for the spring.

On March 11 the volunteers sponsored a formal black tie ball in the Student Center for faculty and students. Proceeds from the gala, which featured two live bands, were donated to the Maine Children's Cancer Program in Portland.

## The Westra Tree

Colby tends to attract friendly, charismatic people who exult in helping others. We can all remember at least one individual who could always persuade us to crack a smile on even the gloomiest of days. Somehow the day would become a little brighter, and life might even take on a slightly different meaning. Even if this person weren't around, thinking about him or her could bring the smile back in an instant.

David "Johan" Westra '85 was one of these people. For those of us who knew him when he was still alive, he was always a tremendous source of enthusiasm and strength. No task was too large to



*Richard Claytor '88 planted the Westra tree last spring.*

tackle and no problem too big to solve, and if it was . . . well, that was okay, too; we'd just have to do the best we could. He always had that indomitable smile on his face, and when he wasn't yelling salutations across the library lawn he was spending time with his Waterville "Little Brother" or promoting the Boy Scouts. He was an avid outdoorsman as well, with an enviable sensitivity and appreciation for nature. Most of us, however, will remember him as the impetus behind the "Lazy Mule Triathlon," which he inaugurated on Johnson Pond during the winter of 1985.

In April 1988 a small oak was planted in his memory next to Johnson Pond, an addition to the fine memorials and eulogies to David Westra that preceded it. February 22 marked the third year of his death, and we miss him. But just as his contributions to our lives will grow within and enrich each of us, his tree will also grow. Every time we return to Colby, we may stand beneath it and remember how important a friend can be.

*Tom Claytor '85 and Mark Howard '85 Members of the Class of 1985, who raised more than \$2,000 to accompany their gift, also gave a memorial Westra garden to the College.*

## On the Role of the Media

Robert Hager, parent of Christina Hager '90 and a nine-year NBC news correspondent spoke in Roberts Union on October 27 1988. During his lecture, "The Media and Presidential Elections," Hager admitted that although television is the dominant political force in America, it is compelled by its format to deal with issues more superficially than the press media.

Hager, who has covered numerous political conventions since 1964, explained that soundbites—short clips of the candidates that TV viewers see on the evening news—are getting shorter as TV news gets slicker. As candidates realize that the pictures of a soundbite "tend to be more powerful than their content," they often "oversimplify the issues." Hager stated that this leads to a competition between the candidates as they try to overshadow each other's image in daily TV soundbites. Finally, a controversy emerges over who "controls the agenda of the campaign, the candidates or the media?"

To resolve this controversy, Hager asserted that the television medium must change its presentation to facilitate "a more free exchange." He also suggested that the candidates and networks agree well before a campaign to make free time available to each candidate to speak on appropriate issues. Such a move would give audiences a better feel for the issues, he said, particularly in the early stages of the presidential election year.

## A Man Called Suss

Julius Sussman '19 died nearly five years ago, but his long and interesting life is detailed in a recent book by Celia C. Risen.

*Yankee Fiddler: A Man Called Suss* consists mainly of excerpts from hours of taped interviews with Sussman and his late wife, Lil, as they reminisced over the struggles and joys of their married life, including the loss of \$10,000 invested in a shoe factory; the life of their son, Sidney John, whom they eventually lost to Downs Syndrome; Sussman's multiple heart attacks, and his wife's five months in a body cast with a broken back.

Sussman was born in Kentucky to



Polish immigrants, but his family moved to New England the following year. Accepted at Colby in 1914 without a high school diploma, he set window panes and played the violin for his room and board and established a society for Jewish men that eventually became Colby's Tau Delta Phi fraternity. After the Sussmans married secretly in 1921, they established themselves in Augusta as "the repository for information about Jewish holidays in the community." Eventually they set up the Augusta-Gardiner chapter of B'nai B'rith in their own home.

The couple remained upbeat through many years of physical and emotional pain, and Sussman continued to play the violin and perform clown acts for local kindergartens and schools for mentally retarded children. Colby alumni will remember his performances for the Fifty-plus Club at reunions. In 1978 he was awarded a Colby Brick.

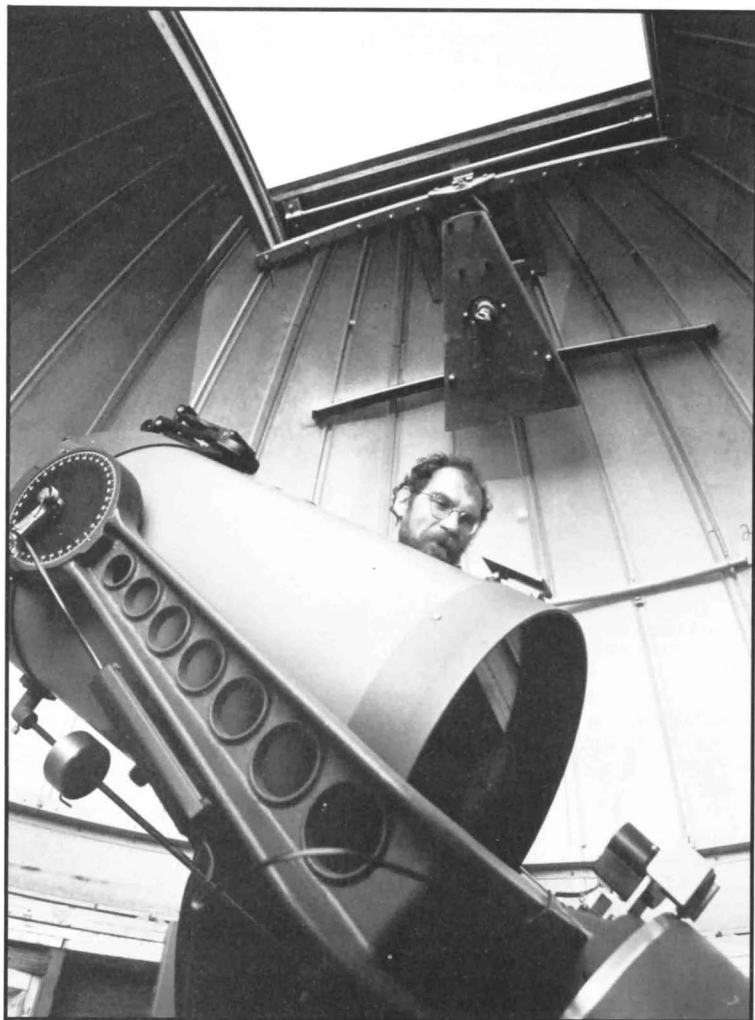
*Yankee Fiddler* is valuable not only for the Sussmans' lively narrative but for its preservation of Maine and Colby history and of the difficulties many Jews faced integrating themselves into Yankee society. The book may be ordered from the Colby bookstore.

### Colby Reaches for the Stars

Last fall Colby welcomed its newest structure, a small cylindrical observatory in the northeast corner of the campus near the baseball field and hard by the Gould Music Shell. The building houses a 400-power, 14-inch Celestron telescope, the gift of Chicago real estate executive Anthony Kramer '62. Both the telescope and observatory were given in memory of Kramer's classmate, Lawrence Walker Collins III.

The equivalent of a 3,910 mm camera lens, the instrument enables a user to perceive an object 5,000 times "fainter" than would be possible without magnification. Associate Professor of Physics Murray F. Campbell, whose specialty is astronomy, predicts that much of the research he and his students conduct will center on stars that vary in brightness. "The benefit of such a telescope," he said, "is not so much that we can see farther stars but that we will be able to see ones that are much fainter." Campbell added that the new telescope handsomely supplements the portable telescopes now used in his astronomy lab course.

The observatory, brought from Il-



*Associate Professor of Physics Murray Campbell adjusts Colby's new stargazer.*

linois last summer on a flatbed truck, was stored until November while Colby scientists pondered the best location for its reassembly. Now in place, the telescope will expand horizons for more than Colby students. Campbell has planned several "public evenings" for area residents next summer, which will include lectures and subsequent stargazing.

### Faculty and Others

Associate Professor of Sociology Sonya Rose and Associate Professor of Modern Languages (German) Peter Nutting have received National Endowment for the

Humanities fellowships awarded under the NEH program for "college teachers and independent scholars." Rose will complete her book, *Gender, Labor, or Capital: Industrial Relations in 19th-Century Britain*. Nutting's fellowship will enable him to complete a book on Kafka titled *Kafka's Clowns*.

Associate Professor of Modern Foreign Languages (Portuguese and Spanish) Priscilla Doel was recently interviewed by popular morning show host Peter Miller on CBC, the Canadian national radio network. Doel discussed the "Portuguese Presence" in Newfoundland and Labrador, the topic of her research during her recent sabbatical leave.

Associate Dean of Students Joyce McPhetres-Maisel received a Distinguished Service Award from Region I of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators for "voluntary spirit of membership and a record of involvement and contribution within the region." McPhetres-Maisel has been the association's Maine state director and chair of the annual conferences for four years. She also chaired the regional advisory committee and at conferences and panel discussions has presented topics such as substance abuse.

David Mills '57 of the English, Modern Languages, and Performing Arts departments rides again, collaborating with Italian film director Sergio Leone on his next film, a Civil War epic titled *A Place That Only Mary Knows*. Stars will be Mickey Rourke and Richard Gere. Mills will do research for the film, collaborate on the script, and write the dialogue, as he did for Leone's *Once Upon a Time in America*.

Assistant Professor Jonathan Hallstrom of the Music Department received a grant from the Sloan Foundation to support work at MIT and Stanford to develop circular modules that integrate sample sound and procedural composition concepts in courses on music theory. The modules will include the use of compu-

ter-manipulated sample sound to study acoustical principles and will apply to the creation of music structure.

Professor of Government G. Calvin Mackenzie shuttled between Waterville and Washington, D.C., last fall, advising President-elect Bush's transition team.

The election of George Mitchell, LL.D. '83, as Senate majority leader in December focused a great deal of attention on both his hometown of Waterville and on Colby. Mitchell's father was employed in the Buildings and Grounds Department, and for the past 22 years his brother, John ("Swisher"), has been assistant men's basketball coach. During his college summers the senator worked with the Colby grounds crew. President Cotter was one of several of the nation's educators who praised the Democrat's choice in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. "He has been very supportive [of higher education]," Cotter said of Mitchell, "but he is also a very judicious person. He is responsible about fiscal issues and will be serious about balancing the budget."

#### Nota Bene

Due to unavoidable scheduling conflicts, the annual Kingsley Birge lecture will not be given this school year. The program will resume in 1989-90.

#### Update: Alumni Directory and Alumni Information Project

Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Randy Helm recently announced a two-phase Alumni Information Project scheduled to begin next fall. During the first phase, as outlined in the winter issue of *Currents*, the College will compile a new directory that will be published in late 1989 by the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company and will include home and business addresses Colby class, other college degrees, and business or professional affiliations for all Colby men and women. The Harris Publishing Company will be contacting alumni during the next several months to verify and correct address information and then will make the directory available to alumni at a reasonable charge next fall.

The second stage of information gathering will begin in October 1989 with the posting of a comprehensive questionnaire to all alumni that the College is able to reach by mail. Director of Alumni Relations Susan Conant Cook '75 emphasized that "The census will provide us with a deeper understanding of our alumni, their perspectives on their years at Colby, their career and other important life choices, and how their Colby experience has affected their continuing growth and development. [It] will also provide graduates with an opportunity to evaluate our alumni programs."

Completed questionnaires will remain confidential even though the College will publish a report of significant patterns and trends based on the aggregate response. This should help Colby evaluate the effectiveness of its liberal arts program. But, says Vice President Helm, "the success of the Alumni Information Project—and Colby's continued ability to strengthen its reputation and performance—will depend on a high rate of alumni participation. We hope all alumni will respond positively when contacted for the alumni directory by Harris Publishing during the next few months, and again next year when we launch phase two."



Five Colby alumni are serving in leadership positions at Mount Ida College, Newton Centre, Mass. Pictured with Bryan E. Carlson, president of Mount Ida, are (front row, from left): President Carlson, Helen Moore Phillips '48, administrative assistant; James Martin '70, vice president for academic affairs; (back row) Victor F. Scalise, Jr. '54, vice president for institutional advancement; P. Kendall Palmer, Jr. '64, executive vice president; and John Kearns '69, professor of psychology.

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The special collections staff of Miller Library catalogues and keeps any books written by alumni and faculty of which they are aware. For this reason, and for the purpose of this book review section, all Colby authors are encouraged to send books to the College editor, Colby College, Waterville, Maine 04901.

## Jazz: Myth and Religion

Neil Leonard '50

Oxford University Press, 1987

\$16.95

In his fascinating book *Jazz: Myth and Religion*, Neil Leonard observes that many commentators have detected a relationship between jazz and religion. Leonard's contribution to this field is to explore jazz as religion. To what extent, he wonders, are jazz movements sects and the musicians prophets; to what extent is their craft a supernatural ideal and its practice a ritual?

To answer these questions Leonard brings to his considerable knowledge of jazz culture the luminaries of the sociology and anthropology of religion. Following Ernst Troeltsch's model of the "ideal church," Leonard depicts jazz as a "sect" persecuted by and hostile to an elitist and covertly racist (and sexist) orthodox "church" of classical music. The jazz movement became "churchly" if not "church" while throwing off new sects. Leonard identifies these sects as early jazz or "Dixieland," followed by bop in the 1940s and "free jazz" of the 1960s and '70s, and argues that each threatened the pure canon that had preceded them. The hostility of established "churchly" jazz

predecessors pushes each new sect beyond the margin of respectability.

Forced into this border state, the jazz movement operates much like a cult. Jazz cults form around prophetic figures like Bix Beiderbecke, Charlie Parker, and John Coltrane, whose talent and charisma make them authoritative transmitters of an ecstatic, supernatural ideal, or *gnosis*. This *gnosis* both binds the musicians and their fans and fellow travelers together in a community of the faithful and sharply differentiates the community from the world of "the squares."

Rituals of musical performance and initiation and ritually dictated characteristics of behavior such as appearance, humor, and language "told the believer what to do and how to do it" and helped orient and structure activity, shape experience, and quell doubt. Myths, or "stories about sacred heroes and origins," enacted these rituals or grew out of them. In either case, myths provided the jazz movement "coherence and significance" and placed a whole people "into a cosmic context that explained and justified their existence and their music." Finally, a jazz laity of critics, aficionados, hipsters, beats, and dancers receive the musical sacrament from the masters and in return serve as missionaries who continuously bring the cult to a hostile world and, ultimately, respectability.

Leonard's rigorous application of technical and jargon-studded concepts to the jazz culture occasionally provides jarring disjunctions, as, for example, when he describes conversions to jazz as "maze-way reformulations." But for the most part, such fidelity to his analogy between jazz and religion is illuminating and provocative. Leonard concludes that jazz is

"a powerful social force" and that it is "bringing intimations of magic and the sacred to an era whose enormous changes have depleted conventional faiths." *Jazz: Myth and Religion* tells us not only about an extraordinary culture but how jazz substitutes for religion in a secular era.

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# Designing a Major Dream

by Wendy Dauphinais '89



The studio lights pervaded the room. A tall, handsome man strode in front of the cameras, nonchalantly sat behind the anchor desk, and began reviewing the script. I squinted, filtering the spotlights to get a better look. A production assistant seated me in the background and gave me headsets and a switcher so I could monitor the newscasts of several different stations. Within a minute, the director, a grey-haired man, yelled, "Everyone seated! Quiet on the set! Five, four, three. . . ." The figure at the desk came to life. "Good evening," he said, "I'm Peter Jennings with ABC World News. . . ."

I fixed on his profile, intent on his composed manner. I watched his lips form every word, awed at seeing in person a news anchor I've always admired on the television screen. As I spent the next year interning at "ABC World News" in New York City, that initial awe gradually turned to informed understanding.

During my freshman year at Colby this internship was only a dream—but a dream I designed in an independent major so that I could pursue a career as a news reporter. When friends and relatives asked me why I was going to a liberal arts college instead of a journalism school, my response was simple: I was heeding the advice of several successful media professionals to get a solid liberal arts education, take a couple of courses

in communications, and do an internship for work experience in the field.

Sometimes at Colby I questioned this advice and ended up talking with Jim McIntyre, the director of Career Services. He emphasized that a liberal arts college would make it possible for me to learn many different subjects. I also remembered the phone conversation I'd had with former NBC president Lawrence Grossman when I was still in high school. Figuring that the best way to get sound advice was to go straight to the top, I'd tried to get through to him for hours, but his secretary told me he was in a meeting. Whether she got tired of my persistence or he really did get out of his meeting I'll never know, but he finally agreed to speak to me. Only a few media courses were necessary for news reporting, he told me, because most of the information taught at journalism schools would be

learned during the first month at a job. Recalling his advice while I was at Colby helped me confirm my belief that to reach my news reporting goals I needed an education in a broad range of liberal arts.

Designing my own major, "Communication Liberal Arts," was the most logical way to achieve this education at Colby, but it was an arduous task to get the major approved by the Colby independent major board. I worked for weeks with Dean of the College Earl Smith, trying to create the right balance of Colby courses and plan my internships and exchange programs. Dean Smith's experience as a journalist, his 25 years in the Colby administration, and his support, advice, and reasoning were crucial as we worked out a major consisting of history, psychology, and sociology and a deeper emphasis in government, economics, and English. A knowledge of government was necessary for political reporting, economics was important for covering stories in the state's budget or even in the stock market, and English was the base for writing and thinking logically.

These courses, however, were only a part of my independent major proposal. I acquired journalism experience during a Colby-in-Washington semester interning at Cable News Network (CNN) and then in a year's exchange program at Hunter College's Junior Year in New York. It's not

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easy selecting classes such as "Broadcast Journalism" and "Mass Media and Propaganda" for your junior year when you're a freshman, but I had to apply to Hunter's program two years early to assure the committee that I would be able to fulfill my proposed plan. While I maintained a full journalism curriculum at Hunter I also had internships with both "ABC World News" and ABC's "20/20." Hunter helped me set up the interviews necessary to get the "20/20" internship; I was fortunate to land the "ABC World News" internship myself.

As a full-time intern at Cable News Network in Washington, D.C., in the fall of 1987, I saw Washington as I never would have seen it as a tourist. I went to the White House with a CNN news crew and covered a press conference, observed an interview with Japanese Prime Minister Nakasone, and even attended President Reagan's 76th birthday party with Mrs. Reagan, George Bush, George Shultz, Frank Carlucci, a number of other political figures, and news reporters. Other news shoots took me inside the Pentagon, the State Department, and the offices of several congressmen and senators on Capitol Hill. I was with a CNN reporter who covered a protest outside the CIA headquarters in Virginia. When I went back to the CNN newsroom I watched how the editors and reporters selected certain soundbites—short clips from speeches—and formulated them into a package telling the story we had just covered.

Because the CNN Washington newsroom was not unionized, I was able to operate the studio cameras every day during the newscasts as well as the teleprompter and the editing equipment. It

was also my duty to distribute wire copy to the writers. I often came in early and stayed late to practice writing news pieces. The writers and even the executive producer read and helped to improve my work. One morning I came in early and wrote a couple of the key stories. When the morning producer put the leading piece on the air and I heard the anchor reading my copy, I knew that all of my hard work was worthwhile.

While I was interning at "ABC World News" and "20/20" in New York City, I worked directly with the producers and news reporters. "20/20" was heavily unionized, so I wasn't able to have the hands-on experience with the equipment I'd had at CNN. However, I was able to watch the tedious process of shooting and editing film (it has to be developed and spliced before you can see it, unlike videotape, which can be edited on the spot). I also sat in on tapings of "20/20," and this gave me the opportunity to get to know Barbara Walters and Hugh Downs, who even granted me a half-hour interview.

Compared with the production of a CNN or ABC news package, the preparation of a news documentary is more time consuming, and the pace is much slower. Working on documentaries at "20/20," I realized that I preferred the constant chal-

lenges of work in hard news. The internship at "ABC World News" was just the opportunity I was searching for. During my first semester at "ABC World News" as desk assistant and production assistant, I typed scripts into the computer, answered phone calls from foreign correspondents, faxed articles, distributed scripts, and paid a great deal of attention to the work of the producers. I sat at a desk in the newsroom overlooking Peter Jennings and the producers and watched and listened as they hashed out the evening news.

I was assigned to be assistant to the producers during my second semester at ABC. After attending daily morning meetings with all of the executives and producers, I met separately with the producers to find out which stories needed help. They assigned me to research stories, conduct phone interviews, set up shoots, or go out on the scenes with them. One day when I was working with ABC news crews at the New York Stock Exchange during the October crash, I realized how important liberal arts classes are to news reporters. When we interviewed a stockbroker I understood his stock market jargon and the changes in the market that day, thanks to my "Principles of Macroeconomics" class.

ABC also allowed me to follow the candidates on the press bus during the primaries. I spent an entire day with more than 50 producers, reporters, and camera people, following Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore as he made stops at hospitals, shopping centers, and press conferences. At luncheons and press conferences I also met Jesse Jackson and Michael Dukakis. At the end of many long, exciting days I



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headed back to the newsroom to help distribute rundowns—lists of the order and timing of each news piece—and to monitor the newscast from the control room or the news studio.

When I had free time I generated my own story proposals and presented them to Peter Jennings and the executive producer. The most worthwhile moment of my internship came when Peter Jennings and the producer accepted my story proposal on an abortion pill, RU 486, which was scheduled to go on the market in a few months and was causing protests by anti-abortion groups. I was assigned to work on it with a producer and a correspondent. After we had begun the initial interviews, however, a crisis in Panama sent the correspondent to cover that event, putting my story on hold.

Studying and interning in Washington and New York City, two of the country's media capitals, provided a wonderfully intense contrast to Colby life. Even during my busiest times—when I was taking six classes at Hunter College and working the internships at both "ABC World News" and "20/20"—I always had time to see Broadway shows, ballets, museums, galleries, night clubs, and the parades and cultural and ethnic celebrations. Nevertheless, though a year and a half may seem a long time away from Colby, it gave me a new perspective and let me focus even more on courses that I found through my internships to be essential to news reporting. For instance, my senior year courses became directly related to events in the media. "Soviet Domestic Policy" gave me a better understanding of a country that is in our news every day. "Comparative Economics Systems" taught me backgrounds and current political

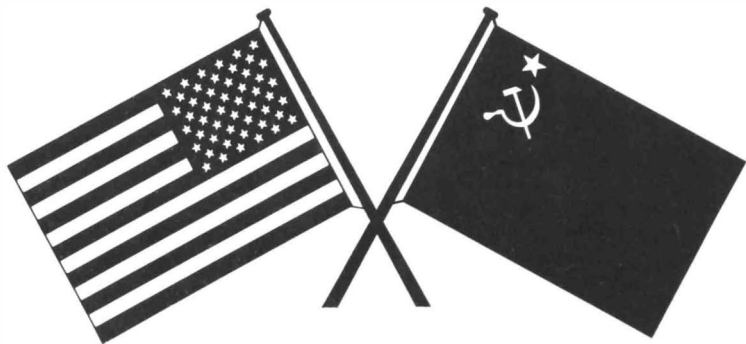
and economic situations of the Soviet Union, China, Cuba, Japan, Poland, Nicaragua, Hungary, and Yugoslavia. Professors also suggested projects and papers that pertained to my field. Professor of Economics Fred Moseley discussed economic current events during class and took time after class to talk with me about articles in the newspapers. My government professor, Rita Moore, encouraged me to work on an analysis of the changes in the Soviet media resulting from the Gorbachev reforms.

Now, in the midst of my senior year, more than three years since I designed my independent major, I'm beginning to realize that I have something to show. With extensive planning at the beginning of my college education—and some restructuring of the proposal according to changes in course offering—I've averaged five courses a semester in addition to the internships, a schedule that has prepared me for the long hours of a news reporter and has taught me how to make the most of a little time. I've landed internships and summer jobs as a news reporter covering events on the scene and as anchor of a weekly newscast. As a program director I set up interviews, commercials, and some of the business aspects of "Adams Russell" cable television in Leominster,

Mass. These jobs also led to my position as a stringer for UPI covering local Massachusetts stories in my hometown and, later, the Waterville scene when I was at Colby. All of these experiences in my independent major have helped me work my way into the "networking" process, the intricate channels through which each accomplishment may lead to the next.

While I was interning, CNN allowed me to make a resumé tape, producing and reporting a news story and anchoring a newscast I had written. Last summer when I looked back at my resumé tape I laughed at myself and was happy to see how much the experience had helped me in only a year and a half. Recently I completed another resumé tape at the cable station where I worked the past two summers. In another year I hope I'll look back at this tape and see progress, too.

One night during my internship, as the lights brightened the room, Peter Jennings was already positioned at the anchor desk. Camera one zoomed out to a wide shot to open the news with the entire studio in the background. I dashed into the newsroom with the rundown and placed myself near a switcher so I could view the other networks' newscasts and compare the different focuses. As Jennings read the scripts, I watched the teleprompter, noting his intonation and effective pauses. During a commercial break he turned around to see who was in the newsroom. Our eyes met; he smiled, gave me a comradely wink, then turned back to scan his copy.



## Exchanges: A Great Opportunity

Colby recently had an opportunity to talk at length with Peteris Sliede and Alexander Zakharov, exchange students from the Soviet Union who are spending the 1988-89 academic year at Colby. The College is a member of a group of 26 institutions, including Middlebury, Amherst, Bates, and Bowdoin, which brought 56 Soviet undergraduates to American universities and colleges and will send an equal number of Americans to study at leading universities in several republics of the Soviet Union. Following a month of orientation at Middlebury, Alexander and Peteris came to Colby.

Peteris Sliede is a handsome, slightly-built man of 23. He is married, has a young son, and is in his fourth year of a five-year physics program. He speaks English slowly and carefully, with a special depth of feeling when the subject is his beloved Republic of Latvia and his home city of Riga on the Baltic Sea.

Alexander is an English major at the Institute of Foreign Languages in Moscow. The tall and serious 24-year-old is an ethnic Russian from a city 1,000 kilometers (620 miles) south of the capital. He is training to be an interpreter or translator and speaks fluent, almost unaccented English.

We began by asking Peteris and Alexander to describe their emotions when they learned that they would be coming to the United States, the advice they were given by parents and friends, and what they felt upon arrival.

**Alexander:** Well, I wasn't scared at all. I was very much excited. When I entered the Institute in 1983, I began to collect any information about the United States from our newspapers and magazines. The things which were discussed in our press were just political items—treaties and agreements with the Soviet Union and the actions of the United States on the international arena. So I didn't have much information about what the real America looked like and how people lived there and what they did and so on.

But I don't know why, I never had the idea that the American people want to deteriorate the situation in the world or conquer other countries or unleash war with the Soviet Union. I've never thought of the American people in bad terms. My understanding has always been very warm and positive. And when I came here I was not disappointed.

It was a very long flight from the Soviet Union, about ten hours. When we landed in New York I just wanted to get some fresh air. But it was so hot there and full of air pollution that I could hardly breathe. But I was not scared. I was excited, first, that we had landed safely and, second, that we had landed in the United States.

**Peteris:** I knew exactly that I was coming to the United States only five days before leaving. My father said that

he envied me this opportunity and advised me to study the language as much as possible and also computers. My grandparents are rather old and have experienced the Stalinist era. They advised me not to speak without thinking my thoughts over because, they said, it would come to a bad end for my future. I think this is old fashioned. I don't worry. But I must be responsible for what I say, not to talk nonsense, because I am a representative of my country and American people will listen to me and draw conclusions about my country.

When we flew into New York, the look from the airplane was fascinating! Long Island, huge cities, lots of houses and wide roads. But after we landed it was like a switch from positive to rather negative. The international airport was so crowded. There were long lines to the immigration. And the people in the airport were not kind at all to the passengers. So I felt scared of this society and these people. When we went out of the air-conditioned terminal room to our buses the air was so heavy! The streets were not in a very good condition. There were many jams. Dirty roads and many writings on the walls and fences. But as soon as we were in Middlebury, everything changed. A new life started!

We asked Alexander and Peteris to describe their academic work both in the Soviet Union and here at Colby.

**Peteris:** My major is physics and solid-state physics is my specialization. Students specialize in such narrow areas beginning from their fourth year. Solid-state physics is the study of the structure and properties of condensed matter – crystals, glasses, ceramic materials, and various plastics. This is a very practical branch of science and becomes more and more popular because there is a very great demand on science for new materials for military and civil needs.

This semester I'm taking a quantum physics course, a computer science course which teaches Pascal language, a writing laboratory in English, and a course on science in America: half historic, half social studies. I am finding physics, so far, less difficult than I had in my university. But that's understandable because the purpose of liberal arts colleges is not to train students in a very narrow area but to give a broad scope of knowledge.

So far, I have already studied [quantum physics] in my university in shorter time with less [emphasis on] applications. Our course was more theoretic with more mathematics. More advanced I would say.

*While Peteris is finding the academic content of his course work less demanding than at his home university in Riga, Alexander's experience is different.*

**Alexander:** I am taking two English writing courses, a computer course, and a sociology class. Actually, I was also taking a British literature course at the beginning. I attended a couple of classes and then dropped it because it was difficult for me to catch up with the rest of the students. There was an enormous amount of reading, 150 to 200 pages per week. I had never done this much reading before in our institute so it was difficult for me to cope with it. I got lost and felt somewhat awkward in class so I dropped it. Next semester I hope to take American Short Story. I think it will be okay.

*We asked Alexander to compare his course work at Colby with his studies in Moscow.*

**Alexander:** I would say that it is strikingly different. At our Institute, it's a fixed syllabus, a fixed set of courses which you are taking, and you are not able to choose or change anything as you are here. And then, the very process of learning is different.

For instance, our Institute is purely linguistic so we study the English lan-

guage itself rather than English literature and history. We actually take a short course of history and geography of Great Britain and the United States but it is not that profound compared with the courses at Colby. We study as separate courses English phonetics, English grammar, conversational English, and writing, and theoretical courses like English lexicology and the history of the language. Also, we never do such a great amount of writing as they do at Colby. So I have an opportunity now to try myself in a different field and just to write.

*Alexander and Peteris also have somewhat differing impressions of American students.*

**Peteris:** Before I came here I thought that American students were very serious in their studies. They all would be science-oriented, less communicative with each other. They would be more egoistic, ambitious, and more sophisticated. I knew that we would go only to the best colleges in New England, with only people from the upper classes, so I expected to be in a strange society to me.

But I was positively impressed by what I actually saw. The students are very kind and open and helpful. They are very simple people, common people. That was a great surprise to me. I can speak to everybody and everybody seems to be interested in my country.

It is difficult to compare directly because the students I meet in Latvia are mostly science students; physicists and mathematicians. Here there are art students and language students and so there is a difference in majors and a difference in ways of thinking. But in general, I might say that Americans are more free in their way of expression, their way of thought. They feel free to do what they want. They don't feel so restricted. I think that in general, this is a good feature. It helps in everyday life.

*But Peteris also suggests that we may pay a price for our greater freedoms.*

**Peteris:** My opinion might be narrow-minded but I think this personal freedom is connected with the lack of culture, the lack of personal discipline. People don't feel so much their duties to other people, to the society itself. I don't say this very often because I have seen too little of American culture and this is not what I want my opinion to be.

*Alexander has a somewhat different view.*

**Alexander:** When I came here I was scared in terms of how I would understand people, living with them in everyday life. I could speak on academic topics but I'd never had any experience just in talking on everyday things. So I was scared. But now I don't have any problems. I have never lived in a dorm before. It's a new experience for me and quite interesting. I don't see any problems living with American students.

As students they are pretty much the same as students in the Soviet Union. I think that students work individually harder here than we do. But as people of this particular culture, they are different even if they are students. They are very open and friendly as are American people in general. I think it's the impact of your culture that students are so friendly and are ready to help in any situation if you have any difficulties.

*We asked Peteris if liberal arts colleges like Colby existed in the Soviet Union.*

**Peteris:** We have, you might call it "liberal arts" in high school. We call it "middle school." The students are taught all the subjects including natural sciences, mathematics, literature, music, physical education, work in factories [industrial arts], and handicrafts. Everybody takes these courses because there is no such term as "elective." So the high school graduate is a well-rounded person. But as soon as the applicant enters a university, he or she begins to study very specialized courses and from year to year the specialization is more and more pronounced.

*Alexander, a self-confessed urbanite, commented upon campus life at Colby.*

**Alexander:** I hoped in the bottom of my heart that I would be assigned to a college in a big city. In my mind America was associated with big cities. So it happened that I was assigned to Colby, and I like Colby very much. I've been to Bates and frankly speaking, I didn't like it that much. The setting is much prettier at Colby.

But still, the thing which I don't like very much about Colby is it is in a relatively small city and is somehow isolated even from this small city. Students live within this environment and they don't have much interaction in the world. There is no need even to go downtown.

There are a lot of parties on campus and in the dormitories, videos, movies, lectures, everything . . . even a theater. Still I would prefer a big city.

But on the other hand, what is good about Colby is also that by virtue of its isolation, the students spend more time learning. They don't pay much attention to anything but the courses they are taking. This is good.

*Naturally, we were interested in Peteris's and Alexander's views on political matters. We discussed the recent American presidential campaign.*

**Peteris:** I would say that it was very, very democratic. The society is so free that people can say whatever they want and the mass media is free in expressing different opinions. That is good. But I think this unrestricted freedom for everybody, including the presidential candidates, has led to this negative campaigning.

**Alexander:** I didn't really analyze and study the platforms in depth. I read just what ordinary Americans read in newspapers and magazines. I saw a couple of the debates on TV. I got the impression that they didn't really address the nation. They didn't actually speak about their platforms and what they would like to do with the country and how they would like to solve different issues. They would just attack each other. That's what I didn't like. But it was interesting because we don't have such things in our country. We are just trying to introduce it right now.

Recently I read, even in *Pravda*, that eminent Soviet scientists and academicians and people like that have spoken in favor of a multi-party system. And I think, why not? There might be two parties, three parties in our country. But they should bring benefits and be good for the nation. That's the idea.

*We asked their opinions of Mr. Gorbachev and his plans for the Soviet Union.*

**Peteris:** Gorbachev is a great politician. Really great. But we know in the Soviet Union very little about him as a personality. Our newspapers write that the Party did so-and-so but everybody should keep in mind that Gorbachev did so-and-so. He has great power. Not knowing the personality of Gorbachev, his plans, his character, not knowing Gorbachev as a man, a human, it is difficult to predict his policy and to understand what are his real intentions.

I feel that many people have a fear of having another great leader with immense power. But so far it is okay. He is doing a good job and leading a great policy. But what will happen later if he concentrates all the power in his hands? The result might be another extreme situation in the country.

And another thing, like many Russian leaders (those persons who live in Russia itself) he doesn't understand the problems in the national regions, national republics. Gorbachev's great power might be an obstacle in the way to reach independence of the smaller nations. I'm very interested in the positive outcome of that issue.

Another point is that there is great mistrust in our country toward the policy which is being led by our government, because now we begin to read in our newspapers and to realize that our country's internal policy and foreign policy were not always led in the best way and the government lied about what actually happened. So how can we trust the government and the policies now? Should we trust now or not?

**Alexander:** What I like about Gorbachev, and what I think most Soviet people like, is that he is trying his best to change things because everybody knows this is no way to live. So something must



*English major Alexander Zakharov surveys the campus from the steps of Keyes.*



*Peteris Sliede is a physics student from Riga, Latvia.*

be done. But nobody knows what, in particular, should be done. It is difficult to say, "Do this and everything will change for the better." Nobody can say that. But he is trying to do everything possible to turn the country to the better.

I appreciate what he is doing and his plans in that he is trying to democratize our country. If one wants to make a country more democratic, then there is no way to stop just half way. I think that the events in the Baltic republics and Armenia reflect this painful process of democratization. We've never had something like that before and people don't know what to do about it, how to deal with it. So it's learning on the run.

*We asked for their perspectives on relations between our two countries.*

**Peteris:** Just before coming here there was a positive change in the attitude towards the United States. But still the relationship is reserved because for so many

years the relations were so cold. Our mass media told us that the United States was a super-power that wanted to impose its aggressive policy on the world. So now it is difficult to switch the minds. Even when Reagan and Gorbachev met, the general opinion was that this was not a very frank or true step from Reagan but that it was a sort of show or necessity pressed upon Reagan by the world community.

**Alexander:** It's really difficult for me to say on behalf of the whole Soviet country. I can only say my personal opinion. Reagan came to power in 1980 and Gorbachev came to power five years later. Before that our relations remained somewhat tense. It is quite apparent that something changed with the coming of Gorbachev to the Kremlin. Since then, the relations between the two countries have begun to ease.

Why didn't Reagan continue his previous line and escalate the situation and make it even more tense? But he didn't

do it. He responded to Gorbachev's desire to improve the relations between the two countries and make a better world. So I appreciate what Reagan did. He didn't remain cold towards Moscow.

*Finally, we solicited Peteris's and Alexander's advice for American students who go to study in the Soviet Union.*

**Alexander:** I would like to see more of these exchanges. I think they are beneficial for both sides. Not only in terms of acquiring knowledge but in terms of a better understanding of each other. Getting closer and closer.

My advice would be the same as my parents gave me. Just be yourself in every situation and don't be shy or scared to say what you think. If something is wrong, say it. If you don't like something you don't like it.

**Peteris:** First of all, to study language as much as possible. To understand the spoken language. I felt unable to do anything at first because of not understanding what was going on around me. So, language and language and language. Also, take as much information as possible about the United States. Not about great politics. That we know more or less. But about the household of the Americans. About the customs. About everyday life. About traditions. Slides, pictures, postcards. We are interested in the actual life of Americans. Not what is in the newspapers but what is under that.

*Both Peteris and Alexander miss their homes and families, but both look forward to the time when they may return to the United States.*

**Peteris:** That is my dream. To study at MIT or other prominent university. That will be possible only if I am chosen again in exchange. Or later when I am working on my candidate of science or doctoral thesis, I hope I will be able to go to study there.

**Alexander:** I miss the whole atmosphere of the country. I was brought up there so it is difficult to break any relations with it. I don't understand Americans who leave the United States and, say, go to France and live there the rest of their lives.

But to come back here sometime, not for the rest of my life, just for a couple of years, either to study or to work . . . it is a great opportunity.





## A Gift for All Ages

**I**n the new addition to Miller Library is a study carrel given in honor of George T. Nickerson '24 by John A. Briggs '52 and his wife, Carol. This is one of the more tangible tributes paid to a man whose connection to people, especially young ones, has always been strong and vital.

Nickerson spent most of his professional career working with young people. From 1947 to 1967 he was "the dean" to thousands of Colby men, but before that he shepherded droves of boys through the hazards of adolescence during several years as master at St. Paul's School in Garden City, N.Y., and as dean of boys at Cranbrook School in Michigan and Scarsdale High School in New York. At a reunion in 1946 he remarked to G. Cecil Goddard '29 that he had sent "an awful lot of boys to Colby" from the prep school level and he'd "kind of like to be on the receiving end for a change." Hiring was a simpler affair 40 years ago. Goddard referred him to President Bixler, who arranged a meeting next day with chair of the board Neil Leonard '21 over lunch at the Union Club in Boston. Nickerson was hired on the spot, and in 1946 Colby acquired its first full-time dean of admissions.

That year hordes of college-bound men returning from the war flooded the admissions office with applications. Nickerson's wife, Ruth, often helped read the avalanche of folders he brought home at night. Aside from a secretary, the dean was the whole office, and time spent "on the road" was minimal. In 1947 the College combined the admissions duties with those of dean of men, but the burden proved to be too great. In a major administrative shuffle, William Bryan '48 was hired, first as assistant dean of admissions and then as head of the office in 1949. Nickerson replaced Ernest Mariner '13, the new dean of faculty, as dean of men. This shift of personnel marked the beginning of a new age for the College. Never again was it exclusively the "hometown school" as a large-scale campaign of out-of-state recruitment began. Today the admissions office requires a dean, seven professional assistant and associate deans for on-the-road recruiting, six support staff, and several part-time interviewers.

In 1989 the College's dean of students, Janice Seitzinger, oversees both men and women, but when Nickerson served from 1947 to 1967 he was ac-

countable only for the men. One of his favorite quotations is the definition of a college campus as "a place where young people mature without strain on their parents," and as parent substitute Nickerson had his share of vexations, among them the increasingly volatile liquor and fraternity mix on the new campus.

Since 1851 alcohol had been forbidden to Colby students, and even after the repeal of Prohibition in 1933 the College continued to ban liquor despite escalating student pressure for change. Much of the opposition was due to the influence of trustee George G. Averill, chair of the board from 1944 to 1946 and a major benefactor. With President Bixler's approval, Nickerson undertook a series of "persuasive visits" to Averill, and although "Averill's feet were in cement on that one," eventually in 1960, six years after his death, the trustees agreed to allow liquor on campus, subject to state law—but only for men. Women were not accorded the same privilege until 1967.

Once the alcohol issue was in the open, Nickerson maintains today, it was simpler to deal with campus problems. He found that working with the Men's Judiciary, which was composed entirely

of students, "made my job a lot easier" and was a "fairer" means of dealing with offenders. The students had pressured for the change of rules, and they now became "a jury of peers." Such participation helped to promote maturity, responsibility, and mutual trust in the College community. Upon his retirement in 1967, when Nickerson was awarded a coveted Colby Brick, the College noted "the gratitude of hundreds of Colby men [for] your keen perception, able guidance, thoughtful justice, and, most importantly, your friendship."

The year he retired, the Nickersons and their daughter, Leigh, flew to Saudi Arabia, where he was consultant in setting up a dean's office at the College of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran. When he returned in 1969 he served a year as acting dean of men at the University of Maine at Farmington. In 1970 he retired from college administration but

not from community service. He was president and chair of the Maine State YMCA and was given the "Distinguished Service to Youth Award" by that organization for 21 years on the executive committee. Still an active church member, Nickerson was a senior warden for five years and a long-time vestry man at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

These days George Nickerson can usually be found somewhere in the Thayer Unit of Mid-Maine Medical Center, where he spends many hours each week as a volunteer. He has been chair of the Mansfield Clinic advisory board, is still a patient-opinion poll interviewer, a member of the Volunteer Emergency Room Team, and a Waterville Hospice volunteer. He is a long-time editor of the Mid-Maine Medical Center Volunteers Newsletter, and he dispenses calm cheer and good-natured help on all levels of the hospital, a place where it's always needed.

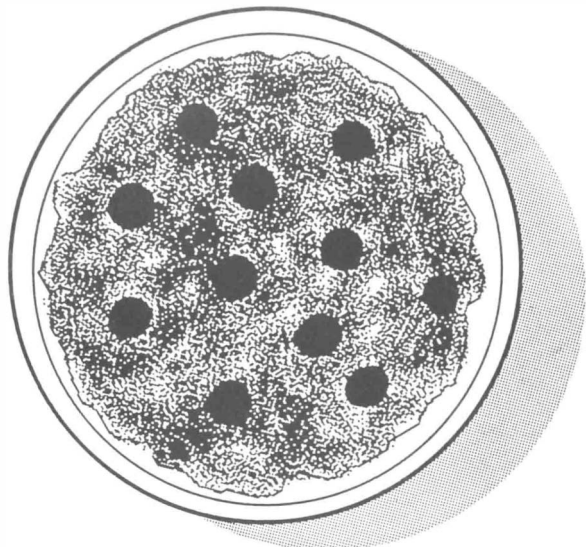
George Nickerson turns 87 on April 1, but he has hardly slowed down. What does he do in his spare time? He and Ruth, who live in Winslow, play bridge the year round, travel to Florida every winter, and visit their daughter and her family in Lamoine Beach, Maine. Last year, "for the fun of it," they flew to Yugoslavia with good friends Marjorie and Phil Bither '30 and Dudley and Doris Smith. In April 1989 the Nickersons plan a 50th wedding anniversary celebration. Instead of a party they are taking Leigh, her husband, Sandy, and 12-year-old Shawn abroad for 10 days—because, Nickerson said, "I want to see Shawn's face when he arrives in Europe."

George Nickerson's bond to young people still holds strong.

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Dean Nickerson was adviser to the Interfraternity Council. The council, said the 1958 Oracle, made the effort "to raise the standards of fraternities." Seated (left to right): Edward Goldberg '59, Warren Judd '58, Dean Nickerson, Douglas Davidson '58, Brian Barnard '58, William Orne '58, Ralph Rideout '59. Standing: John Edes '58, F. Fritz Knight '59, Steven Gang '58, David Wiggins '62.



## Young Self-starters

by Bill Donahue '86

Say you are 22 years old and a recent Colby graduate. And say that, along with a flock of college friends and a large, boisterous dog, you have been driving around the nation for several months. You and your friends have been sleeping on couches and car seats and working odd jobs such as slitting salmon bellies at an Alaskan cannery. After a summer in San Francisco, you pull into Portland, Oreg., almost inadvertently. You find a flimsy, inexpensive apartment and easy, part-time jobs that will pay the rent—and leave you plenty of time for bicycling, downing beers, and making road trips to the coast.

Then say one member of your group suddenly suggests that you start a business—that you open a restaurant and call it Pizza for the People. Would you laugh?

You probably would, but if you are like the five founders of Portland's Pizza Oasis, whose travels are described above, you would also act on your friend's proposal. Beginning two years ago the friends, all of them Colby Class of 1986, channeled their restless energy into becoming pizza entrepreneurs, and they created a business with staying power.

Located at 2241 West Burnside in Portland, Oasis is hardly a gray-suit enterprise. Crews of teenage employees, some in tie-dye, some with long hair dyed white and one wearing a T-shirt that reads "Ski Naked," weave behind the restaurant's counters, bumping into one another as they jive to the blare of caustic music. The ambience, says Jim Dixon, a restaurant critic

for Portland's *Willamette Week*, is so "decidedly punkish" that newcomers will have "the feeling that they're about to eat Pizza from Hell."

Initial impressions are misleading, though: despite the apparent chaos, Oasis is producing what is now widely recognized as one of the best pizzas in town. The restaurant's cheese slice Dixon says, "is better than average, nicely browned, with a [thick] crust and a robust tomatoey taste." The quality of the food and an innovative menu, which includes whole wheat crust and pizza topped with broccoli and a cream sauce, seem to be enough to ensure the restaurant a diverse clientele. Says John Miller, one of the Oasis founders, "We attract a lot of families. We don't turn down the music for them but we are really nice to them, and they keep coming back."

The bottom line, however, is not the volume of the music or even having a faithful clientele. It's making money. And Oasis has been doing that quite well. Miller keeps monthly tabs on the restaurant's revenue and says that its gross has never decreased from one month to the next. Totalling \$11,000 in its first month, Oasis grew so rapidly that, after less than a year in business, the restaurant's owners were already franchising. They opened a new restaurant, Oasis Cafe, are now grossing between \$45,000 and \$50,000 every month, and expect to take in over half a million this year.

Pizza Oasis started in October 1986—as a joke. The laughs began when John

Miller, who was then delivering part time for northeast Portland's American Dream Pizza, saw an ad saying that a pizzeria in the suburbs was for sale. Along with Katie Colbert, Amy Melker, and Dwite Trainer, fellow Colby classmates who were living with him in a northwest Portland apartment, Miller soon visited a realtor to discuss buying the \$25,000 business. The quartet had no money and, save Miller, no knowledge of pizza-making. Says Miller "We weren't taking it too seriously. We threw ugly blazers on over our regular clothes . . . and the realtor treated us as if we were little kids."

The meeting with the realtor was not entirely fruitless. His condescension was taunting, and the group itched to prove him wrong—to find a storefront it could shape into a more stylish eatery. As the only member of the group with business experience, Miller was, quite clearly, the most suited to take the first serious steps toward opening a restaurant. The economics major had acquired a wealth of business sense from his father, a record producer, and had headed two lucrative summer businesses, a yard maintenance firm in Connecticut and a child-care service in California.

While his friends worked odd jobs washing dishes and folding cardboard advertising displays for the Roman Meal Company, Miller initiated the pizza venture by seeking "For Rent" signs. He searched only in northwest Portland because, he says, the area was quickly becoming gentrified and was a more lucrative district

to open a business. The northwest section, he adds, was also alluring because it had only one pizzeria that consistently attracted a young clientele.

Low rent made the west side's 2241 Burnside the most attractive site for the restaurant. While \$750 a month may sound cheap for a 1,200-square-foot commercial space with 20-foot-high ceilings and two walls of windows, it was a bit steep for youths with nearly invisible bank accounts. And it seemed very steep when the friends began to contemplate buying thousands of dollars worth of kitchen equipment.

The group needed a loan—or a sponsor. But neither the banks nor the Small Business Association would even discuss loaning to entrepreneurs with less than two years of experience in the field they sought to enter. Miller briefly considered allying with a venture capital firm, but when he learned that doing so would obligate Oasis to give its financiers up to 80 percent of the gross, he recoiled.

Desperate, the group turned to Miller's father for \$30,000. The loan, Miller insists, was not just the gift of a doting parent. "He's a shrewd businessman," he says of his father. "He's in this to make a profit." And, to make his investment more certain, the elder Miller insisted that the entrepreneurs not call their restaurant Pizza for the People.

The loan transformed the business from a humorous lark to a very real prospect and stirred excitement among the friends. By New Year's Day 1987, the

owners had chosen the name Pizza Oasis, Colby classmate Jim Frew had wandered west from Boston, and all five Colbyites were working 80-hour weeks to convert the Burnside site from an insurance office to a restaurant.

During the getting-ready period, each partner developed an area of expertise. "We didn't assign responsibilities," says Colbert. "Everyone leaned automatically toward doing something they were good at." Art majors Frew and Melker designed and implemented an interior whose imitation palm trees and sky blue ceiling were in keeping with the Oasis theme. Miller remained the administrator, and Colbert applied her skill for detail work by negotiating with insurers and supplies sales representatives.

Readying for opening also involved numerous trips to the Portland Building, where one gathers such paperwork as liquor license applications and fire safety manuals, and to the hinterlands of southeast Portland, where second-hand shops specializing in restaurant equipment abound.

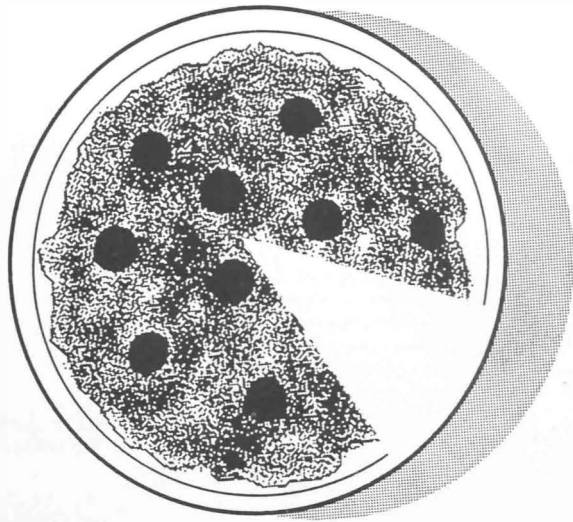
While these junkets were vital, the most important and time-consuming project was, of course, construction. Trainer was the natural leader for this aspect of the business. Having taken a high school drafting class and having erected shacks while working in Alaska one summer, he was the only partner with even a hint of construction background.

Under Trainer's guidance, the five partners usually worked simultaneously

at the construction site. The arrangement afforded surprisingly quick, cheap progress. "Everyone told us that five partners were way too many," Miller says, "but starting up, it was a great asset. We had tons of free labor and were able to divide up responsibilities."

Occasionally, however, the combination of 80-hour weeks and five friends working close together induced a delirium, a giddy atmosphere in which mistakes were inevitable. One February afternoon three disasters occurred in one hour. Miller tripped and spilled stain onto the restaurant's carpet, Trainer splashed blue paint on the front window and the whole crew ruined the door-frame as they toted in a new refrigerator. When, in a dizzy spell, Melker nearly fell from a 15-foot scaffolding the group decided to quit seven hours early and go out for drinks on the business. During the construction, Miller says, the partners worked so closely that "if you wanted to go to the bathroom, you had to tell everyone else." As his tone suggests, proximity led to tension. The most heated flare-up came just as the restaurant was about to open. Miller arranged a work schedule for all the partners, and the move infuriated his friends. Says Colbert, "I felt like telling him, 'Who the hell are you to make up a schedule and throw it at me?'"

The partners addressed such dilemmas through late-night meetings at local bars. The meetings, says Miller, dragged on because the partners were such close



friends and did not want to step on each others' toes. "Don't ever go into business with your friends," he advises without irony, "because, when you do, emotions rule business decisions."

Despite tensions and minor structural problems such as a crooked hallway and a wobbly prep counter, Pizza Oasis construction neared completion by mid-February 1987. The quintet still lacked one crucial ingredient, however: pizza recipes. So Oasis enlisted a chef from American Dream Pizza to help with recipe development and hosted two private taste tests, a business luncheon for KKUL radio staffers and a gorging session for Reed College students.

The recipes proved popular, and Pizza Oasis opened on February 27, 1987. Without having done any advertising, the restaurant took in \$235 on its first day. Explains Miller, "People in the neighborhood had seen us building the place, so they came in. They kept coming back because they liked the pizza."

The early days of operation were smooth and marked only by a chance confrontation with a belligerent drunk and a few errant tosses of dough, which the partners were stretching by spinning it, Italian-style, in the air. Major challenges didn't emerge until April, when the expanding business started delivering pizza and hired employees to do the driving. Says Colbert, "It was difficult trying to be a boss because we were so young. We didn't feel we had enough experience to boss someone else around."

To make the role of "boss" less impos-

ing—and to retain the Oasis's casual atmosphere—the partners, says Melkner, almost always hired inexperienced teenage or college-aged youths who were well suited to taking, rather than giving, advice. These employees shared with the partners the enthusiasm and pride that comes with starting a new business—and were startlingly loyal to a restaurant that was paying them only \$3.50 an hour. No workers quit during the first three months, and by late spring the partners and their crew were churning out pizzas.

Running the business became so easy, in fact, that Trainer grew restless—and began losing his fervor for the Oasis. In June 1987, he escaped to Alaska for another summer of salmon-slitting; by September, he was in Grenada, working for the Peace Corps. Three or four months later, Melker and Frew also became bored—and exhausted—by the pizza regimen. "It was draining to work there," says Melker, a painter who did art work constantly while at the College but produced only one canvas during 1987. "After a while, nothing creative was going on, and thoughts of work saturated your mind."

Like Trainer, Melker and Frew had not entered the business with the hopes of making a career out of pizza-making. Last spring, they left the Oasis, with no other career opportunities in sight. Explains Frew, "I quit because I was working so hard that I didn't have the time to make a decision on what I wanted to do next."

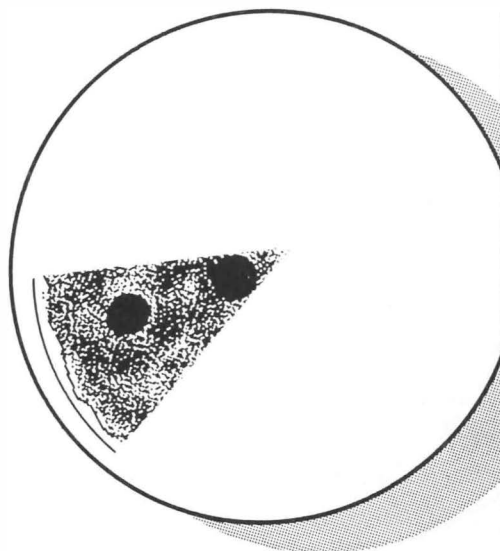
The remaining partners, Miller and Colbert, have put their wanderlust on

hold and now entertain ideas of staying in Portland to steer Pizza Oasis and the Oasis Cafe for 10, or even 20, more years. They have resigned themselves to a regimen that includes two or three meetings a day (with food distributors and other salesmen) and 80- to 100-hour workweeks.

While the pair can now talk business with the sober voice of experience, they're running an enterprise that continues to leap forward by taking risks, by winging it. In 1988 the Oasis became the first Portland pizzeria to market frozen pizzas to food stores, and now it's developed a new way to perfect employee performance. The answer, Miller insists, lies in "The Zen Pizza Manifesto," a worker's manual written by employee Sean Farrell.

Laced with quotations from Zen scripture, the manifesto begins, "The Pizza: distant, separate, individually produced ingredients amalgamated to form one beautifully simple dish," and then proceeds to provide a common sense guide to pizza-making. Sound a bit offbeat? "I guess," Colbert acknowledges. But she is smiling as she says this, because "The Zen Pizza Manifesto"—like all the other tactics Oasis has used to shun mainstream business practices—works.

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*Colby is no mirage at Pizza Oasis in January 1988: Jim Frew '86, John Miller '86, Katy Colbert '86, Sonja Muehlmann '86, and Amy Melker '86. Dwite Trainer '86 had already left for the Peace Corps.*



# Serving with Grace and Charm

College communities tend to produce people of uncommonly long tenure. Extreme examples at Colby have been Julian Taylor, who taught at the College for 62 years; a Bangor trustee, Moses Giddings, who served on the Board of Trustees from 1852 to 1911, an astonishing term of 59 years; and Leslie B. Arey '12, a teacher at Northwestern University medical school for an astounding 72 years. The College has recent examples of long service as well. In 1986 Dorothea "Dot" Marchetti retired after 42 years of service in the library, and Ansel Grindall spent 40 years with the Buildings and Grounds Department before retiring in 1985.

At the annual faculty-trustee dinner last spring, President Cotter took special note of Doris Rowe who, although never a full-time Colby employee, has played a special role at the College for 39 years. For all that time she has been a familiar presence at Colby banquets and other important occasions, making sure that things go smoothly, and on time, and with a special grace and charm that reflect her own personality.

Mrs. Rowe's work for Colby began in 1951. In that year her mother, Eva Clark, was hired by Helen Nichols, the legen-



dary head of the College's dining services, to staff the dinner of the first Colby Business Institute held at the Elmwood Hotel in downtown Waterville. Mrs. Clark was in charge of banquets at the old Elmwood and, beginning at the age of 15, Doris Rowe had been part of her crew. Later she took her mother's position at the Elmwood and, with it, the part-time job as the person who hired, trained, and directed the people who served at special College functions—meetings of not only the Business Institute (she hasn't missed one) but also the Quarterback Club, art show openings, building dedications, campaign dinners, special functions at the president's house, and, of course, the traditional events of Commencement, Homecoming, and Reunion weekends.

When Colby had completely moved to Mayflower Hill, Mrs. Rowe remembers Miss Nichols sending the Colby bus (the

Blue Beetle) or taxi cabs to pick up the Elmwood crew for events in Foss Hall and Roberts Union. She has worked for three presidents and several dining service managers and special program heads and recalls with affection and admiration "my presidents" as well as such Colby stalwarts as Bill Millett '25, Bill Macomber '27, Ed Turner, George Whalon, and Dick Dyer.

In 1966 Doris Rowe became manager of the Coffee Shop at Thayer Hospital, now the Mid-Maine Medical Center, where, with her own brand of wit, sympathy, and understanding, she consults regularly with nurses, doctors, volunteers, and visitors. Meanwhile Mrs. Rowe's daughter, Patty Evers, became part of the Colby group, and in recent years the serving crew has often included Patty and four of her children—Jill, John, Angie, and Jimmy.

In making the presentation to Doris Rowe of an inscribed Colby Chair at the faculty-trustee dinner, President Cotter said: "Gracious and cordial, confident and reliable, cheerful and always willing, Doris has become an essential part of Colby . . . it is difficult to imagine a Colby function without her."

## 50+

As promised, here is an introduction to some of the most recent members of 50+: **Bob Anthony '38**, Waterville Valley, N.H., has retired from 38 years of teaching at Harvard Business School and reports that seven of his books were published in 1988, some of which were revisions. They deal with his specialties, accounting and business management. He and Kay have traveled extensively, and they are proud of their four grandchildren • **Ralph "Bus" William Brown '38**, Palm Harbor, Fla., and his wife, Bernice, spend five months in Searsport, Maine and seven in Florida, now that he has retired from being superintendent of schools. He and Bernice still like to talk about their six weeks touring five Russian republics • **Joseph Ciechon '38**, Ridgefield, Conn., is happy to be a man of leisure after many years of teaching math, during which time he co-wrote an algebra text. In 1985 he and Carolyn had the wonderful experience of exploring Alaska from the northern tip to the southern • **Reta Trites Cook '38**, Phillips, a retired teacher, became a great-grandmother in November and already has 11 grandchildren. She keeps active in town government and helps Wendell on the farm • **Martha Wakefield Falcone '38**, Hartford, Conn., has five grown children and three grandchildren. She retired from teaching after 18 years and now is actively trying to promote peace and disarmament. What a thrill she had when she returned to China, the land of her birth, after 37 years! • **Edith "Billie" Falt Favour '38**, Northeast Harbor, is a retired English teacher who feels that she "never had a job that she wasn't good at." After her husband's death, she decided to spend six months a year in Southern California, and she has been playing bridge, taking courses in writing, and attending concerts. She has written two books on Maine Indians, published three poems, and had an article in *Down East*. In September she visited the Amish country and Brandywine Valley in Pennsylvania • **Archie Follett '38**, Lakeland, Fla., retired from scientific research, is now quite a world traveler, with some teaching of science in Switzerland and South Africa, along with visits to Iceland, Israel, Australia, and New Zealand. In July he and Ellen went to Italy, then attended an Elderhostel program in Beer-sheva and Jerusalem. This last was the result of a 1987 participation in a scientific archeological excavation in Sepphoris, four kilometers north of Nazareth • **James Fox '38**, North Dartmouth, Mass., is a semi-retired lawyer who played violin for many years in the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and served for many years as secretary and member of the board of the New Bedford YMCA. In October he and Gertrude visited the British Isles • **Fred '38** and **Mary Herd Emery '38**, Bangor, report that he has retired from his life work as a pediatrician. Son Fred, Jr. '69 is now a federal attorney in Rochester, N.Y. • **Ernest "Bud" Frost '38**, Myrtle Beach, Fla., can enjoy golf now that he has retired from his executive position in a public voluntary health organization. He and his wife, **Ruth (Ful-**

## INAUGURATIONS

Periodically, Colby is invited to send representatives to special academic events at colleges and universities. The following persons have represented the College at inaugurations in the past months:

Robert W. Belyea '51, at the inauguration of A.L. Fritschler as president of Dickinson College.

Garth K. Chandler '62, at the inauguration of William Henry Beardsley as president of Husson College.

Deborah Cohen '77, at the inauguration of Daniel M. Lambert as president of Baker University.

Andrea Vujan Colaiaco '70, at the inauguration of Oscar E. Remick as president of Westminster College.

Thomas Colman '59, at the inauguration of H. Douglas Lee as president of Stetson University.

Leslie Taylor Cooley '76, at the inauguration of Sister Ruth Hallenbach as president of Mount Mary College.

Edward S. Cronick '75, at the inauguration of F. Thomas Trotter as president of Alaska Pacific University.

Stephen D. Ford '68, at the inauguration of Niara Sudarkasa as president of Lincoln University.

Linda Nicholson Goodman '62, at the inauguration of Bruce R. Swinburne as president of Mitchell College.

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ler '36], plan to go to Alaska next year • **Martha Bessom Gorman '38**, Marblehead, Mass., is a retired teacher who keeps involved in community activities. She is a volunteer guide at the Lee Mansion and is active in AAUW and church affairs. Recently she had an article, "A History of the Marblehead Female Humane Society," published in the *Marblehead Magazine* • **Joyce Perry Goss '38**, Elmsford, N.Y., has retired from social work and office positions so that she can enjoy doing things with husband Fred. Both of their children are author-editors living in California and Missouri respectively • **Phillips B. Henderson '38**, Stoneham, Mass., continues as an American Baptist minister part time. Recently he traveled to Russia on a Bridges-for-Peace Tour and hopes to make a Friendship Tour to China soon. He and Gertrude have two children and eight grandchildren • **Edward M. '38 and Helen Lewis Hooper '38**, Charlotte, N.C., have limited activities because of Helen's illness. He has retired from his craft supply business and has become a nurse's aide. For a hobby he collects fishing supplies. He remembers with pride his work as president of the Exchange Club and of the Toastmasters' Club, as secretary of the Association of Civic Clubs, and as director of the Carousel Parade in Charlotte • **Helen Foster Jenison '38**, North Scituate, R.I., does volunteer work in school and church. She has two granddaughters in high school. Last summer she went to the British Isles, and she hopes to return to Hawaii next year • **Edwin M. Leach '38**, Williamsburg, Va., is now retired after serving as a pediatrician in the Navy for 35 years, but he is active in environmental groups and in Physicians for Social Responsibility. He and Patricia spend their summers in Blue Hill, Maine, and their winters in Virginia. They both recommend the Colby Alumni College seminars • **James N. Lewis '38**, Nobleboro, is a snowbird who goes south every winter to St. Simon Island. When he retired, he and Helen spent 10 weeks traveling in Europe. They have been happily married for 48 years and are "still dancing all the way!" Their two daughters have blessed them with five grandchildren • **William "Bill" Littlefield '38**, Sanford, benefits from his retirement from being president of Littlefield Construction Co., for now he can play golf every day! He and his wife spend their winters in Boynton Beach, Fla. Although they have traveled to Europe four times and twice to North Africa, he says, "I'll take Maine any day!" • **Charles MacGregor '38**, Bernardston, Mass., has given up surgical practice but concentrates on rest-recreation-and-physical-fitness. Of his four children, three are doctors and one a nurse. Each year he and his wife, Tucker, make a trek to Norway for cross-country skiing • **Ethel Bradstreet Maney '38**, Beverly Commons, Mass., a former French teacher, was widowed in 1985. Since then she has discovered the satisfaction of volunteer tutoring and church work. She has also studied with Elderhostel in England and Scotland. Daughter Ardith '66 is a professor of political science of Iowa State University and daughter Laurel '70 is special products manager in Milwaukee. Her son is at Dartmouth • **Congratulations to Fred B. Olson '38** and his wife, Betty (Noyes '40), Concord, Mass., for having celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September. Not yet retired, Fred is a consultant health physicist for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, evaluating emergency plans around nuclear power stations. His work takes him to every state in the country as well as to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.



## A Record of Daily Entries

Phyllis Sturdivant Sweetser '19 first heard about Colby College from her grandfather, Silas Stone, principal of the Hyde School in Boston, when one of his excellent teachers, Miss Ada Louise Peabody, became the wife of Colby president Arthur J. Roberts. Stone advised his granddaughter to apply. Valedictorian of each school she attended, she entered the College in 1915, concentrating on languages and English literature.

During World War I, Mrs. Sweetser remembers, women gained new prominence on the campus. As a freshman in Foss Hall her three roommates included Marion Starbird Pottle '18, who became the first president of the Women's Student League, a forerunner of Stu-A. Phyllis Sturdivant was second president. "There was no discrimination that I can recall," Mrs. Sweetser said; "we were treated just like the men in the classroom." Another memory is of the tragic flu epidemic of 1918-19, which caused the College to cancel sessions for some weeks to reduce the infection among students. When Armistice Day came, "we all flocked down to the Elmwood Hotel," said Mrs. Sweetser, "and with whistles blowing and church bells ringing we pranced around a big bonfire - I remember appealing to President Roberts to cancel classes then, too, but he assured us, 'Of course there will be classes!'"

Phyllis Sturdivant married Herman Sweetser in 1919, and they lived in Orono, where he was professor of horticulture for many years at the University of Maine. When they returned to Cumberland, it was to the ancestral home where five generations of Sweetsters have lived and where Mrs. Sweetser lives today with her grandson, Richard Sweetser. She raised a daughter, Elizabeth Sweetser Baxter '41, and two sons, Philip and Richard.

In 1951 Mrs. Sweetser became the librarian at Prince Memorial Library in Cumberland Center, a position she held until 1970 when she was 72. Along the way she organized and was head of the town's high school library at Greely Institute from 1960 to 1964. She started writing, compiling, and editing material for a history of Cumberland while she was at Prince, and the 351-page book, *Cumberland, Maine, in Four Centuries*, was published for the town's bicentennial in 1976.

Mrs. Sweetser assumed the role of historian more easily than most. Her family and her husband's family were early settlers of the area, and she has read constantly during her lifetime. Most helpful, she has kept a journal and family record for many years on a succession of Swiss calendars, a habit of daily entries that shaped the future historian. The record keeping still goes on.

Phyllis Sturdivant Sweetser was classagent for many years and a member of the Alumni Council from 1965 to 1971. At the end of that tenure she was awarded a Colby Brick for her loyalty and service to the College. Today she is active and interested in her home, family, and community, and she recalls with humor her early days, such as the walk "two miles each way to high school - which is why I'm so rugged at 91!"

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He and Betty have explored most of Europe and have even skied in the Alps • **Mitchell Phillips '38**, Newton Center, Mass., is a semi-retired insurance broker who has been active in Masonry and the Jewish War Veterans of Newton. He and Sylvia, his wife, enjoy attending reunions and appreciate the new campus, although he has happy memories of the old one—particularly the fine professors • As Harry Hayden Clark Emeritus Professor of English at the University of Wisconsin, **Walter B. Rideout '38**, Madison, Wis., continues to work on his biography of Sherwood Anderson, under contract to Oxford University Press. As a public relations person, Walter helped to build Orchard Hill, a residential facility for retarded adults. He and Jean (Drisko '39) work in their gardens and travel as much as they can. They would like some day to return to Japan, where he taught in the Kyoto American Studies Seminar in 1981 • **Edwin H. Shuman '38**, Penny Farms, Fla., is a retired clergyman and a fund raiser for the American Baptists. Since 1986 he has been a town councilman, and since 1987, the mayor. He and Dorothy have four children and seven grandchildren. Ed says that he still has his Colby sweater! • **Sigrid Tompkins '38**, Portland, attorney in the firm of Hutchinson, Pierce, Atwood, and Scribner, has served on the Alumni Council and the Board of Trustees as well as in Maine politics. Recently she made a People-to-People tour of European capitals, including Moscow, with a group of probate lawyers to meet their counterparts • **Rex Tarbell '38**, Bangor and Bamberg, S.C., is a retired metallurgical assistant safety engineer who has worked in the aerospace industry in California and now enjoys golf and motorcycling. He has fond memories of Colby and remembers when the bridge over the Kennebec went out in the great flood of '36. He and fellow Phi Deltis went downtown at 2 a.m. to watch. According to Rex, the Mayflower Hill campus is one of the most beautiful in the country, but it's hard for him to visualize it as "his school" • **Betty McLeod Thompson '38**, North Berwick, is a proud "domestic engineer," with three children and four grandchildren. She works hard for her church and the Republican Town Committee. Quite the actress, Betty has performed in a play and three musicals • **Maynard C. Waltz '38**, Basking Ridge, N.J., has retired from being a department head at Bell Laboratories to being a full-time hobbyist. Using their travel trailer, he and Lu (Leonovich '41) spend three months in Florida in the winter at Homestead in the Keys. Lu is an organist and pianist who enjoys cooking, quilting, and flower arranging. Maynard works on genealogy, ancient history, modern railroading, amateur radio, gardening, solar heating, bird carving, and electronics. They also travel widely • **Peg Higgins Williams '38**, West Bath, retired from college teaching in 1974 and has been tutoring adults in reading and English as a second language under the Literacy Volunteers Program. She is active in the Navy League, the Down East Club, and the West Bath Republican Committee. In the winter she and Owen head for Sarasota for two months and hope to visit Antigua and Montserrat soon. Peg says that Colby "made a world of difference" in her life • **LeRoy N. Young '38**, Poland Springs, taught for 26 years in Farmingdale, N.Y., and is now professor emeritus with the State University of New York. He and Eileen glory in their cottage at Sabbathday Lake in the summer and spend part of the winter in Florida. He dislikes questionnaires. (So be it; if the letters keep coming, then no more questionnaires!) • Now for some news of other classes.

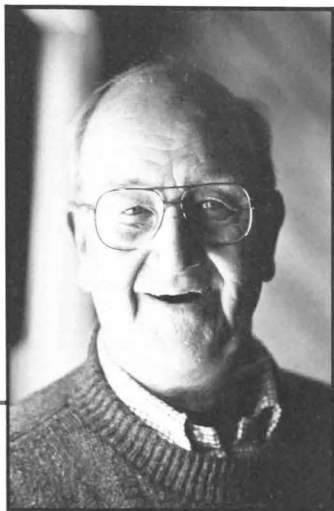
Retirement or semi-retirement bring change, but many 50-Plusers are still accomplishing very significant things. **Maude H. Webster '16**, South Weymouth, Mass., continues to be concerned about all local, state, national, and international governmental issues. She is also active in church and poetry groups, maintains her membership in the Great Decision discussion groups, and continues to be interested in education at all levels. She, too, is a snowbird who flies south to Florida for the winter • **Leonard W. Mayo '22**, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, likes to work in his garden and serves on committees at Case Western Reserve University where he taught for many years • **Nellie Pottle Hankins '25**, Oxford, has been working with co-editor Dr. John Strawhorn of Scotland on a forthcoming book on the correspondence of James Boswell with the overseers of his Auchinleck estate • **Mildred E. Briggs '25**, Manchester, N.H., now volunteers in the art library, Currier Gallery • We have some enthusiastic genealogists, such as **Marjorie A. Edgerly '25**, Wrightwood, Calif., who has made three trips to Great Britain to track down her ancestors, and **Harriet Towle McCroary '28**, Winthrop, who is active in D.A.R. and in genealogical societies • **Beatrice Palmer Frederick '29**, St. Cloud, Fla., is also a member of D.A.R. • Music is still very important for **Mollie Seltzer Yett '26**, Brookline, Mass., who still plays the violin and viola in ensembles and orchestras • **Donald C. Freeman '26**, Bradford, Mass., is president of the trustees of the Whittier Birthplace. Recently he steered a biography of Whittier to publication as well as a video about Whittier. He is also co-author of a pictorial biography of Whittier • **James H. Halpin '26**, Bronxville, N.Y., is still practicing law and hoped to go to Vienna in November • Similarly, **Paul M. Greene '28**, East Patchogue, N.Y., is a retired attorney but currently is doing *pro bono* work as arbitrator in a small claims court, which he finds rewarding and stimulating • **Grace Sylvester Ober '29**, Woodland, still writes her monthly column for the *St. Croix Courier* of St. Stephen, New Brunswick, and is also the official historian and researcher in her home town • **Fred J. Sterns '29**, Skowhegan, keeps involved with the Central Maine Area Agency on Aging • Energetic **Bernice Collins MacLean '29**, Norwood, Mass., teaches an exercise class for seniors, "Have fun with Bun!" and works as a medical librarian for the Pondville Hospital for Cancer • Becoming professor emeritus of political science at the University of Pennsylvania hasn't slowed down **Norman D. Palmer '30**, Friday Harbor, Wash. He says that he has done more writing since retirement than at any other time, with the book *The United States and India* published in 1984 and *The United States and the Changing Western Pacific* published in 1987—not full titles, incidentally—and he is now working on a book on security in the Western Pacific, in collaboration with a Korean scholar. He has two more books in various stages of completion. If that isn't enough, he has been teaching part-time at a nearby university and also at one of the Elderhostel programs on Lopez Island, one of the San Juan Islands in Puget Sound • **Donald E. Allison '30**, Westerly, R.I., although officially retired, is already planning for his 45th year as owner-director of the Winnapaug Day Camp • **Ruby Bickmore Wiggin '31**, Clinton, has published her third book, *As I Remember*, which she says is selling slowly but steadily • **Jane Belcher '32**, Pittsfield, Vt., works for the Pittsfield Historical Society as curator of the museum • **John B. Curtis '33**, Palm Harbor, Fla., uses his

medical skills in the military recruitment service. He also enjoys gardening, woodworking, golfing, and swimming • **Malcom Wilson '33**, Waterville, serves on the Board of Alliance for the Mentally Ill and goes to Washington for quarterly meetings • **Evelyn Hall Spaulding '33**, Waterville, is a life member of the Telephone Pioneers after working 30 years for Pacific Telephone in Los Angeles • **Evelyn Stapleton Burns '33**, Norway, has served for the past eight years on the National General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church and has been involved in social justice issues, especially world hunger • **John L. Skinner '33**, Sea Cliff, N.Y., still practices law and travels. He even made the Colby trip to the Greek Islands • Eager student **Barbara "B.Z." White Morse '34**, Springvale, has been auditing courses at the University of Southern Maine, specifically geology at present • **Blanche Silverman Field '35**, Brookline, Mass., is happy to be near Boston so that she can attend concerts and plays • Some ardent golfers are **Wendell A. Tufts '30**, Boynton Beach, Fla., **Sidney Schiffman '35**, Maitland, Fla., and **Bob William '36**, Los Angeles. Bob also teaches golf and is proud of his friendship with Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer, and Jack Nicklaus. He hasn't slowed down yet, for although he has sold his macaroni business to Borden he is now working for a mortgage company in Los Angeles • **Lawrence Robbins '37**, Searsmont, was chair of the Polio-Plus Committee at Rotary Club. His aim is to stamp out polio completely • **Betty Wilkinson Ryan '37**, New York City, appreciates the technology of her computer when she does her free-lance assignments for the Grolier Society. She wrote, "while still loving N.Y.C. as home, great pleasure comes from escaping the city at times. Enjoy the East Coast and the West—from Maine to Washington state" • **Steve Young '37**, Bar Harbor, has been working on the local planning board to keep Maine from being "inundated with greedy fat-city developers. We don't want Colby's favorite geology class field trip area [Mt. Desert Island] to be covered wall-to-wall, or Cadillac Mountain, with all-shores, sky-rise condos!" • Ambitious lot, all of you. And if I have missed some, be patient, and I'll try to catch up next time! Thanks, everyone!

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50th reunion: June 9-11, 1989 • Please imagine yourself on the Colby campus in the spring of 1939. The baseball season is under way, and **Laurel W. "Lop" Hersey** has led the Mules to a 7-5 win over Bates, with help from **Maurice Alfred "Doc" Rancourt** and **Leland C. "Buster" Burrill**. Class Day parts have been announced: **Bernard Burbank**, class marshal; **Donna deRochemont**, prayer; **Nathanael Gupltl**, oration; **Ernestine Wilson**, poem; **Evelyn Short**, ode; **Robert Canders** and **Sally Aldrich**, awarding of honors; **Violet Hamilton**, parting address; and **Albert Hunter**, presiding officer. Spring dances are in full swing, with pastel evening gowns, gardenia corsages, and youthful romance. The Lambda Chi's dance to "smooth music" at the



## To See a Rhino, You Have To Leave Matinicus

When the rhinoceros charged, Clayton Young '39 didn't panic. His guide, he noticed, wasn't making any particular effort to remove the Land Rover from the path of the thundering beast, so, figuring that safari guides aren't paid enough to risk their lives in the service of tourism, Mr. Young calmly aimed and fired. Young's trophy snapshot of the charging rhino (who, it turned out, was all bluff) is now displayed in his spic'n span house on Matinicus, 23 miles out to sea where no rhinos have been seen in years.

There have been Youngs on Matinicus since before the Revolutionary War. Generations of ancestors root Clayton Young to a world two miles long and one mile wide, but his horizons are not limited. He is one of those people we are fortunate enough to meet once in a while who shattered all the stereotypes. Matinicus native? Hardy fisherman? Taciturn Yankee? Colorful, but provincial?

Clayton Young was educated at Kents Hill and Hebron before taking a degree in mathematics at Colby. Following service in World War II, he gravitated back to his native island, where for 25 years he ran the island store down at the harbor. In 1977 he sold the store in order to care for his ailing wife. Following her death, his family gone and grown, Clayton Young set out to see the world.

Now the remarkable thing about Mr. Young, a most unassuming gentleman, is not just that he is interesting, but that he is interested—interested enough to risk having adventures. While busloads of retirees roll safely into Camden and Bar Harbor, Clayton Young takes off for parts unknown.

"I'm more interested in rural areas and far-out places," says Young, "but I don't think going on safari in Africa is too far-out. If you want to see the animals, you want to go there."

In Tanzania's Ngorongoro Crater, then, Clayton Young was charged by a rhino. In Ruanda he sat quietly in the rain forest surrounded by a family of gorillas. In Australia and New Zealand he believes he saw every sheep in the South Pacific. He's not sure where he might head next, the Yucatan Peninsula maybe, but his last major journey took him to Tierra del Fuego and from there to the Antarctic for a few days. His stay in Antarctica was prolonged a bit, as it happened, when a blizzard prevented his plane from coming back for him. Living on Matinicus, of course, Clayton Young must be familiar with cancelled flights.

"Yes," he says, "and I'm also familiar with blizzards on the coast."

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Lakewood Country Club, the DU's are at Waterville Country Club, and the Zeta Psi's are at the Lake Shore Hotel in Belgrade. Famous bandleader Fred Waring has just written a new song for Colby, causing a flurry of excitement. The weekly College radio program is ending for the year and the seniors who have worked on it are commended: Ralph Delano '40 and Bob Canders, sports commentators; Fletcher Eaton, newscaster; and George Ellis Mott, several positions. . . . All this news is from *The Colby Echo* of May 24, 1939. We'll exchange more recent news in person when we meet on our beautiful Colby campus on June 9 to 11. . . . The lead story in that long-ago *Echo* was that a former member of the German Reichstag had spoken at the Colby lecture series, saying that the majority of Germans were not in favor of Hitler and that England and France had been influential in keeping Hitler from continuing his conquests. Also on the front page was an account of a banquet honoring Miss Corinne Van Norman for her 17 years in the athletic department. (You could have told us 70, and wed have believed it.) Advertisers in this issue included Jeff's Tap Room, "Dine and Dance, Opp. Stadium," Noel's Tap Room, 23 Silver St., Painters Annex, "Good Drinks, 3 for 25¢, Opp. Opera House," and Park's Diner, which needed no street address. Levine's, "Where Colby Men Meet," had suits for \$15.50. . . . Three movie theaters were operating in Waterville, and movies we could have seen that week included *Pygmalion*, with Leslie Howard and Wendy Hiller; *Stage Coach*, with Claire Trevor and John Wayne; and *Code of the Secret Service*, with Ronald Reagan. Tickets were 25 cents . . . but enough nostalgia. Let's look to the future, and especially to the good times coming on June 9 to 11, when the campus will be green, old friendships will be renewed, Gardiner Gregory's pictures will delight us, the Class of '39 singers will be in fine voice, and we'll feel younger than we have in years.

**Class secretary: SALLY ALDRICH ADAMS**, 22 Miller St., Medfield Mass. 02052.

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Our column this time is limited to information about one member of our class and his dog. It was a doggone good contest for Newfoundlanders. There were six events in the "Water Rescue Dog" certification, and only one dog completed all six events. The star of the show was five-year-old Timber, owned by Halsey Frederick. This information was sent to me by Violet Hamilton Christensen '39. Had it not been for her, I would have nothing to report. Make my job easier: send tales of your doings!

**Class secretary: ELEANOR THOMAS CURTIS**, 4607 W. Alabama, Houston, Tex. 77027.

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Such a great response this time! We will all be grateful and glad to hear from so many, some who have not replied in a long time. To begin with, Jean Pearson Burr has lived in a suburb of Rochester, N.Y., for the past 20 years. She has two



sons and two daughters—a doctor, a lawyer, a secretary—and a librarian—and three grandchildren. She has worked with the city school district purchasing textbooks for several schools. Jean harbors fond memories of Colby especially of Dutton House • Although **Lawrence Berry** attended Colby just two years, he remembers several classmates. He served in the Air Force as a meteorologist with the weather satellites in D.C. He now lives in Sun City, Ariz., from October to June and in South Harbor, Maine, from June to October. To keep fit and active, he still plays golf, grinds stones, and travels • **George Young** recently moved to St. Petersburg, Fla. He has two sons and three grandchildren. Son Philip married a beautiful Korean girl. They live in Madison, Wis., where George and his wife spend part of their year. Because he's not well, George can't be active • Not so for **Hiram Macintosh** still in Philadelphia. He spent a week skiing at Lake Tahoe, Calif., a week golfing at Myrtle Beach, S.C., went spring turkey hunting last April, attended Elderhostel at Potsdam College in June, and went on a 10-day ecological trip to Alaska. He said he's ready for a year of rest now • It was good to hear from **Hazel Judkins Daughaday** once again. She lives in St. Louis, Mo., with her husband, William, an emeritus professor who is still teaching doing research, and working in the lab. Hazel audits archeological courses and swims to keep fit. They plan a trip to Taiwan, Hong Kong, Perth, West Australia, and Sidney. Hazel wishes they could get to Maine more often • **Virginia Mosher** is retired, still lives in Spartanburg, S.C., and still bowls three nights a week. But "Jiggs" is moving back to Waterville, Maine, in summer '89. With a bowling house just a block away she'll surely stay fit • **Priscilla Patterson** is still a choral conductor at the Carmel Bach Festival in Carmel, Calif., and conductor of adult choir at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, though she lives in Stamford, Conn. Yoga is her main means of staying fit • **Rev. Linwood Potter** is retired in Sanbornville, N.H., but has taken up part-time residence in Florida. He still stays active in patriotic events, joining an occasional parade or delivering an address. He goes bicycling, mountain climbing, camping, fishing, and boating, though he admits he is losing some zest at age 77. He added that he is actually getting rid of his rock and shell collections. He'd like to become an amateur radio technician in the General Class and pass the code test • **Virginia Ryan** after 42 years is still eligibility supervisor at the Connecticut State Department of Income Maintenance. To stay fit she swims, plays tennis, and walks. She collects jewelry but gets rid of old clothes. When she finally retires she will take more trips. Virginia had news of **Claire Emerson**, who still lives in Biddeford, Maine, is a retired school teacher, and raises show cats. We hope Claire will write herself • And finally an up-date on news from **Jane Russell Abbott**. This is her third year teaching biology at Dwight Englewood School in Englewood, N.J. Especially busy as president of the National Association of Biology Teachers, she was a leader of 78 biology teachers and medical personnel during a month in the People's Republic of China. The last two winters she taught marine biology in the Caribbean. To keep herself fit, Jane plans to join a spa or use the school gym • And now may we have news of some more of you. This we all enjoy.

**Class secretary: RUTH "BONNIE" ROBERTS HATHAWAY** (Mrs. Henry). RFD#1, Box 213, New Ipswich, N.H. 03071.

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After a persuasive call from one of Colby's most loyal sports supporters, **Cliff Came**, urging us to go to the Colby-Bowdoin football game on November 12, 1988, your correspondent and spouse **Phil Wysor** were (for the first time in 20 years) part of the large and enthusiastic crowd of Colby students, alumni, and friends who shared one of the most triumphant days in the annals of Colby's football history. Not only did Colby beat Bowdoin decisively 24-0, it was the first time in 29 years that Colby had beaten their major rival on their own field. What a game! Although there was much cheering from the crowd, we missed the presence of cheer leaders and a band, which seemed to add so much to the excitement and color of football games in "our day." Have they gone forever? • Other classmates scattered in the stands were **Sue Rose Bessey** and her husband **Earle**, and **Oren Shiro** with whom we chatted while having a tailgate picnic. Oren also wrote that after selling his very successful restaurant, "The Jeff" in 1973, he and his lovely wife **Jeanne**, have done a great deal of traveling. They have three children: **Mark** is a businessman in Boston. **Lois** a hair stylist in Naples, Fla., and **Cindy** a senior in medical school. A first-class golfer, Oren said that he had played "all over the country" in the last 10 years. While playing, he has seen many Colby people, including **Jim Daley** 41, with whom he had played football at Colby. Some of his golf honors, winner of Maine Amateur's in 1979, the oldest participant by 23 years. He also won the New England Seniors in 1978 and 1980 and shot his age (68) several times this past summer. In addition, he still finds time to play bridge twice a week. More power to you, Oren, and many more honors will undoubtedly be yours by the time we see you at our 50th • **Hon. Charles A. Lord** wrote that he has been a judge in the common pleas court of Philadelphia for 13 years. **Charlie** and his wife, **Shirley** 44, have four children and 10 grandchildren. **Charlie's** favorite game now is golf, though he is best remembered at the College for being a champion tennis player. They have traveled in the Caribbean and Hawaii. We also hope your travels will bring you back to Colby for our 50th, **Charlie** • **Mary Reny Buck** has reported an error in her family news as it appeared in the fall issue: **Mary** has one son, **Michael Clinton Buck**. Now employed by C.F. Hathaway, he is also a first class petty officer with the Seabees of the Navy Reserve. Formerly he served with them at Guantanamo Bay and in North Africa, Gulfport, Miss., and Alaska • Now it is time for me to send out a plea to you all to send more news. To those who have already responded so generously, my grateful thanks, and from time to time we would welcome an update. And to those who have not written at all, we miss you and are eager to hear from you. At the meeting of correspondents during Alumni Volunteer Leadership Weekend, we were told by **Robert Gillespie**, college editor, that when the *Colby* magazine arrives the first pages alumni turn to are the class columns, and alumni are disappointed if news of their classmates is not there. So... please heed my S.O.S. and send me your news.

**Class secretary: MARIE "CHRIS" MERRILL WYSOR** R.R.#2, Box 190-B, South Harpswell, Maine 04079.

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I was flabbergasted when I received the notice that a column is due on November 15. I'm still engrossed in leaf-raking, vegetable garden clean-up, and planning for Thanksgiving. In the midst of all this I'm spending 10 days with my parents in Waterville. As there is no time to send out a questionnaire, I have very little news. I did get a note and reunion pictures from **Leonard Caust**. Len remarked that he was amazed to find so many of his classmates looking about the same as he remembered them from 45 years ago. He wonders if the secret could be bottled and sold. The pictures are excellent and he did a good job of getting nearly everyone in at least one picture. Unfortunately **Louise Trahan McCombs** was unable to get Mac in a picture in spite of apparent waving! • I have telephoned a couple of people from whom we've not heard for some time. It is wonderful to hear that **Dr. Richard '42** and **Natalie Cousins Dyer's** daughter, **Candy**, is back at work assisting in surgery. She expects to be on her own by winter. You may remember she was severely burned in a boating accident and has had 13 operations since then. **Dick and Candy**, both members of the American College of Surgeons, are the only father-daughter surgical team in Rhode Island. The Dyers expect to visit Scotland this fall • Although **Ressa Flewelling Edmunds** and I live only 25 miles apart, we've never succeeded in getting together. She and her husband are building a new house—no thoughts of retirement apparently. They did vacation in Maine this summer but not at the time of reunion • **Madeleine Hinckley Gibbs** sounds cheerful and energetic. Her family vacations at her mother's place in Blue Hill but she couldn't make it to reunion. **Madeleine** mentioned that she sees **Bill Clough '61** who is now at Gould Academy in Bethel • **The Rev. Howard Johnson** is as busy as ever since retirement from teaching and is working on his book on Jesus. He has two sons, **Conrad**, who lives nearby in Providence, and **Dana**, who lives in New York • I hope before my next deadline on March 1 to have had holiday greetings from many of you. It was obvious from remarks at reunion that your classmates do read these columns. So keep me informed and I'll pass along any news. Happy holidays to all even though they will be history when you read this!

**Class secretary: ELEANOR SMART BRAUNMULLER** (Mrs. Albert R.), 115 Lake Rd., Basking Ridge, N.J. 07920.

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**45th reunion: June 9-11, 1989** • **Janice Tappin Lowell** wrote that her expectations on leaving Colby were to teach English (inspired by **Dr. Mary Marshall**), to marry, and to raise a family. She has done just that: she moved to Maine in 1948 and taught at Fryeburg Academy, retiring in 1987 as head of the English Department. Her son **Peter '70** received recognition for his crafts

business in the "Maine Today" 1988 edition of *Down East*. Peter's twin, Roger, is principal of Gray High School in New Gloucester. Jan's son John is president of Mt. Washington Flagship Corp. (a cruise ship on Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H.). Her granddaughter is Adria Lowell 92, and there are seven other grandchildren who may repeat the Colby tradition. Janice isn't sitting still in retirement: she is a part-time admissions assistant at St. Joseph's College, and she spent two months in England in spring 1988. She had a recent "heart-to-heart" with **Elaine Johnson Wing** reminiscing about Alden House • **Josephine Pitts McAlary** and Fred '43 left in November on their annual winter trek to Ft. Pierce, Fla., via Cape Cod, Mass.; Newport, R.I. (as guest of a grandson who graduated in May 1988 from the U.S. Naval Academy; Annapolis, Md.; and Killington, Vt. (for Thanksgiving with two children and families). They had already had their vacation to Denver, Colo.; Rocky Mountain National Park; the U.S. Air Force Academy; the Grand Canyon; Narrow Gauge R.R. in Durango; the ski areas of Colorado—Aspen, Vail, Copper Mountain, and Breckenridge; and Utah's Canyonlands. Fred's 50th Waterville High School class reunion occurred in 1988, with other Colbyites Mary Reny Buck '42, Mary Farrell Lacombe '42, and Ann Jones Gilmore '42 attending. When she's home, Jo still does substitute teaching • **Mary Weeks Drummond** is extremely frugal with news but reports that she retired from teaching in 1987. She has two children, Robert and John '77 Sawyer, and two granddaughters, Laura and Holly Sawyer • **Kay Howes Brooks** reported about the changes in her life: "Gotten older, am not pleased about it." (You speak for us all, Kay.) Her artistic outlet is writing satirical poetry, and I can report that it's extraordinarily witty. Kay and Wendell '42 have two girls, Kathie Brooks and Wendie Brooks Geiger, and two grandchildren • **Arnold Grossman**, D.D.S., was appointed assistant professor of dentistry at Tufts University and also maintains a private practice (but is semi-retired). His son, Peter, is also a dentist, son Thomas '77 is an attorney and daughter Jill is a psychologist. In 1984 Arnold participated in an educational exchange in China and again in 1986 in Russia. His hobbies are photography and sailing in Falmouth Harbor, Mass., where he has met David Marson '48 and David Sortor '56 • **W. Harris Graf** (another dentist!) paints in watercolors, oils, alkyds, and acrylics. He is an avid skier, having skied in Italy, Switzerland, and Austria, and looks forward to skiing in Spain and sailing down the Rhine. His wife, Meredith, is a dental hygienist, and they have enjoyed sharing their home with numerous Austrian, German, and Japanese young people. Harris looks forward to our 50th class reunion. He credits Colby for giving him a new outlook on religion and pointing him toward his current profession • **Eugene C. Struckhoff** lists his occupation as "executive and consultant. I travel the U.S. (10,000 miles a year) helping start and revitalize community foundations—and meet interesting people in scores of cities, states, and counties (also internationally) who give leadership to improve their area." He expresses pride in "encouraging and helping over 50 community foundations to succeed; being productive in helping to change and improve systems through which we help youth, aged, etc." Gene claims to have spotted 619 species of birds north of the Mexican border in 35 years of bird watching with wife Norma. Norma is also a portrait artist, painting in pastels. Their children are Eugene C. III and Laura Lee Struckhoff Cline '70. In November Gene traveled

to Copenhagen and London and anticipates a trip to Alaska and the Orient. He sends the message (quoted from Earl V'everly: "What's important is what you learn after you know it all" • **G. Richard Mountfort** has acquired a new wife Esther and four stepchildren. His first wife, Ginny, died of cancer in 1987. Richard had been forced to give up his ministerial duties to care for her during a lingering illness. Now he has returned, to assume responsibility of ministry to the disadvantaged children and youth at Higher Ground Camp in Wentworth, N.H. His hobbies include playing the trumpet, repairing stained glass windows, and pitching softball. The Mountforts look forward to a cross-country trip and an Alaskan cruise • **Ralph W. Hilton** retired in 1986 after 40 years in the field of education as a teacher, coach, and educational salesman. He and Jean spend the winter months in Florida. They have four children. Ralph's hobby is watercolor painting • **Jean Ferrell Howe** has moved to Portland, Maine, to be closer to her daughter • **Harry Levin** describes his occupation as "foundation executive." His travels include South America, Mexico, Europe, Asia, and Africa and he has learned three languages. He is grateful for the intellectual stimulation he received at Colby • **Malcom D. McQuillan** has retired from his work as a teacher/guidance counselor and is able to "sleep in" after late night TV. Enjoying excellent health, he also enjoys preparing gourmet dinners for friends. He recently had the experience of being the sole passenger in the private jet of his nephew (and namesake!) when visiting him at Hilton Head, S.C. • For my part, I stay out of trouble by reading (economics yuck!) to a blind professor at the Center for Advanced Studies at Stanford University, working at the Food Closet for the homeless, and babysitting (to keep in practice for visiting my grandchildren). I swam in the Senior Games in St. George, Utah in October (one gold, two silver, three bronze), and am currently working out with the Stanford Masters Swim Team in a 50-meter outdoor pool, come rain or shine. Cheers. Good health to you all.

Class secretary: **NANCY CURTIS LAWRENCE** (Mrs. Watson A.), 1031 Berkeley Ave., Menlo Park, Calif. 94025.

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Hope 1989 is going very well for everyone. As I write this, it's still 1988—certainly a wonderful year for **Ernest Rotenberg**. Not only was he named "Outstanding Trial Judge in the United States" by the American Bar Association, but also he received the Haskell Freedman Award as "the judge who has done the most for marital law in 1988." Asked what he would like me to relay to his Colby friends, he replied, "If near Attleboro, please say hello—and if you need help call me!" • **Sherwood Tarlow** is another lawyer among our classmates. Formerly a probate judge, he's a consultant to Boston's Capitol Bank, where he used to be president and chair as well as chair of the Global Bancorp in California • **Floyd Harding** is also a lawyer and serves as president and dean of the Bar Association in Presque Isle. His son Alan has been associated with him in his law practice for 10 years. Floyd plans to attend our 1990 reunion and looks forward to seeing

everyone there • **Roslyn Kramer**, our truly outstanding class agent, has attended every 45 reunion (a record?) and writes, "Plan now—come one, come all back to Colby for our 45th." Roslyn's a research chemist; there have been several publications of her work. She's starting now to think about retirement. (Retirement offers a chance to do many things, even return to work which I just did—two days a week at TWYCH—Travel With Your Children—a tiny, fun little company and a big switch from my former work in college textbook publishing.) • **Rae Gale Backer** 44 now has a second granddaughter, Tamara, thanks to son Jimmy and his wife, who live in Israel. I recently visited Rae, greatly enjoying a tour of the JFK Memorial Museum, which is truly beautiful • **Dorothy "Dee" Sanford McCunn** happily retired, has become involved in local Canadian Conn. organizations—she also does grandchildren sitting upon occasion. Last fall she and Ian enjoyed two months in England and Scotland • A brief word from **Jane Farnham Wood** tells us she's retired from teaching and is living in Pinehurst, N.C. Shed love to hear from any classmates in the area • **Bill Whittemore**, whose extensive professional travels and accomplishments we've previously reported, is in a great position to be a collector, and indeed he is one—of books printed before 1500, French cut glass, and Mycenaean vases. Back on the road, Bill will lecture at the National Association of Sciences in April on 50 years of fission • The latest from **Laura Tapia Aitken** is news of her appointment as chair of Fairleigh Dickinson University's planning council—"a great learning experience," she wrote, involving an institution of higher learning with 9000 students • A recent outing with **Joan Gay Kent** was enjoying the massive Degas exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She's my favorite New York companion on such outings. Joan continues her successful creative services agency on Long Island.

Class secretary: **NAOMI COLLETT PAGANELLI**, 2 Horatio Street #5J, New York, N.Y. 10014.

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I recently had the opportunity to talk to two local (Holden and Shrewsbury, Mass.) friends from our class, **Nancy Parsons Ferguson** and **Carol Robin Epstein**, and to catch up on their latest activities. Nancy and her husband are looking ahead to retirement and are gearing up to the prospect by taking interesting trips each year. That certainly sounds like fun preparation for the extra time retirement brings, except that so many claim they're busier than ever. The difference, I guess, is that there are more options for what to do with time! The Fergusons went on a wonderful trip to Jordan, Israel, and Egypt last winter and recommend those countries as fascinating places for travel. Their three children live in New Hampshire, Ohio, and Florida, and each has a son and daughter, so the grandparents enjoy traveling in this country as well. Nancy continues to volunteer each week at the New England headquarters of Heifer Project International in Rutland, Mass., and finds that her commitment to this project is very rewarding. Carol, who still heads a unit to help pregnant teenagers, is a social worker for the Children's Friend Society in

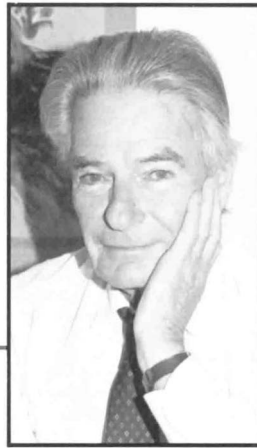
Worcester, Mass. Like Nancy, Carol enjoys visiting her children and grandchildren. She has three granddaughters, two of whom live nearby. The third lives in Minneapolis, where Carol visits her son Rob and his family and her daughter Lois. Her other daughter, Judy, lives in the Boston area, and her son Richard lives with his family in Worcester. • Mike and I also have been keeping up with our offspring, who are scattered in Massachusetts, New York, and D.C. We do manage to get together fairly frequently and are looking forward (at this writing) to our annual Thanksgiving reunion. Please write. We want to share in your activities and ideas!

**Class secretary: HANNAH KARP LAIPSON** (Mrs. Myron R.), 25 Pomona Rd., Worcester, Mass. 01602.

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This month's news will be a little nostalgic, as I've just come back from Colby. Embry and I went to Alumni Volunteer Leadership Weekend, which was combined with Homecoming this year. We had a great time. Friday night, the 23rd of September, was the class correspondents' dinner where we were given some ideas on how to be better correspondents. Saturday was the Alumni Council meeting, dinner on the grounds, and the Colby-Trinity football game. I think we were the good luck the team needed. Although they didn't win that game they have gone on to win several since, including Bowdoin and Bates. We tailgated with Ray and "Tossie" Campbell. Kozen and saw Carol Carpenter Bisbee '49 and Dick and Dorie Meyer Hawkes at the game. The alumni banquet was that night. We sat with Carolyn and Ray Greene and Stan and Ellie Farnham Frolio. A good time was had by all. The campus looks wonderful and the new half-million-dollar track is certainly an added attraction. It was also enjoyable to visit the old home place in Poland Spring and visit one of my friends there. Also, the lobster is just as good as ever. I hope some of you will plan to go back for Homecoming another year. • **Mitch Jaworski** wrote that he has been recuperating from a recent operation, but he enjoys retirement in Plantation, Fla. He says he's no different from other retirees—he plays golf and enjoys the sunshine as well as doing some painting. • **Bill Crowther** graduated May 1 from the training class of the Connecticut State Police as an auxiliary state trooper and was assigned to Troop G in Westport. Auxiliary troopers usually work one night a week patrolling interstate and state highways. They also work at special events and in emergencies. In addition to this volunteer work, Bill does consulting work in marketing communications and tries to get in at least a couple of hours a week flying a Piper Cherokee out of Bridgeport Airport. He's also investigating the feasibility of starting up a specialized mail order business. Alice, his wife, was certified in June by International Dance Exercise Association as an aerobics instructor. Her specialty is aerobic exercise for older folks and for people with moderate disabilities. • Many of you will be hearing from me later for my next report, so start thinking about all the news you will send me.

**Class secretary: JUNE CHIPMAN COALSON**, 129 Janelle Lane, Jacksonville, Fla. 32211.



## A Novelist's Novelist

Thomas Savage '40 said, "I've seen three beautiful women in my life: one was a woman in St. John's Church in Boston who kept me from concentrating on church, another was a woman strolling the streets of Cambridge, and the third was Anne Chapman, a woman I used to watch drive by in her family station wagon when I was 17 and walking the streets of Dylan, Montana." When Savage was a boy he lived on a ranch 45 miles from Dylan and had to board in town during the school year. He deems this "a wonderful educational experience," and it seems that it was. The turn-of-the-century town of Grayling in his 13th and latest novel, *The Corner of Rife and Pacific*, is based on Dylan, and Anne Chapman is the heroine.

*Publishers Weekly* listed the widely praised novel among the 15 best books of 1988. *The New York Times* has called Savage "a novelist's novelist . . . fascinated by the enormous influence of the past on the present." Savage believes that books offer readers a new way of viewing the world but states his feeling about his work in simpler terms: "I feel absolutely useless unless I write."

Back in the '30s in Montana, Savage heard that another beautiful Montana woman was a student at Colby, and after a year and a half at the University he transferred. Elizabeth "Betty" Fitzgerald Savage '40, also a fiction writer, and Tom Savage married in their junior year. The Savages have a daughter, Elizabeth St. Mark, and two sons, Robert '68 and Russell '70.

Savage claims that Dean Ernest C. Marriner '13 was a major influence on his original commitment to his work. The young writer was working on his first novel, *The Pass*, and cutting many classes when the dean asked to see the manuscript overnight. The next day, said Savage, "He told me that as long as I did enough classwork to pass, I could continue to write and cut as many classes as I needed to. Dean Marriner first gave me the freedom that I needed to write." In 1954 Colby awarded Savage an honorary M.A., and in 1980 he received a Guggenheim Fellowship. He has taught at Brandeis University, Suffolk University, Vassar College, and Franconia College.

The freedoms of a successful writing career have recently allowed the Savages to return to the West from their long-time home on Indian Point in Georgetown, Maine, and they now live in Langley, Wash., on an island in Puget Sound. Langley looks "like the town of a Western movie with two-story houses and the snow-covered Cascade Mountains in the backdrop," Savage said, and it's the location for his next novel. The book has "nothing to do with anything I have ever written before. It's not set in Cambridge or Montana but on the island, and it's contemporary."

If books give us a new way of viewing the world, Tom Savage's new novel will be well worth looking into.

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To all who read my fall class letter, be it known that I rescind my promise (threat) to nominate another class correspondent this term. It has been exciting to hear from those who wrote. Now what's with the rest of you? • **Gordon Miller** wrote his thanks to all for making our 40th great. As class prexy, he appreciated the help from all his officers and sends best wishes to the new slate. He says he's been retired almost seven years, is still married (so are lots of us, Gordon), travels much, and boasts three children and four grands dwelling from West Coast to New York state. More conscientious than most, me particularly, he tries to keep in shape via aerobics, nautilus, golf, and watching what he eats and drinks. Hail Gordon! say we whose health kick is much gentler • **"Cy" Perkins**, as those who talked with him at the fabulous 40th know, is happily retired in Kennebunk, Maine, having served in a personnel staff position at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. After a brief stint in politics, he's now involved with his five kids and their four kids as well as Vets organizations. He and Jean '46 have a Colby '73 son (Malcolm James Perkins) near San Francisco as well as two daughters in the Bay Area. This makes them frequent fliers. Cy is a strong advocate for retirement with the luxury of doing what one chooses. He did mention that Jean is retired from teaching but still is working part time in a school library • Another retiree, **Gil Taverner**, wrote of his honorable and unusual reason for not attending our June Reunion: The Gilbert Y. Taverner Archives Room at St. George's School, Newport, R.I., was dedicated simultaneously with our 40th. Gil had been chaplain and a faculty member for a while, so he and his wife, Bette, up and authored the school history. Now moved to Concord, Mass., they are savoring their less structured life • **Fran Hyde Stephan** checked in with a nice note saying that she is not ready for complete retirement. John and she are keeping busy in business, and she does volunteer work, too. They live in New England, dreaming of the great weather in Vail, Colo. She owns up to something most of us do not. Describing her community service with elders (i.e. older than she), she admits it's all relative and she's not taking too kindly to the later years. Personally, I'm enjoying these non-golden fleeting years • Also retired, **Jack Kimpel** outlined some highlights from his "lost" life in the Social Security Administration. His good news includes wife Fran Benner '49 still teaching fourth grade and four offspring scattered from Philadelphia to Seattle and points between, including their "son the doctor." Four grandchildren, too! Jack lost a run for mayor but took it philosophically, having lost some golf games, too. However, he has not recovered as well from a ski run loss and describes a fashionable limp from that '87 disaster. The Kimpels travel around to scattered kids and beyond, and Jack serves on several community boards. Interestingly, he still exhibits some grief over Colby's lost football games • That's all the news from Lake 40 Acres (Achers?) and '48ers, too. You send the words . . . and we'll include them, next

issue. This is written late October for spring publication, so plan accordingly. Many Happy Returns.

Class secretary: **KATHARINE WEISMAN JAFFE**, P.O. Box 113, Mill River, Mass. 01244.

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**40th reunion, June 9-11, 1989** • At our reunion banquet in Mary Low Hall five years ago, **Bob Bedig** admonished me to write down every word spoken by our classmates for my first column as class secretary. (I should have listened). At a meeting for class correspondents, we were reminded to return to the Alumni Office news clips about, notes from, and questionnaires completed by our classmates. (I didn't always). At a Volunteer Leadership Weekend workshop it was pointed out that if classmates answered a request for information and never saw that info published in the column they tended not to respond again. (I should have been less selective). However, whereas this concludes my stint as secretary, and whereas I am genetically disposed to save everything that comes into my house, and whereas this is the last class column before our 40th reunion, be it resolved that I, your class correspondent, shall recap material received in that first successful questionnaire of June 1985 that may be deemed applicable to the moment • **Philip Berquist**, who retired from being retired, are you still appraising real estate and enjoying "many changes all good"? • It is safe to say that **Barbara Fransen Briggs** in Cincinnati is still enthusiastic about any activity having to do with music (shades of Music Appreciation I and II). Her comments just sang with enthusiasm and good humor • **Ruth Endicott Freeman** sang praises for a good portable phone, which gave a busy physician a bit more yardage. Are you able to find any more time lately for the gardening that you enjoy? • **Arthur Greeley**, whose roots were always deep in Maine, did you enjoy the introspective life at Pemaquid Harbor as you worked about your cottage? • **Jeanne Hall**: hope your early retirement as a psychiatric social worker permitted you time for "self-fulfillment," smelling the flowers, and contemplating the "never written novel" exactly as you had anticipated • **Marty Bennett Headley** as a state library commissioner in New Hampshire, must have brought her enthusiasm and energy to solving some very serious growth problems of the decade. She must have witnessed the expansion of many libraries, overseen construction of new libraries, and worried about financing these jewels of the community • **Elizabeth Beamish Jolley** last wrote on the eve of her departure for Europe. I envision her still managing an adult apartment complex in Orlando, Fla., keeping the grounds in shape, weeding the flowers, pruning the shrubs, and planning her next trip abroad • A heart operation did not stop "**Bud**" Nannig from "starting his second life" with great enthusiasm and a business trip to Japan. Still walking three miles a day and too young to retire, Bud? • **Charles A. Pearce**, an alumni parent, is active in community volunteer work and travels a lot. (And not just between his two homes in Hingham, Mass., and Eastman, N.H., I wager.) • Time has not tarnished the understatements of **Karekin Sahagian**, who professed that his "grumpie" personality increased as his temper

decreased and that he was "traveling more and enjoying it less—law of diminishing returns." A recent address change assures me that he made Florida by 1987 according to plan • There is probably no retirement for a successful author. I expect **Alvin Schwartz** continues to write books, speak and research folklore. How I admire anybody working with words! • **Mickie '50** and **H. Guy Smith** parented a son and four girls (twin daughters included in that tally). By this writing Guy may have retired as division controller at Squibb Corporation • "**Skippy**" **Carter** chair of the board and chief executive officer at the William Carter Company has been reelected to serve on the board of directors of the American Apparel Manufacturers Association and currently serves on the membership committee • **Bob Sage**, chair of the New England region of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science and national vice president, received the American Distinguished Leadership award. The Institute located in Rehovot, Israel, was established in 1934 for the purpose of basic and applied research. At present there are almost 700 research projects in fields ranging from artificial intelligence solar energy and cancer and autoimmune diseases to agriculture and lasers • "**Honey**" **Hathaway Cherry** at the invitation of her College and accompanied by Peg Atkins '48, joined undergraduates, alumni, and townspeople from Waterville to stroll about the Alford Track following ribbon cutting ceremonies during Homecoming Weekend. What a pleasant experience! Yes, dear colleagues, there is still a Colby Family, and we are fortunate to be a part of it.

Class secretary: **MARY HATHAWAY CHERRY** 63 Indian Pond Rd., Kingston Mass. 02364

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At the time I am writing this edition of Class of '50 news, people around the U.S.A. are casting their ballots for the presidential election. When many of us first voted for president, the candidates were Truman and Dewey in 1948, our junior year at Colby • Congratulations to **Neil Collar** for being named Lion of the Year in Oakland, Maine. He was cited for his unselfish service to both the community and the Lions during his 29 years of club membership. He was praised for leadership of his Boy Scout troop and his tireless contributions to Lions projects • **Bill Tipples** and his wife were recently honored on their 40th wedding anniversary in Portsmouth, N.H. Bill owned an insurance agency in Millinocket, Maine, and since retirement has been involved in real estate • During a recent Colby phone-a-thon, I had the opportunity to chat with "**Doc**" **Hamlin**, and he reports that all is well in his area of Millinocket • I recently talked with **Priscilla Tracey Tanguay** who reports that she visited with **Chris Winter Verrengia** in Kingfield, Maine, last summer. **Joe Verrengia** has retired and he and **Chris** are now living in Florida • **Ellie** and I welcomed our first grandchild, **William Paine Everts** in October. A delightful career has begun! Please keep the cards and letters coming with your news of family and classmates. Best wishes.

Class secretary: **NELSON "BUD" EVERTS**, P.O. Box 802, Needham Hts., Mass. 02194.

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This column is being perpetrated in the Cannell guest house in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. I'm here for a bed and breakfast weekend and a Colby-Bowdoin football game. Huzzah! The student athletes from Mayflower Hill have prevailed and even though it may be six months until you read this, the victorious thrashing will still indeed be something to savor. **Did Bob Lee, Bob Cannell,** and I witness the start of a new dynasty? Or will a 4-4 record and the state series title, mean an overemphasis on football? Will we have to scale back? No matter. A beautiful autumn afternoon tailgating in the piney woods of the Polar Bear is still a most pleasant way to greet old friends and classmates. And yes, Pacy and Ludy can be seen cavorting along the sidelines during the game. • A cheery letter arrived from **May Ricker Stone**, reporting the many activities of her happy family (including grandchildren) in Woodbridge, Va. More details next time. • Also heard from **Charlie Fisher** in Clearwater, Fla. I thought he wanted to exult in the election victory of George and Dan, but alas, as defrocked brothers I am not sure that he and I can ever rejoin them in the mystic circle. Perhaps Moose should start a sunbelt chapter for Dekes without portfolio, while carrying out his regular job as criminal investigator for the state of Florida. • Jim '53 and Jeanne Wilkes Christie '52 have moved into a new home in Lake Placid, N.Y. They have been involved in several successful ventures and are now doing business brokerage. • At a recent Colby dinner I met **Patricia Anderson Ebinger**, still living in Rowley, Mass. Another busy lady, she travels extensively with husband Fred and helps him in the leather business. It seems that Patty's life has taken a happy turn and it shows. • **Deborah Smith Meigs** wrote that her work as a librarian now includes Danville, N.H., as well as South Hampton, where she has served for 27 years. Her daughter, Ellen '88, graduated with honors in sociology and awards for the most valuable player on the women's super softball team. • Please keep up your interesting notes and calls. The next 10 respondents will receive free passes for lifetime crossings of the Two Penny Bridge.

**Class secretary: WARREN J. FINEGAN**, 8 White Pine Knoll, Wayland, Mass. 01778.

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Hello to all! I understand from the Alumni Office that the booklet we made for the reunion has been sent out to the class members who did not attend. Thus, I have been trying to give information about those of the class who were not included in the booklet. • I did see **Betsy Smart Merriam** last winter. She looked great and is taking courses at Lesley College. • I am still teaching fourth grade in Scituate and still love my job. This year I was appointed science curriculum leader for my school. On one of our science outings I went to the Hingham Wildlife Center and found out that the young man who was running it was Rick Horton '77. We had a nice Colby chat.

It is interesting to meet fellow alumni and see what they are doing. • **Diane Sargent Larsen** is living in Jacksonville Beach, Fla. Her husband, Lou, died in 1985. Between 1956 and 1981 she lived in 11 states (7 twice) and two foreign countries. She was about to take the Florida real estate exam. Hope all went well and that she is selling lots of properties. • From Wilmington, N.C., **Jeanne White Simon** wrote that she has her own craft gallery. Her husband, Lee, owns an electronic representative agency. They have three children: Debbie, Barbara and Linda. • **Louise Ginzberg Hirschberg** is in California and is a health educator counselor. Her children: Gary, Susan, Nancy, Jim, and Bill, are all grown up and doing terrific things being themselves. Louise gave up her job with Walt Disney to go back to school. She now has a master's degree in clinical holistic health and really enjoys her work. • **Stephen Kenyon** lives in Ridgewood, N.J., with his wife, Helen. He is production supervisor for R.J.R. Nabisco. • As I am fast running out of the news that **Don Hailer** gave me, I am hoping to have the College send out a new questionnaire form. I hope you have all responded if you have received it. Please do send some news. I know your news is somewhat dated when it appears, but classmates do like to hear about other classmates.

**Class secretary: BARBARA BONE LEAVITT**, 21 Indian Trail, Scituate, Mass. 02066

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A letter from Class President **Dick Hobart**: "Over the past 35 years, most of us Class of '53 survivors have been reasonably traceable because we had to pay a mortgage, raise a family, or otherwise make some form of recognizable living. Now many of your classmates find themselves closer to the brink of another great experiment—something that's been called 'the Golden Years,' which are not to be confused with *On Golden Pond*, which was also good fiction. In any case, it can mean trading in the 9 to 5 routine that has run our lives for the last third of a century for a less time-dictated existence. Or it can mean starting that second or third career. You know, the one you always wanted to have, but economic need kept getting in the way. Well, regardless of what scenario fate has in mind for us, I hope you will let your class officers become the catalyst and pipeline by which we keep track of each other over the next five years until our next reunion. Those of you who returned to these gatherings over the years have left genuinely pleased and happy for the experience. And why not? We had a pretty great group of people in our class. So, enough from this wage slave and more from the person who will truly be the glue that binds us together until next time on Mayflower Hill, your class secretary, **Nelson Beveridge**." • And from our vice president, "... 'Hello again,' to everyone who showed up for our 35th reunion. Hard to believe that it's really been that long. Everyone looked terrific!—That's what four formative years spent on the wind-swept slopes of Mayflower Hill do for you. 'Sorry we missed you,' to all those who couldn't make it. Begin now to think positively about our 40th reunion in 1993—yes, you'll still be strong enough to make it by then—remember those four formative years! 'Thanks for joining us,'

to all those long-suffering spouses, good-natured enough to allow themselves to be dragged along—some even pretended to enjoy listening to our reminiscences. Stay in touch. Let us know what you've been up to." The letter is signed "V.P. in Charge of Happy Thoughts, **Electra Paskalides Coumou**." A special thanks to Dick and Electra for their comments. • Congratulations to **Joan Rooney Barnes** for a job well done in raising \$18,175 for the Alumni Fund, with 49 percent class participation. Joan reports that she attended a housewarming at **Helen Koniares Cleaves'** new home in Yarmouth, Maine. She also notes that **Mary Jane Fitzpatrick Cashman** has moved from Chicago to Scarborough, Maine. • **Harry O'Brasky** has been appointed purchasing manager for Casual Male Inc. in Shrewsbury, Mass., a men's off-price, brand name retail chain. • **Chuck Spencer** lives in the foothills west of Denver, Colo., and spent a busy summer boating on Lake Powell in Utah. Lake Connoughy in Nebraska (met Gwen [VanEerden] '55 and **Dana Andersen** there) and Lake Granbey in Colorado. Quite a life! He wrote: "I have been working in Hungary on an oil and gas exploration project for the World Bank. Sorry Joyce [Whitham '54] and I missed the reunion." • **Bruce McRoy** is operations director for the Nash Finch Co. in Rocky Mount, N.C. He has a new granddaughter, **Amanda McRoy**. • **Sally Baines Howard** reported that she is a teacher (English, computer studies, business 9-12) in Fremont, Calif. Have purchased my retirement home. I'll be there in '93 for our 40th. • **Phil Hussey's** youngest son, Richard, is a senior at Colby. • **Rev. Robert Dow** recently moved back to Maine and has opened a small pastoral counseling center in Saco. • **Joan Shea Conroy** is retired from counseling and is living in Slidell, La. "Heart problems have required long hospitalization," she said. I hope all is going well now. • Our star performer of Colby Brick fame, **Marty Friedlaender**, met with **Chuck** and **"Sandy" Pearson Anderson** and **Carolyn English**. Caci last summer to talk over old times. • **Elaine Zervas Stamas** traveled with the New York Philharmonic on their three-week 1988 tour of Europe. Her husband is president of the Philharmonic. The tour took them to Athens with exciting performances at the ancient outdoor theater at the Acropolis. Another highlight was concerts in East and West Berlin. They also had a two-week tour of Leningrad and Moscow during the June Summit meeting. • I'm out of space... but start planning to attend our 40th.

**Class secretary: NELSON BEVERIDGE**, 134 Border St., Cohasset, Mass. 02025.

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**35th reunion: June 9-11, 1989** • I gotcha with direct mail, now I gotcha with magazine advertising. TV is too expensive for us. My next option is sky writing. I need 15 AROTC pilots who still remember how to fly airplanes to volunteer. We will meet December 25th at noon at LeFleur Airport in Waterville. My plan is to work westward through January and February. Only pilots who received an "A" in penmanship need apply. When you are enjoying your favorite winter sport, i.e., skiing, skating, or shoveling, keep one eye on the



## To Write and To Right

"I never wanted one of my kids to say, 'What did you do?' The only answer was to do it." Louise Davis Stone '53 speaks matter-of-factly about involvement in local Philadelphia projects, work in ward level politics, and over 30 years of volunteering in black communities. A strong desire to "improve things" and help people led Stone to major in sociology at Colby and begin a master's degree in social work at Columbia. But almost immediately her career veered off into writing and editing; the projects shifted to her spare time, although they engross her still.

Today Stone is director of publications at the University of Delaware. With a staff of 10, her office has state-of-the-art computer equipment and 68,000 readers for its publications, which range from admissions literature through development material to stationery for university offices. Her office staff, who are often hired with a special aptitude, usually wind up learning every stage of production: art work, proofreading, writing, layout. Schedule is priority, and Stone has resorted to enlisting her own family for writing or design help when a deadline looms unmet. Articulate and soft-spoken, she says wryly, "I can be very Machiavellian—I will do anything to get the publications out on time."

Stone has done free-lance work ever since she left Colby. A lifelong passion for jazz and black theater led to years as theater critic and jazz columnist for several newspapers, including the *Washington Post*. She was raised on the campus of Hampton Institute in Virginia where her father was dean, and a memory of jazz and classical music luminaries at the school in those years made a lasting impression. "I grew up on Fats Waller, Marian Anderson, and Paul Robeson," she said. "I remember my mother driving him to a segregated barbershop off campus for a haircut." Stone and her sister, Jennie Davis Brown '55, came to Colby through the interest of Hilda Fife '26, an English teacher in Hampton Institute summer school and a friend of their parents. The girls also graduated from Fryeburg (Maine) Academy, the first black students in the school's history.

Stone lives in Philadelphia and commutes daily to Newark, Del. It's easier, she says, than fighting the cross-town Philadelphia traffic as she did when she was associate director of publications at the University of Pennsylvania. Her son, Charles, a recent graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, works in New York City. He and his sister Krishna earn their livings otherwise and train for the stage in their free time. Middle daughter Allegra, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, is a nurse-specialist in oncology in Philadelphia.

These days Stone does free-lance newsletters for the Writer's Workshop in Harrisburg, is publicity person for Bushfire Theater and the Brandywine Workshop, and is a consultant in the arts for numerous minority groups, a still satisfying use of her "free time." It's work she'll continue to do.

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sky. The following are already shoo-ins: Susan Johnson, Abbott Rice, "Jake" Peirson, Art Rothenberg, Art Eddy, Lindon Christie, Nick Sarris, Harold Krieger, Trudy Hummel, Jefferson... and William "Super" Ganem who wrote, "I'll volunteer for anything you need." It sure is nice to know that great guys stay great guys • Bob Alpert cannot make it as he will be in Australia. Word has it that he's auditioning for the lead in *Crocodile Dundee III*. He promised to be at our 40th reunion, where he will raffle off Linda Kozlowski • We have had one request for space to park a camper. The one we are looking for is the classmate who needs a heliport • Will someone please call Bob and Joan Hall Parker and urge them to attend, I can't stand the thought of being the only celebrity.

**Class president:** CHARLES J. WINDHORST 366 Ocean Drive, Stamford Conn 06902.

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Classmates: News is sparse. We do want to hear from you. You will be receiving a questionnaire from Colby soon. We do hope you will take the time to send us your news • Luckily (for the column) Barbara Ayers Haslam's youngest daughter was married in September. Among the guests were Peter and Sue Capen Stutts, who came from New Canaan, Conn., where they have been living for a few years now; I still miss seeing you at the library and Grand Union, Susie and Peter Dottie Dunn Northcott and her husband, who have returned from more than two years in Japan, also came to the wedding. The Northcotts have returned to Connecticut. Other guests were Barbara Burg King and her husband Frank. The Haslam wedding sounds like a mini-reunion for the Class of 1955 • Sel and I were in Maine recently and visited David and Ruth McDonald Roberts. David and Ruth took us on a "guided" tour of Colby's new outdoor track. It is a beautiful addition to Colby's athletic facilities. David told us that it is surfaced the same as the track used in Seoul for the 1988 Olympics. We then visited the Student Center which we had not seen, and met Amy Greene '89, daughter of Kathy and Minot Greene. It was a pleasure to meet Amy, Minot • While gathering my material for this column, I came upon a clipping that Colby had sent me in December 1985. Since I am writing this article in mid-November, it seems somewhat appropriate to see a picture of Judi Lee Holtz Levov of Weston, Mass., trimming a Christmas tree that she had decorated for a benefit for Children's Hospital. I quote from the article: "For Levov Interiors, also of Weston, the wealth of Christmas spirit is in Ah, Wilderness" [as Judy's tree was named], a four-foot tree done mostly in reds. The tree was decorated with cardinals, red and white velvet ribbons, apples, cranberries, and pine cones. How beautiful it sounds. I'm saddened to add that Judi lost her husband, Barry '54, last August. We all send her our condolences • Although this column will not appear before the holidays, I wish you all a happy healthy holiday season, and a happy, healthy 1989. Just think! In June 1989, it will be 34 years for the Class of 1955.

**Class secretary:** SUE BIVEN STAPLES (Mrs. Sheldon C.), 430 Lyons Rd., Liberty Corner, N.J. 07938.



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As your class correspondent, I had occasion to go back to our alma mater in September for the proverbial "shot in the arm," to find out what works in eliciting responses from classmates—a challenge, at best! A second trip at the end of October with our oldest (of four daughters), Faith '81, reconfirmed my earlier impressions. The new Student Center seems to be a place of activity. Perhaps the best thing that has happened, however, is that the campus seems to be more cohesive, since the road that formerly divided the campus between the Chapel and Miller Library has been grassed over. Also good news—in the words of the *Portland Sunday Telegram*—is that "the transition period is over for the football team at Colby College." The Mules started the season with a 1-23 record over the past three years but finished at 4-4, winners of three consecutive games, including a decisive 24-0 victory over Bowdoin to win the CBB title. It had been 55 years since Colby shut out Bowdoin, and 29 years since we won at Whittier Field. It was wonderful to see the Colby turnout and enthusiasm—putting a sparse home crowd to shame. Needless to say, my husband Peter (Bowdoin '56), was very quiet on the way home! It was fun to see Ann Dillingham Ingraham '55 and Jane Millett Dornish '55 and her husband, Karl '54 • **Bill Haggert**, chair of Bath Iron Works, has been in the spotlight lately. He has successfully negotiated an 85 percent reduction in fines levied against BIW by OSHA by a willingness to accept a settlement and drop legal challenges to the fines. Bill has announced that the company is providing \$50,000 in "seed money" to establish a training program for safety inspectors at the Central Maine Vocational Technical Institute. Although not a part of the settlement, the program is a positive and creative response to OSHA. BIW is a major contractor for the Navy's Aegis cruiser and destroyer programs and is the state's largest private employer, with more than 10,000 workers. A classmate in a truly responsible position, doing a great job! • It was fun to hear from a "gal on the go," **Janet Nordgren Meryweather**. Although husband Steen's children have produced five grandchildren, Jan now proudly boasts one of her own. Jan writes, "What a joy to have Jennie living just an hour away." She was baptized by Father **Bob Raymond**. Now that Jan and Steen have successfully reared six children, all married and leading productive lives, she finds herself busier than ever. In addition to holding two part-time jobs (four days a week), Jan is looking forward to next June when she will assume the presidency of the Garden Club Federation of Maine for a two-year term. She has served on the board of the Bangor Symphony Women since its inception 20 years ago. Each winter, that Florida sun beckons, and Jan and Steen enjoy two months in Captiva and Sanibel • Great to hear from **Joan Wyckoff Olsen**! Joan and "original husband" have raised three kids and are looking forward to a trip to Australia to visit daughter and grandchildren. Sounds exciting! Joan has no thoughts of retirement from her job of 16 years. She is staying young and active and keeps moving, teaching second graders. She loves hiking and

hiked INN to INN in New Hampshire this past summer • Keep those questionnaires coming—I love Colby mail!

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If you folks are anything like me, the arrival of the *Colby* magazine in your mailbox is a source of pleasure for two reasons. First, the class columns bring us up to date on many of our college friends, and second, I know I have an evening of interesting and enjoyable reading ahead. My apology, therefore, is genuine for having missed getting a column in for the last issue • **John Conkling's** P.R. man is doing a great job. I have no less than five newspaper articles in front of me concerning his lofty status in the real estate appraiser's field. John is currently president of New England Appraisal Co. and of Conkling Real Estate Agency. Recently he was awarded the professional designation of senior residential appraiser by the board of governors of the International Society of Real Estate Appraisers. John and Nancy have three sons. Robert, the youngest, graduates from New Hampton this year; John Jr., graduated from New Hampshire College and is a builder-developer in Connecticut; Sam graduates this year from Colby • **David Olsen**, an insurance underwriter, has joined Preferred Mutual Insurance of New Berlin N.Y., as field representative for Connecticut and Rhode Island • **Janice Thomson Christensen** wrote that she has been living in East Lyme, Conn., for 27 years, and she and husband Howard have five children, two boys and three girls. The three oldest are graduates of the University of Vermont, one is at the University of Connecticut, and the youngest is still at home. Janice earned her M.Ed. at Boston University right after Colby, taught elementary school for three years, is a volunteer for the East Lyme Nursing Association, and was a six-year Girl Scout leader • **Sally Dixon Hartin** and husband Ed also have five children. The three girls and one of the boys are now all out of college, and the youngest is a junior at U. Mass at Amherst. Sally is a realtor in the greater Springfield area, and she and her family spend a good part of the summer in Barnstable Village on Cape Cod • Need to buy a fence? **Don Bishop** is president and owner of the Maine Fence Co., Pittsfield, Maine, and of Maine Fence Distributors, Stoughton, Mass. Don and his wife, Gerry, have two children and three grandchildren • Another president from our class! **John Cameron**, chair of the English Department at Dana Hall School in Wellesley, Mass., has been elected president of the New England Association of Teachers of English, the oldest such organization in the U.S. John also lives in Wellesley • Our class president, **Ellie Shorey Harris**, works in the employee relations department of Stratus Computer. Ellie is married to Joel Harris, U.N.H. '53, and they have three children: Joel, Colby '81, is a broker with Tucker Anthony in Portland; Jenny is a graduate of Plymouth State College and is a graphic artist; Jim is a rock drummer and student at Plymouth State. Ellie deserves our thanks for her work on the Alumni Council for five years and all her work in preparing for the reunion in 1987. Ellie is tireless and unwavering in her sup-

port of Colby! • Not to be overlooked in this regard is **Susan Fairchild Bean**. Active in Hartford area alumni events, she attends seminars on planned giving and also does interviews for the College admissions department. Susan has three children. Dave is a helicopter pilot instructor on the West Coast. Kristin, also on the West Coast, is the owner of a publishing company for an art gallery. Youngest daughter Gretchen graduated from Colby in 1986 • It was great seeing **Eli "Marty" Martin** last year. Marty looks terrific and sends his best to those he missed seeing at the reunion. He is working for the Insurance Association of Connecticut and lives in Glastonbury • I've exhausted my notes from you folks, so future columns will depend on your help. I'll be calling or writing some of you in the coming months so we can continue this treasure trove of information. If you could drop me a card or a call unsolicited, it would be much appreciated. That's all, folks

**Class secretary: BRIAN F. OLSEN**, 46 Washington Drive, Acton, Mass. 01720.

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Thanksgiving '88 is upon us as I write this spring column. My thanks for hearing from so many of you. Adjusting to the empty nest, children marrying, and the arrival of grandchildren are major roles in your lives • **Frank** and **Ellen Cowperthwaite** after much travel with a busy military career, say the Washington, D.C., area is an exciting place to live. Frank is a real estate broker. As empty nesters, they still enjoy traveling. He has seen **Carlos Davila** and **Nat Adams** at Colby events. Nat, as senior editor for *Reader's Digest*, has investigative assignments that focus on international traffic in drugs, Middle East politics, and terrorism. He appeared on the "Today" show and before Congress—and saw **Tony Kalloch** on a flight from Bogota • **Douglas** and **Cynthia Gardner Bevin's** daughter was married in Portland, Maine, last November. Cindy said **Kay Litchfield Cross** and **Dick and Robin Hunter Clutz** were there to get her through the occasion. (The Bevin's live in Johnstown, Pa.) • **Jorge** and **Ellie Fortenbaugh de la Bandera**, in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary, traveled to Tahiti. Ellie is a court interpreter, translator/terminologist. In 1987 she was one of four persons to pass, on a first attempt, the certification examination of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts for Spanish/English court interpreting. She was one of 15 nationwide to pass the oral exam. Since 1978, of the 8,295 attempting the exam, 307 have been certified • **John Baxter**, an educator, retires this June. Last August a feature article was written about John in the *Providence Journal* concerning retirement from the education field. The reporter was a former student! • **John** and **Valerie Edes** are also in Rhode Island. John's thoughts on seeing us at our 30th?—"Seeing my classmates getting old and I didn't! Shall we take that? Two folks, who will remain nameless, said they thought the gals were far better preserved than the guys! • **Bruce Blanchard** said we'd be proud of how well he's adjusted to retirement (as he is developing a new company). But we'd be "disgusted at my behavior as a grandfather—described best as a slobbering idiot." I'm sure that goes for



all you grandpas! • **Glen Goffin** is also retired (USAF lieutenant colonel). He has received a national poetry award and had several short stories published. He also received an honorable mention from the Florida Department of Consumer Affairs. Read his letter in the fall issue of the *Colby* magazine • Two of our classmates spent time teaching at Harvard. **Peter Doran**, Ph.D., was a visiting scholar at the Harvard School of Public Health; **Ruth Winterbottom Peacock** taught English during the summer • **Sara Stewart Johnson**, a teacher of high school journalism and English, traveled to Scotland last summer working on a University of California at Berkeley team to gather folklore from the Scots. She had a chance to meet many native folk while gathering folk tales and ballads • **Sheila Tunnock Cox** says that three years ago she became a grandmother one day and the next started a 15-month program at Boulder School of Massage Therapy. She now has a private practice and does massage at a facial salon, a retirement center, and a chiropractor's office. What a change from medical research for 27 years. But she has time to ski, raft, canoe, and scuba dive • **Jim '56 and Ann Harding Jamieson** had enough excitement and nail-biting during Jim's 24 years of Air Force service. They are enjoying the calm (comparatively speaking) of retirement, awaiting their third grandchild • **Sandy Doolittle Hunt**, along with being a psychiatric social worker, opened an antique shop that she finds very fulfilling • **Al Dean**, with the hectic challenge of opening a new business, had his appendix burst last fall – 10 minutes off the Maine Turnpike in Lewiston. His thanks go to the staff at the Maine Medical Center – and ours that he's OK • Keep the news coming, friends. It's wonderful hearing from you. Just think, four years until our 35th.

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**30th reunion: June 9-11, 1989** • Reunion weekend is fast approaching and you've got to come if only to find out how your committee of **McIntoshes, Kopchaines, Pallottas, and Gays** manages to please some of the people some of the time. Responses to our questionnaires were so all-over-the-place that we should name this gathering bird-shot. The other reason is to get the answers to the following pop quiz. Guess who: Uses MADD return address stickers (two people) • Quit work to begin life at 50 as a free-lance writer • Is a VP at CBS • Lived in Belgium for four years • After 28 years with United Airlines drew happy faces • Sings at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center each December • Works in insurance (three) • Hunts heads • Works for her kids collecting "Warbirds" in a museum • Retired (three) • Has been living in Peru since '79 • Are students (two) • Visited the Soviet Union as part of a peace contingency • Had sons at Deerfield at the same time (two) • Left Hawaii for Northern California and returned to Hawaii • Soars in little airplanes with no engines, riding thermals like eagles • Had a private tour of the White House • Rents out uniforms and linens and dry cleans in Maine • Was a Guggenheim Fellow in Switzerland • Calls his wife First Lady • Is involved in investing (two) • Owns stores in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New

York • Is a medical social worker in Oregon • Took a three-week tour of northern Japan to visit craftspeople and folk artists • Runs corporate track meets • Writes historical fiction at home • Never thought he'd be a jet fighter pilot, world traveler, and international businessman • Said there was "little in my head" when she left Colby • Left Colby for California but has a summer cottage on the Cape • Is a Colby interviewer and Jan Plan hostess but hasn't had a taker • Has a four-year-old • Is program director of National Maritime Museum • Is an FAA safety inspector • Works for H&R Block • None of the above • The answers are: **Bailey, Belcher, Bendelius, Boehm, Brooks, Bruce, Burt, Chapin, Church, Cleaves, Colman, Crockett, Cronk, Egan, Frank, Fetherston, Gay, Goldschmidt, Goodman, Hagerman, Hay, Holt, Kimball, Landry, LaVerdiere, Lazarus, Levine, Little, Longley, Metcalf, Metcalf, Orth, Pallotta, Plunkett, Rand, Ranlett, Reichert, Reilly, Sandquist, Seebode, Segrave, Stockwell, Tamaccio, Tolette, Worster, and Younes**. Good luck. Should you decide to accept this mission and if I don't self-destruct, there may even be a prize for the Colby 30th "reuner" with the most correct answers.

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The Class of '60 is keeping up the Colby tradition. At last fall's Parents Weekend I talked with **Jane Holden Huerta, Anne Impy Reed, and Lee Zimman**, who all have sons in the current freshman class ('92) • **Bev Johnson Arnett** is the manager of the Marlboro, Mass., branch of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, one of 35 in the state. She had previously taught and consulted for computer operations services and has worked in state management for the last eight years • **Dick Hill-ton** owns an herb shop, Herbal Effect, in Monterey, Calif. He and his "bride of four years" celebrated his 50th birthday in the Rockies in Colorado • Don't forget to send me some news, so you can appear here in print.

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**Carol Davidson Jack** wrote from Hopewell Junction, N.Y., that the family flew out to Palos Verdes, Calif., for daughter Diane's wedding last May at the Swedenborg Glass Chapel. Carol enjoys skiing in New England, camping and traveling, and spending time at their cabin in Rangeley, Maine • I received an exotic postcard in early May 1988 from the Cook Islands, where **Diane Scrafton Ferreira** was spending a week unwinding in Rarotonga and Aitutaki. She says the hotels and bars are right out of Somerset Maugham and totally unspoiled. Diane was appointed a community scholar for the state library system under a grant from the National Committee for the Humanities. With her sister Lee's move to

Sydney for at least three years, John and Diane plan to house exchange "Down Under" • **Richard Gibbs** has moved to Houston, Tex., is a partner in Texport Oil Company – an oil trading business – and is now divorced. He enjoys skiing (in Texas?), golf, playing with kids, and travel • **Virginia Wriggins Hochella** (domestic engineer for the Hochella household in Medway, Mass.) has been volunteering weekly for a biology teacher, helping to set up a new library for the Middle School, and helping husband Norman handle tickets for the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra. (Norman plays tuba.) She enjoys being involved with the Medway Historical Commission and Society, the Arts Lottery Council and Open Spaces Committee. She also dabbles in stained glass, keeps honey bees, gardens, and reads a lot. She confesses to being a true Mainiac at heart and shares a cottage with her brother and sister in South Bristol on the coast. And since her parents retired to Damariscott Mills, she visits there as often as possible • **William Byers** sent an update from Tolland, Conn. He did get to visit with **Norm Macartney** in Katonah, N.Y. – during a blizzard in January 1987 – but Bill didn't tell us what Norm was up to. (Norm, what's happening?) Bill enjoys hiking, traveling, landscaping/gardening, personal photography, and skiing. However, his current Ph.D. work in instructional technology at U. Conn. does get in the way of these pleasures. After his photographic illustrations were published in Mark Lindquist's successful book *Sculpting Wood: Contemporary Tools and Techniques*, Bill has another book project, this time working with fused glass, techniques, and products. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Connecticut chapter of the International Television Association, an organization that promotes the skilled use of TV or video in business, industry education, and other non-broadcast settings. And he is still teaching photography and TV production as a professor at Worcester State College in Worcester, Mass. • **Gale Holtz Golden** went to Bryn Mawr College after Colby and then on to Syracuse University. Gale moved to Burlington, Vt., six years ago and really loves it. She has a private practice in sex and marital therapy and is clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at University of Vermont Medical College. She said it was great to see **JoAnn Gannt** after more than 25 years • **Vaughn J. Howland** wrote from Bethesda, Md., that he returned to school in 1983 and received a master's of social work degree in 1985. Now he is in private practice, specializing in alcohol and drug abuse. His wife, Mary Deems Howland '62, is professor of English at the U.S. Naval Academy. Their two children are now out on their own • **Beverly H. Lapham** still lists his occupation as a banker (executive vice president, Skaneateles Savings Bank). But his news was that he and Liz (Rowe '63) continue to expand their Change-o'-Pace Farm enterprises, adding maple syrup and honey production, dried flower sales, and cut-your-own Christmas trees • **Ulrich and Diana Sherman Luth** live in Pittsburgh, Pa. Their elder son (of two) chose Colby after touring many campuses and began his freshman year last September. Diana wrote that she is always reading and compiling files on where she would like to vacation with the family. They get to New England annually and hate to see all the congestion and growth at what used to be peaceful vacation spots • Thanks, classmates; keep it up!

**Class secretary: EDWIN "NED" GOW**, RFD Box 395 Canaan, Conn. 06018

Two of our "missing" classmates responded to my questionnaire along with 35 others • Our class president in 1962, **Peter Duggan**, wrote from Columbus, Ohio, where he is group vice president of Borden Snacks, Borden, Inc. Pete missed the 25th because of conflicts but sent along pictures of a nautical trip on the *Seacomber* circa 1959 or 1960. The "sailors" included **Bill Pye**, **Graham Barkham**, **Bruce Marshall**, **Steve Thompson '63**, and **Jim Valhouli '64**. Pete asks, "Where is my old fraternity brother, **Pete Thompson**, from Houlton, Maine?" • Also reporting in was **Priscilla Gwyn Mausbey**, now "retired" in Southbury, Conn., where she and husband Dick are "living happily ever after on a small farm" raising horses, and planning to drive to the Yucatan to do Mayan ruins. Her twin children are grown and independent. Daughter **Ann Wiswall Larson** teaches journalism to Marine Corps reservists while son **Chip Wiswall** is pursuing an M. Litt. degree at St. Andrews in Scotland • **John Chapman** requested delivery of the following message: "Thanks due to Bill Barnett who jumped through hoops to get us four tickets to *Les Miserables* last year after we talked about our acting family at the reunion." John's oldest son, **Brian**, is attending MIT • New marriages were reported by **Elizabeth Conley Clagett** and by **John Crowell '63**. Liz says, "I was married [again] on July 4, 1988, and the fireworks are still going off!" Her "super husband" is **Galen Clagett**, a consultant involved in real estate, who wooed and won our **Frederick, Md.**, English teacher after her 14 years as a divorced mother of two daughters. John says he is in his "mid-life" crisis and has decided to leave banking after 17 years to become a "fisherman, etc" in the Barnstable, Mass., area. His remarriage to wife **Sheila** increases their family size to seven, with three daughters and two stepchildren. Message from John: "Hi, Trucks. Remember the '38 Pontiac?" • Our original '62 vice president, **Jimmy Johnson**, was also heard from. His return was full of news of other classmates. Some samplings—Trip to Hawaii in March; saw **Connie Fournier Thomas** and **Diane Scrafton Ferreira '61**. A group of Tau Deltas who got together at the Officers Club at Hanscom Air Force Base in December included **Phil Gregorio**, **Bill Chase**, **Al Weller**, **Ed Kyle**, **Dick Vacco**, "Bucky" **Malsch**, **Al Neigher**, and **Jimmy**. Guess who shut the bar down? • Our present vice president, **Peter Leofanti**, sent news of a lifelong dream that became a reality: "I took the 1987-88 school year off and traveled around the world. The effects are too many to mention and too complex to fully understand yet." **Jay French** and **Terry MacLean** and their families met Peter in Italy for 10 days in July for a mini-European DKE tour • I'm going to run out of column space before I run out of news, so look for your name next time. I saw **Peter Jaffe** at Homecoming at Colby and Pete reported a job change after 25 years in a large corporate setting. He has taken a position in the small brokerage firm of **Marshall Poverman**, husband of **Jill Francis Poverman**, and sees **Noemi Sanchez Corso** in Florida when vacationing with the Povermans • A final news clip received. **Ron Ryan** has been named vice



## The Golden Age of Discovery

"In my day it was odd if you weren't an English or history major, but my choice of biology as a major was the right one for me," said **Charles C. Leighton '60**—"the field exploded." Biology certainly was the right choice for Leighton, who recently was promoted to senior vice president of medical and regulatory affairs worldwide at **Merck Sharp & Dohme Research Laboratories** in West Point, Pa.

Leighton joined **Merck Sharp & Dohme** in 1965 and became a senior director in the medical affairs area in 1971. Now responsible for the company's research in drugs and vaccines in the worldwide search for new, more advanced medications, his work takes him to Europe, South America, and the Far East. "We are in the golden age of discovery in curative drugs," Leighton said. "I feel very fortunate to be able to participate in these developments."

During his undergraduate years, Leighton was active in campus life as president of **Pi Lambda Phi** fraternity and member of the Student Council and the Intra-Fraternity Council. His academic achievements were recognized with the Blue Key award, membership in **Phi Beta Kappa**, and a Rhodes Scholar candidacy. Upon graduating *cum laude* from Colby, he earned his M.D. at Harvard Medical School and then completed his internship at the University of Minnesota. He also had research fellowships in biology at Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory, in psychiatry at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, and in pharmacology at the Harvard Medical School. Leighton was interested in medicine even before he attended the College and remarked of his undergraduate education, "it was a great four years at Colby, a great education and preparation for life. [And] that wonderful Maine environment develops a love of the outdoors that you never lose."

Apart from his work at **Merck Sharp & Dohme**, Leighton finds time to be active in a number of medical and professional groups, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Medical Association, the American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, and the Drug Information Association, of which he is currently president. He was also an alumni interviewer for Colby for 20 years and enjoys keeping ties with the College through Philadelphia club activities as well as class reunions. He most recently visited the campus last fall with his son, **Christopher**, who is in the process of choosing a college. His family also includes his wife, **Pamela**, and his two daughters, **Wendy** and **Kristine**.

Of his life Leighton said, "I feel I have been very lucky. I have a wonderful family, I had a wonderful education, and I'm grateful for the chance to contribute to humanity."

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president of the Philadelphia Flyers. Most recently Ron was a cable television executive, and Flyers' president, Jay Snider, said, "We are very fortunate to have been able to attract an individual with Ron's outstanding qualifications for this position."

**Class secretary:** LINDA NICHOLSON GOODMAN, Fernwood Heights Farm, Lynch Hill Rd., Oakdale, Conn. 06370.

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Some exciting news for Dee Dee Wilson Perry. Her daughter, Beth, a Colby student, has been named a Dana Scholar this year. Beth, an exceptional person indeed, is very interested in the hearing impaired. This has led her to devise some of her own study courses at Colby. For this year's Jan Plan, she'll be studying under **Charis Storms Davis** as she learns all about teaching and working with the hearing impaired. Charis teaches five- and six-year-olds, and her husband, Vern, works with the college-age students. Beth, a thespian enthusiast at Colby, will also be contributing her drama talents to the students she'll be observing. • **Sally Proctor** is now a full-time faculty member of Drew University. If you reread her page in "Update '88," you will see she was successful in her pursuit of a college professorship. Congratulations, Sally. • Nothing much else to report at this time. I would like to remind any of you traveling through the northeast Ohio area to please stop in or call me. **Sandy MacWilliam** Lloyd mentioned she likes to travel and also collects dolls. Well, Sandy, stop in and I'll show you my old doll collection. • Hope your Holidays were wonderful! We should all be looking forward to warm weather and a new beginning. Stay in touch!

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**25th reunion: June 9-11, 1989** • Class president **Judy Fassett Aydelott** has been hard at work coordinating our 25th reunion in June. During Parents Weekend in October, Judy, whose son Jack is at Colby, met with classmates **Ben Beaver**, **Sally Page Carville**, **Phil Choate** and **Don Short**, all of whom also have children at Colby, to finalize plans for this very special weekend you won't want to miss. • In November, **Wayne Fillback** coordinated a reunion phonathon with the help of **Ben Beaver**, **Art Fulman**, **Bob Mangion**, **John McNabb**, **Nancy Saylor Kimball**, and **Ben Potter**. The phonathon helped to renew contact with Colby and generated lots of interest and excitement for our 25th reunion. Ben reported that he talked with **Mike Cohen** in Michigan, **Bernie Stupski** in Virginia, **Al Smith** in Montreal, **Ken** and **Ann Schmidt Nye** in Freeport, Maine, **Todd Sherman** in Colorado, **Hans Onsager** in New Hampshire, **Marcia Phillips Sheldon** in New Jersey, and **Joan Thiel Sanford**,

who recently moved to Boston from Chicago. Almost all said they were planning to come back for the reunion. **Nancy Saylor Kimball**, who is working with me on putting together the class reunion book, says she talked with **Sally Saabye O'Brien**, **Barby Darling**, **Nancy Pendleton Dyer**, **Roger** and **Joyce Arnold Isbister**, "Weezy" **Lippschutz Siliman**, and **Nancy Bergeron Cornwall**. • **Ben Beaver** deserves a vote of thanks for his untiring efforts as our effective class agent. He is currently working on the ambitious (but attainable!) goal of raising \$75,000 from our class for our reunion year. • I had a surprise phone call from **Marcia Phillips Sheldon**, and we had great fun catching up on our lives after having been out of touch for a few years. **Marcia**, who is teaching special needs children, and **John '63** live in Westfield, N.J., with their two children, **Douglas** and **Heather**. • **Lee Scrafton Bujold** wrote that she will definitely be back for the 25th reunion. Lee and Joe are currently living in Singapore. Daughter **Noelle** graduated from Middlebury and is with the State Department as a project officer, and son **Marc** is in his second year at Middlebury. • **Dick Geltman** joined the Public Securities Association as director of intergovernmental relations after working for the National Governors Association for several years. Dick and his wife and two children live in Chevy Chase, Md. • On a personal note, I have just started a fun and challenging new job in the president's office at the MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston. Ben and I returned to Colby for Homecoming this past fall, and the College never looked better. I hope all of you will be able to come back in June and see for yourselves just what a special place Colby still is.

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**John Gillmor** has been made a partner in the law firm of Carlsmith, Wichman, Case, Mukai and Ichiki in Honolulu. • **Conrad Krack '66** is a marine engineer living in Seattle, Wash. • **Bud Marvin** is the president of Manpower of New Hampshire/Vermont; his wife, Ann, is the vice president. Their oldest child, Jennifer, is now a freshman at the University of Tampa. Bud experienced a heart attack about 18 months ago and has drastically changed his diet and exercise habits. • **Gayle Lenz Mitchell** has begun a career in the real estate field. Husband **Chad '64** is the president of West End Chevrolet in Waltham, Mass. Their older daughter is a sophomore at Hartwick College. • **Gordon Corey** lives in Cumberland, Maine, where he is a horse trainer/driver. • **Michael McMahon** is a professor in the English Department at Colby-Sawyer College. Mike's writing career began at Colby when he published his first poem in the *Atlantic* during his senior year. He has just received a grant to do an anthology of poems by women who lived in New Hampshire in the nineteenth century. • **Jim Spates** is another whose career began at Colby. Jim majored in sociology and is now a professor of sociology at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, N.Y. • **Charlene Gorsun Solomon** is an associate professor of mathematics at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston. Charlene started the Learning Center at Wentworth and is its initial coordinator.

Husband **Mark** is the owner of the Cork 'n Cask, a retail liquor store in Beverly Farms, Mass. Her daughter **Laura** is a freshman at Sarah Lawrence College and son **Sam** is a high school student. • **Rick Davis**, president of the Edward L. Davis Insurance Agency in Needham, Mass., has been named state national director of the Independent Insurance Agents of Massachusetts. • **David Parish** is a partner with Holland and Knight in Miami Beach, Fla. Dave wrote that his firm is the largest Florida-based law firm. He is the author of several articles appearing in legal journals, and he wrote a chapter in a recent text of corporate law. He is also the vice president of the Greater Miami Jewish Centers. He and his wife, Rhonda, have a son and a daughter. • **Joan Copithorne Bowen**, director of the central office of the Archaeological Institute of America lives in Bedford, Mass. She is the mother of three children. • **Margo Beach Long** is a school psychologist and lives in Stonington, Conn. Her husband, **Dick**, is a senior planner with Electric Boat Co. Margo wrote, as have many of you, that developing long-lasting friendships was a most important part of her life that started at Colby. • The lead-time between writing and when the column is printed is at least four months. As I write, it is almost Thanksgiving, but by the time you read, winter will be nearly a memory! Keep sending in your news... it's been great to get these updates!

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Congratulations to **Gary Knight** on his promotion to president and CEO of Livermore Falls Trust in Maine. Gary is a lifelong resident of Livermore Falls and has worked at the bank since he began as a teller there in 1962. • **Michael Clivner** has moved himself and his furniture company from Phoenix, Ariz., to St. Thomas, U.S.V.I., where he can seriously pursue his newfound interest in diving and underwater photography. • **Beth Peo Armstrong** pursues her photography interests above sea level; she is a sports photographer for the *Seattle Herald*. Beth taught photography to children last summer in Woods Hole, Mass. • **Dick Ammann** and his wife, **Lillian**, have returned from two years in Lagos, Nigeria, where Dick taught at a local university and Lillian worked for the Ford Foundation. They are now living in Racine, Wis. Dick is an education professor supervising student teachers in field sites. He also makes jewelry from beads he has collected on his travels. • Meteorologist **Ted Houghton** spent two weeks in Turkey last year with the Air National Guard, forecasting weather for a NATO exercise. • **Bonnie Darling Bound** is a housewife, mother of four, and custom quilt designer in Woolcott, Vt. She teaches Bible classes for women, and her husband, **Jim**, is chaplain for the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship on two college campuses. • **Gretchen Herschleb** and **Steve Mufatin** were married in 1986 and are expecting their first baby in the spring. Steve is a civil/industrial engineer, and he and Gretchen together teach a course in belief management called *Avatar*. They live in Bayport, N.Y. Welcome to '66's newest baby! • A writer

and teacher living in Belfast Maine, **Tom Easton** continues to turn out biology textbooks and has had several of his poems published. • **Roberta "Birdie" Tracy Hye** has made a big career switch from professor of German to systems analyst with the Maxima Corporation and says she loves the business world. The Hyes live near Dayton, Ohio. • In addition to being the mother of four children, ages 22, 19, 16, and 8, **Ginny Grelotti Connolly** is the executive director of Beaverbrook STEP, a nonprofit corporation providing residential and support services to mentally retarded adults. Ginny lives in Belmont, Mass. • **Mildred Kouba**, who now uses her middle name Lea, lives on a 20-acre farm on Whidbey Island near Seattle, Wash., and is involved with a spiritually based educational center that focuses on living in harmony with the earth. Lea raises vegetables, poultry, and sheep and also works part time as a psychotherapist. • **David Erdmann** of Winter Park, Fla., is dean of admissions and student financial planning at Rollins College. He and Susan are the proud parents of five-year-old Lindsay. • Wonderful responses to the last questionnaire, and as usual too little space here. . . more next time.

**Class secretary: MEG FALLON WHEELER** (Mrs. William A. III), Box 493, West Boxford Mass. 01855.

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**Bill Loveday** has moved to Indianapolis with his wife, Joyce, and their five children. Bill is president and CEO of Methodist Hospital of Indiana. He was offered an opportunity "too good to pass up." • **Phil Bromwell** wrote from Norwood, Mass., where he is a research and design technician with Polaroid. He and his wife, Mary, have two daughters, Leah, 11, and Paula, 9. Phil is going back to school part time and is still doing a lot of singing. • **Lynn Weinman** phoned from his home in Vienna, Va. He is on his own again after several years of marriage. • **Ruth Elliott Holmes** resides in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., where she has her own business. A handwriting and document examiner, she is a media spokeswoman and lectures throughout the U.S. • **Don Jepson** has started his own business as a Snap-On Tools distributor, and it sounds as if he enjoys being his own boss. • **Sarah Shute Hale** sent some photographs of her landscape batik. She seems to have found a warm mix of family, church, art, and business. She and her family live in Arden, Ontario. • **Margaret Ann Cook** lives in Springfield, Mass., doing my old job as a juggling single parent, although she has added a few new wrinkles: she's also getting a graduate degree and is an artist in addition to raising her two girls and being an art teacher. • **Laurie Hunt Beasley** edits a newsletter called "Art Meets Labor." Her husband, Noel, is international vice president of the Clothing Workers Union. They have two children, Moran, 13, and Lara, 8, and live in Oak Park, Ill. Laurie collects art and gourmet cookbooks and enjoys physical fitness. • **Dick Hunnewell** is an associate professor of art history and lives in Plymouth, N.H. When asked to brag, he talked of his accomplished wife, Ann, and his two engaging children, Joshua, 7, and Isaac, 4. • I missed a phone call from **Rick Lubov** several months ago, but his wife, Maggi, filled out the questionnaire and filled us in on their lives in Seattle, Wash., where they moved

in 1979 from Boston. Rick was a principal and guidance counselor in Maine for 11 years and is now one of the top realtors in Seattle. • **Joyce Demkowicz Henclecker** is assistant vice president for enrollment management at the University of Maine. She oversees admissions, student aid, the career center, new student orientation, and enrollment management. Her goal is to recruit and retain students. She and her husband, Donald, have two sons, Adam, 9, and Aaron, 7. • **Laurie Page Mills** is in Australia for four years. **Haurie Jim's** job as managing director of Caterpillar Finance Australia sent Laurie into temporary retirement after a 17-year career in banking. She was responsible for loan approvals nationwide as the corporate underwriter for a mortgage banking firm. • **Ken Johnson** wrote from his parish in Gardner, Mass., that he and his wife had a daughter, Johanna Augusta, on November 1, 1988. They now have three girls and a boy. • **Phil Kay** is president of Telecommunications Consulting and lives in Topsfield, Mass., with his wife, Barbara, and daughter, Deborah, 10. Due to his business travels, Phil might drop in on any one of us any time. He wrote that he had fun taking Deborah to Camp Wohelo in South Coast, Maine, and recommends that camp to others with daughters 8 to 14. • **Gil Congdon** lives in Reading, Mass., with his wife, Pam, sons Peter, 14, and Brad, 12, and daughter Brooke, 8. He recently resigned as athletic director at Reading Memorial High School to concentrate on teaching math full time at the junior/senior high school in Manchester, Mass. Gil also coaches youth baseball and soccer. • **Chris Sinton** was recently elected executive vice president of retail at the United New Jersey Bank. Chris joined the bank in 1985. • **Chalmers "Chop" Hardenbergh** edits "The Arms Control Reporter," a monthly update on arms control negotiations. He has been married for two years to Margaret Kimball. • **John Cooper** is a restaurant manager in Saco, Maine. He and wife Sarah have two daughters, Jennifer, 14, and Sarah, 10. John says he collects pounds and then tries to get rid of them. A recent milestone for him was bifocals. John wrote that he knows where **Nick Jansen**, **Pete Gurley**, and **Brad Coady** are, but he won't tell anyone. • **"Sookie" Stockwell Danielson** lives in Winthrop, Maine, with her husband, Ken, and their two children. She planned to start nursing school at the University of Maine at Augusta in the fall of 1988. Being wife and mom has been her focus. Sookie visited with **Laila Walji Alidina**, who is an allergy specialist. Laila's husband is a college professor, and they have two boys in school. • **Jed '68 and Francie Colmes Davis** live in Manchester, Maine. Daughter Megan, 11, loves softball and horseback riding, and Anna, 6, is an aspiring soccer player. Francie is the head of the compliance division of the Maine Human Rights Commission, a state agency. She has been appointed to the State AIDS Advisory Committee. • **Susan Finlay Chavez** wrote from Annapolis, Md., where she is an RN at National Institutes of Health. Susan works in the surgical ICU. If she were to brag, it would be to say that she is a "good critical care nurse." She also gardens, sails, and does needlework. She would love to see some former classmates. Don't hesitate to look her up if you're in the area. • **Fred Hopengarten** and his wife, Betty Herra, live in Lincoln, Mass., where he is a lawyer and president of Channel One, Inc. Betty is a doctor, and they have two children, Anne, 5, and Steve, going on 2. • **Irv Faunce** wrote from Gardiner, Maine, saying he is president of Yankee Healthcare and a member of the

board of directors of his school district. The thrust of his comments, however, focused on his "strong family." When asked what changes have occurred in his life, Irv responded, "Financial ruin brought on by higher education." (He's not alone, is he?) • **Caroline Kresky** wrote from Atlanta, Ga. Caroline had a very serious bicycle accident on the Maine coast in August of 1988 that made her "more conscious than ever of the value of life and that it should be enjoyed." • **J.J. Tillinghast's** business is expanding. In her role as account executive of Duchin Entertainment, she is now arranging entertainment for special events, weddings, fund raisers, and corporate events. She works hard as a volunteer on fund raisers. J.J. enjoys auctions and her children, Nicole, 15, and Bryson, 11. • **Derek Schuster** is vice president of corporate development of Ryder Construction. He lives in N.Y.C. with his wife, Karen, and their four daughters. He has founded a child abuse prevention organization called Family Dynamics. • **Sandy Miller Keolane** wrote in a very upbeat tone that her life is busy with her career in design and her family. She is pleased with the life decisions that she has made. Her suggestion that child rearing should be a required course at Colby is a good one.

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Professional yachtsman **Ted Allison** aims to enter the Whitbread Round the World Race in '89. Ted and Carolyn and son Jake are happily settled in Seattle, Wash. • **Pete Arnold's** success as a house builder is equalled by accomplishments in the field of family counseling. Pete, Lynne, and children Nathan and Caroblive in Damariscotta, Maine. • **John Birkinbine**, government relations manager with Outboard Marine, celebrates daughter Kris's entering college. Yes, John, you are too young; I'll always picture you as a young prep school grad entering Colby. • Pastor and eternal runner **Ken Borchers** preaches in Ashland, N.H. Ken and his family greeted sophomore roommate **Fred Clasquin**, now a dentist, at Ken's church last summer. • **Nancy Fischer Reale** has been elected to the Rochester, N.Y., school board. The simple pleasures of life, including skiing, continue despite Nancy's busy family life. • **Irv Frutkoff** is director of analytical services, Unikoar Biotechnology, Jerusalem, Israel, where he dwells with family Margalit, Carmiel, and Kinneret. • Attorney **Theodore Fucillo** has a restaurant on the Charles River, Cambridge, Mass. Ted's beautiful daughter Kristine is five. • **Sandra High Walters** and husband Kenneth, a Bowdoin man, love raising their four children in their huge home in Grosse Pointe Park, Mich. • **Dr. Rick Moriarty** wrote beautifully about his work in pediatrics at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Rick and Patty's children are award-winning swimmers. • Commercial artist **Brad Muscott** and wife Criste reside in West Redding, Conn. We are thankful that Brad survived a motorcycle accident. • **Jeff Lathrop** has been appointed to the top executive position of general manager of Mount Attitash Corp. in New Hampshire. Jeff's extensive work in the ski industry led to this promotion. • **Jane Pfeffer** Jerry of Texas is president of the Ameri-

can Association of Youth Museums, a 157-member international organization • Attorney **Tom Rippon** and wife Virginia celebrate as the oldest of their three children enters college • **Betty Savicki Carvellas** continues to teach in Vermont, where she reigns as science department chair • **Jerry and Vickie Traylor Schneider** and Remy, 3, of Bridgewater, Mass., watch their real estate developing and landscaping career grow and grow • **Dr. Hethie Shores Parmesano** became, for a spell, a full-time mother and wife when second child Julia was born in July 1988 • **Nancy Short Hall**, mother of two, holds a management position in Girl Scouting in Vermont • **George and Donna Sidelinger Riser** preside over GKR Inc. in Ross, Calif. • **Bart and Tricia Weyand** are back in the U.S.A. after 15 years in Great Britain. Bart is senior development officer at Bates College • **Anne and Ken Young** with daughter Sarah look forward to building their own home in 1989. Ken is vice president of Environmental Consulting Corp.

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**20th reunion: June 9-11, 1989** • Warning! I'm going to lay it on pretty thick about reunion this time. I hope to get some of us calling each other with definite plans. I'm told the kids will love it, too. So how many good excuses can there be? • **Mary Ellen Lyle Henry** has received a lot of praise from her colleagues about her superior education at Colby. She loves that and in turn is sharing her gifts with college students at American University • **Lynne Hudson Treat** wonders what is your favorite memory from Colby? I hope she will be able to come from Phoenix, Ariz., and get some responses. Some will be very interesting. I expect • **Dan Todzia** wonders if Homecoming Weekend is still as much fun as it was. I'm unsure, but I know #20 will be great, and I want Tod to bring a picture of this alleged 45-pound kingfish caught off a seven-foot sailfish! • I hope **Don Cooper** will come and bring **Dennis Casey**. These two and their families see each other regularly. Don is a very successful varsity coach in Oxford, N.Y., and he even has a son named Colby • Many of us are looking for each other. **Leslie Podgus Blanding** would like to find **David Katz**. Leslie is in Bow, N.H., where she's a retired teacher and mom to four young children • **Roberta Kent English** is looking for **Pat Moore**. Robbie is starting a new career as a speech/language pathologist, and she has a daughter at Princeton • Lots of life changes for us: **Leslie Hitch Dunbar** changed careers, lifestyle, and islands, moving to Molokai, Hawaii • **Barbara Felz Reim** has moved to Indianapolis with her family • **E. Sanderson Hoe** has moved to Potomac, Md., where he and his wife are raising three children. Sandy is an attorney, especially interested in government contract law. Remember, guys, during times of change, it's always good to rediscover roots • I wonder what kind of vehicle **Rosemary Constable Pillsbury** drives when she gets out with her six children? Will she bring them and receive the "most kids" prize? • Best wishes; hope I'll see you there.

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Since my last column, Steve and I have been back to Colby, when we returned for Homecoming Weekend as well as class correspondent and club leader meetings. The weather was made to order for a tailgate picnic and football game (which Colby nearly won!). and we caught a glorious view of the campus atop the bell tower of Miller Library • On that spot we met with friends **Debbie Williams Anderson** and **Steve '69** and their two children, the eldest of whom is already college bound. We walked the beautiful new track together after classmate **Sebs Mamo** had the honor of running the track's dedication lap • **Richard '69 and Martha Luce Habeshian** were also among the very few of our classmates to attend the weekend. Martha reported seeing **Cathy Pagano** from time to time in the local grocery store near their Rhode Island homes. Martha is a school librarian. She also performs with the New England Festival Chorus and has traveled abroad on a singing tour. Richard manages tennis clubs and appropriately maintains his interest in the sports program at Colby. In his spare time, he referees Rhode Island high school hockey games. Both of them continue to be active alumni and looked great • **Judith Files McKernan**, who has been selected to receive a scholarship to Universite-Laval in Quebec, completed her master's degree at Rivier College and went on to teach there. She now teaches French at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy in New Hampshire. While in Quebec, Judith will speak only French at the oldest French language university in North America. Thousands come from all over the world to study there each year, but only 15 scholarships are awarded • **Kudos to Ann McEwen**, who has been named to the board of directors for the Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts. Anne runs her own advertising agency in Northampton, Mass. • Please let me know what's happening in your lives. I'm sure our classmates would like to know what you're doing.

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The deadline for this particular column caught me by surprise, so without any fanfare... • **Michael Smith** sold the farm in Oxford and moved to the Big City of Auburn, Maine, with his wife, Diana, and their two daughters, "basketball star" Danielle and "model" Chesea. Mike is now sports editor for the paper there • **Pauland Susan Sammis Spiess** are still living in Amherst, N.H., where Paul is president of Colonial Mortgage and Susie is an "on-sabbatical real estate appraiser" who has been kept busy supervising the construction of their new home and keeping up with daughter Jennifer and son Stephen • **Andrew Smith** wrote that since returning in 1980 from Saudi Arabia where he taught and coached the Saudi National Tennis Team, he has been living in Torrington, Conn.,

with wife Nancy and baby daughter Mara and teaching elementary P.E. in Regional District #6 • **Jon Stone**, wife Gayle, and sons Brent, Peter, and Matthew have moved "home" to Sharon, Mass., to allow Jon to assume a new position as director of marketing for W.R. Grace. Gayle is currently working as a mathematics tutor. Jon notes that both are very proud of their sons' academic and athletic accomplishments. He may be setting a few of his own again since successful back surgery last spring has got him up to running three miles a day again. His busy schedule didn't prevent him from attending **Steve Orlov's** wedding in Montreal in September • Although **Jeanette Lerner** only attended Colby for her freshman year, she's still on the class rolls and sent back word that she still recalls a number of names and memories of her year at the College. She's currently working on her Ph.D. in linguistics at Berkeley • From Glastonbury Conn. comes word that **Elaine Weeks** has been elected vice president at the Connecticut Bank and Trust. She is responsible for marketing credit card portfolios of CBT and other Bank of New England affiliates. Elaine and I shared a few classics courses at Colby since we both had majors in the same department, and my high school Latin classes were fascinated to learn where her classics major had taken her • And now to tackle the "mountain" of questionnaires that have poured in from all this summer. No, I don't know why some of you received two mailings, and the "women's lib" question was a surprise to me also. The good news is that I won't be complaining about the lack of news for some time to come, and I did hear from a number of people I've been wondering about. **Andrea Solomon** is teaching high school English and special education classes in N.Y.C. and trying to participate in Colby alumni activities when possible. She still remembers those snowfalls in January! • **Rod Schultz** checked in from Houston, Tex., where he works as controller of Treesweet and resides with wife Mary and daughters Lauren and Ellen • **William Hladky** is another member of the class living and working in N.Y.C., where he is manager of the Premium audit department. He also finds time to do some white water canoeing • And, finally, a quick congratulations to **Scott Thomas** and his wife, Sheila, who were expecting an August addition to their family. They are currently living in Fitchburg, Mass., with son Sean.

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It's pre-Thanksgiving, and I'm writing between batches of pumpkin bread and pies. With that and a new batch of questionnaire responses, it's a happy time to write to you • **Gail Glidden Christiansen** will be on sabbatical next year from her position as director of the Learning Center at Southern Maine Technical Institute • **Andrine Smith** and her husband, Henry live in Alameda Calif., where she has begun law school while working as a legal assistant • Ten years ago **Russell Harris** began publishing a weekly newspaper in Groton, Mass. He is now celebrating the 10th anniversary of that continuing project • From Mt. Vernon, Maine, **Alice Osmer Olson** wrote that she continues as a librarian and nursery school teacher • With much to be

proud of. **Nancy Round Haley** is completing an M.S. in pharmacology and toxicology. She has studied while working and mothering two terrific girls • **Traveling through Denver, Kathy McGirr** visited **Linda Wackwitz**, who is studying law and ballroom dancing. Kathy is off to live in Paris, transferred by Honeywell Bull • **"Chip" Edgarton** does cost estimating in commercial construction, while Joanie teaches second grade. Their two teenagers are clearly leaders and athletes. Chip continues with hockey – believe it or not, in an "Old Timers" league! • **Ski instructor, construction business manager and mother of three – that's Linda Dewey Madeira.** She and her husband recently moved with their three boys from Cornish, N.H., to Norwich, Vt. • **From Palermo, Maine, John Bunker** wrote that he's a high school English teacher • **"The responsibility is frightening,"** says attorney **Sally Chester Williford**, as she continues to handle murder cases. For the second time she has avoided the death penalty for a client • **From a news clipping we've learned that Barbara Senegues** was recently named assistant principal of the Charles E. Murphy Middle School in Montville, Conn. With an extensive background in language, teaching, and administration, Barbara has always preferred the junior high level. **Congratulations, Barbara** • **Congratulations also to Pat Mustakangas** in Canton, N.Y. She's immersed in social service work and was recently promoted to supervisor of Preventive Services for Children (working with families whose children are candidates for foster care). She's also director of the local Association for Neighborhood Rehabilitation, helping purchase and renovate housing for low income persons. In addition, she's a member of a community theater group, and she continues to play her French horn – with the St. Lawrence University Brass Ensemble and Orchestra. She welcomes anyone traveling in the "far reaches of northern New York" to stop and visit • **From another "outpost" – Fargo, N.D. – Sandy Manogian Pearce** wrote a great tale. She and her husband, Tom, have just accepted teaching posts at Moorhead State University on the North Dakota-Minnesota border. Sandy's an assistant professor of English, teaching technical writing and Shakespeare. We should all be as grateful at this Thanksgiving time as Sandy, who wrote with pride of her "bright and bubbly" daughter and her son, who "caught a fish in the river by our house."

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**Re: Motherhood – Janet Perethian Bigelow** considers the birth and life of son Christopher a proud accomplishment and a cherished gift after the loss of their second baby boy shortly after birth • **Merrilee Bonney** is raising bilingual girls, Elske (84) and Sasha (86): they keep her arteries from hardening! • **Mary Jane Tiedeman** feels much the same as Merrilee, as Anna (78) and Andy (81) add up to her "fitness program" of run, run, run! After a 10-year hiatus of being at home, she's now a part-time librarian at a law firm. She asks, "How do full-time working moms manage it all?" • **Carol Chalker McDowell** boasts proudly of teenagers Amy Beth (74) and Molly Lynn (76) as hospital volunteers, proficient

musicians, spelling bee champs, and superb babysitters! Molly Lynn is going to Colby some day! • **Susan Renna** had twins, Mercedes and Hillary, a year and a half ago and is very proud of them and her profession as a labor and delivery nurse • **Gail Andrews McCarthy** has taken on the "hectic" life: full time at home with their three, Michael, Patrick, and Carolyn! • **Janet Stafford Wood** had a preemie boy, Stephen, in December 1986 at 28½ weeks, 2 pounds, 12 ounces: Stephen is doing great, as is big brother Christopher. Janet's commitment to her profession as an RN in Newborn IC is understandably personally rewarding • **Re: Politics and community involvement – Peter Rinaldi** was chair, Levee District 1987-88, chair, Mississippi Economic Forum 1988-89, and active in Democratic politics in southwest Mississippi • **Merrilee Bonney** is the Dutch delegate to the Group of Economic Experts on Air Pollution of the Economic Commission for Europe of the U.N. • **Janet Perethian Bigelow** is an elected member of town meeting and coordinator of several school committee member campaigns • **Peter Gerken** mingles with the "greens" in West Germany • **Gary Lawless** is Maine's coordinator for Earth First (environmental activism) and a rock 'n' roll band member of "Lawn Ornaments" • **Mary Jane Tiedeman** is president of the Home and School Association of her children's school • **Gail Andrews McCarthy** is active with the local AAUW • **Fran Gates Demgen** is an elected member of her local school board and is active with Meals on Wheels and Campfire; she's also working with her two daughters and other children on a nine-foot by five-foot tile mural for their school! • **Susie Yovic Hoeller** is a board member of Dallas Right to Life and a Republican Party precinct worker • **General news (to be continued in the next issue – you sent a lot!): Al Linsky** has his own business in investments for individuals in my home town of Medfield. He and his wife, Deborah Ikehara 74 did a short course triathlon • **Merrilee Bonney** of Pijnacker, Netherlands, is a policy analyst-economist at the Ministry of Environment in the Hague; she owns her small Dutch-English translation service. Her husband, Jacobus, is a member of the Dutch Parliament • **Rich Gawthrop**, recently married, teaches history at the University of South Carolina • **Peter Gerken** is married with two daughters in Bierbach, West Germany; a teacher, carpenter, and writer, he welcomes Colby visitors • **Al Hill** of Decatur, Ga., regrets that a past column reported that he travels the world in his profession: Dublin, Athens, Rome, and Cairo are all in Georgia! He is a consultant for the Georgia Department of Human Resources, has one daughter, Alex, 11, but is divorced. He is starting all over again at a new address: 1244-7 Forrest Blvd., Decatur, Ga. 30030. Best of luck, Al • **Thanks to all who participated in the questionnaire.** Please fill out the next one, as the details of our lives do change from one month to the next!

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**15th reunion: June 9-11, 1989** • **Reading** through my notes from the Alumni Office on a grey November day, I'm reminded that this will be the last column to appear in *Colby* before our

reunion. That's the 15th, folks. So make those last minute travel arrangements and plan to be back on campus for a great weekend • **Now for the news that's not so new anymore. Harriet Hults Wall** wrote to update us on her life since Colby, which includes teaching English in Niger, West Africa, completing Temple Law School, and becoming interested in international law/politics. Harriet also wondered what **Becky Littleton Corbett** is doing • **Lowell Widmer** wrote from Montana, where he works for Royal Teton Engineering and Construction. One thing he's done that he never anticipated doing when he left Colby was to become a Montessori elementary school teacher • **Nick Ballas** wrote from New Mexico, where he's been for the last six years. He lists his occupation as actor/director/acting instructor/restaurant consultant. Whew! • **Beth Roberts** wrote for the first time since we graduated to say that she lived for a time in Switzerland, then for about four years in Germany, during which time she traveled extensively. After returning to the U.S. in 1980, she hitchhiked throughout the country detouring to Mexico and Guatemala. At the time she completed her questionnaire, Beth described herself as a "poor graduate student," working on her dissertation in sociology • **Mary Ann Soursourian** joined the Family Mutual Savings Bank about a year ago as corporate controller, taking responsibility for the bank's financial control area. Mary Ann holds an M.B.A. from Suffolk University • **Tom Lizotte** was named 1988 Man of the Year by the Colby "C" Club. The award is presented for outstanding service, devotion, and work in the area of athletics • **Jim Heald** recently announced the official release of his first tape, "Standing on the Great Wall of China." This independently produced tape is a compilation of nine original songs that "delve into the mysteries of love and life" • We can do the rest of our catching up at reunion!

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**Help! I'm running out of information.** A new questionnaire is on the way, so if you want a column next time, take up pen and respond! • **E. Breck Arnzen** wrote from Andover, Mass., that he is in the field of computers as a consultant for Digital Equipment Corporation. His wife, Lani, is a doctoral candidate in psychology • **A new job, as of early 1988, characterizes Joan DeSalvo's** life. She is now assistant principal at Silver Lake Junior High School in Pembroke, Mass. She's not through yet, though. Joanie's just about done getting a second master's degree in educational administration and will soon be certified as principal. **Congratulations, Joanie!** • **I heard from Craig Clark**, who now calls Nashua, N.H., home . . . when he's around. Craig is a free-lance photographer currently employed as a driver for a relocation company. Driving all over has provided great subjects for his photography. He is now represented by several stock photo agencies and is active in producing model portfolios • **Kevin Cooman** is partner in the law firm of Greisberger, Zicari, McConville, Cooman, Morin & Welch. At first a trial lawyer, he now supervises the litigation department. Kevin notes that his son, Carson, 6, is a leading juvenile authority in the area



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Hannah Karp Laipson '46, at the inauguration of Thomas J. Anton as president of Becker Junior College.

Susan Lockhart '64, at the inauguration of Linda Koch Lorimer as president of Randolph-Macon Women's College.

Michael Lynes '75, at the inauguration of Elizabeth Colman as president of Bennington College.

Candace Castle Marsellus '61, at the inauguration of Neil R. Grabois as president of Colgate University.

William Marvin '65, at the inauguration of Richard A. Gustafson as president of New Hampshire College.

Carol Auskelis Myers '74, at the inauguration of Donald Sheldon Stanton as president of Oglethorpe University.

Ralph Nelson, Jr. '60, at the inauguration of Russell C. Jones as president of the University of Delaware.

Lesleigh Amlaw Perry '49, at the inauguration of Lyle A. Gray as president of Castleton State College.

Mark Richardson '77, at the inauguration of John Patrick Crecine as president of the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Jeffrey Sanderson '77, at the inauguration of William M. Dyal, Jr., as president of St. John's College.

Martha Raymond Scherpenisse '61, at the inauguration of John H. Jacobsen as president of Hope College.

Gloria Shepherd '64, at the inauguration of Brother Thomas J. Scanlon as president of Manhattan College.

Barbara Stanford-Tremblay '68, at the inauguration of Judith A. Sturnick as president of Keene State College.

Edward Stuart '51, at the inauguration of Charles Boynton Knapp as president of the University of Georgia.

Paul L. Tessier '64, at the inauguration of Frank Douglas Brown as president of Columbus College.

David Van Allen '56, at the inauguration of Thomas Keith Meyer as president of Elmira College.

Frederick A. Watkins '63, at the inauguration of Agnar Pytte as president of Case Western Reserve University.

Lewis Weeks, Jr. '42, at the inauguration of Patti McGill Peterson as president of St. Lawrence University.

of automobile identification and classification • **Larry Fleischman** has relocated to Dix Hills, N.Y., where he is a partner in a venture capital firm. He and wife Joan have 8-year-old Eric and 5-year-old Craig to keep them busy • I got a newsy reply from **Gene DeLorenzo**, who is still at/with Colby after all these years. Gene's the assistant athletic director at Colby as well as coach of women's basketball and men's baseball. Wife Norma (Boutet '77) is an assistant VP at Key Bank. Gene and Norma have built a new home on Mayflower Hill recently • **Dr. Eric Gestrich** and family have moved from Philly to Lebanon Ohio, where he is repaying an obligation to the National Health Scholarship Corporation. Cynically, Eric noted that these days he is gaining "debts, weight, children" and losing "hair, free time, brain cells" • That does it . . . I'm clear out of questionnaires. Please answer the upcoming one or well, *God forbid*, have a blank column next go-around.

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Thanks for the great response to the questionnaire. I'll try to get to everyone, and those whom we've not heard from recently move to the top of the pile • **Lydia McAnerney** is program director for the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley. She's also very involved in the St. Paul, Minn., dance community. Lydia sits on the board of directors of the Tapestry Dance Center in the Twin Cities • A number of classmates are currently living in Oklahoma, including **Karen Gillum Givan**, wife to Christopher Givan • **Bob Clay** is living in Guthrie, where he is a financial manager with the Bixby Telephone Company. He and wife Joyce have five children ranging from ages 2 to 7. The oldest, Elizabeth and Adam, are on the local swim team • **Harry Nelson** is a production manager with the Baker Company in North Yarmouth, Maine. He's also going to graduate school and is president of the board of trustees for People's Regional Opportunity Program of Portland. Harry's other accomplishments include running in 20 marathons since Colby, which may help him keep up with his kids Sam (5), Peter (2), and Alex (almost 1) • **Carol McIntyre-Peale** has recently moved due to a career opportunity for her husband, James '77, now a deputy clerk for Cheshire County Superior Court in New Hampshire. Carol works part time as a pre-school special needs teacher when she's not taking care of Caitlyn (4) and Andrew (3) • **Michael Jones** is an airline pilot for Northwest Airlines. He and wife Susan have three children, Lauren (7), Kate (4), and Anna (2) • **Norman Marsilius** wrote for the first time—he's an architect living in Fairfield County • **Jeanne McCarthy** is a Spanish teacher in Scarborough, Maine. She and her husband, Thomas, have a two-year-old son, Thomas III • I wish I had known when I was there that a bunch of '76ers are in Cleveland. **Phil Freund** is a data base administrator at the Cleveland Clinic. He and wife Synda have a son, Johnathon, who was born in February '88 • **Jenny Frutchy Ford** was promoted to assistant vice president of Progressive Corporation, managing a \$1 million cor-



porate giving program. She's also in charge of a major real estate development project to "remake" Cleveland. Jenny has been working with nationally known architect Frank Gehry and several artists, including Oldenburg, Sarra, Judd, and Andre. She and her husband, Ed, have a daughter, Susannah Wende, who, with her parents, are the subject of a Harvard Business School case on two-career families. • **Bill Silverman** is a fellow in gastroenterology at Case Western Reserve. He's been living abroad in Italy and Brussels for the last eight years. Most recently, he was an emergency room physician in Chicago. Bill is planning a trip back East and wanted to warn **Mike North** of the visit. Bill and wife Margarida have a two-year-old retriever named Bailo who (according to Bill) thinks she's human. The family spends a lot of time canoeing, and Bill adds that the dog is a better canoeist and swimmer than his wife, which I'm certain she'll appreciate. Coincidentally, Bill wanted to know what **Mitch Brown** is up to. We aim to please here: Mitch is an exercise physiologist. He completed a master's in exercise physiology and works for a sports medicine clinic. Mitch was appointed regional coach for the Eastern Region Girls U-16 team. He continues to coach soccer for girls and teaches a licensing course to fellow coaches. He adds that he finds great satisfaction in helping women achieve some of their goals and in helping them decide their future. He hopes he can go beyond teaching the technical aspects of the game and instill some humanity and care in dealing with others. Isn't that the real name of the game?

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I'm still working from news you sent me in late 1987, so forgive me if some of this is dated. If perchance you have changed anything in the past year, please send me an update. • **News from afar: Bruce and Jennifer Davis Thomson** and their two daughters are living in Tokyo. I'm not sure why they're there—Bruce and Jennifer, care to comment? Are your daughters learning Japanese? Are you? • The following are proud parents of what are now one-year-olds: **Jo-Ellen Bois Smith** has a daughter, Fiona Alyse; **Kathleen Jewett Sutherland** has a son, Colin Francis. • This month's featured profession: attorneys. **Emily Graham** has represented Marilyn Chambers in court. • **Robert Guillory** is a Mainiac lawyer (practicing in Saco). • **Priscilla Bondy** is becoming a yuppie in Shelburne, Vt. • **David Malman** has put his legal skill to work as township manager in Gradyville, Pa. • **Mark Fishbon** still loves baseball, lives in Sharon, Mass., and admits that he listens to Frank Sinatra albums. (What a relief. I thought I was the only one our age who liked Ol' Blue Eyes.) • Other professions: **Margaret Felton Viens** calls herself an entrepreneur. She owns her own business in Fairfield, Maine. (Margaret, what is it that you do?) • **Judy Damon Endress** is a printed circuit designer for MIT. That sounds pretty impressive, Judy! • **Carl Witthoft** is either an optical physicist or a global destroyer, depending. . . . And yes, Carl, Templin Hall is still standing. However, our south goalpost is not, as Kansas finally won a football game. • **Ann Morgan Dodge** is a bookbinder at Brown University

in Providence. Last year she witnessed the America's Cup Trials in Australia! • **Jenny Holan** is an editorial assistant for All American Crafts Publications. She likes being able to work with several languages. Fala português, Jenny? • Looks like **Bob McCaughey** is back in Boston working for Channel 56 after having been in Denver for several years. • From the category of prized possessions: Among other things listed (such as houses, spouses, and kids, not necessarily in that order) are **Bob Keefe's** antique clock collection. • **Dick Conant** currently doing aquatic biology research in Ft. Lauderdale, values his coffee maker. • Mom and student **Diane Pratt Ames** appreciates the lock on her bathroom door. • **Karen Sunderhauf** loves her teddy bear. • Cat lovers: **Andrea Jensen Vicki Johnson**, **Sue Harvey**, **Lauren Siegel Goldman**. • Dog lovers: **Heidi Neumann Hansen**, **Lou Anne Tobias Jaeger**, **Jon Hickcock**. • **Patricia Havenstein Suthers** is rather fond of her horse. • That's all the room for now. For those of you who notice that my address keeps changing, I hope to report the last change in the next column, when I finish my Ph.D. and get a real job!

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Winter is upon us here in Boston, and I keep wondering to myself how I ever lasted through the four blistery winters at Colby. . . must be middle age setting in! Thanks to Jim Cook for the five great years as our class secretary. He will be a tough act to follow. • **Alix Land** was married last spring in Los Angeles to Barry Netzel, a native Californian. They came east this summer (his first to this coast) for a reception in Westport, Conn., attended by **Pat and Joan Vicario Sweeney**, **Dave Donegan**, **Jim and Jane Linde McDonough**, **Dan Dave 76** and wife **Debbie Cronin**, **Carol Ricci 77**, myself, and many friends and family. • **John 80** and **Ronni-Jo Posner Carpenter** are pleased to announce the birth of their twin sons, **Scott Lindeman** and **Robert Olds Carpenter**. Both boys weighed in at a healthy six pounds and are keeping their parents very busy and happy. • **Lisa Kristen Klein** spent a great weekend in Birmingham, Mich., with **Ted 76** and **Rae Caravaty Shanahan** and their frisky baby, Michael. Ted's an executive at Coke, and Rae, she says, is a great mom. Lisa's in N.Y.C., working at Lincoln Center Theater as director of annual giving. She said that "get out your checkbooks" is the name of the game! • I ran into **Rick Abrams** this fall and we caught up with one another. He is president of Tom Snyder, Inc., a Cambridge software company. He and his wife, **Susan Kenyon**, traveled to Bermuda in October with **Ann and Doug Kaplan**, **Robin and Jeff Shribman**, and **Barbara and Dan Hoeffle**. Each couple has one child and all agreed they had a glorious six days away from the kids. Five of the eight of them are attorneys. **Rick** noted. • Speaking of attorneys, **Tom Suddath**, formerly of Denver, is now an assistant U.S. attorney general based in Philadelphia. • **Dan and Elaine Regan Driscoll '80** are the parents of a cute little boy, **Mathew Mark**, with another due about the time this hits the presses. Best wishes! • Well, I'm signing off. Please don't hesitate

to send me current information on yourself and families. Also, let me know if you are out of contact with a former friend from Colby and I will be more than happy to relay it in this column. I myself would like to know what has happened to **Sandy Hall Lake** and why she wasn't at our 10th. Take good care. And once again, thanks, Jim.

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10th reunion: June 9-11, 1989. • Motherhood seems to have taken a place of prominence among the occupations of our female classmates! • **Carol Miller Donnelly**, a former financial analyst for AT&T, decided to become a full-time mom and feels very fortunate to have so much time with her two children, **Elisa** and **Stephen**. In addition to parenting, **Carol** and her husband, **Brian**, are renovating a 120-year-old house. Last summer they traveled to **Holland, Germany**, and **London** with the kids. • **Emily Grout Sprague** wrote that she loves being home in **Watertown, N.Y.** with daughter **Caroline** but is suffering the conflict of wanting to stay at home with her and go on teaching English to 7th graders! (Becoming involved with the future through teaching and inspiring an enthusiasm for learning have been particularly satisfying to her.) • **Anne Lucdermann Hunt** finds it wonderful to experience life through the eyes of her child, **Colin**, born to her and **Tim '80** in April of 1988. In addition to being a mom, **Anne** is a student at **George Washington University**, pursuing a master's in international education. • In **Frankonia, N.H.**, **Louisa Bliss Kenney**, married to **Michael**, is busy as carpenter, cabinetmaker, farmer and mother of two. • Managing their horse farm in **Lyme, Conn.**, and their kids is a full-time job for **Cynthia Pigott Bacon**. Baby boy **Trevor** is smiling and burping while big brother **Cameron** is destroying the house. . . and **Cynthia** says she's happier than ever! • **Jean Sherwood Lynch** and husband **Peter** in **New Brunswick, N.J.**, are enjoying their role as parents of son **Matthew 2**. **Jean** is working in the fast-paced field of anti-viral research at **E.R. Squibb and Sons** as assistant research investigator. • One classmate who is easing into the idea of parenthood is domestic supervisor **Kay E. LaVoie Lowell**, who is now mother to two adult cats and grandmother to five kittens! She and **Nate** (who you may recall was the textbook supervisor at the Colby bookstore) live in **Lisbon Center, Maine**. Though **Kay** expected to be an English teacher after Colby, she wound up as a paralegal and legal secretary for several years and then attended law school. She also aced all three Maine real estate brokerage courses. In 1984 a work-related injury left her hands permanently partially disabled. She now sings in the **Androscooggin Choral** and volunteers much of her time and energy to **WCBB-TV** in **Lewiston**. • Striking out on his own, **Glenn Connell** has formed his own public relations firm, **Connell and Company**, dedicated to serving high technology-based industries in southern **New Hampshire** and northern **Massachusetts**. **Glenn** has over 12 years experience in industrial sales and marketing and is the author of numerous feature articles in high-tech trade

publications. In addition to the above Glenn has rebuilt and sold houses at a profit, traveled extensively through the U.S., Japan, and Europe, added to his family (he and his wife, Diana, have three children), and has generally had *fun* since Colby! Way to go, Glenn! • Also in business for himself is **Dean Morrissey** who started his own development company headquartered in Hilton Head, S.C. In 1984 he moved from Boston to develop student condominium projects at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where he now lives • After losing touch with several Colby pals, **Becky Rogers Bushong** wrote to send warm greetings to all from Washington, D.C. Becky was married in November 1987 to Bill, an architectural historian with a Ph.D. in American civilization. Both he and Becky work as research professionals in the D.C. area; Becky as a specialist in congressional history and Bill as a specialist in historic preservation • Working in the health field, **Kyle Harrow** is an exercise physiologist in Scituate, Mass., where she lives with husband Richard Kantor • **Barbara Croft Spillane** is a physical therapist and athletic trainer in Chestnut Hill. Barbara was married in the fall of 1987 to John Spillane, a graduate of the University of New Haven and current captain in the Brookline Fire Department. (Barbara wrote that Colby's small size provided her the chance to grow up and "find herself" and admits that she probably would've gotten lost at a bigger school.) She has found her niche in the medical world and truly enjoys life now. Last summer she and John celebrated this happiness with a second honeymoon trip to Ireland! • Thanks for helping me to share your news, thoughts, and feelings with other classmates.

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**John Veilleux** married Diana Johnson on October 29, 1988, in St. Matthews Cathedral, Washington, D.C. They honeymooned in Hawaii and now live in Washington. Among attendees at their wedding were Steve Kirstein (living in Boston and engaged to be married as well), **Rod Marshall** (who is now an attorney, living and working in the Providence, R.I., area), **Jonathan Green-span** (who lives in Manhattan, where he works with the investment property group of Coldwell Banker), **Bob Kinney '79**, and **Bob Ham '79** • **Carol Sly** works in Boston as a graphic designer of real estate projects, lives in Newton, and is still quite active athletically: she recently participated in her third Pan Massachusetts Challenge bike race, which goes from Sturbridge to Provincetown • **Amy Butcher** has also been active with the Pan Mass Challenge. She now works in outdoor education at Greenfield Community College in Massachusetts • **Penny Janzen**, who does copy editing with IDG News in Boston, lives in Dorchester and enjoys interesting travels as part of both work and play • An attorney in Boston, **Liz Shackford** lives in Dorchester, too, with Maggie Murphy '78 • **John and Susan Erb Pittenger**, married in October 1987, live in a house they are renovating in Winchester, Mass. Susan works in development and public relations for the Essex Institute in Salem and John is a management consultant • **Larry Sparks** is a math

teacher at Watkinson Middle School in Wethersfield, Conn. • **John Monroe** spent the summer of '88 at Stanford University Medical Center's Basic Science Course in Ophthalmology; he has now returned to work in his ophthalmology residency in San Diego • In July **Mark and Patty Valavanis Smith** moved into a house they built themselves (all the way from clearing the lot to finish carpentry) in Andover, Mass. Patty has a new job doing press and outreach programs for the Secretary of States public affairs division in Boston • **Cynthia Auman** lives in Manhattan, where she is director of marketing with Plumb Pearson, Inc. Cynnie is now quite active with the Alumni Fund as well as the New York Alumni Club • **Liz Martin** is rumored to be traveling about the world/country writing books • **Linda Philipo** built a new house in Richmond, Va., where she works with Citibank • Our 10th year reunion is creeping up on us, and we seem to have "lost" several of our classmates (including **Peter Golden**, whom I tried to contact last time I was out in Los Angeles). If you know anyone who has been hiding in the woodwork, please let us know. Also, please keep me posted on any and all changes in your life.

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The response to the questionnaire was marvelous! I will have enough news to fill the column for the next year • **Joel Harris** is living in North Yarmouth, Maine, with his wife, Natalie, and son, Morgan. He is a money management officer with Fleet Bank in Portland, where he is especially involved in the municipal bonds market. Joel and Talie also are busy restoring their home, which was built around 1800 • **Scott Vendersall**, who is pursuing an M.B.A. at BU, was elected assistant vice president for commercial loans for Indian Head Bank and Trust, Portsmouth, N.H. He and his wife, Amy, are parents of two daughters, Allison and Andrea • **Lisa Nolan** is back home in Metuchen, N.J., after spending three years in England pursuing a master's in medieval art from the Courtauld Institute of Art in London. She is working for the Cloisters, a branch of the Metropolitan Museum of Art • **Emily Lindemann Stuart** lives in Cumberland, Maine, and teaches biology at Bonnie Eagle High School. She says Colby reminds her of Sugarloaf and of lots of fun with her roommates. She laments her lack of free time these days, with daughter Maryette keeping her and husband Robert busy • **Darlene Howland Currier** and husband Jeffrey are busy in the theater. They are both gearing up to perform in a musical called "Roar of the Greasepaint." Darlene is program director at Wellesley Community Children's Center, Wellesley College, where they built a model childcare center on the college campus; it serves 90 families with children between three months and three years • **Joe Kelliher** is a senior project manager for public housing development in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, but he wrote to me from Katmandu where he was busy "trekking around, visiting monasteries, and seeing the base of Mt. Everest." From there he goes on to Tibet in search of enlightenment • **Peter Bishop** wrote that his memories of Colby include

Carl Nelson a man with much good humor and patience. Peter is living in Sherbrooke, Quebec and works as secretary-treasurer at Eastern Townships Produce Ltd., distributors of Sealtest dairy products and Boischat Spring Water. His wife, Mary (Lynah '80) is director of liaison • **Kenneth Gall** received a Ph.D. in nuclear physics from Boston University in June 1988 and currently holds a faculty position at Harvard Medical School in the department of radiation medicine. He was married to Louise Perkins on September 3, 1988. John Boole (best man) Brian Heneghan '80 Paul Novak '80 Ken Seidel '82 and John Taylor '83 were in attendance • **Kathryn Critchlow Luther** and husband Mark both received M.S. degrees in geology from the University of North Dakota in May 1988. Mark has recently started a job as an environmental scientist with the North Dakota State Health Department. Kathryn participated in a seven-day 80-mile white-water rafting trip and is now job hunting. Their daughter, Megan Rose, is four years old • **Kathy Ennis Cutler** and husband Alan have just bought a condo in Jamaica Plain. Kathy is a student working on her M.B.A. at Boston University and is mother to Samuel Jason. Alan is a real estate broker and rental manager. Kathy says she misses the closeness at Colby, especially with her sisters in Chi Omega • **Fred Madeira** and his wife Tricia, were married in May 1988 at BU chapel. Fred is working as an account executive at Comserve and Tricia is an assistant sales manager for AT&T. They are living in the south end of Boston • **Faith Bramhall** has been promoted to a new position as group disability sales consultant Northwestern Mutual Life. This job gives Faith the opportunity to do a great deal of traveling. She writes of fellow Colbyites: **Mari Samaras White** and husband Charlie '80 were expecting their third child in October. In May she visited in Maryland with **Tory Sneff**, who is very involved with Le Peep Restaurants. In San Francisco she caught up with **Kim Wadkins**, who is still working in human resources at MCI. Kim also keeps active as captain of a soccer team. More recently Faith was in New York City, where **Kathy Dornish** and **Holly Mackin Anzini** are both working. Sounds to me like Faith has the perfect job! • **Daphne Geary Waggaman** and husband William are living in Norwalk, Conn., and have started their own company renovating and restoring old homes in Fairfield County. Their second child, Natalie Pierpoint, was a leap year baby born February 29, 1988. Colby brings her memories of her favorite professor, Ed Kenney.

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I hope you all received my lengthy newsletter — once again I apologize for its delay. You looked in vain for your name if you didn't write. Now that I have finally completed that tome, there isn't much fresh news to report, so I welcome any and all updates. There is, however, a lot of academically related news • At last report, **Jennifer Batson Wilson** was a career counselor at Dartmouth College. Jenny has now completed her master's of education in counseling from the

University of New Hampshire and last fall was appointed assistant director of career and placement services at New England College in Henniker, N.H. • **Martin J. Eisenberg** has been named visiting instructor of economics at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill. He is currently completing his doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania • **Jacqueline Gage** has been appointed the one-year field science teacher in the New Gloucester, Maine, school system • Another science teacher, **Wendy Van Dyke**, will be the new seventh grade teacher at the Mindess Middle School in Ashland, Mass. Wendy completed her master's at Harvard Graduate School • **Helen Doolcy Jursek** completed her law degree at the New England School of Law last spring. At last word, Helen was clerking the law firm of Sloane and Walsh of Boston and was preparing to take the Massachusetts law boards • From overseas, Captain **Paul Veilleux** sent a long newsy letter describing life in his new digs in Belgium. Paul reports that he, wife Andrea, and son Christopher are renting a house outside of Antwerpen, where their yard "is as large as a soccer field, and there are farms and grazing fields for cows all around us." The Veilleux family is finding the Belgian people extremely friendly, particularly toward Americans. Paul finds his post as supply officer both interesting and challenging, as he is responsible for \$50 million in military equipment and vehicles • Well, it seems as if the parade of weddings has finally slowed; I only have one new nuptial notice. **Paul McGovern** sent me a nice note to announce that he was back in the U.S. to be married to his fiancée, Lorraine Maffe, on November 13, 1988, in Roslindale, Mass. Paul is employed as marketing executive for First Data Resources in London, England • That's all folks except to say that yours truly is back at the Harvard Coop in Cambridge, but I am no longer managing the print department. After six weeks of serious R & R (and two vacations one week in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and the other on Paradise Island in the Bahamas), I returned to assume my new position in personnel as the company's employment manager. Anybody need a job? If so, give me a call! If not, give me a call anyway! Keep in touch – and enjoy your spring.

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I have very little news to work with this time around, but I'll share what is available. "Now" means Thanksgiving/Christmas season, although as you read this you have already exchanged the stuff you received under the tree that didn't fit well. You might already have made (stuck to or broken) some New Year's resolutions. But most importantly, did you write and mail a letter to me about your latest-latest anything? I would like to get that news out to the rest of the readers of this section of '83 class history • Let me tell you a bit about my fall experience at Colby. All class correspondents and other "volunteer leaders" were invited to the College in September to workshops relative to the type of activity for which we volunteer. It also happened to be Homecoming Weekend. Apart from the fact that some things never change at Colby (President Cotter is still there,



## Adopting a Traditional Position

Amy Page Oberg '80 and her husband, David, are giving kids a fair chance. Registered foster parents, the Obergs have been opening their doors and their hearts to children in need of a family since 1985. In the period since, four youngsters have been taken into custody by the Obergs under the foster care program: Joshua (6), Charlie (5), Tony (3), and George (2). Although the Obergs always accept a foster child with the hope of future adoption, the situation they currently face highlights some of the difficulties inherent in the foster care program – as well as the couple's fortitude and dedication.

Only two of their foster children, Joshua and Charlie, are adopted. Tony and George have been under foster care. But George's father has been pushing for custody on principle, even though the parents have not visited the boy for more than a year, and a custody trial was in the works for late winter. Should George's biological parents' rights be terminated, the Obergs will adopt the child in the spring. However, Tony recently was ordered by the court to be placed with his biological father, a decision the couple finds unsettling in view of their hopes to adopt and raise each foster child they take into their family.

Amy and David Oberg have a cozy house in Barrington, where they live with their seven children: David, Jr. (7), Kitty (6), Joshua, Charlie, Sarah (4), Tony, and George. Amy Oberg's day is a busy one, of course. But she has a purpose beyond keeping occupied. Oberg says, "So many people say, 'I think I want to adopt someone who needs a home.' So many people say that but so few do it. The kids we have adopted could have had significant problems. A child still in the foster care system by the teen years is just a waste. We're doing it because the kids need love."

In an age of two-income families and the career woman, Amy Oberg has "adopted" a more traditional position. Occasionally she is confronted by the differences between her life choices and those of some of her peers. "Sometimes it's real frustrating to me. People do measure worth by your position." But, she says, "I'm happier in my job than most people I see. I feel that I'm doing very worthwhile work."

In spite of some of the difficulties they have had to face, the Obergs are overwhelmingly positive about their experience. "It's absolutely wonderful," Amy Oberg said. "These kids need a chance at life. . . . And they appreciate everything, whether it's a sweater when they're cold or oatmeal when they're hungry."

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and we know him: the library is still there, as are our dorms and frats-turned-dorms; and even some of our favorite and not-so-favorite professors are still there), a lot has changed. Take, for example, that beautiful and architecturally perfect Student Center of which we alums are very proud. That building has become a center of activity for the students. I was fortunate enough to be a part of that activity when, on Friday night, a major event seemed to be happening. Lip-synching was the focal point of the moment, and everyone seemed to enjoy the antics of the students performing. Sure, we had gone to smokers. But we did not *all* go. At this particular event [which, by the way, featured beverages of the alcoholic tap kind and of the nonalcoholic on request], it appeared that every student on campus must have been jammed into the building. The windows were open, and legs hung out! I had seen the Student Center with a reserved audience sitting quietly as President Cotter spoke, but I never had slipped on a beer-covered floor there before. For all the world, the place smelled and sounded like the parties we '83ers can remember being held in what are now "commons." When I asked the student who checked student IDs as the kids and alumni entered if I had, indeed, entered a frat party, I was chastised and immediately corrected. She was appalled. "That is the f-word!" she said. "We do not have *those* anymore." What was odd was that those students, for all their own purposes, were living in those smelly, sticky, totally enthralling moments we lived—but in another era. I wasn't going to argue with her, for fear she might have thrown out. Kelly Dodge and Liz Nadeau were there with me and we took it all in together. We left amazed, and we pondered the whole evening. The scene we had seen proved to us that five years and many structural and ideological changes had occurred. Think about it • Anyways, I want to report that our own **Todd Coffin** was the fastest miler in the first Forest Avenue Mile, edging U. Maine graduate Myron Whipkey. We still love to beat those guys! • Congratulations are also in order for **John Lemoine** and his brother, David '79, who were awarded degrees in May from the University of Maine School of Law in Portland • If you want or if you are unable to write, give me a call. I'm at 207/244-3678; at work, 207/276-3322. Until next time, happy spring!

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**5th reunion: June 9-11, 1989** • Keep those letters coming! • **Mary Colbath** recently finished her M.Ed. at Harvard University after receiving an M.A. from Middlebury College and teaching Spanish for two years in California. She is presently an administrator at Westover School (a private secondary school) in Middlebury, Conn. • **Lisa Kuzia Krueger** and her husband, Warren '82, have given birth to their first child. They live in Cambridge, Mass. • This past summer **Bruce Nicholson** was in Seelye Lake, Mont., along with Phil Cusick '85, building a log cabin. Bruce has been keeping in shape by competing in triathlons. He also enjoys fishing and backpacking. He spent five weeks in Australia and New Zealand—all this after three and one half years on tour in the Marine Corps as a first

lieutenant stationed at Cherry Point, N.C. • **Cathy Coniff** continues to stay in touch with classmates **Sarah Chapin Reardon**, **Mary White**, **Alicia Curtin**, and **Maura Cassidy**. The gang travels every year to events like Mardi Gras and skiing at Loon Mountain. Cathy is living in New Haven, Conn., and is an office manager at Conran's as well as an assistant coach of the Yale women's ice hockey team • It was good to hear from **Cecil C. Holstein**, who wrote from Riehen, Switzerland, where he had been involved in in-house investment banking, specifically the restructuring of the Latin American debt. He was transferred to Sao Paulo, Brazil, at the end of the year • **Lt. Frederick Canby, D.D.S.**, is in Long Beach, Calif., working at the Naval Dental Clinic. Fred graduated from Georgetown University School of Dentistry in May 1988 • **Randall Wilmot** graduates from the Yale University School of Architecture with a masters of architecture in the spring of 1989. He has run into Lance and Anna White **Hanson '85** in San Francisco Calif. • **Stephanie Curtis** is in D.C. teaching at a private school for learning disabled kids, the Kingsbury Centre. Stef has been traveling and working for caterers in her spare time, learning cooking skills and earning some extra cash • **Jessica Gwynne** is engaged and has been working at Cunningham, Henderson & Papin. Jessica attends the Colgate Darden School of Business Administration at the University of Virginia • Get psyched for our five year reunion! Regards!

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**Tom Claytor** is still flying around Africa. When I last heard from him, he was searching for "Pygmy elephants" with two Pygmy trappers in the Central African Republic. This March a National Geographic film on which he worked, "Serengeti Diary," will be airing on public television. • In Boston, **Swing Robertson** and **Peter Coley '86** are living in a great townhouse on Beacon Hill. Swing is working for a real estate developer on the South Shore, and Peter is working for Drexel Burnham • **Jamie Stone** and **Doug Brown** are living in Brighton. Jamie is training to be a trader for Shearson-Lehman Brothers, and Doug is going to BU, getting his Ph.D. in physics • **Steve** and **Marcy Reed** are living in Arlington, Mass. Steve was preparing to attend law school in the fall • **Mark Howard** is working for Shearson-Lehman Brothers in New York and attending NYU part time for his M.B.A. • **Eddie Maggiacomo** is a builder and general contractor in Providence, R.I. • **Chris Murphy** has started his own real-estate appraisal business in New Hampshire, F & M • **Vicki Whited** has quit her job at Maine Medical Center in Portland to pursue a degree at USM to teach English • **Julie Sands** is engaged to Chris Causey, and they plan to be married June 24 in Minneapolis • **Cindy Jeck** is getting her Ph.D. in pharmacology at Columbia and will marry Jeff Davis on May 27th • **Anne Cookson** is living in Arlington, Va., and working in D.C. for the International Monetary Fund.

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The response from the Class of 86 was overwhelming this fall. Thanks to all of you for being such wonderful correspondents • **Andrew Maley** and wife Margaret Davis '85 have moved from New Hampshire to Connecticut, where Andrew has joined his father and brother William '81 in the family business. Andrew also volunteers at the Long Wharf Theater in New Haven • **Steve Brennan** got engaged to Sylvia Kuzia and relocated to Virginia, where he is working in real estate • **Iлона Nagy Burdette** was married in June 1988. Karen Clark was her maid of honor • **Sheila Duffy Davis** and Andrew Davis '85 were married in September and are both working in New York City • **Tom Oxholm** was appointed director of alumni relations at Vermont Academy, his alma mater, after working in the retail field for a while. Congratulations to Tom also on his recent engagement to Victoria Briggs '87. An August 1989 wedding is planned • **Eve Lynne Ermer** and husband Scott Russell '83 became proud parents of a daughter, Andrea, born in August. Andrea joins brother Erik at home in Salisbury, Conn. • Some of our classmates give reports from school. **Doug Scalise** is in his final year at Boston University's School of Theology where he will be getting a master's of divinity • **Heidi Stonehill** has decided to explore a more creative and visual path in science at the University of Pennsylvania, hoping to combine her interests in art and nature • **Stephen Potts** is at U Mass working on a master's in geology • **Arlene Kasarjian**, reporting for the first time since graduation, is studying at Boston College, preparing for a career in public service. She has been working for the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare and interning with the federal government in Washington • **Cabot Philbrick** is enrolled in the M.F.A. program at Syracuse after spending a year in a film-production program at the Art Institute of Chicago • **Bob Cobuzzi**, a full-time grad student at Loyola University Medical Center, is working on his Ph.D. . . . and really enjoys it! • **Cindy Ardito** is in the doctoral program at the University of Hartford in the field of clinical psychology • **Rick Frank** is studying at Tufts Dental School and has visited with classmate **Marc Doolittle** at Brown University Medical School • **Brent Jill (Stasz)**, and **Bradley Harris** have relocated to Washington, D.C. after Brent received a master's in medical biochemistry from Hahnemann University. He is now enrolled in Georgetown's School of Medicine for their M.D./Ph.D. program. Jill serves as assistant to the executive director at the National Black Child Development Institute. Brad turned four last summer and is enjoying his new school • **Molly Couch** is teaching at the Gulf Stream School, with an outdoor classroom across the street from the Atlantic Ocean! She continues a busy fitness program involving aerobics, tennis, swimming, and ice hockey in an all-mens no checking league • **Joey Marcoux** is in his third year of teaching at Lawrence Junior High School in Fairfield, Maine. Joey also has a busy coaching schedule • After spending two years teaching at Kent School, A. Scott Perry teaches in Portland at the

Waynflete School • Spring 1988 brought **Heather Freeman** back home to Vermont, where she is a publisher's assistant and gets to do plenty of skiing • Upon successful completion of a training program with Merrill Lynch, **Evan Dangel** is finally assisting his own clients with financial planning and personal investments • **Michael Dobbs** was promoted to product manager for Colgate-Palmolive and has transferred to West Germany for about three years • **Geoffrey Alexander** is a senior production planner at Bath Iron Works • **Suzanne Stahl** is a video promotions coordinator at C-Span, located in Washington, D.C. • **Grace Serizawa Brown** is the owner of Etc. & Co., a design, computer consulting, and print-production company. Grace had a wonderful seven-week visit to Japan last summer, where she was reunited with her mother after 17 years • Another entrepreneur, **Rachel Brandzel**, has a wholesale handmade greeting card company and a retail store in Seattle, where she and husband Kim Stuart Rogers '85 live • **Hamilton Brower** has traveled extensively for J. Walter Thompson. Some recent trips have included stops in London, Paris, Vienna, Mexico, and the Far East. He also made a more local stop to see classmate **Helene Landers** in Hollywood, Calif., where she is breaking into acting after being in a few commercials • Finally, **Lee Scammon** is a headhunter in retail markets close to her new home in Waltham. She also reports on **Rich Deering**, who is working for John Martin's Manor in Portland—and no doubt doing the mambo in the Playroom there! • That's all the room I have for now. More news in the next magazine. Best wishes to everyone!

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I'd like to congratulate all of the following on their recent marriages. **Debra Dunn** married Andrew Walker of Harwich, Conn., in June 1988. Debra is pursuing a doctorate in psychology at the University of Connecticut • **Jen Shackett** married Thomas Berry, a 1986 Dartmouth grad, also during the month of June • In July, **Abby Lausier** and **Tim Murphy** were married. Abby is working for the law firm of Arnold, Morgan & Lausier in Lynn, Mass., and Tim is employed by the Bedford Administration Hospital • **Jim Canfield** married Karen Bonander of Troy, Mich., last September. Jim is currently employed through the financial development department program at Digital Equipment in Maynard, Mass. • In November **John Bookis** married Deborah Seferiadis. John is working for Morgan Guaranty Trust in New York • More news comes in about some of our classmates who are continuing their education and some who are continuing the education of others. **Andrew Rudman** is working on his master's degree in Latin American studies at Tulane. He had plans to return to Argentina last summer to research the democratic transition. Andy loves New Orleans and welcomes any classmates who pass by to stop for a visit • **Connie Gallagher** left Portland, Maine, last summer, where she was teaching special children, to return to her home state of California. Connie has started working

on her master's in education at Stanford... she has one class with Eric Heiden! • On the creative side, **Gregg Bach** and **Janet Dean** represented Colby in the Anthology of First Annual Hamilton College Intercollegiate Reading Series • Last year **E.J. Perry** was a substitute teacher in the Lawrence school system in Massachusetts, where he was also coaching the Lawrence High track team • **Pam Blanchard** joined the staff at Vermont Academy this past fall. She works as an assistant in the admissions office • In the almost two years that we've been out, some of you may have switched jobs and my info may be old news, so drop me a line. **Richard Cuthie** is living in Beverly Hills, Calif., and is working as a marketing manager for Cecil Saydah Co., a major textiles firm in L.A. • **Peter McKinley** worked in New Hampshire for the Conservation Commission as a summer intern in 1988. He was to produce a brochure of recreational trails in the Concord area • **Krissie Ralff** lives in Boston and works for Sheraton International Corporation. She has been in their public relations department since spring 1988 • **Kim Ryan** is in New York working for the publications *Women's Wear Daily* and *W*. She's meeting some really interesting people, and last year she had the opportunity to interview the Pet Shop Boys • **Elaine Mullen** is still in New York but is now working for the Bank of Tokyo in the financial service department. She's happy she's getting the chance to use both her East Asian and economics majors • Another classmate who is putting her major to good use is **Merridith Belden**. Merridith, who has settled into her own house in Freeport, Maine, with her adorable dog, Bud, is working as a biologist with Eco-Analysts. Among other things, the company is involved in real estate development permitting, hazardous waste site assessments, and aquatic and terrestrial habitat research • **Steve Sanborn** has been very busy up in Bethel, Maine. He's teaching biology at Gould Academy and is a supervisor in the dorm he lives in. Steve has also begun a student service organization that is assisting elderly people, and he still finds time to work with local grammar school children • Also in Maine, **John Moore** has taken on an exciting challenge with his older sister. The two of them bought the State Theater in Farmington. This is the first time in over 50 years that the local movie house won't be operated by a big corporation. Best of luck to you and your sister, John! • **Scott Bates** has become another addition to Portland, Maine. He's been living here for the past year and a half, working for the Sheridan Group in project management • Also in the Portland area, **Clifford Dow** enjoys his work as a stockbroker • As for the rest of you who haven't seen your name in this column yet, let me know what you're up to. I want to hear from the whole class at least once before our fifth-year reunion.

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The news I've gathered is mostly job-related, so forgive me if this column is not the most thrilling... please drop a note to me or the Alumni Office. Even though many left Waterville last May worried about their joblessness, clearly such

worrying was unnecessary. **Allison Murray**, who was sure she'd "never get a job," is now living in Boston and working for Boston Financial Data Services as a correspondent. So far the best news for her is that her shift has been switched from an 8:00 to a 9:15 starting time • Also in Boston is **Kristin Shea**, who is involved in an executive training program with one of the area's leading retail companies • **Rob Young** is nearby: living in Newton, he's a store manager at Herman's Sports. Visit him and perhaps you can get a discount on a new pair of skis • Those who've remained in Maine include **Greg Cunningham**, **Tom Ferris**, **Tim Wissemann**, **Todd Blake**, **Tom Jester**, and **Nancy Paré**. Tom Jester lives in Waterville and commutes to Augusta, where he works for the State Preservation Society. Also in Waterville, Todd is the assistant to Colby's student activities director, John Farkas. The rest are in the Portland area. Tim is an agent for The Equitable Financial Services, and Nancy works at Portland's district attorney's office. I'm not exactly sure what Greg and Tom Ferris are doing, but by the sound of their active social lives, they are doing just fine • **Melissa Ruff** is in Palo Alto, Calif., working for Beyond War • **David Scannell** is with MassPirg in Springfield, working with two of the area's colleges, promoting student awareness on a variety of issues—ultimately, as Dave says, to "encourage them to become more responsible citizens." He is very busy and enjoys the student atmosphere a lot. From Dave I collected a variety of information. (Of course he told me to confirm all of his news, but as I don't work for the phone company, you'll have to take it as I heard it.) Dave's roommate at Colby, **Brad Wirth** lives in Dover, N.H., where he is a management trainee for Hanaford Bros. • **Karen Hentz** works as a technical writer in the Boston area, **Sara Dickison** works for a "headhunting" firm, and **Ellen Krause** has entered the blue-suited world of banking • **Amy Lumbard** lives in Beacon Hill and works for an architectural firm • **Jeff Packman** is in Arlington, Va., and working at the University of Maryland in biological research. He is living with **Steve Teplitz**, who is in his first year of law school at George Washington University • Likewise, **Kathleen Bradley** is pursuing a career in law: she is at the Vermont Law School and plans to concentrate on environmental law • Also in school is **Jill Heslem**: living in Amherst, Jill is in her first year at the University of Massachusetts, doing graduate work in French • **Cathy Cohen**, an avid psychology major, is pursuing her field at Tufts University • On the other side of the academic fence are **Garret Hinebaugh** and **Bill Reed**. Garret is teaching English at the Berkshire School, and Bill is at Eaglebrook in Deerfield, Mass., teaching history and coaching soccer and skiing • Rumor has it that **Matt Kennedy** is "not ready to wear a blue suit yet" and so is applying for jobs aboard cruise ships • Finally, I heard from **Lauren Frazza**, who is living in Greenwich Village, N.Y., pursuing a career in jazz, studying voice, and taking a few fine arts classes. To support herself she works as a singing waitress—surely Lauren is the only singing waitress our class can boast of! • Well, that's it. I apologize if any of the news is outdated, but because of printing time and the winter holidays, the deadline for this column was Thanksgiving. Clearly some of the above-mentioned might easily be involved in something dramatically different by now.

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# M I L E S T O N E S

## M A R R I A G E S

**Terence J. Reilly '75** to Jane M. Irvine, April 2, 1988, West Palm Beach, Fla.

**Ross Moldoff '79** to Amy Beth Price, July 17, 1988, Wellesley, Mass.

**James Brophy '80** to Lynne Rawlins '85, May 14, 1988, Danvers, Mass.

**Diane M. Farrell '80** to Grey Parkin Guthmann, Reading, Mass.

**Julanne M. Cully '82** to William E. Wright, June 19, 1988, Weymouth, Mass.

**Howard Emmons '82** to Sheila Flanagan, Swampscott, Mass.

**Susan E. Wechsler '82** to Stephen R. Atkins, May 29, 1988, Boston, Mass.

**Denise H. Kay '84** to Lawrence C. Parker, June 4, 1988, Durham, N.H.

**Sandra Lee Thornton '84** to John Henry McNary, Jr., May 7, 1988, Manchester, Conn.

**Dawn Anne Gale '85** to Charles Brent LaCasce, Fryeburg, Maine.

**Katherine Elizabeth Kamm '85** to Martin D. Davis, April 30, 1988, Sewanee, Tenn.

**Charles Ross Devin '86** to Jennifer Lynn Plaster, June 4, 1988, Trumbull, Conn.

**Robert A. Kenney '86** to Beth Meryl Schwartz '86, June 4, 1988, Boston, Mass.

**Wendy Elisabeth Lapham '86** to Jonathan R. Russ '87, June 25, 1988, Skaneateles, N.Y.

**Michael E. Marchetti '86** to Suzanne Bourne Pearson '86, June 18, 1988, Pawtucket, R.I.

**Jean Elise Kroeck '87** to Timothy Robert Aiken, February 20, 1988, Reading, Mass.

**Andrew Robert Spirito, Jr. '87** to Judith L. Palumbo, June 11, 1988, Cranston, R.I.

**Tasha M. Allyn '88** to Mark G. Falcone, July 24, 1988, Skaneateles, N.Y.

**James E. Donahue '88** to Linda Lee '88, Cranston, R.I.

## B I R T H S

A son, David Fisher, to Stephen Fisher '69.

Twin daughters, Hilary and Mercedes, to Susan M. Rennau '73.

A son, Mark Edward McNulty, to James and Deborah Marson McNulty '75, September 16, 1988.

A daughter, Kathleen Elizabeth Hamilton, to David and Karen Blough Hamilton '76, November 3, 1988.

A daughter, Jocelyn DeWire, to Jacqueline and F. Michael DeWire III '77, September 30, 1986.

A daughter, Alison DeWire, to Jacqueline and F. Michael DeWire III '77, January 5, 1988.

A son, Connor Edward Green, to Richard and Melanie Dorain Green '77, September 23, 1988.

A son, Cory Joseph Rosenfield, to Kenneth and Janet McLeod Rosenfield '77, September 9, 1987.

A daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Haines, to Jonathan L. '79 and Joyce Glasscock Haines '79, April 9, 1988.

A son, Eric Timothy Eschner, to David and Nancy Kennedy Eschner '80, September 1, 1988.

A son, Daniel Stephan Cobb, Jr., to Daniel and Janet Blau Cobb '81, May 27, 1988.

A daughter, Laura Lee Sturtevant, to Alan and Bette Smith Sturtevant '81, August 20, 1988.

A daughter, Andrea Frances Ermer Russell, to Scott Russell '83 and Eve Ermer '86, August 15, 1988.



Blue sky showed over Skaneateles, N.Y., on June 25, 1988, the wedding day of Wendy Lapham '86 and Jonathan Russ '87. Front row: Lisa Rathke '87, Susan Talburt '85, Sheila Getman Sherwin '87, Nell Draper '87, Scott Lainer '87, Matthew Moran '87, Stephanie Hart '85, Jonathan Russ, Wendy Lapham Russ, Evan Dangel '86, Sue Roberts '86, Pamela Parker '88, Liz Rowe Lapham '63, Nancy Cunneen Boardman '61, Joan Hoffman Theve '59, Robert Theve '58. Back row: Robyn Tolstrup, Rick Tolstrup '86, Glenn Wilson '85, Giles Welles '85, Bruce Cole '86, Tony Stiker '86, Scott Perry '86, Matthew Hartley '86, Kimberly Burnham '86, Zaki Nashed '87, Tom Gratzner '84, Genevieve Hammond '86, Bev Lapham '61, Candace Castle Marsellus '61, Edgar Boardman '61.

## DEATHS

**Bert Wise '16**, September 19, 1988, in Liberty, Maine, at age 96. He was born in New Brunswick, Canada, and graduated from Houlton High School before coming to Colby, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He worked as a timekeeper and accountant for the Bangor and Arrostook Railroad from 1915 until his retirement in 1957. Holder of the *Boston Post Cane* as the oldest resident of Liberty at the time of his death, he leaves several nieces and nephews.

**Violet Shaw Scott '18**, September 29, 1988, in Caribou, Maine, at age 93. Born in Fort Fairfield, Maine, she attended Caribou High School and graduated from Boston University after attending Colby. At the College she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and later served as her class agent. An 80-year member of the Gray Memorial United Methodist Church of Caribou she was a member of the United Methodist Women and was active in numerous community activities. She is survived by a son, Sheldon S. Scott, a sister, two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

**Helen Baldwin Gates '19**, August 15, 1988, at age 92. She was living in Orange City, Fla., at the time of her death. She was born in Verona, N.J., and attended Foxcroft Academy in Foxcroft, Maine. While at Colby she was a member of Chi Omega sorority and president of the YWCA. She received her master's degree in religious education from Boston University and worked for 25 years as a missionary in Burma. During this time she applied much of her efforts to teaching English and religious education at Judson College in Rangoon, Burma. She was also dean of women at Ewing Christian College in India for four years. Her husband, the late Gordon E. Gates '19, was professor of biology at Colby from 1948 to 1951. Survivors include her daughter, Evelyn Gates Moriarty '44, her son-in-law James W. Moriarty '43, her sister, Virginia Baldwin Kinney '26, and her brother-in-law, Paul Gates '24.

**Reta Wheaton Belyea '23**, June 13, 1988, in Caribou, Maine, at age 91. Born in Houlton, Maine, she attended high school there before coming to Colby, where she was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority. She taught algebra and geometry in the Caribou school system for over 25 years and was a member of the Maine Teachers Association. She was also a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Caribou. She is survived by her sons, Robert W. Belyea '51 and Frederick W. Belyea, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

**James F. Berry '27**, September 9, 1988, in Middlebury, Vt., at age 87. He was born in Jeffersonville, Vt. A history major and member of Alpha Tau Omega at Colby, he received his M.A. from the University of Vermont in 1931 after study at Trinity College in Ireland. He married Constance Canning Berry and was principal at Sherburne and Groton high schools in Vermont. After nine years as principal at Vergennes High School, he resigned in 1952 to take a post with the education division of Field Enterprises, publishers of *World Book Encyclopedia*. Active in local politics, he was a candidate for mayor of Vergennes in

1965. He was past president of the Vergennes Rotary Club, St. Peter's Parish Council, and several statewide educational organizations. His late brothers, John L. Berry '24 and Mark J. Berry '35, both attended the College. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

**Laurice Edes Merriman Chandler '28**, August 26, 1988, in Greenwich, Conn., at age 83. Born in Sangerville, Maine, she lived in Bangor for most of her life. She worked as an assistant librarian at Husson College and was a tireless supporter of the state of Maine. In 1927 she married Earl L. Merriman '25. Following retirement she lived in Englewood, Fla. She is survived by her second husband, Roland, three sons, including Robert '50 and Richard '57, a daughter, Ruth Merriman Brown '52, a daughter-in-law, Nancy Wear Merriman '52, 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Donald H. Millett '28**, September 17, 1988, in Bucksport, Maine, at age 82. Born in Hanover, Mass., he attended high school in Springfield, Vt. At the College he was a business administration major, a member of the debating society, and a charter member of the Colby chapter of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity. He received his M.B.A. from Harvard University in 1931 and went on to become office manager of Maine Seaboard, later St. Regis Paper Co. He was also treasurer of Eastern Corporation. He retired from Central Maine Power in 1971. He served in Bucksport as mayor and council chair for seven years and was chair of the executive board of the Bucksport Regional Health Center and of the Hancock County Planning Commission. His father was Robert N. Millett, Class of 1893, and his mother was Katherine Hobbs Millett, Class of 1894. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Jennie Dunn Millett '31, a brother, William '34, a sister, Ruth Millett Maker '36, a daughter, Patricia Millett Kent '62, three grandsons, and two great-grandchildren.

**Joseph F. Theriault '28**, August 11, 1988, in Methuen, Mass., at age 81. He was born and educated in Haverhill, Mass., and was a chemistry major and member of Delta Upsilon fraternity at Colby. He also attended Boston University and received his M.S. in biology at the University of New Hampshire in 1937. He taught biology and chemistry at Haverhill High School for 16 years until 1945, when he began work as a chemist for the Robert Gare Co. of Bradford, Mass. In 1969 he began a 10-year period of employment in the research department at Continental Can in New London, Conn. He was a member of numerous organizations, including the American Chemical Society. He is survived by his wife, Amelia, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

**David Kronquist '29**, August 19, 1988, in Fort Myers, Fla., at age 83. He was born in Rumford, R.I., and attended East Providence High School. At the College he was a member of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity. His work as a salesman took him to Honduras with the United Fruit Company before he settled in Florida, where he lived for 40 years and was employed in retail sales, advertising, and life insurance. He was his class agent for the Alumni Fund from 1949 to 1954. He leaves his wife, Maria Louise, a daughter, two sons, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Corona Hatch MacRae '29**, June 3, 1988. She lived in Walton, N.Y., with her daughter, Phoebe Adams, who survives her.

**Pauline Bakeman '30**, October 5, 1988, at age 80. Born in East Jaffrey, N.H., she attended Peabody High School in Peabody, Mass. A Phi Beta Kappa at Colby, she was an English and biology major who, she once remarked, "was in practically everything permitted the female except beauty contests." She went on to receive an M.A. in social work from the University of Chicago and earned a certificate in applied psychiatry at William Anson Institute of Psychiatry. She was a psychiatric social worker for various bureaus of social service in Illinois, on the East Coast, and in Germany. In retirement she lived in Alton, N.H., where she was actively involved in the New Hampshire Poetry Society, writing poetry of self-analysis and social insight. She also played the cello in several musical groups. Her father and mother, Robert A. '01 and Jennie June Dunn Bakeman '03, her grandfather, trustee Francis Wales Bakeman, Class of 1866, and many cousins attended Colby. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Jessie Bakeman.



Lucius H. Stebbins '30

**Lucius H. Stebbins '30**, July 18, 1988, in Damariscotta, Maine, at age 80. He was born in Colchester, Conn. After graduating from Colby, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, he was employed by Central Maine Power Co. for a short while. He then taught in a high school in Woodstock, Conn. In 1941 he moved to Fairfield, Conn., where he taught English at Roger Ludlowe High School. He received his master's degree in psychology from Fairfield University and was the school psychologist and guidance counselor at Andrew Ward High School until his retirement in 1969. He is survived by his wife, Thelma, a daughter, a son, a granddaughter, and a great-granddaughter.

**John W. Locke II '33**, August 3, 1988, at age 78. Born in Medford, Mass., he attended Worcester Academy. At Colby he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. In 1933 he was the lead-off runner on the Colby mile relay team that set a College record lasting 43 years. After Colby he



attended Harvard University and entered the U.S. Navy in 1942. Following a career with British Petroleum Oil Company in New York, he was an industrial engineer with the CETA Program in Hackensack, N.J. He retired in 1983, making his home in Glen Rock, N.J. He is survived by his wife, Mary, a son, three daughters, including Mary Jean Locke Ready '72, a son-in-law, Michael Ready '74, and seven grandchildren, including Sheryl Reynold '87.

**Harrison F. Williams '33**, August 10, 1988, in Portland, Maine, at age 78. He was born in Marlborough, Mass., and attended Braintree High School. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and Kappa Phi Kappa at the College, he was an outstanding runner and held several track records, including the 1933 mile relay record. He was a sales representative in Maine for the institutional division of General Foods for 20 years. He was an active volunteer in the Boy Scouts of America for 60 years and on the National Ski Patrol for 30 years. He was also a Red Cross first aid instructor for 30 years and a Kiwanis Club member for 32 years. He is survived by his wife, Rena, three daughters, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Abner G. Bevin, Sr. '34**, October 11, 1988, in Middletown, Conn., at age 77. He was born in East Hampton, Conn., and attended Wilbraham Academy. At Colby he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and was captain of the track team, running the second leg on the record-holding 1933 mile relay team. Following service during World War II as a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, he became president of the Cape Cod Line Co. and treasurer of the Bevin-Wilcox Line Co. He was active in local church and community activities. He is survived by his wife, Thelma Chase Bevin '31, a son and a daughter, a brother, two sisters, and seven grandchildren.

**John H. Sawyer '34**, June 21, 1988, in Waterville, Maine, at age 80. He was born in Arlington, Mass. While at Colby he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He served in the Army during World War II. He is survived by a great-nephew, Geoffrey Sawyer, and a great-niece, Carolyn S. Vaughan.

**Ray Gardner '35**, June 1, 1986, at age 72. Born Ray Goldstein in Colchester, Conn., he attended White Plains High School in New York. After graduating from Colby he began a 26-year career in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, eventually rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He continued his education at Jones College in Florida, where he received a B.A. in accounting in 1973 and a B.A. in business administration in 1979. He was business manager at a medical complex in Orlando, Fla., for six years and managed Kissimmee Gas Co. in Kissimmee, Fla., for four years. Prior to his death he lived in an apartment in the Los Angeles, Calif., house of his son, Eric Rollins, who survives him.

**Philip N. Simon '36**, August 30, 1988, in Branford, Conn., at age 74. He was born in Boston and attended Brookline High School. A member of Tau Delta Phi fraternity while at the College, he went on to earn his master's and doctorate degrees in food technology at the University of Massachusetts. He was an Army captain during World War II and a self-employed manufacturer of food products in Scarsdale, N.Y., until 1973. He

was a member of the American Chemical Society and the Institute of Food Technology. He is survived by his wife, Nora, and a daughter.

**Gerald M. Armstrong '39**, September 16, 1988, in Kingsport, Tenn., at age 71. He was born in Waterville, Maine, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Colby. He went on to take his doctorate in physical chemistry from Brown University following war-time work on the Manhattan Project. He also did postdoctoral study at Brown and joined the research engineering department of Tennessee Eastman Co. in 1948. At the time of his retirement in 1982 he was a senior research chemist. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America and was a member of the Moose Lodge. He was predeceased by his sister, Ruth Armstrong Bickmore '33. He is survived by his wife Alice, two sons, four grandchildren, a sister, Louise Armstrong Ray '30, and four brothers, including Donald '26.

**Leon J. Braudy '39**, August 19, 1988, in Pittsfield, Mass., at age 69. He was born and educated in New Bedford, Mass. After Colby, where he was a business administration major and president of Tau Delta Phi fraternity, he received his M.B.A. from Harvard School of Business Administration in 1941. During World War II he attained the rank of captain, serving as a finance officer in the Army Air Force. For 40 years he owned a certified public accounting office, operating the business from his home in Greenburgh, N.Y., where he lived since 1952. He also taught accounting at Mercy College in New Rochelle for five years before retiring in 1987. He was a founding member of the Westchester Reform Temple in Scarsdale. Predeceased by his brother, Selwyn '34, he is survived by his wife, Shirley, two sons, a daughter, a brother, Ralph '43, and a sister.



Pauline Pratt Plaisted '39

**Pauline Pratt Plaisted '39**, August 29, 1988, in Greenfield, Mass., at age 70. Born in Portland, Maine, she attended Deering High School and graduated with highest honors in mathematics. A member of Sigma Kappa sorority and the mathematics club at Colby, she went on to teach mathematics in Kezar Falls, Maine. Later she taught at Falmouth High School and Deering

High. For 22 years she was a teacher and mathematics department head at Frontier Regional High School in South Deerfield, Mass. She was also an accomplished musician, beginning her music career as a flutist at the age of 12 with the Portland Symphony Orchestra. She played the flute in the Pioneer Valley Symphony Orchestra for 30 years. She is survived by her husband, Robert, two sons, two daughters, and five grandchildren.

**Robert B. Carr '40**, August 3, 1988, in Waterville, Maine, at age 69. Born and educated in Norridgewock, Maine, he was Phi Beta Kappa at Colby and earned his M.Ed. at the College. After attending the University of Chicago, he served as principal of Maine high schools in Flagstaff and Oxford. During World War II he attained the rank of captain as a meteorologist in the U.S. Air Force. After a year of teaching mathematics in Dedham, Mass., he moved to Auburndale, Mass., and taught at Frank F. Day Junior High School in Newton for 32 years. His sister, Mary Carr Powers '42, died in 1983. Survivors include his wife Jane Leighton Carr '42, a daughter, three sons and five grandchildren.

**Norma Brosius McLaren '42**, February 16, 1983, in Laconia, N.H., at age 61. Born in Berlin, N.H., she attended Berlin High School. Upon graduation from Colby she studied laboratory technique at Mary Hitchcock Hospital where she worked as a medical technologist. Survivors included two sons, Keir and Ian, a daughter, Leslie, a sister, a brother, and two grandchildren.

**Gerard Begin '42**, September 9, 1988, in Waterville, Maine, at age 71. Born in Augusta and a lifelong resident of Waterville, he was a Postal Service employee for 35 years. He was a veteran of World War II. A first eucharistic minister at St. Francis de Sales Church, he was active in the church's charismatic renewal movement. He is survived by his wife, Marguerite, two sons, including James '67, two daughters, and several grandchildren.

**Dominic "Mico" Puia '48**, August 9, 1988, in Portland, Maine, at age 68. Born in Rumford, Maine, he attended Stephens High School where he won all-state basketball honors. After two years at Colby he joined the United States Marine Corps in 1942, serving for four years in the Pacific in World War II and playing for service baseball teams with Ted Williams and other major leaguers. When he returned to Colby, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, he lettered in basketball and football and played on one of the strongest baseball teams in the College's history. He was an All-State center fielder in his junior and senior years and was selected in 1946 for the East squad at the East-West Collegiate All-Star Game in Fenway Park. He taught for one year at Lawrence High School in Fairfield, Maine, then accepted a teaching/coaching position at Livermore Falls. Later he taught U.S. history, coached football, track, and baseball for 24 years, and for 14 years was athletic director at Rumford High School. In 1980 he was elected to the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. He was a member of the American Legion, the VFW and the Sons of Italy. He was predeceased by his wife, Lilace, in January 1988. Surviving are two daughters, Wendy Blanchard and Heidi Waken, a son, Dean, a stepdaughter, five brothers, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Richard E. Baggs, Jr. '53, August 14, 1977, at age 47. Born in New York, N.Y., he attended Central High School in Philadelphia, Pa. Following graduation he served in the U.S. Army. At the time of his death he was a resident of Philadelphia. Survivors included his wife, Teresa, a brother, a sister, and a cousin, Robert E. Baggs, Jr. '65.



Priscilla Shirley Castañeda '53

Priscilla "Patsy" Shirley Castañeda '53 April 4, 1986, at age 55. Born in Newton, Mass., she graduated from Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine. After Colby she attended the University of Geneva, Switzerland, and Florida Technological University and worked for a construction company in Winter Park, Fla. A victim of multiple sclerosis, she was involved in numerous Massachusetts church and community organizations in addition to her activism in support of the physically disabled. She served as a member of Colby's Alumni Council in the late 1960s. Survivors included a brother, Robert Shirley, and two sisters, Susan Barrie and Elizabeth Day.

Barbara Guernsey Eddy '54, August 22, 1988, in Salisbury, Conn., at age 55. She was born in Middleton, Ohio, and raised in Lexington, Mass. At Colby she was an English major and a member of both Delta Delta Delta sorority and the Cap and Gown honorary society. She married C. Arthur Eddy '54 and in 1963 moved to Salisbury to raise a family. In 1970 she became a reporter for the *Lakeville Journal* weekly newspaper and later became its copy editor. She was her Colby class secretary from the late 1970s to the early 1980s. She was very active in her community during this time, serving on the board of education, the planning and zoning commission, and the school building committee. She is survived by her husband, their two sons and two daughters, and her mother.

Barry Levow '54, August 5, 1988, in Weston, Mass., at age 57. He was born in New Bedford, Mass., and was educated at New Bedford High School and Hebron Academy in Maine. A business administration major at Colby, he was president of Tau Delta Phi fraternity and a pitcher on

the baseball team. After attending Emerson College and Northeastern University, he became president of G.A. Levow Co., a family-owned business in Newton, Mass., which distributes microprocessing equipment. He received a master's in social work from Boston University in 1978. He served as administrator of the Little People's School in West Newton, a school for language- and hearing-impaired children, which he co-founded. He was president of the Metropolitan Center for Speech and Hearing Therapy in West Newton from 1970 to 1980. He was also a former member of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health task force that set guidelines for speech and hearing centers in the state. He was a past president of the Massachusetts Hearing Aid Society and a frequent lecturer for many educational institutions, government agencies and health service providers. Upon his death of lymphoma a scholarship fund was set up in his name as a memorial. Survivors include his wife, Judith Lee Holtz Levow '55, two children, two grandchildren, a brother-in-law, Gerald L. Holtz '52, and a sister-in-law, Gale Holtz Golden '61.

Walter Barry Smith '60, December 20, 1984 in Glen Cove, N.Y., at age 46. A business administration major at the College, he began work in 1962 as an interviewer and counselor for the New York State Department of Labor, Division of Employment, and became a supervising senior employment counselor. He was awarded an M.S. in guidance counseling from Long Island University in 1970. He held various lay positions in church affairs and was active in the Boy Scouts. Survivors included his mother, Mrs. Walter R. Smith.

Dawn E. Mitchell '61, September 12, 1987 in Lewiston, Maine, at age 48. Born in Lewiston she attended Auburn schools, graduating from Edward Little High School in 1957. A member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority she graduated *cum laude* from Colby. She was a self-employed accountant in Boston for many years and was a member of the American Society of Women Accountants. Surviving is her brother, Radcliffe G. Mitchell, Jr.

Richard I. Spector '70, 1984, at age 36. He was born in Patterson, N.J., where he attended East Side High School. He worked in New York City. Survivors included his father, Norman, and two brothers.

Richard T. Brindle '71, October 1, 1987, in Denver, Colo., at age 38. He was born and educated in Haverhill, Mass. He received his master's of divinity degree from Andover-Newton Theological Seminary in Newton, Mass., in 1974. He served as associate pastor of the First Congregational Church in New Milford, Conn., from 1974 to 1977. He became minister of the Wheat Ridge Congregation of United Church of Christ in Colorado in 1977 and served there until his death. He worked actively with the Denver United Fund, the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the Big Brother/Big Sister Program and was well known in the area for his dedication to youth and family concerns. Survivors include his parents, Arthur and Anne Brindle, and his sister.

Philip S. Singer '71, October 2, 1987, in Boston, Mass., at age 38. An administrative science major at Colby, he went on to work as a comptrol-

ler of *The New York Times* Company. He was a resident of New York City. He is survived by his parents, Joseph and Annette Singer.

Elisabeth Ross Blackwell '78, August 13, 1988. She lived in Delavan, Wis. At Colby she was active in athletics, especially women's ice hockey. Survivors include a brother, Clifford E. Blackwell III.

Charles Higginson, Jr. '81, October 8, 1988, in Boston, Mass., at age 30. Born and raised in Cohasset, Mass., he was a graduate of the Potomac School in McLean, Va., and Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass. After graduate work at the London School of Economics, he began work as a financial analyst at Kidder Peabody in New York. A member of the Cohasset Yacht Club, he was well-known in the area for his performance in the International 110 Class and was fleet champion for two years. At the time of his death he worked as an oil trader for Catamount Petroleum Corp. in Boston. He leaves his wife of four months, Susan, his parents, and three brothers.

## H O N O R A R Y

Louis Booker Wright, Litt.D. '59, February 28, 1984, at age 84. A successful reporter, editor, professor, research scholar, and author, he was the director of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C. for 20 years. After his retirement in 1968 he became a consultant for the National Geographic Society.

Jens Fredrick Larson, L.H.D. '64, May 6, 1981, in Winston-Salem, N.C. Larson was well known as one of a group of architects and college presidents working to improve the architectural character of liberal arts colleges when he was chosen by President Franklin Johnson and the Board of Trustees in 1931 to be the master planner and chief architect of Colby's Mayflower Hill campus. Larson's plan, a combination of Beaux-Arts principles and Neo-Georgian style, created "an ideal small college in the best New England traditions" and was followed faithfully for decades of building on Mayflower Hill.

Philip C. Jessup, LL.D. '73, January 31, 1986, in Newtown, Pa., at age 89. He was born in Manhattan, N.Y., and was educated at the Ridgefield School in Connecticut. He went on to Hamilton College, Yale University Law School, and Columbia University. A member of the bar in New York and in Washington, D.C., he joined the faculty of law at Columbia in 1925, became the Hamilton Fish Professor of International Law and Diplomacy in 1946, and continued teaching for 15 more years. During that period he also served as U.S. representative to the United Nations General Assembly for four years and was a member of the International Court of Justice in the Hague for nine years. Although he was attacked by Senator Joseph McCarthy for having "an unusual affinity for communist causes," during his four years in the United Nations he won high praise from his colleagues, particularly for his role in ending the Berlin blockade. He wrote and edited several significant books in the field of international law. At Colby he delivered the Commencement address for the Class of 1973. He was survived by his wife, Lois, a son, a brother, three grandchildren, and four step-grandchildren.



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