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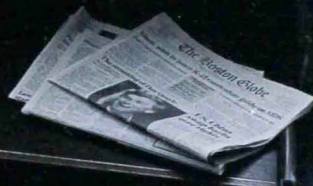
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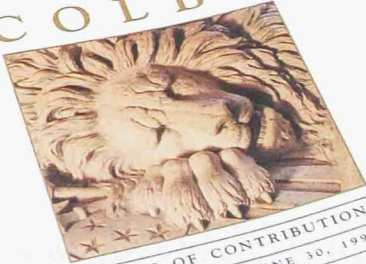
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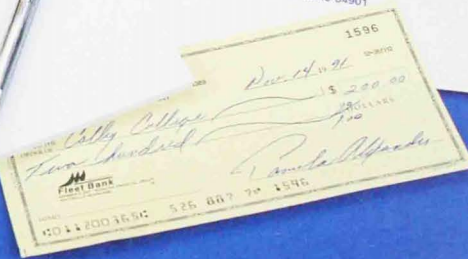


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When air raid sirens sounded in Israel, Betsy Kuller '90 reached for her gas mask. When the all clear sounded, she reached for her pen. Those who knew her as an undergraduate will not be surprised. Betsy was often ready to speak her mind and always prepared to back up her opinions with a healthy outpouring of enthusiasm and energy.

An incident springs to mind. After her sophomore year, Betsy discovered that a man who had graduated with honors that spring had barred non-Christian students from participating in a campus-wide charity drive first organized as a Christian student activity. The issue had been settled quietly, with the fellow apologizing and acknowledging error. Various College officials assured Betsy it would never happen again. No need to expose the dirty linen now, they said.

Betsy was furious. For lessons to be learned from such a misguided act, she countered, it had to be known and understood by more than a few, and dirty linen be damned. She exposed herself to a barrage of verbal brickbats, writing a documented story in the *Echo* that led to several weeks of dialogue. Thus, her decision three years later to stay put in the face of a barrage of Iraqi missiles, which resulted in the account that starts on page 6, seems very much in character.



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Gleaned by Dean Earl H. Smith from his weekly campus newsletter, FYI.

Naming Names While some thought that Lunder Admissions House (made possible by a major challenge gift from Peter '56 and Paula Lunder) might be just the right name, others reminded that the financial aid crew will be working there as well. The Lunder Admissions and Financial Aid House seemed unwieldy, so we'll simply call it the Lunder House and let subtitles on the signs clear up the details. . . . Similarly, the functions of physical therapy, sports medicine and athletic training would have made a too-long moniker for the new Carl Nelson Center, thus the shorter version. The center, unrivaled anywhere in New England, is operating. The Lunder House is framed up and construction will continue through the winter.

To Spotlight Lectures The Campus Lecture Committee is developing a proposal that would set aside a regular weekday time slot for all-college convocations featuring speakers and performances of general interest. The idea, contained in the final report of the Trustee Planning Committee, attempts to address the concern that while a great deal of energy and many other resources are put into lectures and other public events, attendance is often poor and the events seldom spark campus-wide discussion. The plan will be drafted this winter and considered by the faculty and the Student Association in the spring.

Saved By Alarms No one was hurt in a fire at Dana Hall late at night on October 23. The 200-plus residents were kept out of the building for nearly two hours while local fire department officials and Colby technicians worked to pinpoint the cause of the blaze. It turned out to be a defective roof gutter heating tape, used to prevent winter ice buildup over the doorways on the south end of the building. An attic smoke alarm was triggered and the fire was contained to a small portion of the wooden roof soffit. The blaze did not break into the interior of the building, where it would have activated sprinklers. All of Colby's residence halls have sprinkler and alarm systems. Dining Services opened the Spa and served more than 200 pizza slices and grilled cheese sandwiches while students waited for the all clear.

To Name a Few Tom Morrione '65 (sociology) and Hank Gemery (economics) were elected faculty representatives to the Board of Trustees. . . . Bob Nelson (geology) has been named a sub-group leader for terrestrial arthropods (insects, mites, springtails, spiders, etc.) for the Panarctic Biota Project, an international program aimed at documenting biodiversity in the Arctic environment and identifying those groups of organisms useful in marking global

climate change. . . . Charlie Bassett (English and American studies) has received a special award from the American Studies Association in appreciation for his service as book review editor of the association's *American Quarterly* magazine. . . . Sandy Maisel (government) is chair of Maine's Democratic Platform Committee. . . . **Jim Fleming** (science and technology studies) is one of 15 visiting fellows at the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University. He joins scholars from the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences, the Polish Academy of Sciences, the University of Edinburgh, the University of London and the University of Budapest. . . . Ed Mestieri, assistant football coach since 1989, has been named assistant athletic director for men's sports. . . . **Arnie Yasinski**, vice president for administration, worked with the grounds crew one day recently. Reports indicated that his work was satisfactory.

Air China Yuet K. Lo (East Asian studies), Tiare White '92 and Scott Snell have started a Chinese language radio program on WMHB, the Colby station. The show, featuring news in Chinese about China, Taiwan and Hong Kong and a 10-minute Chinese grammar lesson, is aired once a week. Lo says the show is probably unique among liberal arts colleges in the U.S. Only the University of Texas at Austin has a similar program.

Doctor Mavrinac Among the new Ph.D.'s on the faculty is Lynn Mavrinac, associate professor of history and education, who has completed her doctorate in history at Harvard. Few can rival Lynn's persistence. She began her graduate work in 1953 and stopped in 1960 to travel, teach, raise five wonderful children and wait for the computer to be invented. She resumed her studies eight years ago.

Moosecellaneous MPBN, the University of Maine public television station, and WCBT, operated by the Colby-Bates-Bowdoin Educational Telecasting Corporation, are talking about a consolidation. Changes in the television environment, the proliferation of cable services as well as new technologies and programming trends have spurred the merger talks. **Bill Cotter** is currently chair of the WCBT board. . . . The George I. Alden Trust has offered Colby a 3-for-1 challenge grant of \$50,000 for the purchase of scientific equipment and instrumentation for the bioscience teaching labs. Colby needs to raise \$150,000 in new money before June 30, 1993 to qualify. . . . The annual Maine Event, a special campus program for this state's interested high schoolers, parents and guidance counselors on November 20, was a great success.

NEWS FROM THE HILL

Albee on Writers as Prophets

“All writers who concern themselves at all with what’s going on in their society, in their times, probably have a kind of insight into things that may be prophetic, have a sense of where society is moving,” playwright Edward Albee told a large crowd in Roberts Union when he visited Colby in October. Albee, who spent the better part of two days taking part in classes, reading from his plays and fielding questions from students and faculty, was among more than 30 outside speakers who brought their messages to the College this semester.

“Serious writing is there to inform and, in a sense, to warn,” Albee said, “to hold up a mirror to us and say, ‘Look, this is who you are; this is how you are behaving. If you don’t like it, why don’t you change?’ . . . Almost all serious writing is done in the hope that someday it won’t be necessary anymore. I would love it if all of my plays suddenly became unnecessary, if they all suddenly became anachronistic. If everybody started behaving the way I told them to, then I wouldn’t have to hold up a mirror to them—no serious writer would have to. But I’m not going to hold my breath.”

• **William Truettner**, curator of painting and sculpture at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American Art in Washington, D.C., presented a lecture and slide show on “Connecting Images and History: How Far Can We Go?”

Truettner was curator of the highly controversial *West As America* exhibition at the Smithsonian last spring. The show, which tried to demonstrate that art from and about the American West did not paint a true picture of the region or of the people who built it, was attacked for its “political correctness” by critics on Capitol Hill and throughout the country. In his opening remarks, Truettner said he was indebted to Colby Professor of Art David Lubin, who wrote a letter to the editor of *The Washington Post* defending the exhibition and its mission. “It was a real turning point for us,” Truettner said. “We’d been beaten down so badly those first few weeks, and that really made us feel a lot better about what we’d done. And as a matter of fact, after that point we even got a few good reviews.”

Of the criticism, Truettner said: “It finally comes down to the number of sacred beliefs the exhibition questioned—beliefs about our national past, beliefs about the role of the frontier in the foundation of the so-called American character, about the meaning of history and about the mean-

ing of images. Had all of this been done in a classroom, in a book, in a movies, on television—anywhere but in a federally funded art museum—it could not have caused such a commotion. As it was, we may have created some of our own problems. Art museums for years have featured the aesthetic meaning of our collections. Social and political meaning has been played down. Who would ever think of coming to an art museum, much less one operating on federal funds, to receive a critical view of the nation’s past?”

• “Students of color are coming to colleges. They are seeing a faculty who don’t look like them, and they are saying to this faculty, ‘Read our faces,’” said Ronald Takaki, professor of ethnic studies at the University of California at Berkeley and author of *Strangers From Another Shore*.

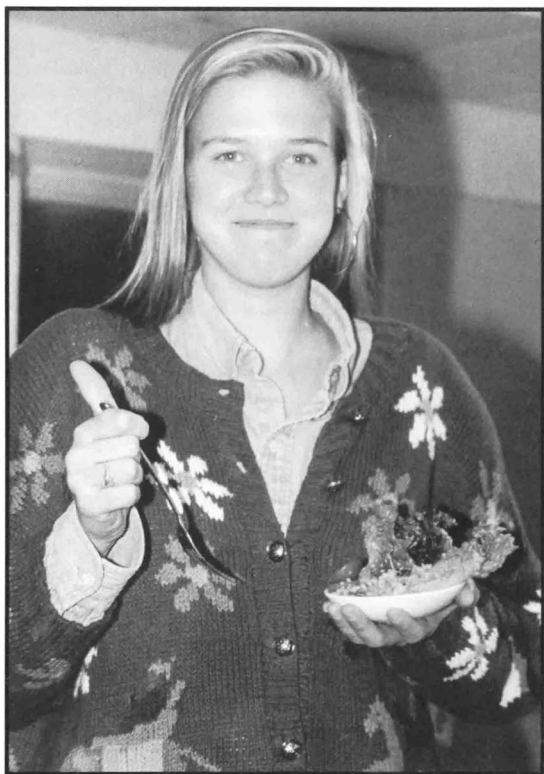
“They are saying, ‘We will never blend into American society; we have to say that it’s okay to be ethnic,’” Takaki continued in his speech at Lorimer Chapel. “But I think that when students of color say it’s okay to be ethnic, they open it up for everybody. . . . They are saying to Italians and to Jews and to the Irish, ‘You don’t have to shed your culture, you don’t have to shed your national identity.’”

“This diversity is what makes us unique—so different from, say, the Soviet Union, where ethnic peoples represent conquered peoples who have their own history, their own languages, their own territo-



Sarri Salman '94

Playwright Edward Albee spent a busy two days with students and faculty at Colby, lecturing, reading, responding and (above) listening.



Cina Wertheim '94

Home Cookin'

College food providers have always known that the epitome of customer satisfaction would be to prepare dishes for each student just the way they are accustomed to having them served at home. And while this kind of service is impossible, Colby Dining Services has taken a large step in that direction by inviting parents to send in recipes from home. Director Mary Attenweiler reports that the response to the new program has been outstanding. Colby chefs have received over 175 recipes, ranging from Jello poke to pour cakes to mussels on the half shell. Many are accompanied by notes of appreciation and thanks from parents. Each dining hall serves a "Recipe from Home" at either lunch or dinner every Thursday. Above, Ann Bonniwell '94 samples the dining hall version of her mom's couscous salad.

—Earl Smith

ries. We are essentially a nation of immigrants and we are all Americans. We should be able to keep our ethnic identities."

Also visiting this semester were: author Lorene Cary, who read from her book, *Black Ice*, and answered questions about her experiences as a minority student at St. Paul's School; medical ethicists Sam Banks and Joanna Trautmann, who came to Colby as part of its continuing lecture series on issues raised by the 1991-92 reading assignment for first-year students, the book *Mortal Choices*, by Ruth Macklin; Bill Demby, a double amputee and recovering substance abuser who spoke as part of the College's Alcohol and Wellness Awareness Week; Columbia University Professor of Art Stephen Murray, who spoke on medieval architecture; Kenneth McClane, a Cornell University English professor who shared a personal reminiscence about Martin Luther King, Jr.; and Levan Imnadze, a lawyer at Moscow Institute of World Economy, whose topic was "Legal Aspects of External Economic Relations with the Soviet Union."

Up the Street and Around the World

Each January at Colby some of the most interesting news on Mayflower Hill involves those students who are off the Hill on Jan Plan trips and internships.

While several proposed overseas Jan Plans did not attract the requisite number of students, Prof. Sheila McCarthy had no trouble attracting participants for "Introduction to Russian Culture: Russia's Three Capitals." Despite the fact that the course carries no academic credit, it turned applicants away. This must just be the time to be touring Moscow, St. Petersburg and Kiev.

Other Colby-offered group courses are being conducted in Konstanz, Germany ("German History and Culture" led by Prof. Herbert Kueter, whom many Colby alumni and parents know as the chef-proprietor of Johann Sebastian B restaurant), Anguilla (a field study of tropical flora and fauna conducted by faculty biologists Russ Cole and Paul Greenwood) and England (a critical sampling of the London stage led by Prof. Pat Brancaccio).

A number of students crafted their own month-long sortees overseas, and about 50 others embarked on internships near and far that were approved by Associate Director of Off-Campus Study Linda Cotter, many set up with the help of alumni, parents and friends of the College.

Some students are involved in health-related internships. Scott Abrams '93 is an emergency medical technician in Washington, D.C.; Eric Albano '93 is a physical therapy assistant at the Spaulding Hospital in Boston; Anthony Couvillon '93 is in the emergency department of the Mid-Maine Medical Center just down the street

from Colby; Eric David Johnson '93 and Jennifer Morrow '94 are "shadowing" a Waterville orthopedic surgeon; and Christopher Thayer '93 is taking a wilderness EMT course in Conway, N.H.

Politics, law and education are other popular January pastimes this year.

Kevin Browne '94 is interning at the county courthouse in Dedham, Mass.; Jeffrey Cohen '94, Shawn Keeler '94 and Krista Lundborg '92 are working in law offices in Hartford, Springfield and New Haven and Heather Jagels '93 is in the prosecutor's office in Ellsworth, Maine.

Christopher Chin '93 is interning with Massachusetts State Rep. Peter Forman '80, Michelle Fortier '92 with Maine State Rep. Ruth Joseph and James Kaleigh '94 with U.S. Rep. Chester Atkins. Others in government-related work are Christopher Wilde '94, studying the accuracy of budget forecasting, and Jason Pizer '93, studying American loans to foreign countries, at the Federal Office of Management and Budget; Andrew Wallace '92, working for New York Governor Mario Cuomo's research department; Joshua Steinberger '92, studying the economic impact of state parks for the Maine Bureau of Parks and Recreation; Peter Read Smith '92, working in the Asian Affairs Office of the Agency for International Development; and Sean Gibbons '94, interning in Vice President Dan Quayle's press office.

Karen Carlson '94 is an assistant French teacher in Winchester, Mass.; Rachel Ann Herf '94 and Sarah Whitely '94 are counseling interns at the Thayer Academy in Braintree, Mass., and the Kennebunkport, Maine, school district; Martha Mars '93 is an intern with a psychology teacher at the Kents Hill School in Maine; Jennifer Pelson '92 is a teaching intern in Londonderry, N.H.; and Sarah Steindel '93 is a teacher of Chinese history and culture at Abington Heights High School in Clarks Summit, Pa.

Other interesting Jan Plan internships are being conducted by Mark Burns '94, who is helping a small business get off the ground in Brunswick, Maine; Jocelyn Childs '92, who is doing research for the New York City-based Citizens Committee for Children; Elizabeth Frado '92, who is volunteering at a homeless shelter in Brocton, Mass.; Scott Kadish '94, who is working with AYUDA, a Washington-based legal assistance agency for Latinos; John Mechem '93, who is working with the commercial counselor at the American embassy in Singapore; Michelle Severance '94, who is a sports reporter at the Bangor Daily News; and Lisl Warren '95, who is training to qualify for a position on the U. S. Junior Olympic equestrian team in Wellington, Fla.

Two of the more intriguing internships were provided by Colby professors. Two students are helping geology professor Don Smith conduct research in northern Mexico, and 10 students have joined Phyllis Rogers, professor of anthropology and American studies, in cataloging and analyzing papers, photos, paintings and other records for the Penobscot Marine Museum in Searsport, Maine.

Colby, January 1992




Mary Ellen Matava

Center of Attention

As his wife, Jean, and William Alfond '72 (right) look on, Director of Health Services and Head Trainer Carl Nelson officially opens the modern, new sports training and therapy center named in his honor by William's parents, Harold, L.H.D. '80, and Dorothy "Bibby" Levine Alfond '38, whose challenge grant to the College made construction of the center possible. It sports a taping area, treatment tables, whirlpools and an exercise area that features Cybex bicycles to exercise both upper and lower extremities, a Nordic track, an Orthotron leg exercise machine and a Cybex cable column exercise device. A day of ceremony, Nov. 9, realized a dream for Nelson, a member of the National Trainer's Hall of Fame, who has been at Colby more than 30 years. President William Cotter had a surprise of his own, announcing that Nelson has been promoted to a full professorship. Nelson expects to retire next year.





No Mask to Hide Her Emotions

Graphic Memories of a Brush with War

— by Betsy Kuller '90 —

Israel, January 13, 1991: Saddam Hussein was threatening to carry out a chemical attack on Israel, the U.N. was pressuring Iraq to get out of Kuwait and the world was speaking grimly about the inevitability of war in the Middle East. Ronen and I were exchanging hasty good-byes at Yagur junction, near his parents' kibbutz. Afterwards, he hitchhiked to the base where he was performing his obligatory army service, and I took the bus to Yokneam, the development town where I worked.

The radio on the bus droned on and on, presenting expert upon expert, each seeming to predict the best and the worst at the same time. I tried to avoid the anxious expressions on the faces of the schoolchildren, workers and soldiers. I gazed at the pink clouds, which were caught in the smoky embrace of Haifa's factory exhaust, and pretended that I believed everything was going to be fine. I pretended I didn't feel the tension in the air or see the soldiers en route to their military bases, carrying their equipment as if it were heavier than usual.

I stepped off the bus in Yokneam and the cold air forced me to come down from the clouds. I started to feel afraid—of the airplanes flying low overhead, of sudden loud noises. I walked up the stairs that led to my apartment on Hashikma Road and dropped my weekend bag off in my room.

I went to see if Shari and Julie, the other two Americans in my program, Sherut La'am, were in their apartment. But there was no one there, so I unlocked the door with my extra key and prepared to make a chemical attack-proof room out of Julie's bedroom. Julie wasn't there to object, and I thought her room was the nicest.

I took out the sheets of soft plastic and sealing tape that our program coordinator, Nava, had given me. I spread the large unwieldy plastic on and around the window and peeled off long strips of tape. Then I stuck the plastic sheeting around the outside edges of the window. After I finished I remembered that we were supposed to seal the inside edges of the window first. Oh well.

Betsy Kuller works for the Gannett News Service in Albany, N.Y.



Illustrations by Richard Giedd

I stepped back to evaluate my work. Not bad. Very ugly. It's not how it looks, I told myself, it's how it seals.

I had to start work at the elementary school in Yokneam at 8 a.m. On the way I saw a fighter plane flying low over the town, and a burst of sparks exploded from its tail. I nearly collapsed, convinced that the war had started and that this was a chemical attack. I came to my senses immediately afterwards, but I was starting to panic.

My anxiety grew as the day wore on. At the school, every teacher—or so it seemed—greeted me with an interrogation. “*Nu*, why are you still here? Aren’t your parents worried? If you were my daughter I would have told you to come home by now!” My friend Galia, a soldier teaching in Yokneam, asked me, “Why do you look so awful? Are you afraid of Saddam Hussein?”

“Yes, yes, yes and yes,” I kept saying, trying to keep down the lump in my throat. The teachers admitted that they were scared, too. Almost all of them were mothers of young children, and their husbands were army reservists.

After work I headed to the municipal building in search of Nava. She was one of the aspects of Yokneam that drew me there to live and work for my year-long Sherut La’am contract. From the start Nava would speak only Hebrew with us to help us integrate into the town, where virtually no one spoke English. She always greeted us with a smile and told us how terrific we were for staying and working during the war. We loved Nava and she loved us, even though she gave us crummy jobs sometimes. It was with Nava I felt comfortable enough to become hysterical.

While I was searching for her, one of her co-workers approached me and asked if I was all right. That was it. I couldn’t hold it in any longer. I lost control and started sobbing. I was crying so hard that I had to sit down outside and drink cold water.

I was suddenly surrounded by people from the town. “We love

that you’re here! If you want to, you can stay with us as long as you like,” they exclaimed as I cried buckets. Nava finally appeared and said, “You should really stay at my house. It’s just me and the boys; my husband is doing reserve duty.” I started to calm down a bit. Chaim, a social worker with whom I worked, hustled me into his office and gave me 40 reasons why I was not going to die. Saddam can’t send the warheads, he said, the chemical weapons don’t work, we have gas masks and sealed rooms to protect us, etc., etc. On and on he went until I was so bored I had to stop crying.

I was unspeakably moved by the generosity and sympathy of the people in Yokneam. They gathered around me and supported me, understanding that I was far from home and family. They invited me into their families and showed me that I was not without friends. In my time of weakness and vulnerability, they praised my strength for staying and told me how much the work I did was needed in Yokneam. I was happy to be in Israel, but I was as scared of war as anyone, particularly after speaking with anxious families who remembered all too clearly the Wars of Independence, the Six-Day War and the Yom Kippur War.



The worst seemed to come all too soon. In the early morning of January 17, Shari came to my apartment to tell me that there was a phone call for Ronen. I looked at the clock; it was 2:30. A phone call at this hour? It hit me then that this was it. We were going to war, and I was scared.

“Ronen, get up. They’re calling you from the base.” He shuffled to the other apartment to receive the call. I followed him to the hall and had to sit down because of the trembling in my legs. I could hear my heart pounding. I listened to the eerie noises of an apartment block awake and alert in the middle of the night. There was a steady

hum from radios and television interpolated with the sound of telephones ringing to call soldiers and reservists to duty.

Ronen returned to my apartment and turned on the radio. "American planes are bombing Iraq," he said as I walked in. The radio announcer told us to break the seals on our gas kits and try on the masks, "keeping them close at hand at all times." I watched as Ronen started to make breakfast.

"Why are you drinking coffee and eating toast?" I asked. "You have to get to the base," I started gesturing wildly with my arms. "Ronen, don't you have any idea of what is going on here? The war has started! It's 2:40 a.m., you're being called back to the base because we're going to war, and you're just sitting here eating toast and drinking coffee!"

Ronen continued with his morning ritual and appeared composed. I should have known by then that he would react this way. We'd been together since August, one month after my arrival in Israel as a new Colby graduate. I was then staying at his parents' kibbutz and learning Hebrew with the others in my program. Ronen offered to help me with the language and, as they say, nature took its course. He was allowed to stay with me in off-duty time because Yokneam was within 30 minutes of the base where he was stationed.

I walked with him down the stairs into the cold morning. "Bye," I said, trying to sound brave and nonchalant but clinging to his hand. "Call if you can."

"Okay," he said. He kissed me on the forehead. "Try not to worry too much." I watched him walk away and then I went upstairs again.

I went on a rampage to seal everything and protect us from a toxic chemical attack. "Wake up! Wake up!" I shouted to my sleepy and irritated friends. "Get up. The war has started!"

I put sealing tape on everything. I crisscrossed tape on the windows to prevent shattering should any conventional missiles land in the area. I dumped all the towels, toiletries, clothes, pictures and books into the closet and sealed it. "What is this?" screeched one of my friends when she saw what I had done. "Where's my towel? Where's my soap?"

At 6:30 a.m. I collapsed in front of the television and set the radio next to me so I could listen to both at the same time. I drank black coffee and pretended that this was all a nightmare.

Julie and I were unable to sleep the next night. I went to her apartment and we played cards. Just when we decided that sleep might be possible, we heard the air raid siren. At first we didn't get it. An unnerving, loud, wavering wail seemed to be coming from everywhere. Julie and I stood frozen, unable to move. We looked at each other. "Is that it?" I asked her.

I was shaking so badly that it was all I could do to remain standing. Julie, Shari and I went into Julie's bedroom. With trembling, sweaty hands, Shari and I strapped ourselves into gas masks while Julie sealed the door with tape. The siren

was unbearably loud, and the mask was tight and painful.

Our battery-operated radio was on, and the radio announcer was giving us emergency instructions. "An alarm has been given, and the emergency siren has been sounded. There has been a real attack on Israel." Maybe it was my imagination, but the voice sounded shaky and panic-stricken. "All residents of Israel are instructed to enter their sealed rooms and put on their gas masks. Stay tuned for further announcements."

The pain from the gas mask was almost unbearable. Time dragged on. We tried to play a game to take our minds off our situation, but for me it was no use. I was hurting.

I kept trying to tell myself that what I was going through was nothing, that real soldiers suffer much more than this, that thousands had given their lives for Israel and all I had to do was sit in this room with a gas mask on. It didn't work. I was more scared than I had ever been. I was afraid to die. I wanted my mom.

Another hour passed. "My chin hurts so much," Julie wrote on a slip of paper with her favorite purple pen.

Finally we heard it. "All residents of Israel may now take off their gas masks but are advised to stay inside sealed rooms with their masks close at hand," the announcer said.

We had done it. We were still alive! I took off my mask, cautiously peeling it from my jaw. Oh, the pain in my face. My jaw felt like it had been squeezed in a nutcracker. I ran from Julie to Shari, hugging them, exhilarated to be alive.

We opened Ronen's special, personal bottle of chocolate spread with no qualms whatsoever. This was a war, after all. I wasn't in the mood to eat but watched amazed as Julie and Shari dug in with their index fingers, licking the gook from their fingers. We all fell asleep afterwards in the sealed room.

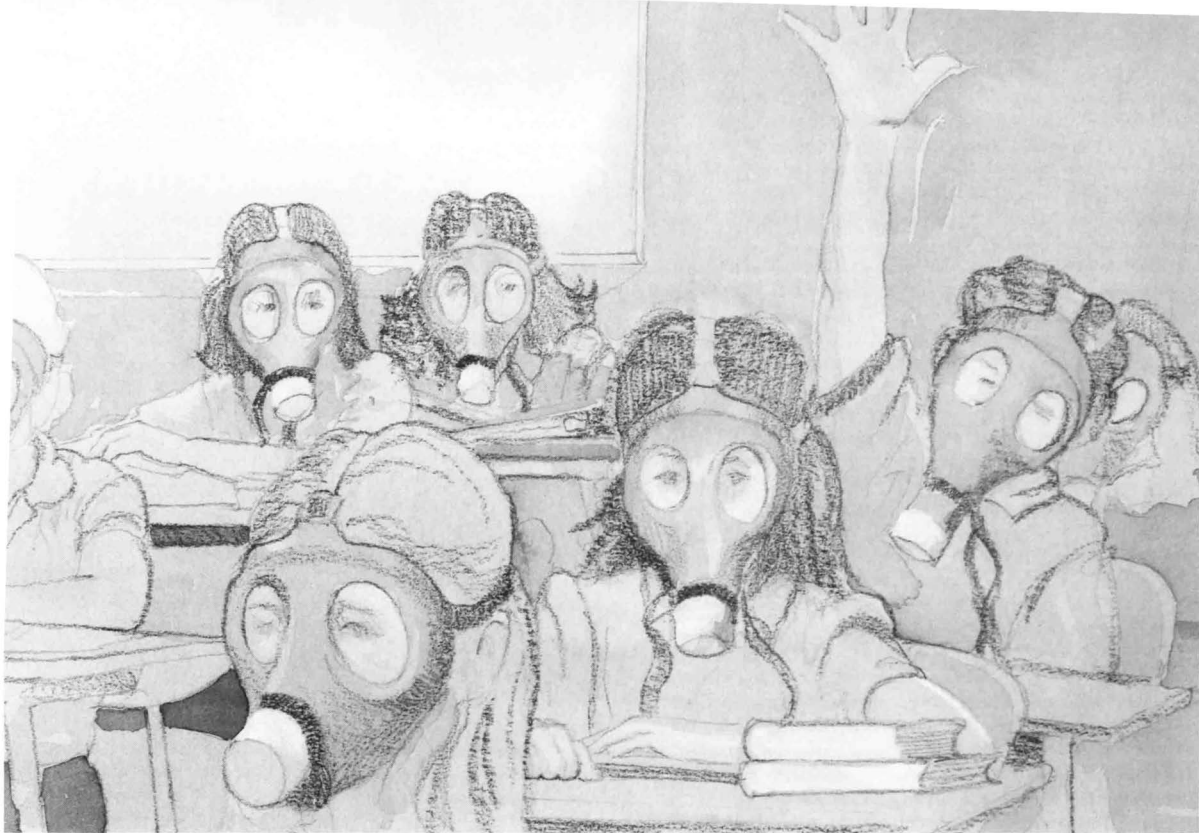
I prayed that there would be no more missiles and no more alarms. But there were many more—the next night, again on Friday evening, Saturday morning and Saturday night. In all, about 40 missiles were launched at Israel from Iraq.

Ronen surprised me that Friday by coming to Yokneam. He stayed with us for the weekend because his parents didn't want to risk driving during a siren in order to fetch us and take us to their kibbutz. He was annoyed for a while but was happier after Julie and I promised him eggplant Parmesan.

We spent the evening cooking and watching TV. After the sun set and the sky was almost completely black, the TV screen lit up with a picture of two Sabbath candles and the words "Shabbat Shalom." Still staring at the screen, I heard the terrifying wail again and started shouting "azakah, azakah (siren, siren)!" at the top of my lungs.

We ran first to the bathroom (we had learned from experience) and then to the sealed room. We took the eggplant Parmesan and salad with us because it seemed a shame to waste all that good food. Ronen wanted to start eating. "No, Ronen,"





I said, "I'm sorry, but we are not eating right now. This is a gas attack, and we have to sit in the sealed room with our gas masks on because we are in danger of being poisoned to death by toxic chemical warheads. *So please put down that plate and put on the gas mask now!*"

"Okay, okay," he said, giving in. "I'm not sure that if we do get a chemical attack all these things will do us any good anyway." Great. Just what I wanted to hear.

By the end of February I had stopped trying to change Ronen's behavior during the alerts. Once he even went outside to see if he could watch a scud missile streaking across the sky. "Don't bring in any poisonous gas on the way back, sweetie," I said, my voice muffled by my mask.

Life had to go on. Like most of the Israelis, I stayed away from work during the initial stages of the war, but eventually the schools and elder centers reopened, and I was needed. I was still afraid, but it helped to have a sense of humor. Part of my job in Yokneam's elementary school was to assist with practice sirens. One day I heard the signal—the bell ringing twice—and in five minutes I found myself facing 40 little rubber faces. I started laughing hysterically; they looked like the cartoons in bug spray ads. I even got the other teacher laughing eventually, though there wasn't much funny about children having to fear gas attacks.

Two nights a week I slept in the living room of one of Yokneam's elderly residents, Rachel, so I could be of use if the sirens sounded. I was supposed to help Rachel and check in on her neighbors. The first time we heard the siren, Rachel and I rushed to the sealed room, and I helped her put on her gas mask. I had remembered to bring the telephone inside the room, to call the neighbors and to turn on the

radio, but I forgot to remove the safety seal on her mask. She shrieked, "I can't breathe!" I took off the seal and pretended that nothing serious had happened. This was difficult because Rachel was wheezing from the tension, and I was sure she was going to collapse. "Oiy Betty! Oiy oiy Betty Betty! Oiy oiy oiy Betty Betty Betty," she moaned. I urged her to play dominoes with me and to guess what number I was thinking of. I even sang to her from my limited repertoire of Hebrew songs. We made it through the alert. Later, Rachel and her son and I were out trying to shop during an all clear when the siren sounded. We raced back to the apartment, only to find that it had been a false alarm. "Oiy Betty," Rachel said. We laughed like kids.

The cease-fire was declared on my 23rd birthday. I wasn't as elated by the war's end as I was deflated by Ronen, who did nothing to mark my special day. I found out later that Ronen's father saw his own father shot to death in a tragic accident on his eighth birthday, and that since then the family hadn't celebrated birthdays.

But I didn't know that then. I returned to Yokneam distraught. Slighted on my birthday and, in an odd way, slightly let down by the loss of the excitement from the war, I cried to Julie for half an hour. Then we headed to work at the center for elderly orthodox women.

When we arrived, Shoshana, the manager of the center, plunked me down onto one of the seats of honor. "You didn't think we could forget your birthday, did you, you silly girl!"

The women at the center cheered, danced Yemeni and Iraqi dances with me and fed me all morning. I felt like a spoiled and lucky granddaughter. The people I worked with throughout the town brought gifts and wished me a happy birthday. Hooray for Yokneam and hooray for me, I thought.



Pursuing Lovejoy's Legacy

Robert C. Maynard, editor and publisher of the Oakland Tribune, received the 1991 Elijah Parish Lovejoy award in a ceremony at Colby on November 8. His lecture, excerpted here, lent immediacy and relevance to the Lovejoy story.

The question that has been asked over and over again, whether by Elijah Lovejoy or by Harriet Beecher Stowe or more recently by Martin Luther King, has been this: What is it in America that makes it so difficult for Americans to learn to be one people, to view each other mutually through a prism of dignity? For sure, the separation of our society, as visible in many of our cities, is a sign of a social disintegration that would be far less catastrophic if Americans were to find themselves on common ground. But I am here to suggest to you that the single most difficult obstacle to common ground is this issue of ancient misperception and misportrayal.

ABCNews did a remarkable piece of journalism in St. Louis not too long ago. It appeared on a Thursday night on *PrimeTime Live*. The broadcast concerned two young Americans, John and Glenn. They were of average size, looks and demeanor. They were comparably educated and from very similar backgrounds. The difference is that John was white; Glenn was black. Each was equipped with a concealed camera, then they went about doing mundane things.

John went to a store. A salesman immediately materialized to wait on him. The salesman was solicitous. After John departed, Glenn arrived at the same store. Was he greeted warmly by the salesperson? No. Was he shunned by the salesperson? Well, not exactly. What the salesman did was to tail Glenn around the store, lurking behind him, waiting to see if he would shoplift, rather than ever approaching him to ask if he could be of service in an actual transaction.

The same sort of outcome occurred when John went to buy a car. Only a few minutes before, the salesman had offered John a no-money down deal. When Glenn arrived 10 minutes later, he waited for 10 minutes just to be assisted. Then he was told that he would have to pay \$2,000 down; and indeed, the price he was quoted for the car was \$500 higher.

At a St. Louis apartment house John was cordially welcomed.

Immediately, he was given an opportunity to look at an apartment. Only a few minutes later, Glenn was told the apartment had been rented hours before.

At the end of the broadcast, Glenn would say, "You walk down with a suit and tie and it doesn't matter. Someone will make determinations about you that affect the quality of your life, and the only basis is the one thing that will not change about you. I am not going to take off my black skin. I am going to be black forever." . . .

[O]ur nation still suffers from the stereotypes that fed the climate that permitted slavery to exist. . . . We incarcerate three times as many young black American men as we graduate from colleges and universities. This is a telling signal. It speaks of a society headed in the wrong direction. It is a direction that does no honor to such heroes as Martin Luther King and Elijah Lovejoy. They gave their lives to this cause because they believed their truth would leave us a better America. Moreover, they believed our salvation as a society depended on the freedom of our institutions. They did not anticipate that we might become indifferent about such important matters. They assumed we custodians already understood that eternal vigilance was the price of freedom. Occasions such as this give us an important opportunity to be reminded. . . .

In 1956, when Arthur Hays Sulzberger received your great honor here at Colby, he said: "We must demonstrate that freedom is not just a passing phase in the history of mankind, not merely a light that was kindled for a few hundred years only to

be blotted out by brute force and tyranny. Knowledge released man from the original yoke of oppression. Knowledge can keep that yoke from pressing him back to bondage."

True, but only if we beget an uncommon vigilance in pursuit of human dignity for all Americans. Yet we know it is not easy to afflict the comfortable and challenge the status quo. Elijah Parish Lovejoy understood that better than anyone. . . .

[W]e honor Elijah Parish Lovejoy [because] he set such an example of enduring and unshakable faith. Our times are all but bereft of such figures of courage. By holding this remarkable torch aloft, year in and year out, Colby College bids us all raise our voices of moral conviction against a tide of indifference. We owe no less to Lovejoy and to our legacy of free institutions in a still free nation.



Scott Davis

Robert C. Maynard accepts a Colby honorary degree from President William Cotter (left) in Lorimer Chapel ceremony.



Splitting Heartaches

Students Say Divorce Complicates Their Lives On Campus and Off

— by Mary Ellen Matava —

Busy with his first year at Colby, Sam* found himself involved in an increasingly tense situation that was playing out more than 250 miles away. His parents, constantly fighting, were trying to decide if they should separate. Each turned to him for sympathy.

"My mother would call me crying, my dad would call me drunk," Sam said. "Then I'd be on the phone with my sister, trying to console her."

From two states away Sam was thrust into the role of family mediator. He left Colby at the end of the school year and his mother moved out of the house with his sister that summer. They sold their home and his father rented an apartment. As the family fell apart, so did his parents' finances—there wasn't enough money for Sam to return to Colby for his sophomore year.

With a lot of hard work and help from Colby's financial aid office, Sam resumed his education three semesters later. He's a senior now, looking forward to striking out on his own, filled with self-confidence gained from supporting himself. But he still gets those phone calls.

"I try to remain as neutral as possible," he said. "I'm caught in the middle."

Nearly 240 of the 1,700 students at Colby have parents who are divorced. They have the same academic pressures, emotional ups and downs and money trouble as other students. But they also have unique problems. Many struggle harder than their peers do to leave the nest—they say they feel guilty about "abandoning" their families to come to college. Once they do make the break, some find life on campus lonely. Others say their parents, like Sam's, rely on them to be emotional gyroscopes. Others desperately want to form relationships but find it hard to trust people.

Back in the Midwestern city where he grew up, Jim had many friends whose parents were divorced. But when he got

to Colby, everyone seemed to come from traditional nuclear families. "We talked about it on my COOT trip, and I was the only one whose parents were divorced," he said.

To make matters worse, one of the other students on the trip continually referred in group conversations to her strong, happy family. "I thought, 'Spare me,'" Jim said.

After he'd spent some time on campus, Jim realized that there were a lot of students at Colby who came from divorced families. In fact, a number of students whose parents are divorced say they tend to seek each other out when they need to talk about family issues.

"People who come from divorced families understand the problems that go on and can relate to them," said one, adding that most of his close friends at Colby are from split households. "I think that's just coincidence," he said. "Maybe it's not."

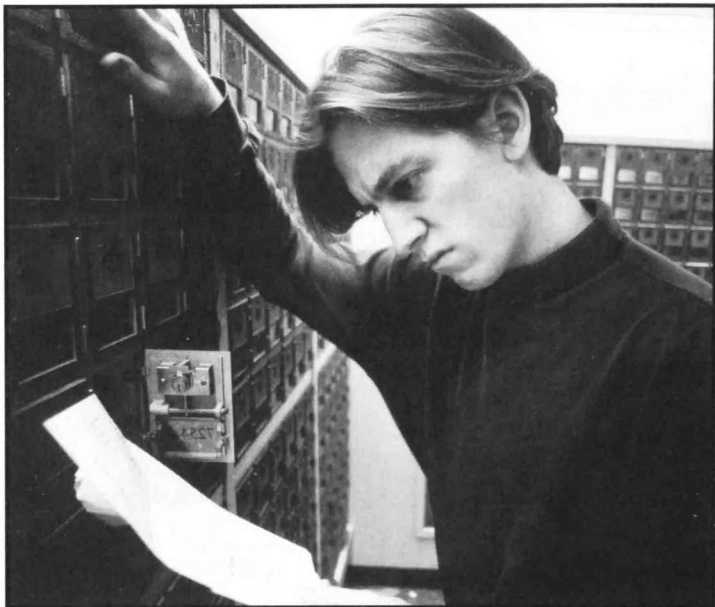
The parents of two of Jim's three roommates are divorced. That is a comfort, he says, especially since their other roommate appears to have the "perfect" family. While he hesitates to share details of his family situation with most people at Colby, Jim knows his roommates' war stories and they his. He said they all have the same reaction to their fourth roommate's twice-a-week phone calls from his parents: they think they're "sickening."

"Having our parents divorced has made us more cynical," Jim said.

Mike, an alumnus from the Midwest, says he tried to hide his feelings behind humor. When he returned to Colby for the final semester of his senior year after an especially

* The names of students and alumni interviewed for this story—aside from College officials—were changed to protect their privacy and that of their families. Performing Arts students posed for the photos.

*"Some of their lives
have been totally shattered,"
says one Colby professor.*



Photos by David Wilkinson

stressful holiday break at home, he joked with his friends about his mother's decision to move out of the house. If they tried to offer sympathy, Mike brushed them off. Still, he said, in his own way he relied on them—even if only as an audience for his stand-up monologues about his feelings. "I developed the strength to talk about it when I needed to," he said. "I made jokes about the situation. Maybe that's how I dealt with it."

The chasm between students who come from intact families and those whose parents are divorced sometimes becomes all too apparent in American Studies 374, "The Female Experience in America," says the professor who has taught the course each spring since 1978. Some of the 36 class members have two parents at home, others come from divided families, says Associate Professor of English Phyllis Mannocchi. "One [family situation] is so painful, the other is so bright," she said. "The discussion winds up like an argument."

Members of the class form small groups and work long hours on videos that are shown to the Colby community. In 1990 a group made up of children of divorce did its project almost as an autobiography. Group members interviewed family therapists, each other and students outside of the class who came from divorced families. "It was so difficult for them to do it," said Mannocchi, herself a child of divorce. "They couldn't get beyond all the emotion."

Mannocchi says students from intact families often are uncomfortable when the others talk about the pain of their home situations. "They look at these kids like they're freaks," she said. "It's not that they're not compassionate. It just jars them. You have this vision of kids who come from an Ozzie and Harriet household, but it's not always true. Some of their lives have been totally shattered."

College students whose parents divorced when their

children were youngsters continue to suffer the effects, said psychologist Judith S. Wallerstein, founding executive director of the Center for the Family in Transition in Corte Madera, Calif., and author of *Second Chances: Men, Women and Children a Decade After Divorce*. In interviews with children conducted 10 years after a family breakup, Wallerstein found that even for them, the pain was still surprisingly close to the surface.

But when parents announce their decision to split after the child has left home for college, unique problems and emotions arise, Wallerstein said. These children feel responsible.

"When the children are in college when the divorce occurs, the youngster feels he could have prevented it if he'd stayed at home," she said.

And in a sense, she added, he's right. A lot of couples stay together until their children are grown. "When the kids have left they're faced with an empty household and with the fact that there is nothing left in the marriage for at least one of them," Wallerstein said.

Although he's talked about his feelings with a high school friend, Tom hasn't told many people at Colby about his parents' separation. The wound is too fresh. They told him they were splitting last summer, when he was living with relatives and working on Cape Cod.

"I was standing outside the house and they said, 'Can we talk to you?' I thought I'd done something wrong," he said. "I could tell it was really hard for them. They told me it had nothing to do with me."

Though his parents didn't get along very well, Tom says he never imagined they would separate. He didn't notice any deterioration in their relationship when his older brother went to college several years ago, but he surmises that things got bad after he left for Colby. He said his

younger sister, who is still living at home, saw it coming.

Tom is hoping his parents will reconcile. They are not yet divorced, and though he says he's considered asking if they plan to take that step, he admits he really doesn't want to know the answer.

"I don't want to put pressure on them," he said. "I can't make them get back together. I'll just be nice to both of them and hope for the best."

At times the college experience itself, seemingly geared to the lifestyle of a nuclear family, can precipitate a crisis. Special events such as Commencement, Parents Weekend or a play or concert are joyful occasions for most students, but they can be painful for children from divided families.

While divorced parents can agree to visit alternately on Parents Weekends, Commencement comes only once. Patricia Hopperstead, director of Colby's counseling services, says the crowning event of their Colby education can make children from divorced families churn inside. Weeks before graduation, as their friends look forward to the festivities, students from divorced families are busy juggling their parents' itineraries so they don't intersect. They worry about how Mom will react to Dad's new wife and cringe at the possibility that the two people who love them most will choose this weekend to stage a knock-down-drag-out fight.

A current senior who attended Commencement last year says that as he watched the ceremony he couldn't help imagining his own graduation. When his sister graduated from college a few years ago, the family was forced to sit together at a "very small table" for dinner, he said, adding, "It was hard." He's already wondering how he'll maneuver his parents at the lobster bake and Commencement Ball. He says he's sure they'll refuse to sit near each other.

"It's all so family oriented," he said of the weekend. "I don't know what to expect because it's not like that for me. My family will split up—some will sit with my mom, some with my dad."

Mike says he chose to attend Colby partly because it was so far away from home—he wanted to distance himself from his family. He says he relished the four years he spent in Maine, hundreds of miles away from a situation that reached its crescendo in the middle of his senior year, when his mother moved out of the house.

Five months later his parents reluctantly made the two-day car trip together to attend Commencement. He says he was excited to show Colby off to his parents and siblings, but at the same time he felt resentful because they brought so much tension and anxiety onto a campus that had been his sanctuary.

"Colby was my world," he said. "It was very separate and I loved it that way. Suddenly I had to deal with this situation at Colby."

He recalls that the weekend went about as well as could be expected. His siblings enjoyed themselves at the Commencement Ball, but his parents sat in the coat room all night and didn't say a word to each other. "I feel really bad about that," he said. "But I couldn't take care of them and make sure they had fun."

Jim's mother hasn't missed a Parents Weekend in four years, even though she lives several hundred miles away. "People feel because your parents are divorced you can't still be a family," Jim said. "Just because my mother and father

don't speak to each other . . . we're still a family."

He says he wonders, though, when he sees trios of students and parents walking around campus, about the picture he and his mother make. "I always think of what other people must think of me, with only one parent there," he said. "Do they think my father is dead or just isn't here? Or do they assume it's because of a divorce? I don't know."

Instead of looking forward to holidays and semester breaks, many students from divorced families dread them. For them, "going home" means choosing between mother and father—and hurting someone's feelings in the process. Hopperstead notes that when parents live in different towns, students may have to spend part of their vacation in an unfamiliar place, robbed of the chance to relax and catch up with old friends. Some end up pushing themselves to visit as many family members and friends as possible. "A lot of people want a piece of you," Hopperstead said.

Some families set up a schedule, so the children spend Thanksgiving in Florida with Mom and Christmas in Connecticut with Dad one year and vice versa the next. Other students have no idea where they're going until the last minute. "There's no routine in my life at all," one student said. "That's one of the unfortunate things about it. Most of my friends know where they're going for vacations. I don't."

Worse than not knowing where you'll end up for vacation is not knowing where the tuition money is coming from. Nearly all of the students who ask Colby's financial aid office to review their aid awards are from divorced families, according to director Lucia Whittelsey Smyth '73. In fact, Smyth said, it's rare for a divorced couple to pay their child's college bills without a hassle.

Some divorced families have communication problems, Smyth said, and it's a struggle for them to shuffle the financial aid forms back and forth and get them to the College under deadline. In other cases, the parent who does not have legal custody of the child refuses to contribute.

It is the responsibility of the family—divorced or not—to pay for a child's education. "We're not dealing with willingness," Smyth said. "It's a matter of ability. We start from the position that parental responsibility does not end with divorce."

Regardless of the policy, some parents do not pay their calculated contribution, and the student ends up covering that amount, usually by taking out a loan.

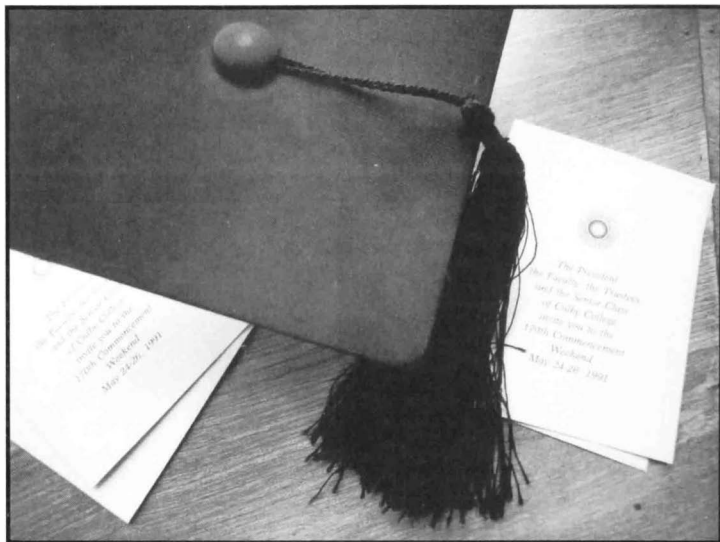
"Some are matter-of-fact about it and seem to cope with it. Others get angry at the parent for not being more supportive," Smyth explained. "Others get angry at Colby for including the noncustodial parent in the picture."

When Sam's parents separated and he couldn't afford to come back to Colby, he moved to the Midwest to help his mother and sister get settled. He got work as a waiter, beginning a series of jobs that would eventually help him return. Colby didn't forget about Sam while he was away. Smyth called him several times over the 18 months and helped him structure an aid package so he could return.

"Once she was able to discern the situation, she acted quickly and effectively," Sam said. "She really helped me out. The financial aid package they put together for me . . . I don't think I'll ever stop appreciating it."

Sam said that when he resumed his education, he was a different person. Working and living on his own gave him

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a sense of independence. "I was spoiled," he said. "I went to private high school, and I was used to having a lot of things handed to me."

Once, he said, he resented students whose parents foot the bills. "But I realized your parents don't owe you anything."

Many students whose parents are divorced say they try not to let their family situation sour their campus lives. That can be difficult.

Most of the time, Jim said, he can get through a week of classes just like anyone else. But one upsetting phone call from his mother or father can stop him cold. "At that point my homework is unimportant," he said. "I want to sit in my room and listen to music."

"If it's a bad phone conversation I feel like I want to kick the wall. I feel lower than anything," he said softly. "That's when I say, 'Why me?' That's when I think no one else has these problems."

His mother didn't want the divorce to happen, he said, and sometimes she calls Jim and asks if he thinks maybe it wasn't legal after all. Eight years after the fact, she hasn't come to terms with the reality of her failed marriage, he said. Sometimes just thinking about her makes it hard for him to study. One semester he got a C in an English course because he couldn't concentrate on writing when two of his papers were due and he didn't feel he could ask for more time to work on them. "Most professors wouldn't understand," he said.

A sense of alienation from the mainstream is common among children of divorce, according to Father John Marquis, a College chaplain. Love relationships and even good friendships also can be struggles for them, Marquis said. He has noticed that students from divorced families sometimes have a distorted perception of relationships. They have seen their parents in vicious fights and they grow up thinking that's the way people who love each other act, he said.

Hopperstead agrees. Children from divorced families

don't hesitate to get into relationships, she said, but for them it's hard to trust other people. And they seem to require a great deal from the people on whom they do depend. "Their need to be special is as strong if not stronger than for those from intact families," Hopperstead said.

Jennifer, a junior from Maine, says it's hard for her to trust a man who says he cares for her. She's been dating a student at another college for about a year. "Initially I was constantly afraid he was cheating on me," she said of her boyfriend, whose parents are also divorced. "I wanted immediately to be reassured all the time."

Today, Jennifer is more secure about her boyfriend's feelings for her, but she still isn't completely comfortable with him. She has doubts about his sincerity. "I don't like it when he says, 'You're perfect the way you are,'" she said. "I don't think that's being honest."

"Living through a divorce heightens your whole awareness of relationships," Jennifer said. "I've done so much more thinking than I ever would have."

Jennifer, the eldest of four children, transferred to Colby last year partly to be closer to her family. She said that when her parents divorced 10 years ago, she took charge. Communication between her parents was painful and she became their link.

"All of a sudden you're this axis," she said. "I dealt with each household and felt I had to please everyone."

Jennifer's sense of duty toward her siblings was heightened, she says, by her mother's alcoholism. Saying goodbye to her family as she set out for her first year of college far from home, she thought to herself, "How am I going to leave? How are they going to take care of themselves?"

Sam, too, has taken on the roles of mediator and conduit between his parents, who live in different parts of the country. Like Jennifer, he's very concerned about his family. "I worry about everyone," he said. "Everyone is alone. There's no more unity."

Here He Goes Again . . .

*Democratic Guru Tony Corrado Hopes the Fourth Time
On the Presidential Campaign Trail Is a Charm*

— by Douglas Rooks '76 —

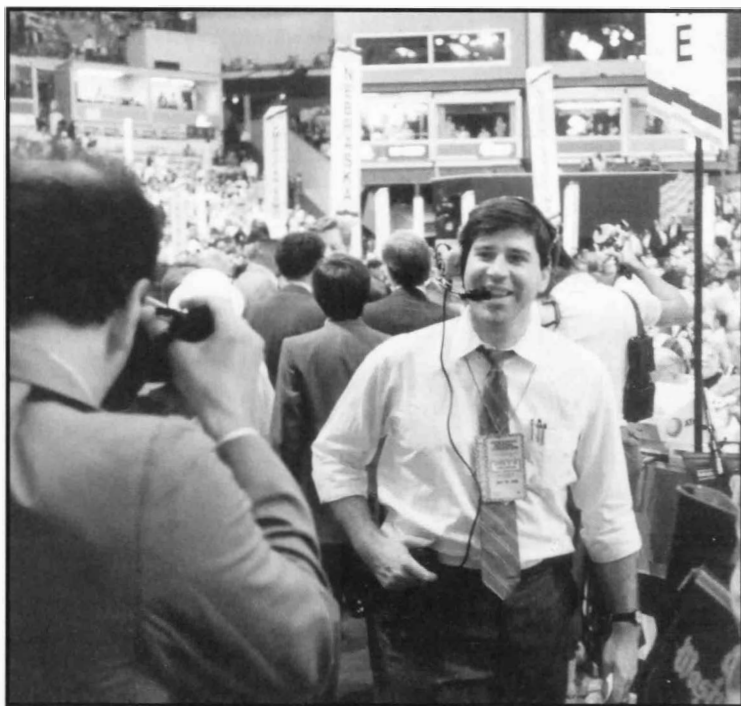
When the 1992 presidential campaign season gets into full swing this spring, Colby assistant professor of government Anthony Corrado will take a sabbatical from his teaching duties. He says he supposes he'll spend some of his leave trying to put a Democrat in the White House. Those who know him will be surprised if he does anything else. Corrado has been an integral part of the last three Democratic presidential campaigns and has worked for candidates in Rhode Island and Maine in off-year elections.

On the presidential trail, Corrado has never worked for a winner. But the regular drubbings haven't dimmed his enthusiasm for either the practice or the study of politics.

Perhaps that is because he has always approached campaigning from an unusual angle. "I got into politics with the idea of finding out how government works, to understand the process, so that when I started teaching government I'd know the things you can't find out from books," he said.

Corrado first broke into politics in 1977 as an undergraduate at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., when he was selected as a White House intern. The program, terminated by Richard Nixon, had been revived by Jimmy Carter.

Corrado then went to work in the Legal Enforcement Assistant Administration, a now defunct federal agency whose goal, he says drily, was "to eliminate crime and im-



Corrado working the floor at the 1988 Democratic convention.

prove juvenile justice." The program was already being phased out, and Corrado's part-time job as grants manager involved closing out accounts with cities and states.

Three days after his college graduation (he won the university's President's Award as outstanding graduate and was named the

top student in the department of politics), Corrado went to work full time on the 1980 Carter re-election campaign. He was sent to Florida, where a straw vote among potential Democratic delegates had been decreed by the press a test of strength between Carter and his recently announced challenger, Sen.

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Tad Devine

Corrado with fellow whiz-kid Tom Donilon at the 1980 convention.

Edward Kennedy. Corrado was assigned to Tampa and St. Petersburg and paired with John Eade, whom Corrado describes as "a legendary campaign organizer—a Golden Gloves boxer out of Toledo, a Vietnam vet, tough as nails." The Florida contest was expected to be close, so when Eade and Corrado produced a 100 percent delegate vote for Carter, campaign headquarters noticed. Soon Corrado was on his way to Iowa for the caucuses. He spent nine more months on the road.

"We kept winning and kept moving on," Corrado said. "I found out that campaigns are not hierarchical at all. If you're successful, you keep moving up." One of his forays took him to Aroostook County in northern Maine, where, amidst the small remote towns, he had to pioneer new canvassing techniques. "We just kept driving down the road, looking for houses and people who might want to work for the campaign," Corrado said.

Within months it was clear that Carter was going to beat back Kennedy's challenge, and the focus of the campaign shifted to its denouement. Along with another young staffer, Tom Donilon, Corrado was assigned

to plan the Madison Square Garden convention. There was just one problem. Neither had any idea of how to run a convention. But Donilon remembered reading a book that contained a detailed account of convention planning, so they went out and got a copy. And that's how Hunter S. Thompson's *Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail*, an often surreal account of the 1972 McGovern campaign, became a primary source for the 1980 convention planners.

Corrado recalls re-election committee chair Robert Strauss (now U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union) introducing him and Donilon to President Carter at the White House by saying, "The good news is that we have a fine convention plan. The bad news is that neither of these two has ever been to a convention before." Nonetheless, the convention went so smoothly that Corrado was asked to repeat his role in 1984 and again in 1988. "By that time, I was considered the convention expert," he said. It was Corrado to whom convention soldiers turned in 1988 when Sen. Ted Kennedy and Rep. Dan Rostenkowski were inadvertently locked out of the hall and Corrado who figured out what

Corrado's Who's Who for '92

The unusually late start to the 1992 presidential campaign was not the result of strategy by the Democrats but of political circumstance, says Colby government professor Anthony Corrado.

There were some tentative moves by some of the 1988 candidates, including Richard Gephardt, Lloyd Bentsen and Al Gore, at about the same time as in previous election cycles, Corrado says. But everything went on hold after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. By the time the gulf war ended, Bush looked unbeatable, and a second tier of candidates, including Senators Bill Bradley and Jay Rockefeller, took a look and said, "No thanks." The current crop of candidates emerged only after better-known Democrats decided to sit it out—and after Bush's wartime popularity began to fade in the face of a worsening economy.

Of the current group, Corrado says

that despite his November gaffe, Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska is in the best position to emerge as the front runner. "He's got a great story to tell (as a decorated Vietnam War veteran) and is right on the issues most important to Democrats," Corrado said, adding that he has little patience with the approach urged by the Democratic Leadership Council and practiced by candidates such as Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton and Virginia Gov. Douglas Wilder. "It's just not credible to say, 'We're more pro-business and tighter with the checkbook than the Republicans,'" he said. "That's not what people are looking for from Democrats."

The DLC is trying to win back disaffected Southern white voters, Corrado says, and may alienate Democratic voters in the more populous Midwestern and Northeastern states—and in California,

which controls one eighth of all electoral votes. Democrats must win those states to put a candidate in the White House, Corrado says. That makes someone like New York Gov. Mario Cuomo look attractive to the party faithful.

Cuomo is clearly "the Bigfoot," according to Corrado—and not just because of his standing with party leaders and potential voters.

"Cuomo would have built-in fund raising advantages," he said. "The process favors him, now that many of the big states have moved up their primaries." Cuomo's long sojourn on the fence doesn't bother the Colby professor, either. "He won't be pushed," Corrado said, "and that's extremely unusual in a politician."

Corrado says he thinks this year's race could go down to the wire. Under delegate selection changes agreed to by Michael

to do when a speech ran well past the time allotted for it. "They said, 'We don't care what you do, just get this guy off the stage!'" he remembered. "I told them to get the people cheering and have the band start playing."

It's impossible to predict what options might have opened up for Corrado if Carter had been re-elected, but after Ronald Reagan's victory he stayed with Carter just long enough to tie up some loose ends, then returned to Catholic University for his M.A. He went on to earn his doctorate in political science from Boston College, but there were interruptions along the way.

In December 1983, for instance, Walter Mondale called. Corrado took a leave from school to work in the Mondale campaign finance office, where he directed squadrons of attorneys and accountants. (That experience served him well: the vast and complex federal election law has been the basis for much of his subsequent scholarly work, which has included numerous papers and articles as well as the forthcoming book *Creative Campaigning: PACs and the Presidential Selection Process*, to be published by Westview Press.)

As finance director, Corrado wasn't

expected to don a green eye shade and manipulate numbers—his job was to make the political decisions. A typical question, he says, was, "Do you think we should put another \$50,000 into radio in Arizona?" He wasn't supposed to worry about where the money would come from.

Another assignment was to oversee renovations of the candidate's jet, purchased from soon-to-be bankrupt Braniff Airlines at a bargain price. Making it airworthy was no mean feat. "I learned more about FAA regulations than you'd ever want to know," Corrado said.

After Mondale's loss to Gary Hart in the New Hampshire primary, the campaign hit hard times. "At one point we'd lost 13 out of 16 contests, and we were \$3 million in the hole," Corrado remembered. "Keeping out of the red became a preoccupation." The experience was "not the most enjoyable I've ever had," he said. But the clouds lifted at the convention—and then returned after Mondale's landslide loss.

Clearly, Mondale is the presidential candidate for whom Corrado most enjoyed working. He says he rarely saw Carter, because the president was in the midst of his

"Rose Garden strategy," isolating himself in the White House while American hostages were held in Iran. But he had enough contact with the president to experience the legendary Carter attention to detail, Corrado says. He once got a letter he'd drafted returned with a misplaced apostrophe circled and a note: "Grammar. J.C."

Mondale was considerably more relaxed and sure of himself, according to Corrado. "He had a very clear sense of what he believed and thought," Corrado said. "He was always very determined, even when it was tough, against Hart. He was out there every day, no matter what, no matter what he felt like inside."

Corrado is philosophical about Mondale's great "error" (his admission that, if elected, he'd raise taxes to help balance the budget). "That was just Walter Mondale," Corrado said. "It was true, even if it wasn't politically smart back then. He couldn't do it any other way."

Corrado says that George Bush's defeat of Dukakis in 1988 hurt Democrats a lot more than the Mondale loss. "Mike Dukakis was expected to win," he said, "and Walter Mondale wasn't." But politics produces short

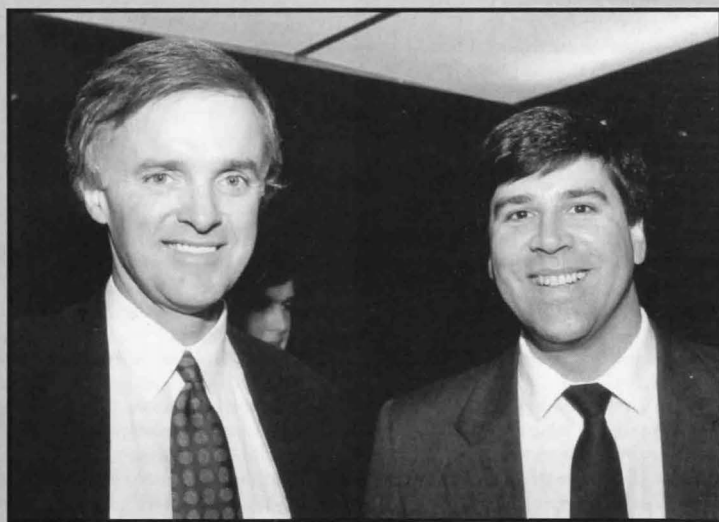
Dukakis and Jesse Jackson at the 1988 convention, most primaries carry a proportional representation of delegates, which could lead to larger numbers of split delegations at the convention. In theory, delegates could assemble in New York with the winner still undecided—but Corrado doesn't think that will happen.

Corrado is amused when asked what would happen if a Democrat actually won the 1992 race. His father, a loyal party member, has sometimes framed the obvious question: "Why do you keep working for these guys when they never win?" Corrado reiterated that every race is different. But he added, "My father would go into shock if a Democrat were elected president."

Would such an event tempt him away from his commitment to the classroom, at least for awhile?

"I honestly don't know," he said. "That would be a completely new experience."

—Douglas Rooks



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Corrado identifies Sen. Bob Kerrey (left) as a potential front runner in the 1992 campaign. Kerrey spoke at Colby in November.



White House photo

Corrado as a White House intern with President Jimmy Carter, 1980

memories, he adds. "When we took polls in 1983, they showed Mondale clobbering Reagan."

The causes of those defeats, Corrado says, can be traced to the candidates. Many Democrats were outraged by the ease with which Bush put Dukakis on the defensive with negative campaign ads featuring Willie Horton, the Pledge of Allegiance debate and pollution in Boston Harbor.

"We knew for months that that's what they'd do," Corrado said. "But Dukakis thought he'd won by staying on the high road through the primaries and that it would work for him against Bush, too." Yet in Corrado's view, the 1988 election was lost not in a media consultant's laboratory but out on the campaign trail.

Corrado says he has enjoyed more rewarding moments, including the 1986 campaign by James O'Neil for attorney general of Rhode Island. Starting well behind in the polls, O'Neil finally overtook the incumbent, Sister Arlene Violet, at the last minute. "We literally won that one on election day," Corrado said. He worked for Neil Rolde in 1990, helping the relatively obscure Maine state representative to a better-than-expected

showing against veteran Sen. William Cohen by using the health care issue that recently paid off for Sen. Harris Wofford in Pennsylvania.

Corrado says he has never lost his taste for teaching. "And there's no question that my political work has helped make me a better teacher," he said.

He often bases classroom exercises on actual examples, using them to build an understanding of the process by incorporating current events. "[Students] often mention that they enjoy talking about what's going on in Washington," he said. "It provides insights into elections and why they develop the way they do."

Corrado has developed an informal network of former students who help him prepare material for the classroom. Recently he used their assistance in compiling a video library of political advertisements from various states, including the North Carolina Senate race in which Jesse Helms used racial appeals to win re-election, and the Massachusetts gubernatorial race in which Republican William Weld narrowly bested John Silber, the feisty president of Boston University.

Despite his association with the Democratic party, Corrado has strong professional relationships with many Republicans. Several dozen of his former students are now working in Washington in locales ranging from Vice President Quayle's office to the Red Cross. Corrado says that having close contacts on both sides of the aisle, in Republican and Democratic offices, helps considerably with research. "There are so many people I can call on," he said.

Corrado says the widely held impression that students are apathetic about politics no longer reflects reality. Over the last five years, he says, he's noticed that students are "becoming much more active." He notes that Colby students are more involved beyond the campus, working for environmental causes and other community issues, and that internships are increasingly in demand. "[Students are] politically aware and environmentally conscious and particularly interested in global issues," he said.

Sometimes there's truth in the old saw that students start out as Democrats and turn Republican once they start paying taxes, Corrado says, but political labels don't mean much to this generation. Perhaps a slight majority identify themselves as Republican, but that's not surprising, he says, considering that most of them grew up under Republican presidents: "They had their political socialization under Reagan or the tail end of the Carter years," he said. "They tend to look favorably on both the Reagan and Bush presidencies."

He says that like their elders, students tend to identify with Democratic stands on issues like abortion, education, the environment and tax policy, but they are fiscal conservatives, believing the government won't necessarily spend their money wisely. There is no sign of a generation gap between this group of students and their parents, he contends.

Corrado insists that his identification with the Democratic party hasn't affected his reputation among scholars. In his analyses of relatively arcane subjects such as the failures of the federal campaign finance system and changing delegate selection rules, he said, "it's still the merit of the argument that counts."

The coming campaign holds an allure of its own for Corrado. "It really is true that every race is different," he noted. "It's a great challenge to be involved. I just enjoy them all."

STUDENT LIFE

She's Her Mother's Daughter and Then Some

As a little girl, Gabriella "Bree" Jeppson '93 developed some strong opinions about art museums. She didn't like them.

Jeppson remembers accompanying her mother, Gabriella De Ferrari, then the director of Boston's Institute of Contemporary Art, on museum visits around the city and spending hours craning her neck at artwork she was not tall enough to view. Eventually, she recalls, her mother stopped asking her to come along.

But as Jeppson grew so did her appreciation of art, and last October she led her family on a tour of a major exhibition in the Colby Museum of Art. It was called *The German Image: Contemporary Work on Paper*. The curator? Bree Jeppson.

Jeppson's romance with contemporary art began when her family moved to New York as she was beginning high school. With few local friends to visit during vacations from boarding school, Jeppson and her brother, Nathaniel, often whiled days away going from gallery to gallery in SoHo and visiting the city's famed museums.

Jeppson's stepfather, Raymond Learsy, is an art collector, so the children's interest made for some good dinner-time conversation. Art, Jeppson says, "was something we all shared."

At 16, Jeppson served as an intern at the Whitney Museum of American Art, and the following year she worked at the Barbara Gladstone Gallery, which features contemporary art. When she toured Colby as a prospective student, one of the first places she visited was the Museum of Art.

She worked as a museum intern in the summer before her sophomore year and told museum director Hugh Gourley and assistant director Lynn Marsden-Atlass that her dream was to put together an exhibition of contemporary German artists whose work she had seen in New York. Gourley and Marsden-Atlass were excited at the prospect and immediately started planning for the show. Gourley says he was impressed by Jeppson's maturity and enthusiasm. "I felt from the very beginning that her organization, her energy and her deep interest in the subject would result in a major show," he said. The show opened in October in the newly renovated Jetté Galleries.

Jeppson says the pieces she selected—works by seven artists—touched her emotionally when she first viewed them as a teenager at

the Museum of Modern Art. She was struck by the contrast between the German art and other contemporary work she was accustomed to seeing in museums and galleries. "It wasn't just pleasing to the eye; it was trying to say something," she said. "But I didn't know what it was trying to say." Putting the pieces in her exhibit, she says, allowed her to learn about them in depth.

The works seemed abstract, Jeppson says, but through her research she discovered that each stroke of the brush or pen had a purpose. Their styles differed, but all of the artists expressed themselves by manipulating the human figure and all were influenced by a pioneer in modern German art, Joseph Beuys.

Jeppson learned that German artists at work immediately following World War Two were determined to move as far away as possible from the memory of Adolf Hitler, who had banned any but the most realistic forms of art. They even rejected photographs as too realistic, as if to say, "Let's not deal with what Hitler did to us," Jeppson explained.

Then came Beuys, who through his art examined the guilt the German people felt over the war and the Holocaust, she said. Germany was split into east and west, and Beuys believed that ex-

pressing the country's disarray would help heal its wounds. Others joined Beuys, forming a generation of artists that confronted the political and social realities of post-war Germany. "Their philosophy was, if you confront a viewer he will deal with the past," Jeppson said. "But their work was controversial. Germans hated it."

When she proposed curating the exhibit, Jeppson says, she had no idea how time consuming the project would be. "I didn't realize how much work it takes to get a painting on a wall," she said. After she completed the research, Jeppson located the pieces in galleries, museums and private collections and arranged to borrow some of them.

With guidance from the museum staff, Jeppson filled out loan forms for all 52 pieces, arranged for transportation of the artwork and mailed insurance certificates to each donor. She wrote the exhibit brochure and helped hang the pieces on the museum walls. Once the exhibit opened, Jeppson gave several talks each week—to friends,



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Gabriella Jeppson '93

classes, parents and members of the Board of Trustees. She earned four academic credits for her efforts.

It was a year of hard work for a student whose course of study is not art history but sociology. "The assumption is if you're interested in art, you're an art history major," Jeppson said. "But I wanted to keep art as a hobby. I wanted to take advantage of a liberal arts college and learn about other things. Sociology encompasses so much."

Gabriella De Ferrari says she marvelled at *The German Image*. Calling the exhibit "a nice surprise for a mother," De Ferrari said she was "enormously impressed" by her daughter's accomplishment.

As Jeppson researched the show and asked to borrow pieces of art from major museums and galleries, her mother watched in awe. "To walk into the Museum of Modern Art and ask for pieces, that's gutsy for someone her age," De Ferrari said.

De Ferrari met Hugh Gourley years ago, when they collaborated on an exhibit of works from the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston and the Skowhegan School of Painting in Maine. When De Ferrari and Jeppson visited Colby, Gourley gave them a tour of the museum.

"I think that had a lot to do with Colby being on the top of her list," De Ferrari said. "She's had a lot of support at Colby. She was very lucky to have the opportunity to do the exhibit."

A fall opening was planned for the exhibit so trustees and overseers on campus for an annual meeting could see what a student had accomplished working with the museum staff, Gourley said. Then, during Parents Weekend in October, more than 70 Colby



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Jörg Immendorff, *Café Deutschland*, 1978, gouache,
11 9/16" x 8 1/4", private collection

parents joined Jeppson for a guided tour of the exhibit.

The timing was right for *The German Image* in another sense as well. One of the best-known artists, Sigmar Polke, was the subject of a major retrospective at the Brooklyn Museum at the same time as the Colby exhibit, and works of the seven artists in Jeppson's show were featured in an exhibit at the Fogg Art Museum at Harvard University.

In addition to Baselitz and Richter and Polke, Jeppson included in the exhibition works by Jörg Immendorff, A.R. Penck, Markus Lüpertz and Rosemarie Trockel, the only woman in the show and one of the few women artists to earn fame in Germany. The subject and artists Jeppson selected for her exhibit showed great maturity and surprising professionalism for someone her age, according to Gourley.

Marsden-Atlass agrees. "Bree did an exhibit that is not Maine, not even New York, but something that is international and more controversial," she said. "It brings a segment of culture and artists we're not familiar with to Maine at a time when they're being represented not only in Germany but across [this] country."



A.R. Penck, *Übergang (crossing over)*, 1981, gouache, 20" x 30", private collection

GIFTS & GRANTS

One Challenge Met, Another Undertaken

A last-minute look at some briefing papers, a letter seeking redress of a half-century-old omission and an anonymous \$1.1 million gift—the largest ever received by the College from a living individual—all have played a part in what could become a fourfold increase in the number of endowed professorships at Colby.

"We've completed one challenge and launched another," Peyton "Randy" Helm, vice president for development and alumni affairs, announced triumphantly during the annual joint meeting of the trustees and overseers on Mayflower Hill in October.

Helm went on to explain that a \$1 million gift from Dr. Frank J. Miselis '43 to create a new chair in chemistry had provided Colby with the third and last endowed chair required to match a \$1 million grant from the Christian A. Johnson Foundation. Earlier gifts toward the 3-1 match from the estate of Professor James Gillespie and from Colby trustee Wilson Piper '39 were reported on in recent issues of *Colby*.

The gift from Miselis, a retired Connecticut physician who now splits his time between homes in Arizona and Nevada, was such a surprise it even caught Colby fund raisers off guard.

"We had been speaking with an anonymous donor, a person who holds Colby in very high esteem, about donating the third chair to complete the Johnson match," Helm said. "When the extent of Frank Miselis's generosity became apparent, we had to go back and say, 'Well, we don't need your gift to complete the match after all.' But we had made such a compelling argument about Colby's need to increase its endowment that the donor said, 'Why don't I go one better? I'll predicate my gift on a 4-1 challenge match, and I'll give you until the end of the decade to complete the match.'"

"What this means is that if we are able to meet this challenge, Colby will have gone from three fully endowed chairs in 1990 to 12 by the year 2000," Helm said.

All of which takes us back to those briefing papers. They were in a folder President William R. Cotter carried with him two years ago as he flew to New York for a meeting with an official of the Johnson Foundation. Cotter was planning to discuss an entirely separate

proposal with the foundation, but as he scanned a document comparing Colby's resources with those of other members of the New England Small College Athletic Conference, his eyes kept returning to the striking disparity in endowed professorships. Colby had its three; Williams College had 25.

By the time Cotter reached the meeting, he had filed his original notes deep in his briefcase. He would speak from the heart and to a different issue. A college of Colby's quality with its 10-1 student to faculty ratio, Cotter told the foundation, had to find a way to increase its faculty endowment to remain competitive. The foundation agreed and proposed the 3-1 matching grant.

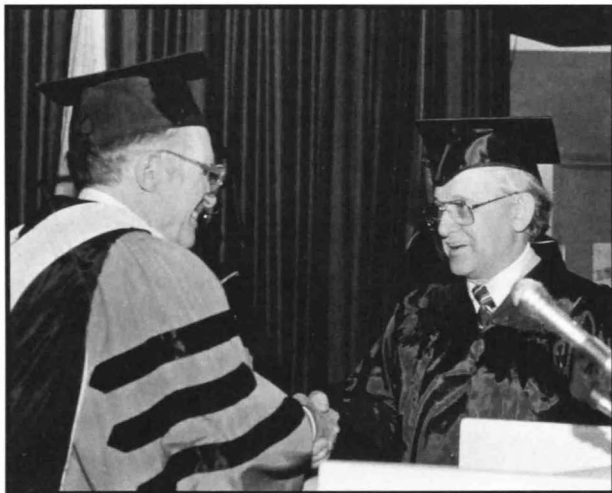
This was in the spring of 1989. That same season, Colby trustees voted to award Colby baccalaureate degrees to a dozen alumni who had gained accelerated entrance to professional schools, many during wartime, and become physicians, lawyers and dentists without ever attaining bachelor's degrees.

The impetus had come from a letter to Cotter and the board by the late Dr. Louis Langman '24, who had gone to Colby nearly 60 years before and felt he was entitled to a formal degree. An examination of records revealed about 20 additional alumni who were similarly situated, and each was invited to a special commencement ceremony

that fall. A dozen came, including Dr. Miselis, who left the old Colby campus for Boston University Medical School in 1942.

Dr. Miselis was a loyal and generous alumnus even before he was given the formal Colby degree. After establishing his medical practice in Connecticut, he says, weariness with life as "a country doctor" led him into other activities. The stock market fascinated him and he went at it the way he once tackled his anatomy courses, studying charts and reports for four hours a day before investing. The preparation paid off—Dr. Miselis increased his initial stake tenfold, earning enough money to retire with his wife, Teddi, to a life of leisure and portfolio management. He is considered such an expert in the ways of Wall Street that he was recently invited to Russia to present lectures on stock trading.

Touched by Colby's unsolicited gesture of a degree 46 years after



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Miselis receiving his Colby degree from President Cotter 1989.

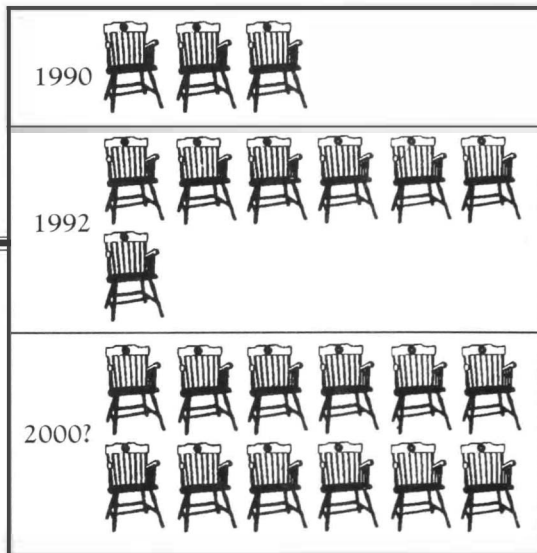
he would have graduated, Miselis decided to make an extraordinary gesture of his own. He presented Colby with the endowed chair in chemistry and also endowed a second professorship at BU medical school.

When Miselis called to discuss his gift, David Roberts '55, now a consultant to Colby but then director of planned giving, was at a conference of planned giving officers in Washington, D.C. The message to him was only that an alumnus had called and offered Colby a substantial gift.

"I think Dave's antennae went right up," Helm said. "He figured it was a practical joke, perpetrated either by his friends at the conference or by someone back at the office. But, of course, he called in anyway, just to be sure."

The call put Roberts and Director of Development Eric Rolfson '73 on a plane to Arizona to discuss details with Miselis. The search is now under way for a distinguished applicant to fill the Miselis Chair in Chemistry starting next fall.

Although the anonymously donated chair will not be fully and permanently endowed until it is matched at the end of the decade (the anonymous donor will allocate funds as matching gifts on the other four chairs are received), it has been filled. G. Calvin Mackenzie is Distinguished Presidential Professor of American Government.



"The gift that endowed this chair was actually for \$1.1 million," Helm said. "It contains an additional \$100,000 endowment for research. The person who donated it has been impressed over the years by the work he has seen Colby do. He is convinced that private liberal arts institutions generally, and Colby particularly, have a unique and important role to play in the future of our nation. And he is especially impressed with our own commitment to the quality of teaching as Colby's most important resource."

An Endowment Primer

Gifts and grants that increase its endowment are among the most important a college receives because of the direct impact they have on the institution's strength and stability. In fact, the ratio of endowment to students is one of the measures often used to gauge a college's stature.

And endowed chairs, or professorships, are especially significant because they allow a college like Colby to honor a donor (by naming the chair) as well as an esteemed teacher who is appointed to hold it.

Colleges do not spend their endowments. They invest them. About half the income from the investments is spent each year on endowed programs. The other half is reapplied to the principal of

the endowment to make sure the actual value of the original gift is not reduced over time by inflation.

Colby has been spending about 5 percent of its endowment each year (calculating the figure on a five-year average of its endowment principal to reduce the impact of short-term investment fluctuations). But that is about to change. After evaluating prospects of investment return and inflation, the College has decided to reduce the percentage of endowment earnings it spends each year to 4 percent of the average principal over the previous five years.

The reduction will come in equal increments over the next decade. Thus, by the year 2001, a \$1 million endowed professorship will yield \$40,000 per year,

not the \$50,000 it yields today, but the annual surplus it has reinvested each year will have increased the principal of today's \$1 million to perhaps \$1.5 million, actually yielding \$60,000 toward a professor's salary.

In addition to assuring that endowments remain and accomplish their purpose almost in perpetuity, this approach also serves to signal the amount required to fully fund an endowed program. For example, with Colby professors' salaries averaging \$48,000, the current \$1 million level seems realistic to fund a faculty salary. In a decade when today's \$1 million gift may be worth \$1.5 million, new donors may have to contribute that amount to endow a new chair.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

Paying Homage to a Master Historian

— by Sally Baker —

Samuel Eliot Morison was arguably the foremost American historian of his time. A prodigious and prolific scholar, he published more than 60 works of history and biography in a career that spanned as many years. He helped restore depth and meaning to the American Puritan experience, wrote definitive biographies of Christopher Columbus and John Paul Jones, served as the official historian of Harvard University and of U.S. Naval operations during World War Two and was twice awarded the Pulitzer Prize. He died in 1976 at age 88, just two years after publishing his final work, *The European Discovery of America*.

Many of Morison's books, particularly his biographies and military histories, still sell moderately well, according to Gregory Pfitzer '79, professor of American studies at Skidmore College and author of *Samuel Eliot Morison's Historical World: In Quest of a New Parkman* (Northeastern University Press, 1991). But, says Pfitzer, care should be taken to see that Morison is not forgotten.

"I have a feeling that the current generation of upcoming historians doesn't think much about Morison," Pfitzer says. "That was one of the incentives for me to write about him. I hope I'm objective enough that I haven't turned it into a crusade, but my sense is that Morison and a lot of his works—especially as they go out of print—will be lost to people unless something can be done to resurrect his image and work."

When Pfitzer began to research Morison for his doctoral thesis at Harvard, he knew he wouldn't be allowed to write a standard biography. Morison left orders with his heirs that his papers were not to be used for that purpose. But Pfitzer's primary scholarly interest is not biography but historiography, which he describes as "the history of historical writing and the way in which a historian who claims to be objective in studying the past is actually conditioned by very subjective things." Because he aimed to study Morison's development as a historian, Pfitzer was the first scholar granted access to Morison's papers in the Harvard University Archives.

He conducted his research under the watchful eyes of two

Harvard archivists and had to submit the final manuscript to them for approval. "I was worried that they might pull the plug on some things," Pfitzer says, "so I was very good about keeping them informed about what I was writing all along. If it had come down to a battle in which they were saying, 'You can't do that,' I might have gotten my back up. I wanted to tell Morison's story my way."

Samuel Eliot Morison's Historical World shows the care and dedication lavished on it over the years from its birth as a thesis topic to its appearance on bookstore shelves. What emerges in the pages is a clear, entertaining and well-organized examination of the evolution of history as an academic discipline in the United States—and of Morison as a driving force behind that evolution.

What also emerges, despite the restrictions Pfitzer was placed under, is a portrait of Morison the man. He was born into a patrician Boston family (relatives included two Harvard luminaries, President Charles William Eliot and Professor Charles Eliot Norton, and the poet T. S. Eliot) and all but adopted by his grandfather, Samuel Eliot, a historian and educator who drilled the boys

thoroughly in the social obligations of his class as he did in Greek and Latin. His undergraduate and graduate study was done at Harvard, where, aside from brief interludes at Berkeley and Oxford, Morison spent his entire teaching career. He was intensely proud of New England, holding unwaveringly to the belief that the region was the seat of culture in America. According to Pfitzer, Morison was accused

by one book reviewer of thinking that other areas of the country were only civilized to the degree that they reflected New England values.

Controversies in the way history should be studied and written swirled around Morison throughout his life, and he was at times blown by the prevailing winds. But as Pfitzer makes clear, the star upon whom Morison fastened his gaze—early and forever—was Francis Parkman, a 19th-century historian (and childhood friend of Samuel Eliot) who wrote "participatory" histories. Just as Parkman tramped out West in search of the story of the exploration of America, so Morison went to sea to research many of his most popular



and important works. His biographies of Columbus and John Paul Jones were researched in part by re-enacting the great sailors' voyages, and in order to write his magnum opus, the 12-volume *U.S. Naval Operations in World War Two*, Morison petitioned Franklin D. Roosevelt for a commission and was given carte blanche to roam the entire naval theater of operations. One of his innovations in research—conducting interviews with commanders immediately after battles—brought him into contact with the leading strategists of the war, including Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Despite the felicity of his writing style, Morison never played fast and loose with history. He was bitterly critical of journalist-historians such as James Truslow Adams and Van Wyck Brooks, whom he accused of embellishing data to suit their narratives or bolster their theories. But he was equally dismissive of fact-spitting academics whose work was too dry to be accessible to the average reader.

Pfitzer first read Morison's works at Harvard, where a Morison adherent, Professor David Donald, supervised much of Pfitzer's graduate study. And when he undertook to write about the great historian, Pfitzer tried to follow literally in Morison's footsteps. He prowled the Beacon Hill neighborhood where Morison was reared and the Maine seaside retreat he loved, he soaked in the atmosphere of Morison's old office in Harvard's Widener Hall—and he even learned to sail, “no small concession for a native Midwesterner who had never seen the ocean until his young adult life and who, at the inception of this project, had never set foot in a sailboat,” Pfitzer writes in his introduction.

How does he think he'd stand up to scrutiny from Morison?

“I think Morison would have hated me,” Pfitzer says with a laugh, “and I probably would have been highly intimidated by him. I would have been as sensitive as [competing historians]

Charles Beard and Frederick Jackson Turner to his Bostonisms. But I think that while we wouldn't have shared the same value systems and that there would have been a class difference as well, I could appreciate—I *do* appreciate—his contributions to the historical profession. At the heart of his work is an incredible body of historical knowledge and writing style.”

Pfitzer doesn't assign Morison's books in his Skidmore classes. “Morison's thrust as a writer was to try to work towards homogenizing the culture,” he says. “We're heavily steeped in the multicultural diversity business, and the thrust of multiculturalism that we've seen since the 1960s is to fragment culture—quite rightly, because there is so much smugness that comes from keeping cultures together. But what is lost in that is a sense of shared experience, and Morison would

have been on the side of the debate that argued for a more holistic American identity.”

Pfitzer is firmly in the camp of those who think the current focus of historical studies ought to be on race, gender and class. Diversity, he says, “is in the air. It's in the climate. It's the key issue. It's hard as an academician who's interested in the intellectual climate of ideas not to be moved by it. On the one hand, I feel I have to be sensitive to these issues. On the other hand, I feel that whether or not I had to be, I would be.”

“I think Morison would have taken little interest in such questions,” Pfitzer says. “He would have said, ‘I'm a white, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant male and there's not much I can do to change my outlook.’ We've come a long way from that kind of thinking.” Pfitzer himself helped found the black studies program at Knox College in Illinois, where he taught for three years after earning his Ph.D. and where he earned a prestigious teaching award. Now, he says, he is the only male member of Skidmore's American studies department and, as such, is “often looked upon to provide the male point of view.”

A Mysterious Force

“For all their talk about objectivity and detachment, historians can sometimes be superstitious people. It seemed mysteriously prophetic to me, for instance, that on the very day nearly a decade ago when I first considered writing on the historical world of Samuel Eliot Morison a statue of him was being unveiled in Boston. Equally mysterious was the force that compelled me to cancel my afternoon plans, fight the crowds on Boston's notorious subway system and risk a drenching on an overcast day in order to attend an unveiling. I felt then, as I do now, that some spiritual energy directed me toward the statue, and in the dozens of trips I have made to the monument since the unveiling, that energy has never failed to register its effect on me. While I am neither mystical nor arrogant enough to presume that such a force was intended for me alone, its intensity suggested that certain subjects cry out so loudly for historical treatment (even from beyond the grave) that they emit a kind of magnetism to which historians are irresistibly drawn. As a student of the past living in an age of rationalism, I had always assumed that historians chose research topics according to principles of free will; but the power of this force made me suspicious that subjects may pursue historians as actively as we pursue them and in ways that few of us fully understand.”

—From *Samuel Eliot Morison's Historical World*

MULES ON THE MOVE

A Historic Season on the Gridiron

The Colby white mule broke free from its student handler shortly before the 105th meeting of Colby and Bowdoin in November and started romping around Seaverns Field. It may have been a portent. Once the mule was corralled and the game began, coach Tom Austin's two-legged White Mules ran for 341 yards in a 28-13 Colby victory of somewhat historic proportion.

Colby became the first team to win the CBB title for a fourth straight year (it has won its last eight CBB games) and completed a 5-3 season, its first winning record in 12 years and only the third in 31. Jon Bartlett, a senior fullback from Hingham, Mass., gained 145 yards on 25 carries against Bowdoin and scored on a 46-yard screen pass for his 21st career touchdown, second on the all-time career list behind the legendary Peter Gorniewicz '75, who scored 35.

The running of Bartlett (699 yards in seven games) and junior tailback Len Baker (640 in eight) was a major part of the Colby attack all season, but just as important was a savvy, hard-hitting defense that finished the season second only to mighty Williams in fewest yards and points yielded among the 10 teams in the prestigious New England Small College Athletic Conference.

The White Mules did it despite some significant injuries. Three key starters—sophomore defensive end Jon Oranoff, junior line-backer Gregg Suffredini and sophomore offensive tackle Chuck Thompson—were sidelined for most of the season, and rarely were the two quarterbacks, senior Jim Dionizio and junior Bob Ward, healthy at the same time. Junior safety John Conaty, junior line-

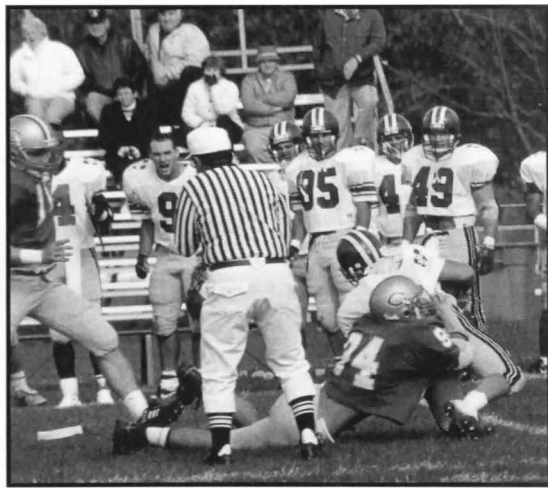
backer Eric DeCosta and four linemen—senior Frank Toce, junior Rich Wagenknecht, sophomore Sean Devine and first-year student Jim Zadrozny—all played exceptionally well on defense.

The defensive effort against Bowdoin was typical. The Polar Bears came into the game with a 4-3 record of their own and a star running back, Eric LaPlaca, who had gained 1,722 total yards and 805 rushing and scored 10 touchdowns in the season's first seven games. The White Mules limited LaPlaca to 137 net yards and 62 yards rushing—his lowest totals of the season—and became the first team on Bowdoin's schedule to keep him out of the end zone.

After going 1-15 in his first two seasons on Mayflower Hill, Austin has seen his last four teams split 32 games and win its last eight encounters against Bowdoin and Bates. That would seem to fulfill the mandate Austin received from Colby president William R. Cotter when Austin arrived—"to make Colby competitive."

But the coach is quick to point out that in most locales, a .500 record is considered mediocre rather than successful. Indeed, his 1991 team won all four home games and might have fared better on the road, barely losing to powerful Trinity, 10-6, and suffering in key situations from the absence of Bartlett in a loss at Tufts. With 17 starters returning, he is hoping Colby can climb another notch next season, when NESCAC begins a total intraconference schedule.

Austin will have part of his answer in a hurry—Colby opens at Williams next September and will be trying to end one last frustrating string, 19 consecutive opening-day losses.



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Defensive end Jim Zadrozny '95 (No. 94 above) came of age against Wesleyan, sacking Cardinal quarterbacks five times. He was voted the New England Division III and NESCAC rookie of the week. Colby won, 30-0.

East or West, They're the Best

Lisa Black is a senior tennis player who comes from Seattle, the nation's north-westernmost metropolis.

Michelle Severance is a sophomore distance runner who grew up in the hamlet of Topsfield, Maine, barely a 10-kilometer run from the St. Croix River, which marks the easternmost boundary between the United States and Canada.

Black and Severance do have one thing in common. They were Colby's leading women varsity athletes this fall.

Black defeated teammate Reena Chandra, 7-5, 6-1, to win the Maine State women's intercollegiate singles championship for a record third straight year, and Severance capped a second All-American cross-country season with a seventh-place finish in the NCAA Division III national championship race, covering the five-kilometer course on the campus of Christopher Newport College in Newport News, Va., in 17 minutes 52 seconds.

Each woman overcame some adversity to finish strong.

After leading Colby to an undefeated dual-meet season in 1990, Black was upset in the opening round of the New England championships, and then, at the start of the 1991 season she and her teammates were upset by Bowdoin. The stage seemed to be set for a flat senior year. It never happened. Led by Black, coach Paula Aboud's White Mules rebounded to crush Bowdoin and Bates in the state tourney and then finish ninth among 26 teams in the New England.

"Determination, drive and hard work were the keys for Lisa this year and throughout a very successful career," said Aboud, who was philosophical about another first-round loss Black suffered in the New England tourney.

"It may be a blessing in disguise," Aboud noted. "Perhaps she'll recognize her need to express her tennis ability fully and continue to perform to the best of her ability by continuing to play competitive tennis and earn greater marks after she leaves Colby. But whatever the case, a three-time state singles champ, member of an undefeated team and two-time MVP at Colby are accomplishments that she and all of us can be grateful for and proud about."

Severance, who had been a state prep cross-country champion



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Lisa Black (above), Michelle Severance (below)



before enrolling on Mayflower Hill, suffered the first significant injury of her running career over the summer, straining her Achilles tendon.

Brought along patiently by coach Debbie Aitken, she cruised into high gear at just the right time, winning the championships of Maine and the New England Small College Athletic Conference for the second consecutive year and beating many Division II runners in a 15th-place finish in the overall New England championship race.

Severance also set the stage for a continuing rivalry with an old Maine high school adversary, Eileen Hunt, a junior who now competes for Bowdoin. After beating Hunt in the state and NESCAC races, Severance finished third and Hunt second in the New England Division III title race, which was won by Jean Olds of Brandeis. At the nationals, both Hunt, who finished fourth, and Severance took the measure of Olds, a pre-race favorite who finished 10th.

"Michelle will take the indoor season off and then try to stretch out on the track in the spring," Aitken said. "She would like to win the 5- or 10-kilometers at the nationals in June on her own track."

And what a cheer would come from the home crowd when Colby hosts the Division III nationals if the local runner from Down East became the first White Mule runner since steeplechaser Todd Coffin '83 to win an NCAA track title.

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On the heels of its first undefeated season in 1990, the men's soccer varsity suffered a late-season letdown this fall, losing three of its final four games to finish 9-5 and narrowly miss a third straight trip to the ECAC playoffs.

It was a tough way to go out for such exciting four-year standouts as Chris Flint, Brian Wiercinski, Doug Oppenheimer and Jason Eslick, but perhaps it was also a measure of how far they had helped the Colby soccer program come that a 9-5 record would be viewed with disappointment.

"I think some teams may be looking forward to playing us next year," said 14-year coach Mark Serdjenian '73, who has a host of letter winners returning in 1992. "I think they'll be surprised."



COLBY

Leadership in the Liberal Arts: Colby in the 1990s

The Final Report of the Trustee Planning Committee
September 1991

I. INTRODUCTION

The next decade will bring fundamental changes to higher education in our country. Both public and private institutions will be tested. Some will deteriorate; some will even disappear; others will improve their quality and reputations. Building upon a tradition of strength, Colby intends to confront the challenges of the 1990s successfully and enter the new millennium as a nationally acknowledged leader in undergraduate liberal arts education, well poised to face the enormous challenges of the next century.

As Colby's most recent planning process began, the members of the planning committee realized that all of the College's constituencies—faculty, staff, alumni, students, parents and other friends—would need to collaborate in setting and achieving goals and that success would depend on our ability to make difficult choices, to articulate our common values and shared aspirations and to work collegially to create the kind of future we all want for our college.

Accordingly, Colby's strategic planning was designed to be as inclusive and consultative as possible. The cycle began in May of 1990 with a day-long retreat of trustee, faculty, student and administrative leaders, who analyzed current trends in higher education and Colby's own recent history and performance. The group also re-examined basic assumptions about Colby's mission, character and values. Subcommittees were formed to conduct further study and planning in five key areas:

- Financial Resources
- Curriculum
- Student Life
- Diversity
- Facilities, Equipment and Technology

During the summer and fall of 1990, these subcommittees recruited more than 100 students, trustees, faculty, staff and alumni to participate in their deliberations. At the October meeting of the Board of Trustees, the subcommittees reconvened to share progress reports, raise new issues and assess emerging concerns and priorities.

In December 1990, the committee produced and circulated *An Interim Report on Colby's Planning Process*. This report, which summarized Colby's recent progress, identified future challenges and outlined the planning process, had two purposes: to inform the College's constituents of emerging issues and to solicit reaction, discussion and debate that could guide the Planning Committee during the next stage of its deliberations.

At the January 1991 meeting of the board, the Interim Report and updated subcommittee reports were reviewed and the basic assumptions proposed at the initial retreat were scrutinized yet again. A lively debate on the future of American higher education, of the liberal arts and of Colby reminded all participants that vision and pragmatics must find common ground in a successful plan.

Throughout the winter, the planning committee mounted an aggressive program of consultation among students, faculty, alumni, parents and staff. The *Interim Report* was mailed to key constituencies such as trustees emeriti, overseers, Alumni Council leaders, the Parents Executive Committee and President's Club members. An abridged version of the report was published in *Colby* magazine (those interested in the full report were invited to send for a full copy—and many did so). And alumni forums were held across the country to discuss the *Interim Report*—in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boca Raton, Fort Myers, Boston, New York, Portland and Waterville. An additional on-campus forum hosted by students provided yet another opportunity to comment on the report. At each of these gatherings important ideas and reactions surfaced, which were recorded and circulated to the chairs and secretaries of each subcommittee. In addition, over 50 alumni, parents and others took the time to communicate their own comments on the report in writing. These comments were also shared with the subcommittee chairs and secretaries.

In April, the planning committee convened in a fourth plenary session to review the penultimate drafts of the subcommittee reports and assess the resources and facilities implications of emerging recommendations. Final subcommittee reports were prepared during the remainder of April and early May, and the board approved the major tenets of this report at its May 1991 meeting.

II. THE 1980s: A DECADE OF MOMENTUM

Wise choices for Colby's future depend upon an understanding of our past and present. The College has a long history of success in the face of formidable odds, of stretching limited resources and of making difficult choices that support our values. From the time when Jeremiah Chaplin and Colby's first seven students cleared the land along the Kennebec for the College's first building to the bold decision to move the campus to Mayflower Hill, we have a proud tradition of setting and achieving ambitious goals.

The past decade has tested the College in new ways. Faced

with formidable challenges at the outset of the 1980s, Colby has achieved impressive momentum and remarkable success. Despite an aggressive building program during the 1970s, the campus remained crowded. What had been a new library when the College moved to Mayflower Hill in the early 1950s had become inadequate because of the evolution of library usage and the institution's growth, and it was singled out as a point of special concern by the College's accreditation committee in the late 1970s. Increased student enrollments created a demand for a new residence hall. At the beginning of the decade, lagging faculty salaries sometimes made it difficult to recruit teachers and scholars of the highest caliber. The growing emphases on independent study and close faculty-student interaction and on faculty research were obstructed by heavy teaching loads. The nation stood on the threshold of the computer revolution—a phenomenon that would place heavy demands on Colby's funds and would challenge our faculty to rethink the curriculum in order to integrate this technology into the traditional liberal arts disciplines. And the College struggled with the difficult challenge of creating an ethnically diverse yet close-knit campus.

Colby met almost all these challenges with remarkable success.

- The size of the library was doubled;
- A new residence hall and a new student center were built;

- The number of tenured and tenure-track faculty positions grew by 24 percent, providing a student-faculty ratio of 10:1—among the most advantageous in the country;
- Faculty salaries were increased significantly, ensuring that Colby could compete with the best colleges;
- The College became more nationally visible, an aggressive admissions program was developed and financial aid resources were enhanced. The number of applications dramatically increased as did the selectivity and quality in the student body, positioning Colby to meet the demographic challenges of the late 1980s and early 1990s;
- Computer terminals and microcomputers on campus increased from 14 to 1,400, and computer applications had so penetrated the curriculum by the end of the decade that most students were taking two courses each year requiring computer applications.

There were other notable achievements. The pace of campus repairs and renovations was stepped up, so that by the beginning of the 1990s deferred maintenance had been reduced to manageable proportions. The College pioneered the Overseers program, ensuring that every academic and administrative department in the College would be evaluated every five years by a panel of distinguished alumni and other outside experts. A spirit of trust and community among faculty, administrators, students and trustees enabled the campus to

Colby's Mission

Colby is committed to the belief that the best preparation for life, and especially for the professions that require specialized study, is a broad acquaintance with human knowledge rather than narrowly concentrated training in limited areas. The College accepts the Socratic principle that "an unexamined life is not worth living" and endeavors to nurture the excitement that accompanies the discovery of ideas and values as they are inherited from the past, as they are perceived in the present and as they may be developed in the future.

The Colby experience is designed to free each student to find and fulfill his or her unique potential. In the process, it is hoped that students will become: more tolerant of diversity and more compassionate toward others; capable of distinguishing fact from opinion; intellectually curious and aesthetically aware; adept at synthesis as well as analysis; broadly educated with depth in some areas; proficient in writing and speaking English; understanding of foreign language and cultures; able to create and enjoy opportunities for lifelong learning; willing to assume leadership roles as students and citizens; prepared to respond flexibly and successfully to the changing demands of the world of work; and useful to society and happy with themselves.

Education is a continual process, carried on outside the classroom as well as within. Close faculty and student relationships, based upon genuine interest in and concern for others, are basic to college life and help to personalize and humanize the educational experience. To that end the College stands for diversity, without which we become parochial; for tolerance of various lifestyles and beliefs, without which we become mean-spirited; and for the protection of every individual against discrimination. In the classroom and outside, there is freedom to study, to think and to learn in an environment that insists upon the free and open exchange of ideas and views.

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confront even the most difficult and divisive issues in a constructive and collegial way. Questions such as CIA recruiting on campus and South African divestment, which have divided so many campuses, were met as opportunities for rational debate and community education, and though all members of the community may not have agreed with the outcomes, most felt that their views had been given a fair hearing.

Partially as a result of these achievements, the College, which had not appeared on the original *U.S. News & World Report* list of "the 25 best liberal arts colleges" (out of about 600) in 1987, had risen to 18th place in 1990. While the methodology used to produce this list is hardly scientific, it provides some measure of national standing. As pleased as we might be by this recognition, we are also aware that the public perception of Colby's quality has not yet caught up with the reality, which indicates that we have significant work to do in communicating Colby's considerable accomplishments to our various publics.

Of course, our successes did not come inexpensively. Despite sacrificial gifts by many trustees, parents, alumni and other friends of the College during the Colby 2000 Campaign (concluded in 1986), budget pressures forced tuition to rise sharply.

Not all the costs were financial: Colby's fraternity and sorority system, an important component of student life for more than a century, fell victim to declining student interest, economic difficulties, chronic disciplinary problems and other setbacks. Confronting a difficult set of choices, the Board of Trustees in 1984 decided that Colby should strive to create a radically different structure for student residential and social arrangements. The board recommended that the structure emphasize student participation in campus governance, nurture student-faculty interaction and attempt to make the most positive aspects of fraternity and sorority life—particularly the close sense of community—available to the entire student body. Most alumni who had remained in touch with the campus during this period understood and accepted the College's 1984 decision to withdraw recognition from the Greek system. But many who cherished memories of a much stronger Greek system in their own era were initially disappointed. In the intervening years, as the residential Commons have taken root and begun to fulfill their potential, many of these alumni have been won over to the new system. As a community, however, we must now complete the transition from this watershed event, seeking reconciliation with those alumni who remain disaffected and enhancing the student Commons system as a worthy successor to the old system.

III. BASIC ASSUMPTIONS

Strategic planning requires the reassessment of basic assumptions about an institution's mission, character, values and priorities. At our initial planning retreat in May 1990, the committee reviewed both Colby's mission and a number of basic assumptions about the College. By the end of that review, we had found no reason to propose changes in Colby's traditional mission or fundamental character as set forth in the College's catalogue. We will continue to be an undergraduate college of arts and sciences: private, nonsectarian, residential and coeducational. We will value diversity and will aspire to unite poets, scientists, philosophers and musicians—from suburbs and inner cities, from across our own country and abroad, from a rich mixture of ethnic, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds—in a community of shared intellectual purpose, tradition and values. Teaching at the College will continue to emphasize critical and independent thinking and eloquence in both written and spoken expression. We will require no political or doctrinal litmus tests. We hope to continue our policy of fully meeting the financial needs of all Colby students.

Some other conclusions were obvious: we need to be a more diverse community; we need to increase our endowment. Some were not so evident: throughout the planning process, committee members considered whether Colby should increase student enrollments as a means of enhancing revenues, whether we should plan for faculty or administrative growth (or contraction) and whether we must continue to expand our physical plant. The outcome of these debates is presented in sections of this report devoted to financial resources, the curriculum and facilities, equipment and technology.

IV. THE CHALLENGE OF THE 1990s

Having determined early in the planning process that Colby should adhere to its traditional mission, character and values, we realized that during the 1990s the College must build on the momentum it has achieved in the preceding decades to fulfill its promise as one of our country's finest liberal arts colleges. The challenges still facing Colby are sobering, but they are not daunting.

- In 1994, the pool of 18-year-olds will decline to its lowest point in 30 years, further testing our ability to fill the first-year class while maintaining quality;
- In the late 1990s, faculty retirements will peak, and,

because young people turned away from academic careers during the 1970s and 1980s, the number of young Ph.D.'s has declined. Thus, Colby will be recruiting gifted teacher-scholars in an increasingly competitive market;

- The Mayflower Hill campus, though well maintained, is now a half century old and will require major investment in modernization and renewal of basic systems such as telecommunications, heating, plumbing and electricity;
- The accelerated pace of technological change and the constant need to upgrade expensive facilities and equipment in the sciences continue to challenge our faculty and our finances;
- Caught between rising tuitions, diminishing federal support and a faltering economy, increasing numbers of middle-class families are turning to Colby for financial aid or opting for state universities.

As formidable as these needs may be, there are others that are equally challenging and even more fundamental to our mission of providing liberal arts education of pre-eminent quality.

- How do we ensure that our curriculum transmits a common core of learning, exposes students to the full breadth of liberal arts disciplines and ensures sufficient depth in a major field of study?
- How do we prepare our students to function effectively in

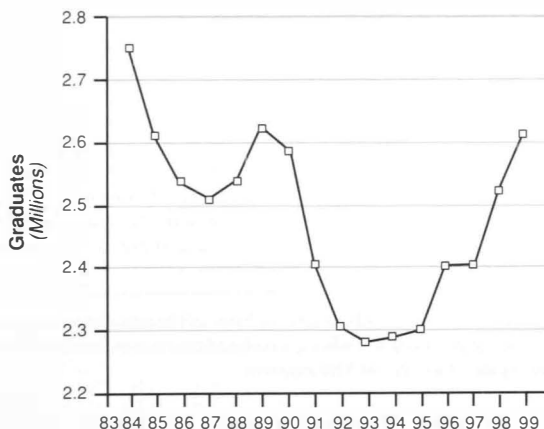
a world that is becoming simultaneously more fragmented and more interdependent?

- How can Colby help remedy our nation's critical deficit of trained scientists and produce scientifically literate citizens prepared to make informed judgments about the difficult ecological and other decisions facing our society?
- How can we provide a quality of student life that enhances our educational mission?
- How can we create a campus community that is sufficiently inclusive—ethnically, racially, geographically, religiously, economically—to ensure that our students understand the vibrant diversity of our nation and are prepared to meet the challenges of a multicultural society and workplace in their years after college?

The financial resources available to meet these tasks are severely constrained. The federal and state governments have sharply reduced their rate of support for private higher education and have diminished tax incentives for private philanthropic support. Tuition revenues will probably grow more slowly than in the decade of the 1980s, and endowment income will be more difficult to forecast because of the world's increasingly volatile financial markets.

Inevitably, Colby's continued success through the 1990s and preparation for the challenges of the next century will require wise choices, hard work and the aggressive pursuit of new resources.

**Projected Number of High School Graduates:
1983 to 1998**



Source: "High School Graduates: Projections for the Fifty States,"
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, 1988

V. ISSUES AND PRIORITIES

The issues and priorities in Colby's Plan for the 1990s are grouped under five headings, corresponding to the initial subcommittees of the planning committee: financial resources, curriculum, student life, diversity and facilities, equipment and technology.

A. Financial Resources

During the 1970s, American colleges and universities coped with the ravages of double-digit inflation by suppressing real growth in faculty salaries and deferring capital expenditures and facilities maintenance. In the booming 1980s, attempts were made to regain lost ground—restoring competitive faculty salaries, catching up on deferred maintenance, offering new student services and investing in computers and other new technology—by increasing tuition well above the rate of inflation.

The economic expansion and prosperity that characterized the 1980s have given way to recession, retrenchment and uncertainty. These swift and drastic economic changes have affected the stability of corporations and financial institutions that a few short years ago were considered unshakable. Higher education has also felt the blast of these economic storms. Increases in tuition now threaten to price private colleges and universities out of reach of many middle-class families at the precise time when the number of high school graduates has declined to its lowest point in decades. Many colleges and universities across the country—including Ivy League institutions, Seven Sisters schools and Colby's NESCAC peers—have for the first time faced budget deficits, layoffs, elimination of academic programs and abandonment of need-blind admissions policies.

Throughout higher education, the adequacy and allocation of financial resources has emerged as the dominant issue of the 1990s. Accordingly, a first priority of the planning process was to assess the strength of Colby's financial foundations, including a rigorous appraisal of the College's budgeting methods and financial controls.

The study revealed that:

- essential financial information is readily available and accurate;

- adequate budget controls are in place (Colby has balanced its budget for the past 12 years);
- Colby's budget includes sufficient contingency allowances to respond to unforeseen circumstances (and opportunities);
- recent growth in faculty, staff and programs has been both moderate and carefully planned;
- the ratio of administrative staff to faculty and to students is more frugal than is the case at most of our peer institutions, and our management is lean and efficient;
- protocols and procedures for downsizing and, if necessary, decommissioning programs and redeploying resources are in place;
- the College has implemented innovative programs to share costly educational resources with like institutions¹ and will explore more opportunities of this sort in the future; and
- recent investments in the College's development program have resulted in greatly increased support from alumni, private foundations and other donors.

Having confirmed Colby's present financial stability, we developed tools to assess the impact of various budgeting assumptions for the next decade. A computer model of the Colby budget tested the feasibility of various scenarios involving changes in number of students, tuition charges, financial aid policies, endowment spending guidelines, faculty and staff growth, fund-raising success and other factors. While the model could not provide economic forecasts, it did enable us to assess the financial impact of other subcommittees' proposals and reach reasonable decisions about costs and benefits. In the final phases of the planning process, all assumptions and recommendations were tested to determine their impact and feasibility.

As a result, certain key financial decisions could be made with reasonable confidence:

- Budgeted student enrollments will increase only modestly from 1,675 to as high as 1,700. The impact of a significantly enlarged student body on academic and residential facilities, median class size, quality of student-faculty interaction and admissions standards was assessed and debated. In the end, it was agreed that the increased revenues

¹For example: between 1988 and 1990 Colby collaborated with Bates and Bowdoin in securing over \$1 million in gifts and grants to create a unified on-line library catalogue, enabling all three institutions to share library collections with each other and with the seven campuses of the University of Maine system.

generated by any significant increase in the size of the student body would be more than offset by increased facilities costs and a decline in educational quality;

- Because academic quality is the decisive factor in enrollment success and depends on our ability to recruit outstanding faculty, Colby will continue its commitment to offering highly competitive faculty salaries (in the top 5 percent of undergraduate colleges in the AAUP rankings);
- Colby's beautiful, well-maintained campus is one of our competitive advantages; we will continue the level of budgetary commitment that has allowed us to reduce deferred maintenance and will keep the campus in first-rate condition;
- At present, modest faculty growth (1.5 positions per year for the next five years) represents a sound investment that will, when combined with judicious redeployment of resources, allow the College to nurture emerging disciplines and interdisciplinary programs. Administrative growth, on the other hand, appears inadvisable for the immediate future. As new administrative needs occur, the College will try to respond by reassigning staff;
- Providing financial aid to qualified but needy students is a cherished part of Colby's institutional heritage; accordingly, we give high priority to maintaining this policy;
- We believe that the Parent Loan Program of recent years can be phased out, since recent tax law changes have provided families with equally attractive financing options;
- Some of the essential new facilities, equipment and renovations required by the plan can be funded in the near term through fund raising, long-term financing and the commitment of budgeted internal resources; other important facilities projects will require significant additional external resources;
- Colby's endowment must be increased. The budget model shows a growing dependence on tuition revenues, a trend that must be reversed. The endowment spending rate will be reduced gradually from 5 percent to 4 percent of a five-year moving average of asset value over the course of the next decade—a move that will accelerate endowment growth. In addition, the highest priority must be given to adding surpluses, unrestricted bequests and other gifts to endowment. And finally, any capital campaign in the 1990s must have endowment growth as a primary objective;
- We must continue to build on recent fund-raising successes by significantly increasing level of unrestricted and capital gifts to the College.

B. Curriculum

The Colby curriculum is subject to continual evaluation and revision. Through the College Educational Policy Committee, the overseer visiting committee process, special task forces and committees and other departmental and interdisciplinary activities, the curriculum is reviewed, from time-to-time altered and, as a direct result, strengthened. The overall goal, however, remains constant: we should always strive to provide the best possible undergraduate education for all of our students. This requires us to provide our students with the skills and knowledge they need to:

- function as citizens and members of the work force in a world that is increasingly technologically sophisticated and simultaneously more fragmented and more interdependent;
- develop aesthetic and moral sensitivity; and
- be able to create and enjoy opportunities for lifelong learning.

The College will continue its commitment to broad general education as well as to strong major programs. The new distribution requirements adopted by the faculty and endorsed by the Board of Trustees Educational Policy Committee in May 1991 are important enhancements of the general educational portion of the curriculum and will provide students with a more focused program. The new requirements establish five areas in which all students will take at least one course:

- arts,
- historical studies,
- literature,
- quantitative reasoning,
- natural sciences (two courses required), and
- social sciences.

In addition, to recognize the importance of study of areas not traditionally represented in our curriculum, we have established a new requirement in diversity. Students will also take at least one course from a list that includes:

- courses in the history and traditions of non-Western peoples or a non-European culture;
- courses that focus on issues/and or theories of ethnicity, gender or class; or
- courses that examine the workings of prejudice as experienced by any group.

The current requirements in English composition and an ancient or modern foreign language continue to provide an

important source of expository skills and acquaintance with another culture through its language.

Procedures for program review and for the formulation and discussion of new academic initiatives or curtailment of existing programs are in place but require further elaboration, refinement and, ultimately, implementation. In the future, curriculum change will probably be supported by substitution rather than by addition of resources. The overseers visiting committees provide a review, every five years, of each academic department and interdisciplinary program, but they are not equipped to recommend interdepartmental changes. The four elected division chairs (representing humanities, interdisciplinary programs, natural science and social science), working with the dean of the faculty, regularly review all proposals for assignment or reassignment of open faculty positions and proposals for new faculty or faculty support positions. The College Educational Policy Committee recommends adoption, modification or deletions in major programs of study to the full faculty, in concert with the dean of the faculty and the division chairs. The discussion of major changes

in academic programs also involves the Trustee Educational Policy Committee.

In the future, with the constraints on resources the College will feel, reviews of proposed program changes will be even more important and must be systematic and thorough. Although new programs will surely be proposed, especially as disciplines change and new areas of knowledge emerge, existing programs must also be scrutinized rigorously to determine whether they are continuing to serve important roles in the curriculum. As student and faculty interests shift, some programs might need to be curtailed or eliminated completely. The College must ensure that a careful process, involving detailed reviews by appropriate bodies, exists for such decisions.

To provide flexibility in the strengthening of existing programs and to allow for the possibility of new and revised programs, faculty renewal and some faculty growth are vital. The College's commitment to faculty support and development in the form of sabbatical opportunities, professional travel funds and course development and research grants

Distribution Requirements for the Class of 1995 and Beyond

- English composition;
- Three semester courses, or the equivalent, of a foreign language;
- One year of physical education (generally, four half-semester courses); and
- **Areas:** Students are required to take one course in each of Areas I, II, III, IV and VI, and two courses in Area V. Normally, students will be expected to complete these requirements during their first three years.
 - Area I Arts:** Courses in the history, theory and/or practice of the creative arts.
 - Area II Historical Studies:** Courses that investigate human experience by focusing on the development of cultures and societies as they evolve through time.
 - Area III Literature:** Courses that focus on literary works of the imagination and/or written texts in which ideas and creative or aesthetic considerations play a crucial role.
 - Area IV Quantitative Reasoning:** Courses that focus on quantitative or analytic reasoning about formally defined abstract structures.
 - Area V Natural Sciences:** Courses that focus on the understanding of natural phenomena through observation, systematic study and/or theoretical analysis.

Note: At least one course taken to satisfy Area V must contain a substantial laboratory component.
 - Area VI Social Sciences:** Courses that focus on theoretically and methodologically directed inquiry into various aspects of human behavior and interaction.
- **Diversity:** Students are required to take one course centrally concerned with how the diversities among peoples have contributed to the richness of human experience. Courses that may be taken to fulfill the requirement are those that: (a) focus on history, perspectives or culture of non-Western peoples or a culture whose origins lie outside of the European traditions; (b) focus on issues and/or theories of ethnicity, gender or class as these may be found anywhere in the world; or (c) examine the nature, history and workings of prejudice as experienced by any group. (**Note:** This requirement may be met by courses that satisfy other requirements.)

makes possible important refinements in courses offered, teaching techniques and enlivened faculty scholarship. To permit a response to developing department and interdisciplinary program needs, we have authorized an annual increase of 1.5 full-time equivalent faculty and faculty support positions for the next five years, although it is obvious that such growth cannot be supported indefinitely without commensurate increases in student population and revenues. Each recommendation for a new faculty or faculty support position will be reviewed by the division chairs and the dean of the faculty and recommended by the president to the Trustee Educational Policy Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee.

The College's faculty, of course, is the wellspring of instructional quality and a thoroughly vigorous curriculum. Recruiting and retaining the best qualified and most devoted individuals to teach at Colby is a central task. To ensure that we will be able to maintain the impressive faculty that has been assembled at the College, it is important that highly competitive salaries and benefits are available. To this end, we reaffirm the goal of maintaining faculty salaries in the top 5 percent of the AAUP rankings of four-year colleges.

To ensure that Colby students are ready to take their places in an interconnected and interdependent world, their programs of study should include exposure to other cultures and, where possible, direct experiences of living and working in another country. Already over 55 percent of Colby students engage in some study abroad, and the College has established an Office of Off-Campus Study, staffed by a director and two associates. New foreign study programs, especially in developing countries, need to be investigated to provide even more opportunities. Better assessment of off-campus study and major programs is also an important goal that will strengthen the international component of the Colby experience. Broadened opportunities to study different cultures could also be provided by a few domestic off-campus study sites, such as inner cities and Indian reservations, possibly available as part of the January Program.

Our nation faces severe shortages of trained scientists and engineers, and this shortage will become critical by the end of the decade. Studies have shown that liberal arts colleges like Colby have played a disproportionate role in preparing students for scientific and technical careers and for graduate study in science and medicine. To meet this national challenge and to continue the strong tradition of science education at Colby, facilities renewal and expansion, additional upgrading of equipment and some further faculty and faculty support growth in the laboratory sciences are required. The College recently received a \$1 million grant for curriculum development in

bioscience from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute that will allow further interdisciplinary connections between biology and chemistry and outreach to science teachers in local secondary schools. Five years ago the College obtained a \$500,000 scientific equipment grant from the Sherman Fairchild Foundation. But to accommodate student independent laboratory work and collaborative research between faculty and students, space and instrumentation have to be reorganized and further expanded. The science departments have outgrown their three current buildings; a fourth science building including an expanded science and mathematics library is now a high priority.

In addition to opportunities already in the curriculum to increase students' abilities to write and speak clearly and effectively and to manage and understand quantitative information, more attention should be given to the development of the capacity for independent work. Some major programs already require independent projects, and very ambitious students can make use of the Senior Scholars Program. But the question of whether every student should be required to submit a project of his or her own design and execution prior to graduation deserves more study.

C. Student Life

In 1984, following nearly two years of study, Colby made sweeping changes in both the arrangements and the programs of campus life as a result of the adoption of the *Report of the Trustee Commission on Campus Life*. The new system was designed "to provide for all Colby students the kind of residential experience that will most directly reinforce the College's educational mission and will lead to the kinds of growth—intellectual, social and personal—which we seek to foster."

Although the closing of the College's several fraternities and sororities was at the time the most difficult and conspicuous of the many changes recommended in the report, seven years later it has become evident—especially on the campus itself—that the most consequential result has been in the progress made toward achieving the other goals set forth in the report. Specifically, there has been an expansion in leadership positions for students, additional opportunities for faculty-student interaction, supplemental funds for social and cultural life, new social space and greater student input into decisions that affect the quality of life on campus, such as residence hall renovations and dining services.

In general, we find the College's residential life programs support and reinforce the College mission. Two important principles, currently prevalent in the residential life system, should be continually emphasized:

- close faculty-student contact and
- student involvement in shaping residential life.

As we look to the future, the College's student life programs can be further improved in each of the following ways:

Cultural and Intellectual Life. Outside of the curriculum, the key to greater enhancements of cultural and intellectual life lie in even greater faculty-student interchange.

- **The Faculty Resident Program**—There are currently seven faculty families living in our 23 residence halls and taking their meals in student dining halls. Three or four more faculty apartments should be added if there is sufficient faculty demand for additional apartments. Two such apartments can be constructed at minimal cost; two others would require substantial conversion costs. The total cost might be \$120,000 plus the loss of four to six student beds.
- **The Faculty Associate Program**—Although over 100 faculty are affiliated with residence halls and Commons, the program has had little apparent impact upon students. To achieve better results, the goals and benefits of the program should be described to students in summer mailings, in initial hall meetings and in faculty publications. Residence hall leaders might choose faculty associates from a pool of volunteers. Having faculty associates lead the discussions of the first-year student summer reading during orientation will also be helpful, as will reinstating faculty associate dining nights.
- **Academic Advising**—High-quality academic advising is a particularly important part of the small-college experience, yet students tell us that Colby's current system does not provide sufficient coherence, consistency or continuity. Improving the advising system at Colby is a task of the highest priority. The dean of the faculty has formed an advising task force to study this question and to bring together the recommendations of the 1990–91 Student Association special committee on advising, several recommendations that emerged from the Student Life Subcommittee of the Planning Committee discussions of advising and other suggestions from the faculty and students.
- **Departmental Interaction**—A small fund should be established (say \$5,000 initially per year) to finance small departmental social events with students.
- **Lectures**—There may be too many lectures scheduled at the College for any particular program to affect a large percentage of the Colby community. To encourage more

participation in campus cultural events, time should be designated each week when a "spotlight" lecture will be given. This time period should be protected from competing College events. Better publicity for all scheduled events is also very important. A major event or lecture each semester, based on a theme of current interest, with follow-on discussion should be included in the yearly calendar.

- **Off-Campus Cultural Opportunities**—The Student Activities Office will provide the Commons cultural chairs a regular calendar of activities, plays, concerts, etc., in Maine and the Boston area, so that these can be more widely advertised.

Residential Life and the Commons Plan. The four residential areas on campus organized as a result of the 1984 Trustee Commission on Residential Life are working well and our goal will be to build on this success.

- **Governance**—There are now over 100 student positions in governance, including representation on the Board of Trustees. Colby is far ahead of other colleges in providing an effective and widely supported student governance system.
- **Temporary Housing**—The quality of residential life is not enhanced by the use of some residence hall lounges as temporary housing during periods of over-enrollment. Our ultimate goal should be to eliminate temporary housing, but for the present we should try to limit the number of students so housed at any one time to 25.
- **Class Identity**—Colby students seem to enjoy and appreciate their years at the College, yet as graduates they sometimes lack the identity with their class that will sustain their loyalty and provide the College with a strong alumni network. In the next few years, a means of instilling class identity should be developed to ensure maximum alumni support.

Colby Values. A fine statement of the College values appears in the *Colby College Catalogue*, the *Student Handbook* and on page 3 of this report. In addition, our values should be emphasized in student leader orientation, in first-year orientation, in discussions with faculty departments to see how values might be incorporated in course work and in the faculty hiring and orientation process.

D. Diversity

If we could have any kind of student body we wished, what would be its characteristics? In addition to strong secondary

school preparation and the motivation to take advantage of our academic program, we would surely wish for a student body that brought together a very wide variety of socio-economic levels, geographical backgrounds, ethnic and religious groups, life experiences and curricular and extracurricular interests. Since so much learning takes place with other students and *because of* other students, the greater the variety of students we attract, the more the educational environment is enriched and enlivened for everyone. Furthermore, the world that our students will confront and work in during the next century will itself be more diverse than the world in which their parents and teachers grew up. In addition to the educational utility of bringing students to Colby from groups traditionally underrepresented at the College, we also feel a social obligation to provide opportunities to talented students whose family circumstances would not otherwise permit them to consider a private liberal arts college. Happily, these two agendas coincide in our efforts to diversify the student body.

We are currently the least racially and geographically diverse of our peer colleges. Although Colby has long been committed to attracting students internationally and from the major U.S. ethnic groups, our efforts have not been as fruitful as we would wish. The emergence of Colby as a nationally prominent college, ranked within the first group of liberal arts institutions, requires us to achieve greater successes in this area.

We aspire to a Colby student population that would reflect the contours of the nation's college-going population. For the near term, it seems more productive and realistic to set ambitious but achievable admissions goals for the class entering in 1995-96 as follows: at least 200 applications and 30 enrolled students from each of the nation's three most populous ethnic groups: African American, Hispanic and Asian American. In addition, we should strive to recruit: Native Americans (at least 1 percent of the class), Maine students (at least 13 percent of the class) and international students (at least 7 percent of the class). We stress that these are targets of fully qualified applicants that Colby should aim for, not quotas to set limits on the number of qualified students from any particular ethnic background.

Achieving these goals will require enhanced admissions recruiting efforts, self-examination to increase the campus comfort-level for those of different cultural backgrounds and augmented financial aid. We estimate that to achieve interim goals by 1995 may cost as much as \$750,000 annually in additional scholarships and will also require some augmentation of the admissions staff and recruitment budget. These resources have been allocated as part of the plan's projected budget model.

Although efforts to diversify the faculty, an equally important goal, have brought more women and members of minority groups to tenure-track and tenured teaching positions, we are still in need of vigorous recruitment to fulfill our affirmative action goals. A diverse faculty brings new perspectives and life experiences as well as important role models for our students. The College's efforts in this area need to be even more diligent.

E. Facilities, Equipment and Technology

An excellent faculty and gifted students may be the most important ingredients of the best liberal arts colleges, but the tools of education—adequate facilities and appropriate equipment and technology—are also essential. Accordingly, the strategic planning process has asked: What are Colby's physical plant and equipment needs for the next several years? What expansion and new construction are needed to support current programs? What are our priorities and in what order should things be done?

We commissioned a detailed Colby facilities audit, consisting of a comprehensive assessment of each system in each building on campus to identify:

- the average annual renewal cost of all systems;
- the annual cost of ongoing programs to comply with government regulations such as handicapped access and asbestos removal; and
- the average renewal cost for furnishings.

The audit revealed that Colby must spend \$1.3 million per year, on average, in 1991 dollars to maintain the campus for present uses, and this amount has been included in the financial model.

The current backlog of renewal costs totals \$1.8 million, representing less than 1 percent of the replacement cost of campus facilities, and each item in the backlog is presently scheduled for completion within the next several years. Since national studies indicate that about 20 percent of the country's inventory of higher education facilities may be overdue for renewal, Colby has clearly been a superior steward of its facilities.

The need for new facilities. Though our campus is well maintained and the necessary resources for routine renewal and modernization are addressed in current budget models, Colby is not without additional facilities needs. Fund raising for some projects such as the Bixler project and the Lunder House is well underway and has been completed for the Carl Nelson Therapy Center in the athletic complex.

The total projected costs of major new projects over six

Capital Agenda Project List

(in thousands of dollars)

Funding Requirements

Project	Internal TOTAL	External TOTAL	Combined TOTAL
Academic			
Bixler Addition and Renovations			
Davis Gallery and			
Museum Alterations	15	990	1,005
Library and Classrooms		1,535	1,535
Given Auditorium		605	605
Bixler Renovation—			
Second and Third Floor		880	880
Lovejoy Renovations	1,600		1,600
Science Building and			
Arey Bridge	200	6,400	6,600
Computer Cable			
Installation	500		500
Keyes Lab Renovations		1,000	1,000
Keyes-Arey Bridge	150	250	400
Arey Lab Renovation		500	500
Psychology Expansion	160		160
Equipment		1,000	1,000
Subtotal	2,625	13,160	15,785
Student Life			
East and West Quad Renovations			
East Dorm Mechanical	350		350
West Dorm Bathrooms			
and Furnishings	400		400
East Dorm Bathrooms			
and Furnishings	400		400
Roberts Row Dormitory			
Renovations	1,200		1,200
Roberts Row Lounge			
Conversions	80		80
Chapel Renovations	200		200
Dining Hall Equipment	500		500
Subtotal	3,130		3,130
Athletics			
Nelson Therapy Center	15	425	440
Women's Hockey Locker Room		50	50
Subtotal	15	475	490
Administrative			
Admissions Building	440	710	1,150
Eustis Renovations	83		83
Administrative Computing			
Equipment	250		250
Subtotal	773	710	1,483
Plant Renewal			
Heating Plant—			
Central Plant Option	3,000		3,000
Pump House Piping	85		85
Primary Electric Distribution	200		200
Campus Reroofing Projects	400		400
Underground Utilities	250		250
Sprinkler Projects	185		185
Asbestos Abatement	500		500
Handicapped Access	500		500
Subtotal	5,120		5,120
Total	11,663	14,345	26,008

years is about \$26 million. About \$16 million of the total is expected to come from gifts, grants and other external sources, the rest from budgeted internal resources. New facilities projects include:

Expansion and renewal of the Lovejoy Building (humanities and social sciences). Lovejoy is the busiest classroom building on campus, containing more faculty offices and more classrooms than any other. Over the years, several classrooms have been lost by conversion to office space, and pedagogy has changed in ways that cannot always be accommodated by the existing, relatively rigid classroom organization. We are adding a 9,000-square-foot, four-floor extension to the west side of the existing building. The addition will result in a net gain of approximately six seminar rooms and 16 offices, allowing for most of the departments in the expanded building to be clustered around their own seminar rooms while replacing some substandard faculty offices with new ones. A new elevator and a bridge will also make the current Lovejoy Building fully accessible to the handicapped. At the same time, at least one department will be able to move from the library, relieving severe crowding there. Additionally, some spare offices will be available for future faculty growth. Costs will be covered from budgeted internal resources. Work began on this project during the summer of 1991.

The Bixler Art and Music Center. Well begun but not yet completed is the expansion and renovation of the Bixler Art and Music Center, which includes the addition of new museum and archive space, an expanded art and music library and new classrooms, upgrading of the Given lobby and refurbishing of the auditorium and, eventually, renovation of offices and practice rooms.

We are committed to upgrading facilities for the arts as funds become available. At this writing, Phase I, the Davis Gallery and Art Archives, is nearing completion. It is hoped that fund raising for Phase II, the Art and Music Library and Classrooms, will be completed during the 1991-1992 academic year. Renovation of Given Auditorium, studio facilities and other classrooms should be scheduled next but may need to be addressed in the context of a capital campaign.

The Lunder House. Colby's admissions and financial aid offices currently occupy some of the most crowded, least attractive space on campus—even though interviews with first-year students have taught us that first impressions during campus visits are a key factor in their ultimate selection of a college. A detailed comparison to similar schools demonstrated that Colby's current facility provides less than half the space available for comparable functions at any of the other schools examined. A variety of options for relieving crowding

were considered, all of which involved the movement of several offices and renovation of at least two existing areas to accomplish. Somewhat unexpectedly, it emerged that the most efficient, economical way to gain sufficient square feet to solve the problems more than temporarily was to build a new admissions house, offering a home-like ambience and attractive vistas of the center of campus. Internal funds will be used commensurate with what would have been required for space renovations, and external funds are being raised for the remainder, sparked by a generous gift from Peter '56 and Paula Lunder. Construction began in the summer of 1991.

The central heating plant. The most significant problem of campus infrastructure is the age and capacity of much of the existing steam heating system. Central campus capacity must be expanded very soon, and a number of the older boilers (some dating from 1947) in the existing dispersed system are well beyond their useful lives and in constant need of repair.

A new central plant will provide more efficient fuel consumption, require less maintenance, utilize larger, longer-lived boilers and be more environmentally sound than our current distributed system.

Advantages notwithstanding, the initial cost (\$3 million) is a large hurdle to overcome. Conditions in the current financial market, however, have created the opportunity to proceed with the central plant by issuing bonds in conjunction with a planned refinancing of much of Colby's existing debt at very favorable rates.

A new science building and additional scientific equipment. The need for a new science building has been apparent since the early stages of the planning process. We currently have about 97,000 square feet devoted to the sciences, while Bates and Bowdoin each have about 114,000 square feet and the average member of the Oberlin Group of 50 liberal arts colleges has about 164,000 square feet. Thus we are one to two buildings short of the norm for our peer institutions.

While a new science building is very important to the future of Colby, the cost is of such a magnitude that it is inconceivable to build it without outside funding. Funds for the building must be a top priority in any capital campaign conducted in the 1990s.

Colby has taken a leading role in the development of widespread undergraduate computer use. That role has required a substantial capital investment during the past decade. As the already rapid pace of technological change intensifies, additional computer resources and significant upgrading and renewal of existing equipment will be required if our forward position is to be maintained. In addition, the College's administrative computing system has not yet met the needs of the

offices that rely essentially on information resources. A major upgrading of the administrative system is required during the next two to three years.

The promise of an even stronger science program requires additional scientific equipment in addition to expanded and reorganized space. Partly this is due to the need to upgrade and replace aging or inadequate equipment, and partly our needs derive from the increased stress on individualized instruction and collaborative research in the sciences.

The total cost of current computing and scientific equipment needs totals \$1 million.

Additional student rooms. The proposal to reduce Colby's dependence on temporary use of lounge space for overflow housing (see Student Life, above) can be achieved by renovation of some current excess lounge space in the Roberts Row residence halls. Twelve beds will be added during the summer of 1991. Work in subsequent years should bring the total to 25-30 permanent beds.

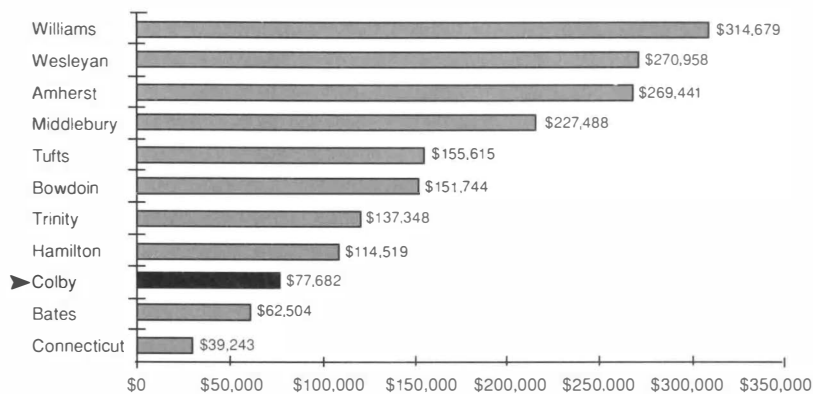
Equipping the residences with technology. Further work remains to be done to understand fully the costs, the logistics, the priority and the possible timing of cabling all residence halls for access to telephones, computer network connections and cable television. The gross cost estimate to pursue this now is in the range of \$1.5 to \$2 million. Completing a cable system over a more extended time in conjunction with other renovations, however, may offer significant savings. It is inconceivable that residence halls will not have full cable access by the year 2000, but the rate of accomplishing this is not yet clear and the project may need to be addressed through fund raising in the context of a capital campaign.

VII. CONCLUSION

One of the most positive and bracing effects of a broad-based planning effort is that it forces us to reacquaint ourselves with our fundamental values and principles and to renew our appreciation of our institution's history. Colby has never been content with its status quo. Prudent management, teamed with audacity and inspirational leadership, have taken us from modest beginnings in the early 19th-century Maine wilderness to a position of national prominence.

On the threshold of the 21st century, we can all be proud that we have been so well served by our traditional values. Yankee frugality has ensured that our College is fiscally sound. Dedication to integrity, to high intellectual standards and to academic innovation has secured our reputation. A commitment to collegiality and to open discussion and debate, com-

NESCAC ENDOWMENTS (in thousands)



Source: NACUBO Report—1990 Market Value

bined with effective leadership, have made us a close-knit community capable of effecting change. The achievements of the past decades, built on the strong foundation of our earlier accomplishments, have poised Colby to assume national leadership among liberal arts colleges. To fulfill this promise we must meet the goals set forth in this report: a strengthened curriculum, enhanced student life, major gains in diversity and expanded and improved facilities. We also have an opportunity in pursuing these goals to ensure that the quality of the College is more widely recognized and to unify our alumni.

As a result of this planning process, we also realize that the times are perilous and that without new resources our institution could be vulnerable. We are too dependent on tuition revenue, and current budget projections indicate that, without a significant increase in other revenues, this dependency will grow to disturbing proportions by the end of the decade.² As a result, Colby could be held hostage to our enrollment fortunes. We have no wish to choose among equally unpleasant options: compromised admissions standards, inadequate financial aid, noncompetitive faculty salaries or the elimination of essential programs or services.

To meet these challenges Colby must increase its endowment. Our prudence has enabled us to compete effectively with institutions whose endowments are double, triple and even quintuple our own. But our success is fragile. Colby must increase its number of endowed scholarships, professorships

and library funds. We must also build unrestricted endowment to ensure the College's financial security in adverse times and create the ability to exploit new opportunities when times are good. The addition of undesignated bequests to the endowment and an adjusted spending formula will help us toward this goal, but these steps by themselves will not be sufficient.

Though our campus is exceptionally well maintained, we still require some key facilities for the fulfillment of our promise as a national leader in the liberal arts. A new science building and several other academic facilities cannot be long deferred without compromising quality. The technological environment in which our students and faculty conduct their work must be upgraded. In keeping with Colby's traditional commitment to healthy physical activity, our recreational and athletic facilities must also hew to high standards.

An inevitable conclusion of the planning process is that new capital resources will be required if we are to preserve the accomplishments of the past and continue our momentum into the next century. Accordingly, we also recommend that the College commission a preliminary study assessing the feasibility of a major, comprehensive capital campaign in the 1990s. The broadly inclusive, consultative approach that has worked so well for us during the planning process should provide a model for this next stage in our rededication to Colby's future.

² Tuition currently provides 75 percent of Colby's budget; the base model of the plan indicates that within a decade it will rise to 78.5 percent unless offset by additional income from endowment and annual giving.

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ALUMNI AT LARGE

FIFTY-PLUS

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Many thanks to Fletcher Eaton '39 for writing the last column. He said that he was pleased with the thoughtful responses to his questionnaire and hopes to have a summary of them in the next newsletter, but he still wonders who sent a reply from the Brockton, Mass., area and forgot to sign it.

Pre-20s

Please, Vivian Skinner Hill '16, tell us where you discovered the Fountain of Youth! It was good to see you looking so well at the reunion in June. Vivian lives in Portland, Maine. . . . We missed seeing Harold Hall '17, Norway, Maine, who writes that at the end of World War One his language training at Colby led to service in Germany as a translator and censor of German mail.

20s

Merrill S. F. Greene '20, Lewiston, Maine, a practicing physician for 65 years, has only one wish—to wake up in good health tomorrow. . . . In looking back on a busy and productive life, Leonard Mayo '22, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, says that the best thing he ever did was marry Lena Cooley Mayo '24. . . . How to celebrate turning 90? Just ask Mary Watson Flanders '24, Ft. Myers, Fla. Last April she had a surprise weekend of celebration when her son and daughter-in-law came from Springfield, Ill., her daughter and four grandsons came from Seattle, Wash., and two grandnephews came from Houlton, Maine, and Ormond Beach, Fla. Also helping her celebrate were her two sisters, who live nearby. On Friday night they honored her with a full-course dinner prepared by sister Eliza-

beth Watson Gerry '27. Then on Saturday all 18 relatives gathered for a catered luncheon at the Cypress Lakes Manor recreation building, where Mary was dubbed "Queen for a Day" and a jeweled crown was placed on her head by sister Jean Watson '29. Then toasts were given by Mary's daughter and by Jean. In the late afternoon they all gathered again for a buffet with friends and neighbors. . . . Thank you for responding from Farmingdale, Maine, Agnes McBride Gates '24, but perhaps you will write about life at Heritage Village sometime. . . . Vivian Hubbard Pillsbury '24, Brewer, Maine, apologizes, in perfectly legible handwriting, for her "terrible handwriting." She keeps busy and is enjoying life. . . . Nellie Pottle Hankins '25, Oxford, Maine, has an English professor brother who says we should give up on "who" and "whom." Hemingway, for example, avoided the over-precise grammatical constructions. Asks Nellie: "You mean that what Ernest Hemingway said was 'For WHO the Bell Tolls?'" . . . Doris Hardy Haweli '25 is fully enjoying the mountainous country of North Conway, N.H., while keeping in touch with many friends and especially with former students from Coburn Classical Institute. . . . In a long letter written by his wife, Madelyn, Ken Wentworth '25, Irvine, Calif., says that at ages 87 and 85, he and his wife have been married happily for 65 years. They attend exercise classes three times a week. . . . Edith "Ducky" Greason Mincy '26, West Medford, Mass., spent the summer on Nantucket with some of her family. She hoped to attend the class agents' workshop at Colby in late September. Ducky, a teacher of ancient history for 20 years, recalls the special delight of traveling to the Aegean and other places

in the Old World previously known to her only from maps. . . . Esther Ellen Wood '26, Blue Hill, Maine, is active as a college history teacher "in a modest way" and as a magazine/newspaper writer. She does a weekly column for the *Ellsworth American*. . . . Harriet "Pat" Towle McCroary '28, Winthrop, Maine, recalls her favorite teacher, German professor "Dutchie" Marquardt, standing with grade book in hand as each pupil (sic) got up to recite. As the pupil sat down, he would loudly announce the grade and write it in the book. . . . In a recent survey of the '20s and '30s classes, history professor [William] "Wilkie" Wilkinson received the most votes for favorite professor; biology professor [Webster] "Bugsy" Chester was second; and Professors [Herbert] Libby, [Ernest] Marriner and [Carl] Weber tied for third.

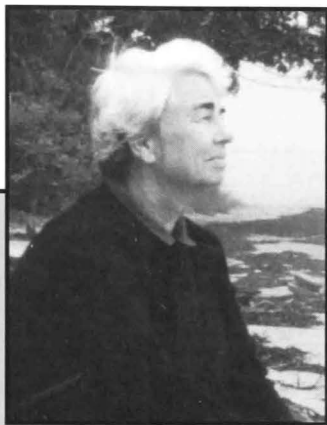
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30s

Merton Curtis '31, Winsted, Conn., says that a recent issue of *Colby* evoked such fond memories that he decided to try to get in touch with one of his good friends in college, John Leno '34, San Diego, Calif., proud uncle of TV star Jay Leno. . . . Barbara Johnson Alden '33, Andover, Mass., admits to getting great joy from her 10 grandchildren. Four are in college and three have already graduated—all are affiliated with different schools. . . . Besides being a vo-

racious reader and successful puzzle-solver, Don Rhoades '33, Claremont, Calif., is an accomplished amateur landscape architect with special skills in stone masonry, wall construction and patio arrangement, although he is far too modest to admit it himself. . . . Many thanks to Hal Plotkin '34, Marblehead, Mass., for sending a copy of his book of poems, *Shore Road To Ogunquit*, which is certainly worth savoring. Who can forget Hal's "Plotter's" column in the *Echo* or that marvelous comedy, *Moon Madness*? He recalls that at his 50th reunion "an alumnus brought a memento to the dinner: an actual ticket, of the 1,200 sold, to the Waterville Opera House performance of *Moon Madness*. The price of the ticket? Forty cents!" . . . She calls herself "Wrong-Way Corrigan," but Portia Pendleton Rideout '34, Augusta, Maine, is to be congratulated for reversing the trend and moving from an apartment to a house, which she will occupy until her son Larry retires. With her summer cottage on a nearby lake and this house, where the kitchen looks out upon trees and upon quails feeding, she must be very fortunate. . . . Warren Bishop '35, Falmouth, Maine, finds himself involved in many volunteer activities, one of which gives him special pleasure—doing slide shows and travelogues at nursing homes and other places where older people congregate. "The only problem with the nursing homes is the number of people who fall asleep when I'm halfway through." Another of his activities is a French reading group whose 10 members meet one afternoon a week except in summer. "The group includes four former French teachers, one



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member who lived in Paris for four years and another who did graduate work at the Sorbonne. I tell them that I got my good accent from drinking home brew on the plains of Waterville and from working in Berlin, N.H., for a few years in the late thirties." Warren also reported that Lois Lund Giachardi '36, Billericay, Essex, England, was expecting to come to New England this fall to show her sister-in-law the Maine foliage. Lois has lived in England since the late forties; Billericay is halfway from London to Southend on the English Channel. (Hope she'll send some observations about what it was like to return home after living for so many years abroad.) . . . Beth Pendleton Clark '35, Selingsgrove, Pa., welcomed her civic-minded daughter, Beverly, and Beverly's family for a summer visit. Beverly is a representative to the Maine legislature from Augusta. . . . Faithful John Dolan '36, Des Moines, Iowa, not only comes back to Colby each year for reunion but keeps this correspondent provided with interesting items about his classmates. Of the reunion last June he wrote: "It was a wonderful weekend—*ad multos annos!* Colby is in our hearts." . . . At that dinner in June there were many alumni who remembered our great classics teacher, Professor Julian "Judy" Taylor, so Sol Fuller '36, Bourne, Mass., must have been encouraged in his efforts to raise funds for the replacement of the bronze plaque of Prof. Taylor's likeness originally created by Sol's artist mother, Meta Warrick Fuller, for Colby. If you haven't made a donation, it is still welcome. . . . Words of appreciation are always welcome: Oliver "Andy" Mellen '36, Wethersfield, Conn., wrote, "Thanks to the Colby *Alumnus*, a.k.a. *Colby*, and more especially to 'Top of the Mountain,' I enjoy

Newsmakers

Elizabeth Sweetser Baxter '41 represented Colby at the inauguration of Barbara Zigmund as president of the Hartford Seminary in Connecticut.

Mileposts

Deaths: Miriam Adams Harmon '19 in Brunswick, Maine, at 95. . . . Donald O. Smith '21 in Waterville, Maine, at 93. . . . Miriam Hardy '22 in Keene, N.H., at 92. . . . Vincent Mathers '27 in Virginia Beach, Va., at 90. . . . Paul R. Given '32 in New Gloucester, Maine, at 81. . . . John Skinner '33 in Glen Cove, N.Y., at 81. . . . Valentine Duff '38 in Hingham, Mass., at 76. . . . Jane Montgomery Johnson '38 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., at 74. . . . James Carroll '39 in Weymouth, Mass., at 77.

a reunion with my classmates and friends from 1932 through 1939 with every issue. . . . Were I to encounter some of these people I might very well not recognize them, but in your letters I see them exactly as I remember them these many years later. Thanks a million!" . . . Don '33 and Dorothy Gould Rhoades '36, Claremont, Calif., held a family gathering in September in honor of my marriage to Ed Shuman '38, Penney Farms, Fla., thus making it possible for us to meet the West Coast members of our respective families, including Ed's engineer son, Jim, from north Los Angeles and surgeon son, Robert, from Long Beach, as well as Robert's wife, Nancy, and daughter Sonja and various nieces and nephews on the Gould/Rhoades/Stebbins side of the family. . . . Dorothy

Cunningham Vendetti '36, Bradenton, Fla., writes that she is still coping with a new way of life following the death of her husband in 1989 and that keeping busy seems to be the answer for her. She does volunteer work at the hospital and is involved with various church activities. Although she has no children, she has a loving extended family. In the summer of 1990 she went to the Canadian Rockies, then spent a week in North Carolina and a week on St. Simon's Island with Elderhostel. Although she has lived in Florida for 20 years, she says that her roots are in New England. . . . Characteristically, Jane Tarbell Brown '37, Cropseyville, N.Y., appeals to the intellect, to family pride and to culinary skills with her most recent letter telling of taping an

extraordinary production of Yeats's translation of *Oedipus Rex* made by Sir Tyrone Guthrie; of attending a family wedding in Hanover, N.H., and visiting her son in Skowhegan, Maine, where her young granddaughter is already chanting little poems while she swings; and of a delectable way to cook fresh scrod. Such versatility! . . . Ed Barnard '37, Northport, Maine, wrote of attending the memorial service for Colby professor Roger Metz held in Lorimer Chapel in May. "The chapel was packed with his Colby faculty friends and students and his wife Nancy's many friends. It was a lovely service and the music was great. . . . I can remember going to the original ground breaking for the chapel back in '37 or '38 and attending the dedication of the new organ." He also spoke of meeting Muriel and Fred Demers '37 in the doctor's office. Health problems affect all three, preventing them from driving after dark, so they have given up on attending reunions or other events that take place in the evening. . . . Sara Cowan '37, Portland, Maine, is still on call at Deering High School, where she taught for many years. In June she was asked to give out the awards at graduation, so she could not come to Colby for the reunion. She also had other responsibilities as regent of the D.A.R. . . . Peg Libbey Darlow '37, China, Maine, enjoys keeping track of her children and grandchildren, visiting them frequently in Massachusetts. She says she is delighted that her nurse daughter is now halfway through her college education, aiming for a B.S. in education. . . . Our sympathies to Willard Libby '37, Rochester, N.Y., on the death of his brother Carlyle '44 in Damariscotta, Maine. Willard and Rebecca were at their cottage in Pemaquid late in the summer and had dinner

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with classmate Ruth Yeaton McKee '37 of East Boothbay. Ruth wrote that she expected to attend her first Elderhostel in Arizona this fall and next year hopes to take her family to a ranch in Utah. . . . Betty Wilkinson Ryan '37 tells about her special summer trip to the Northwest: "It was a chilly and windy period, but we had a wonderful time both seeing wild places and visiting friends in Oregon and Washington." She said that she hoped to spend two weeks touring New England this fall. . . . Congratulations to Gordon "Steve" or "Doc" Young '37, Bar Harbor, Maine, on his retirement after 50 years practicing dentistry. An article in the *Bar Harbor Times* commented on what a well-informed dentist he was: "He was always up on the latest information in the journals, explaining things that were nearly impossible to explain." Steve served as president of the Maine Dental Association in 1963 and has been active in his community, serving for 30 years as a member and chair of the Bar Harbor planning board. Even though he is retired, Steve says that he has lined up enough jobs for the next two years—household repairs, for instance, and cleaning out his cellar, garage and attic. On July 4 he rode in the Bar Harbor parade on a "Vets of All Wars" float. He was dressed in a World War One uniform and helmet. . . . This past summer Al Beerbaum '38 went on a two-week cruise from the Baltic to the Mediterranean with his wife, Martha. "Enjoyed good weather and too much food." He and Martha claim to be avid readers of the Fifty-Plus newsletter. . . . My husband, Ed, was surprised and pleased to receive a call from classmate Rex Tarbell '38, Bangor, Maine, who was touring Florida. Ed and I enjoyed exploring Alaska for three weeks in



Memorial Hall on the old campus.

August. As Ed describes it, "endless forests, snow-covered mountains, icebergs, glaciers and miles of waterways, with very few but always friendly people. Even so, there is a McDonald's in nearly every city we visited! Food there is expensive but the flowers are large and beautiful. Despite the Exxon Valdez accident, the oil companies are still the backbone of Alaska's economy." . . . Fletcher Eaton '39 and his wife, Nell, were caught up in the inevitable whirl of getting ready for their daughter's wedding in November, but Fletcher managed to prepare his MIT alumni magazine column, pinch-hit for me and share information for this column. Many, many thanks! Incidentally, when Fletcher retired from Polaroid five years ago, he was urged to do something he had always wanted to do. That turned out to be writing, so he took fiction writing classes at Harvard for two years and joined a writers' group. He also writes the minutes of committee meetings at Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston, where he has been a member for 35 years. He says he loves writing but has to balance it with all the home chores that need to be done. . . . A postcard arrived in September from a grateful Leila Ross Hyman '39, Thousand Oaks, Calif., saying, "The day the

Fifty-Plus newsletter arrived was the day Virginia Gray Schwab '40 [Westlake Village, Calif.] and I finally got together for lunch. Thanks. Had a great time comparing notes. Her husband is retired military, as was mine. Imagine living six miles apart in this valley and not knowing about it! We plan to see more of each other." . . . In the next newsletter or column, look for a report from Elizabeth "Ippy" Solie Howard '39, Acton, Mass., on her summer trip down the Amazon River with her husband, Dick. . . . Wilson Piper '39, Wellesley Hills, Mass., is taking retirement slowly, with regular visits to his law office easing the parting.

40s Bob Bruce '40, Watertown, Conn., commented on his three-week Elderhostel in Brazil, where he studied three cities: "Brazil is a land of extremes where the status quo is kept by not educating the children of the masses." They need public libraries and teachers like Frances Gray '40, Seal Cove, Maine! . . . Priscilla Mailey '40, Clovis, Calif., seems to have bounced back from recent surgery and is pleased that she can still drive her car from Clovis to Fresno and back or to the Pacific Coast. Her cats are

her beloved children, but she also has "friends" at the Fresno zoo. . . . Kathryn Carson Smith '40, Oxford, Maine, wrote of meeting the former roommate of her cousin by marriage, Elizabeth Wescott '40, Bucksport, Maine, at reunion and says she was able to tell her about Elizabeth. The weather vane on the president's house at Colby was made by Elizabeth's father, a noted ironworker, in memory of her brothers, who were killed in World War Two. . . . Roger and Ruth Gould Stebbins '40, Sequim, Wash., are still enjoying their new home in the shadow of the Olympic Mountains and the golf course that backs up to it. They have welcomed visits from friends and relatives, such as Ruth Stebbins Cadwell '41, New Hope, Pa., after her AARP cruise to Alaska in August. Ruth's and my sister, Dorothy Gould Rhoades '36 and her husband, Don '33, and Ed and I also visited that month. More recently, the Stebbinses toured the Canadian Rockies. . . . James Norris East '41, Rockland, Maine, still has the fork that he had to snitch from Foss Hall as part of his Phi Delta Theta initiation. . . . John Hawes '41, Smithfield, Maine, remembers playing Malvolio in *Twelfth Night* at Colby. . . . Last June 128 members of the Fifty-Plus Club came to Alumni Reunion Weekend. Were you one of them? . . . Colby has been recognized for academic excellence recently and has received a \$1 million grant to support research and science curriculum development from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. About one quarter of the funds will be used to expand Colby's ties to local elementary and secondary schools. So we can all be proud of our alma mater.

Correspondent:
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THE FORTIES

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This column begins on a note of sadness. Recently I have learned that in the past months we have lost two more of our classmates. **Gordon A. Richardson** died in September. He lived much of his very active and useful life in Stonington, Maine, not far from his native city, Rockland. He was married to **Betty Barter Richardson** for 49 years. In a recent note, **Beniah Harding** said, "Gordon was always a gentleman, and it was a pleasure to have had him for a college classmate." . . . **Lawrence P. Fitton** died last summer. After a professional career in Massachusetts, Larry and his wife, Jean Desper Fitton '49, retired to Nobleboro, Maine. His major hobby there was woodworking, and he found time to serve his retirement community in several ways. We shall miss Gordon and Larry, and we send our condolences to their families. . . . **Dora-Jean Coffin Bates** writes that she retired from teaching in 1985. Her husband, George, died the following year. She keeps busy with family, friends and volunteer work. She is involved with Meals on Wheels, serves on the women's club board, chairs the Good Citizens Committee of the D.A.R. and finds time to be active in her church. She often comes to Farmington, Maine, to visit her sister, Katherine Coffin Mills '39. One of the great joys of Dora-Jean's life is music, and she especially enjoys singing in church. She says that from '38 on, under the direction and with the encouragement of John White Thomas, who directed the Colby Glee Club, she studied voice at the University of Maine and Boston University. She has sung with many choral groups and still sings in her church choir. She says, "It is great fun and therapy." We are looking forward to seeing you at

our 50th, Dora-Jean. . . . **Frank Pineo**, now retired from teaching special education, devotes much of his time to community service in and around Ithaca, N.Y. He is adviser to the Ithaca Youth Bureau and the local Big Brother/Big Sister program. He has also traveled around the world, and in the fall of '90 he and his wife, Caroline, celebrated their 45th anniversary in New Zealand. Another high point in his life was a recent backpacking trip to the White Mountains with Lew Weeks. We hope to see both you and Lew in June, Frank. . . . **Amy Lewis Small** is now retired from her job as administrative assistant for the Girl Scouts of Nassau County, N.Y., but has continued to volunteer for the organization and for the Garden City branch of the American Association of University Women. She writes: "I have had a pretty predictable life—three children (all girls) and now four grandchildren (all boys)." She lost her husband, Patterson '47, in October 1990. We certainly hope to see you at our big reunion in June. . . . **Paul Willey** reports that he retired as an airline pilot in 1980 after 29 years of flying, mostly in South America. While there he met his wife, Marie, who, after raising three children, graduated from Colby in 1985 two days before her 70th birthday. Paul writes, "[Marie's] association with me was not responsible for her high honors at Colby, which included graduating *cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa." Now living in Punta Gorda, Fla., Paul has worked as a volunteer with the Committee On Aging and does income tax returns through the Vita program. He also monitors local government procedures for the League of Women Voters as the local government chairman and acts as a mediator in the 20th Circuit Court. If this isn't enough, he is

also president of a 313-unit condominium association. He concludes his letter, "I have done a lot of things I never dreamed of doing in my youth and have not done many of the things I did dream of. . . . I would do what I did do all over again! With pleasure!" Don't miss our 50th, Paul. . . . And now for a report on the preliminary planning for our reunion: **B. A. Royal Spiegel** is busy working on our class book, **Sue Rose Bessey** is deciding what we will wear or carry in the parade and others are working on plans for golf tournaments. Plans are also afoot for a first night gathering/dinner at a classmate's home and for a boat ride on Friday, and various locations are under consideration for our official class dinner on Saturday evening. More in the next issue. In the meantime, keep your news coming, along with lots of memorabilia.

Correspondent:
Chris Merrill Wysor

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Before you read this column, you will have received your first 50th reunion letter from **Jim Moriarty**. A committee of your classmates met in August for the first planning session, so start your planning now for '93! . . . **Kaye Monaghan Corey** has heard from many of you and passed along some information. **Bill and Ruby Lott Tucker** spend six months of the year in Florida but return to Connecticut for holiday celebrations. They have 10 grandchildren and wonderful family gatherings. Their recent travels include Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper and an 11-day cruise to Alaska—"sailed through a sea of ice to the Hubbard Glacier and walked on the Columbian ice fields". . . . **Hope Jane Gilling-**

ham Meyer's granddaughter attends Unity College, so they all get back to Maine regularly. Hope is still an elementary school librarian and in answering my query about spare time, answered, as did many of you, "what spare time?" It's wonderful to keep busy, physically and mentally. . . . **Mac and Louise Trahan McCombs** had reason for concern during the Middle East crisis, as one son and his wife, both Army majors, were in Saudi Arabia; their youngest son, an Army captain with the Combat Engineers, was in Turkey; and there was a possibility that son Mike, an ex-Marine pilot, and his wife, an ex-Army nurse, might join the others. Daughter Jane works in Ellsworth as a social worker for the state of Maine. Louise had talked with Amy Lewis Small '42 and also learned of the death of Bobby Kaighn Warner '41. . . . I liked **Sidney Rauch's** note under Spouse's Occupation—"best friend and adviser." Sid, though retired, will continue teaching as professor emeritus as well as writing and lecturing. . . . **Ruth Graves Montgomery** wrote that she is retired "from teaching and into all sorts of things"—another one who keeps busy. . . . **Cliff and Marjorie McDougal Davis** were awaiting the birth of their 25th grandchild before leaving for Las Vegas. All eight of their children are now married. Marjorie is on the Sanford House Board in Maine, is vice president of the Library Trustees and does literacy tutoring. They contemplate spending a month in Texas during the cold weather. . . . **Nelsund Kaye Monaghan Corey** are delighted to have a girl in the family. Son Charlie, a coach at Colby, married Sarah Hallett in June. Son Jeff is a psychiatric social worker in Augusta, Maine. . . . **Teddy and Frank Miselis** are enjoying their retirement in Lake Tahoe, Calif.,

where Frank continues to ski. They were in Russia for 18 days in the spring. . . . **Irving Liss** is still running his business, Tent City, in Boston and often meets **Norman Chaletzky** for lunch. . . . **Eliot "Huck" Kraft** and his wife now live permanently in Florida. . . . **Elwin Hussey** of Hussey General Store in Windsor, Maine, has turned over much of the operation to his son and daughter. He and his wife spend their winters in Hawaii. . . . And that's it for now. Happy holidays to all.

Correspondent:

Eleanor Smart Braunmuller

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In the spring of 1991, the Office of Alumni Relations sent out the usual questionnaire. The questions seem redundant to some of you, and you may say to yourself—why should I repeat what I've already submitted eons ago? My answer to that is, I do not retain the forms. After I write a column or acknowledge receipt of your communication, I forward the questionnaire back to the Office of Alumni Relations. When I run out of current information, I ask them to send out more of the same. . . . I was gratified to receive so many responses to the last mailing but feel that you all can do better. The usual "Old Faithful" responded and, surprisingly, so did Mitchell Jaworski '47 and **Peter Kouchalakos**. If you sent me your answers and I failed to make mention of it in this column, please be patient. I am limited in the amount of space allotted and will try to catch up in future columns. . . . Dr. Arnold Grossman '45, who resides in Framingham, Mass., has retired from his dental practice and is enjoying summers on Cape Cod and winters in Florida. Arnold scolds me as inefficient because I

failed to write about him. In checking past columns, I see that I did. . . . **Peter Kouchalakos** has retired from school administration duties in the Dade County public schools and resides in Coral Gables, Fla. According to the letter I received from his wife, Peter suffered a paralytic stroke but is able to exercise. He credits Colby with opening many doors for him. . . . **Mitch Jaworski** remembers the time he and **Ben Zecker** were caught in a rain storm during our freshman year. Both were passengers in my Pontiac Coupe and were seated in the rumble seat when the rain drenched them. Ben died at a young age, and we miss him very much. . . .

Elwin Hussey '43 resides in Windsor, Maine. Elwin asked the question about our mixed-up classes because of WWII. I had previously written about this issue and asked for input. My suggestion was that if you matriculated in 1940 you should retain 1944 as your class. This would certainly help to keep the records straight. Elwin also asked about **Hal Costley '43**, who was killed in that awesome war, and says he thinks it ironic that the College does not mention his name in the list of Colby graduates. . . . **Priscilla Keating Swanson** is active in the Mayflower Society and Brandywine Questers antique group and is a deacon of her

church. She has both parents, who have reached the ages of 95 and 101, living nearby. **Priscilla** recently visited Seattle, Wash., and toured Puerto Rico. She mentioned wanting to go to Colorado to explore areas not toured. . . . **Russell Brown** writes about **Jack Turner** being kidnapped 50 years ago and thinks Jack may want to celebrate the occasion. After all, Turner was not taken to Boston and treated to the Old Howard Burlesque Theatre by any ordinary freshman. It was none other than **Edward J. McCormack, Jr. '45**, who later was elected attorney general of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In that escapade, you will recall, all hazing of freshmen had to cease because the president of our sophomore class was taken off the campus and out of Waterville for over 48 hours. I recall writing about this in an earlier column, Russ. . . . I'll close for now and attempt to catch up in future issues.

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The news from Attleboro, Mass., is that First Judge **Ernest Rotenberg** is the father of three and is grandfather to eight grandchildren. His wife, Gladys, is a schoolteacher. Ernest's spare time is spent enjoying his grandchildren and reading and writing books. Ernest says that he never anticipated being in a position where it would be necessary to decide the future of others. Among the awards that he has received is the Haskell C. Freedman Award, which is given to the outstanding jurist and teacher of domestic law, and he was also named outstanding trial judge in the nation. . . . Another voice from Attleboro has also



Beverly Benner Cassara '47 (right)

been heard from. Edith Hinckley Turner has been a widow for 10 years. Edith retired three years ago after 38 years of teaching French and German at the high school level. She has traveled abroad several times through the years, including a trip to the NDEA Institute for Teachers of French at the University of Lyon. She visits relatives abroad and sees her sisters in Maine. Edith recently made a trip to the Ellis Island Museum and tried to imagine her mother's feelings on arriving there in 1910 at 17. . . . Retired judge Sherwood "Woody" Tarlow summers in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., and winters in Palm Desert, Calif. He dropped dentistry to become a lawyer, and he also owned and operated 10 radio stations. He was named one of 10 Outstanding Young Men of Greater Boston in '69. He was also named Man of the Year by the Greater Boston Association of Retarded Children. A million-dollar Tarlow Chair was established at BU Medical Center in his honor. He has also retired from bank chairmanships in both California and Massachusetts. He is happy in his marriage and is the father of three and grandfather of six. He would love to hear from classmates. . . . I received happy news from Constance Stanley Shane in Watervliet, Mich. She has a busy and happy life married to a crop consultant, and she is the mother of five girls and two boys. She has nine granddaughters and two grandsons. Her life has been active with gardening, volunteer work and teaching Sunday school. Connie and her husband travel both to visit family and for business. . . . Another domestically successful careerist, Edward Smith from Portland, Maine, reports that he is retired from owning a summer hotel and from being an accountant. He is

happily married and the father of three. He completed his degree in Portland after leaving Colby. His spare time is taken up with extensive reading, stamp and coin collecting, bird feeding and building birdhouses, as well as with some traveling. . . . Helen Mary Beck Shoemaker from Pittsford, N.Y., reports that her husband is professor emeritus at Rochester Institute of Technology. In years past she taught in Venezuela and has traveled to Europe. She has one daughter living in Norway and a son on the staff of Nichols State University in southern Louisiana. Helen enjoys reading, gardening, needlepoint and caring for her husband, who has a health problem. . . . I also received the sad news that Patricia Alice Cotting Shively from Analomink, Pa., died this past summer from multiple sclerosis.

Our deepest sympathy goes to her husband, Robert.

Correspondent:

Dorothy Sanford McCunn

47 I had a nice letter from Beverly Benner Cassara [pictured above as the '40s "Headliner"]. She and her husband retired in July 1990. She was professor of adult education at the University of the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C., for 20 years. They have bought a lovely old house in Bethel, Maine, and are busy fixing it up. Just after Beverly retired she published a book, *Adult Education in a Multicultural Society*. She also teaches a course in adult education for the University of Southern Maine and is also a member of

the executive board of the International Council for Adult Education, which has its headquarters in Toronto. Each year they meet in different countries all over the world. This past year, after her meeting in Sweden, Beverly traveled in Germany, where she gave lectures at the universities in Berlin, Siegen and Tübingen. Their son is employed by the Alaska Fish and Game Department, and they recently attended his wedding in Haines, Alaska. Their second daughter is finishing her Ph.D. in mass media at Michigan State and is also teaching. Their eldest daughter is a professor of human growth and development at Bunker Hill Community College in Boston. She has their only grandchild, a wonderful 3-year-old boy. In October Beverly was slated to give a speech at the special meeting of the Adult Education Conference of the U.S. and Canada in Montreal. It doesn't sound as though you've really retired, Beverly. . . . I was recently in Maine for my 50th high school reunion at Gould Academy in Bethel. It was a really exciting time, and no one looked old. I visited Clayton and Priscilla Weeks Currier in Newcastle, Maine. They have moved back to her old home place. They planned to leave October 7 on a two-month tour of the United States. They hoped to cover the whole country but if not will go back and do the places they missed another time. . . . Clayton and Dottie Cleaves Jordan have just spent a week in Cold Springs, N.H. They planned to leave October 3 for the Fiji Islands, Australia and New Zealand with a stopover at the Cook Islands on the way home. Dottie is on the board of several organizations focused on deaf people, including the Maine Center on Deafness and the Deaf Advisory Board. She is also ac-

Headliners

Beverly Benner Cassara '47 is the editor of *Adult Education in a Multicultural Society*, published by Routledge in London. Cassara is a retired professor of adult education at the University of the District of Columbia.

Newsmakers

Stanley Frolio '47 has started a new business, Stanley F. Frolio Investigative Services, in South Dartmouth, Mass.

Mileposts

Deaths: John Campbell Harvey '42 in Medford, Mass., at 71. . . . Leslie Howland '45 in Lewiston, Maine, at 76. . . . Jean Whiston '47 in Bridgewater, N.J., at 65.

Koizim's Work Is a Run for the Many

When Harvey Koizim '48 says he spent a year and a half renovating the six-story brownstone that he and his wife, Ruth, own in New Haven, Conn., it's easy to picture him ripping out walls and pounding in nails. That's the way he tackles things.

As it happens, Koizim hired others for the actual physical labor, but he was his own contractor. He might also have served as lawyer, banker and real estate agent for the project—his career has embraced each profession, and Koizim has demonstrated an almost eerie sense of timing in moving from one to the next.

His first love was the law. After graduating from Colby, where he participated in activities as diverse as Powder and Wig and the International Club, Koizim returned to his hometown to enter Yale Law School. He joined a firm in Fairfield County, Conn., then began his own practice in Westport in 1955. He continued to practice law until 1975 but seeded his life with more than his share of outside interests and responsibilities.

At 27 he was appointed a municipal court judge by then-Gov. Abraham Ribicoff. At that time, lawyers served as part-time judges in their own communities, dealing with what Koizim calls "next-to-the-public cases," such as those involving traffic mishaps, small claims lawsuits and misdemeanors.

"It was an efficient way of disposing of matters," Koizim says, "but I guess somebody decided it was too political."

Koizim left the bench after four years and declined an appointment as a full-time judge. "I didn't like the idea of getting out of the practice of law," he says, "and in those days I really couldn't afford it. They didn't pay judges very much."

In 1963 he organized the County Federal Savings and Loan Association, serving as its chair and CEO for more than 20 years and seeing it grow to a 12-branch, \$300 million operation. What would move him to start a bank? "If you're a young lawyer in a small town, most of the big clients are taken by the older law firms," he explains. "So if you want to get a nice bank as a client, perhaps the only way of doing that is starting one."

By 1985, Koizim says, "I could see what was happening in the S & L business, and I thought I saw the handwriting on the wall—I guess I did see it. I got out." He joined his son and daughter in a real estate business that year. Two years later, with the real estate crisis looming, the family sold the business.

Koizim retired, but his pace didn't slacken much. Among other activities, he teaches in the Workshop on Shelter for the Homeless, an interdisciplinary clinical course taught by Yale faculty from the law, management and architecture schools that focuses on the development and management of low-income



housing in New Haven; he serves as president of Housing Operations Management Enterprises (HOME), Inc., a non-profit organization he helped to found that acquires and manages low-income housing; and he is trying to get another non-profit corporation, Community Urban Reinvestment Endowment (CURE), Inc., off the ground.

"I'm hopeful," Koizim says, "that I can convince the banks that there's a whole market that they've been ignoring. It's two to three times as hard for minority people to get home mortgage loans; I think that shows that the banks have been neglecting a substantial potential market."

Koizim says that he would also like to see more members of minorities move up the ladder into high-ranking positions in banking. "The reason I had to get my own S & L charter was that I was a young Jewish lawyer in the 1950s and '60s," he says. "The banks were closed to me—I couldn't get a bank as a client."

Things haven't changed much in 30 years, he laments. "The bank officers in New Haven are middle- and upper-class white people who don't live in New Haven," he says. "Minorities are working on the teller stand, but they don't move up. Tellers don't graduate to be president anymore. And I can't help but wonder if that's because they happen to be minority people."

tive in the Maine Association of the Deaf helping with their mailings. Recently she has been busy putting closed caption decoders in homes of the deaf. With this the deaf can talk with hearing people through an intermediary. She and I had such a conversation. . . . I also visited **Jane Wallace Lamb** in Brunswick, Maine. She is a freelance writer. She writes for the *Maine Organic Farmer and Gardener* about gardens, for *Maine Public Broadcasting* and about the theater for the Portland newspapers. She's also a contributing editor for *Down East* magazine and has appeared as a guest with *Power and Steele*—theater critics on Maine public television. . . . Plans are really coming together for our 45th reunion in June, and I know you're all planning to attend.

Correspondent:

June Chipman Coalson

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Despite wonderful notes from some wonderful '48ers, this will be the last class column unless some of you send in some information. . . . The last column mentioned the travels of **Ship and Midge Sturtevant Atwater**. Their letter contained a clipping from a spring *Hartford Courant* telling about the special work **Ship** and his church are doing to encourage less-advantaged children to continue in school and through college with the *Asylum Hill*. . . . I Have a Dream program. The Congregational church of that area has offered to pay tuition for one 79-member high school class if they qualify for admission to UConn/Hartford. They will, alternatively, pay equal tuition elsewhere. Acting as mentors and tutors, the Atwaters also help celebrate some holidays with their youngsters. The mentors

gain much by direct contact with inner-city life and with some of the horrendous circumstances that are part of the young people's daily existence. . . . Another accomplishing member of our class, **Marguerite Jack Robinson**, has just had an article published in *Lighthouse Views*, a monthly publication of the First Baptist Church in Portland, Maine. The article was titled "Linking the Past and the Present—Rev. Titcomb, Founder of Our Church and Colby College." It is about the Rev. Benjamin Titcomb, who, Marguerite wrote, "was the first minister of this church, which recently celebrated its 190th anniversary. . . . He was a pioneer in Baptist College education funding and drew up a charter for this purpose. Thus, Colby College had its beginnings with this very influential Baptist minister in the early 1800s." Miller Library has more of Marguerite's writings, including an essay on Salmon Falls artist Gibeon Bradbury (19th century) and articles about Kate Douglas Wiggin, as well as photographs she has donated. She and her husband visited the library's Edwin Arlington Robinson Room a while back and enjoyed seeing her work in the collection as well as noting campus changes. . . . **Millie Schnebbe Riordan**, mentioned in a previous column, checked in later to note that she was about to visit **Laurine "Tommy" Thompson York** in the wilds of Aroostook County. That was to be Millie's first trek in that direction in 40 years. . . . Be sure you have set aside early June 1993 for our reunion, *but in the next few months, write if you want another class column.*

Correspondent:
Kay Weisman Jaffe



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I can't believe that the summer is gone! The last time I wrote a column Lon and I were about to leave for three weeks of camping in Colorado. Montana and way stations. Needless to say, it was a great trip—all 7,000 miles of it! We saw parts of the country we'd never seen before—some of which we want to see more of and some of which we've seen enough! We find the history and geology fascinating—each gives us a new insight into our great country and its people. . . . **Jean Sheppard Silva** continues to see the world while singing with the *Surry (Maine) Opera Company*. Last fall she hoped to go on a Mozart trip encompassing Vienna, Prague, Budapest and Salzburg, and sometime within a year, Japan is also on the company's itinerary. Her interest in music took her back to Colby last year "to a wonderful concert, orchestra and chorus, including Bernstein's 'Chichester Psalms.'" Jean also writes that her son Mark, who lives in California, has written a book on how to find gold titled *Stake Your Claim*. When Jean wrote last February, her husband, Bernie, was scheduled for a cementless hip replacement in the spring. Hope all went well. I can't say enough about my cementless prosthesis! . . . **Carleton Porter** "retired from General Electric Company in 1986 after completing 35 years of work at the Lynn, Mass., Riverworks. Most of my years there were involved with data processing and computer programming in the Jet Engine and Component Test Department." Carleton reports that retirement is wonderful and that he and his wife, Dorothy, "keep busy with a knitting hobby (and small business) knitting children's and adult sweaters, suits, hats, etc. We peddle our goods at craft fairs in

our area. It is interesting, creative and a good way to stay active. We have four machines, two electronics, a bulky Passap Double bed knitter and cones and cones and cones of yarn. We call ourselves *Busy Hands*." Having traveled in Europe and all of the "lower 48," they planned a tour of Alaska last August. . . . **Charles Roy Woodman**, known as "Major" while at Colby, writes that his wife of 42 years is now afflicted with Alzheimer's disease and is in Williams Nursing Home in Augusta, Maine. "Life deals you some hard knocks from time to time," Charles says. "This has been real tough. Our three children have been very supportive, which has been a great help. My thoughts and efforts are mainly to make my wife's situation as good as I can." Our thoughts are with you, Charles. His hobbies are maintaining and improving his 140-year-old house and landscaping his six acres of land. . . . I heard earlier this month from **Mary Helen "Mike" Wilson Miller**, who is spending one year in Minnesota, where her husband, Roland, is acting as an international consultant on the Muslim world for the Division of Global Missions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. For the past eight years, Mike has been involved in refugee resettlement work, which she is continuing in St. Paul. The past three summers, **Mary Lou Roberts Friberg**, **Jean Maloof Naman**, **Virginia Young Ellis** and Mike have been staging their own mini-reunion at Virginia's camp on Moosehead Lake. They've discovered they enjoy each other as much as ever and hope to make this an annual get-together. She sent a picture of them with their husbands, and they certainly look as if they were enjoying themselves!

Correspondent:
Anne Hagar Eustis

Alumni Council—More Than Fund Raisers

As the Colby trustees gather for their annual session in Boston this month, several individuals will meet privately and plan how to awaken what one calls "a sleeping giant."

The seven are Colby Alumni Association President Douglas Hatfield '58, Trustee Richard R. Schmaltz '62, Bill Goldfarb '68, David Marson '48, Beverly Nalbandian Madden '80, Alumni Relations Director Susan Conant Cook '75 and Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Peyton R. "Randy" Helm. The giant is the College Alumni Council.

The council is over 100 members strong, and the conspirators say they believe that with the talents of that many of Colby's most fervid alumni to draw on, there is the potential for the group to participate in more concerted and influential activities on behalf of the College.

"We're going to start by looking at the role and structure of the council," said Hatfield, who chairs the executive committee. "Our objective is to have the Alumni Council both be part of the College and a representative of its constituency, to be a voice heard both on campus and off campus." An attorney from Hillsboro, N.H., who is a former chair of the Alumni Fund, Hatfield says a key mission of a restructured council would be to make alumni and others understand that it does much more than raise funds for Colby.

"Of course we are a significant source of income," he said, "but the current issue is not about that. It is about how to structure the Alumni Council to encourage alumni to be psyched about Colby, to be excited about the College and our contribution to it."

The council is composed of elected representatives from each graduated class as well as Alumni Association officers and additional members elected on an at-large basis by the council itself. One of the council's most influential tasks is the election of nine alumni to the Board of Trustees (three each year), including one from the six most recent graduating classes at the time of nomination.

"One of the reasons the Alumni Council has not gotten as much attention as it might," Helm said, "is because the trustees it has nominated fit so well that once they arrive on the board no one is aware that they are special nominees of the council. In that sense the council has been a victim of its own success."

Another successful vehicle, the council's committee system, also has served to limit the scope of his group as a whole, Hatfield says. "We do so much in committee and through our own executive committee that it is easy for members not to appreciate the big picture," he said. "The committee system works well, but I think we have to find more ways for the council to act as a whole."

Hatfield says he helped launch the restructuring effort at the annual joint meeting of trustees and overseers at Colby in October after he realized that the trustee planning committee had concluded its deliberations without focusing on alumni participation as much as he might have liked. He soon discovered that Schmaltz had a similar reaction and so did Helm and Cook, who serves as executive secretary-treasurer of the council.

Hatfield says he is not out to dismantle those aspects of the Alumni Council that are working well but to add opportunities for Colby to harness the enthusiasm of its most active alumni.

"We'd like to do a little more connecting," he said, "to make the work of the council more exciting and more meaningful to its members so they can see how important their role is to the College and its image."

One recent step that the council has taken, Hatfield added, is typical of others to come in an effort to establish a greater sense of unified mission. "We have voted to incorporate and accept PACMA as part of the Alumni Association," he said. The goal of PACMA—the President's Advisory Committee on Minority Affairs—to aid Colby in increasing ethnic, social and cultural diversity should belong to every council member, Hatfield said, and not just those on a single committee.

And, lest anyone forget what many currently identify as the Alumni Council's most significant role, Hatfield does add a medium-range projection for growth in the Alumni Fund, which last year raised nearly \$1.48 million. "Our goal," he said, "is to contribute more than \$2 million a year to Colby."

Alumni Trustees Nominated

Three alumni, Robert S. Lee '51, Mary Beth Brown Turner '63 and Deborah England '85, have been nominated for positions as alumni trustees for terms beginning at Commencement 1992.

Lee is president and CEO of Hotwatt in Danvers, Mass. His service to the College was recognized in June 1991, when he received the Ernest C. Marriner Distinguished Service Award. This will be his fifth term as a trustee.

Turner is publisher and editor of *Black Masks* magazine and a journalist and playwright. This will be her second term as a trustee. She previously served as an overseer.

England, nominated as Young Alumni Trustee, is an attorney with Hale & Dorr in Boston. She is the 1985 class agent, serves on the board of overseers of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, provides pro bono legal representation to the I Have A Dream Foundation and is a participant in Special Olympics fund-raising activities.

In accordance with the bylaws of the Alumni Association, other nominations may be made by petition to the Executive Secretary of the Alumni Council on or before February 1, 1992, with the signatures of 1 percent of the association's members. If there are no nominations by petition, the above candidates will be declared elected by the chair of the Alumni Council.

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At this time you all need to know that I am out of news. A year ago you received my first class letter and responded enthusiastically. Given the amount of space we get in *Colby* it has taken all this time to print the news you have sent. I hope you concur with me that it has been great to catch up with so many of our classmates. Look for another class letter soon—one that will also contain thoughts on our next reunion. . . . After an adventurous cross-country trip from Maryland to New Mexico, Julie and Dick King have settled in Albuquerque. They say: "The geography is very different here in the southwestern U.S. from New England but very beautiful in its own unique way. We are doing well and send our very best wishes to all of the members of the Class of '50—the 'half century' class." The Kings are promoting Albuquerque as a retirement area with enthusiasm that must please the chamber of commerce tremendously. Golfing, tennis, fishing, bowling and hiking are all within 30 minutes of them. With Sandy Peak for hiking only five miles away and skiing 80 miles distant in Taos, they enjoy a climate that is warmer than Denver and cooler than Phoenix. "For culture," Dick says, "we find men's and women's barbershop [quartets], museums of art and natural history, the Santa Fe Opera and several movie theaters that show all movies for a \$1 entry fee." . . . Priscilla Tracey Tanguay writes from Ocean Bluff, Mass. She works as manager of customer service for Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Boston. Her husband, Peter, is a retired foreign language teacher. She keeps fit running, walking and hiking and has just resumed downhill skiing after 25 years and loves it. The Tanguays had a trip to Italy in '91 and found it "a

lovely country." Priscilla sees Chris Winter Verrengia, who lives in Melbourne, Fla., and is active in the local art museum. . . . Stanley Choate lives with his wife, Ina, in Brandywine, Md. He is professor of engineering technology at Prince George's Community College in Largo, Md. Stan says that he plans to retire in another two or three years. . . . The Rev. Charles Smith, Jr., recently made a trip to Alton, Ill., and visited the gravesite of Colby's Elijah Parish Lovejoy [Class of 1826]. The memorabilia he obtained there has been sent to Colby for possible use in the Lovejoy Building. Charles says he and June are broadening themselves through travel and genealogical and military research. Their recent trips have included England, Sweden and Florence, Italy.



Julia Adams, violinist with the Portland String Quartet (artists in residence at Colby), sent this note to the Colby office: "Last summer the Portland String Quartet had a concert tour to Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, Brazil. In the audience of 1,500 at São Paulo's Memorial Concert Hall was a very important classical music manager, Barbara Starr Wolf, who, since 1982, has organized major concert tours throughout South America for the world's most famous concert artists. At lunch the following day we immediately established a warm rapport, having interests and connections in many areas. What impressed us most of all was [Barbara's] enthusiasm for Colby after over 40 years. She had been active in campus politics and had many vivid and happy memories of her years at Colby. As a result of our friendship and our successful concerts in Brazil,

Barbara has taken an interest in the PSQ and will add her prestige and expertise to our future touring in South America. As we always tell each other before we go on stage, you never know who will be in the audience!"

Correspondent:
Nancy Ricker Sears

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This column will draw once again from responses to Warren Finegan's 40th reunion questionnaire. Some of our classmates' recollections are well worth sharing. . . . Bob Archibald recalls fighting the disastrous forest fires during the fall of our freshman year, "possibly the most unselfish act of many of us fellows in the Class of '51." . . . Audrey Bostwick, as an official of the American Horse Show Association and assistant instructor of the Delaware Valley College Equine Science Program, devotes most of her time to horses and fondly remembers transporting Ybloc in the back seat of a '34 Chevy after buying 25 cents worth of gas. . . . Maury Ronayne remembers Maine in the spring after the mud has disappeared and everything turns green. . . . Ray Reich fondly recalls 10-cent beers at Onie's. (Who doesn't?) . . . Barbara Jefferson Walker recalls riding the train from Boston and the bus from Hedman Hall to Mayflower Hill, learning to play bridge cross-legged on the floor, Winter Carnival snow sculpting, playing her flute in the marching band at football games, going to basketball games even on exam nights, establishing the ski slope and building the hut at the bottom of the hill. . . . Prof. Chapman is mentioned in so many responses he obviously ranks high among the best loved teachers of our generation. And most of us

are still in awe that a man of Dr. Bixler's stature could talk to each and every one of us and know us all by our first names. . . . Ned Stuart, after 36 years with Black & Decker, now owns his own business, Stuart & Son Enterprises, Inc. Manufacturers Representative in Stone Mountain, Ga. . . . Dr. Ed Martin, who lives at Rumford Point, Maine, is the father of nine children and medical director of the family practice clinic at St. Mary's Hospital. He claims to be semi-retired! . . . Ray Reich is another physician from our class. He practices medicine in Chicago when he is not admiring blondes, brunettes and redheads or watching the Bears, the White Sox, the Bulls or the Black Hawks. He writes that after 40 years he is still learning, "which probably means I didn't know much to begin with." . . . Ken Hart has been an attorney since his graduation from Boston University Law School in 1957 and is practicing with a New York law firm. . . . Bob Hartford, who lives in Richmond, Mass., is an investment officer but plans to retire soon. . . . O. L. Brown is still manufacturer's representative for Pendleton Woolen Mills. He writes that the Colby experience was the greatest thing that ever happened to him professionally. . . . On a personal note, I have completed my fourth photographic history of towns in York County, Maine. Titled *A Cluster of Maine Villages: Sanford and Springvale, Acton, Shapleigh and Alfred*, the book went on sale August 21.



Dr. Edward Martin sent a long and thoughtful remembrance of his College roommate, Philip Hartwell Bangs, to the editor of *Colby*. Philip Bangs died in May (see *Colby*, November)

and is remembered by Dr. Martin as "a wonderful roommate and a great human being. He was kind, a friend to all and he walked humbly among his fellow men. He is sadly missed by all who knew him."

Correspondent:
Harland Eastman

52 Ann Orth Dunning has moved to Mashpee, Mass. . . . Dave Morse and his wife, Joan, enjoy sailing and have a summer home near Boothbay Harbor, Maine. . . . At the class correspondents' workshop during Homecoming Weekend I had the pleasure of meeting Sally Baker, who is the managing editor of Colby. She explained the layout of the magazine and the philosophy behind it. Her remarks about the new arrangements for the class notes were very informative. The magazine is really well done and a lot of hard work goes into its publication. . . . I had the opportunity to talk to Ben Sears and his wife, Nancy Ricker Sears '50. Ben has sent out a letter about our reunion in June, and you will be receiving more information. . . . The College looks great. My husband, Bob, and I were impressed by the students; they were all friendly and helpful.

Correspondent:
Barbara Bone Leavitt

53 It is with regret that I report the death of Clifford "Whitey" Johnson. Whitey was a retired Marine officer and a hero of the Vietnam War. We will all miss him; he was a great guy—and what a way to start my column. You will be hearing more on this at a later date. . . . Sylvia Caron Sullivan says she is look-

ing forward to our 40th reunion and that she had a wonderful summer in Wolfeboro, N.H., with her family. . . . Priscilla Eaton Billington sent in a great note that covered the following: "Spent two weeks in Greece with Shirley and Nick Sarris '54. We were there to celebrate the birthdays of Nick and Shirley. Joining in the festivities were John Ratoff '52 and Arlene Tobey Ratoff '52; Dick Creedon '52 and Joan Leader Creedon; Mary and Charlie Windhorst '54; Pat and Lou Ferraguzzi; and, naturally, my husband, Ray Billington '54, and me. The island, the village and Nick's villa were a perfect spot for our reminiscing and Colby storytelling. Ray and I have retired from the working world." . . . Phil Hussey gets to watch George Bush play golf from his backyard in Kennebunkport. "We've had a good summer. Bought a new/old Solire '38 last fall and had it in North Haven, Maine, where we rented a home for the month of August. Also, Martha and I drove around Scandinavia in May. Looking forward to our 40th reunion." . . . Rick Tyler reports from Salt Lake City, Utah, "finally have all four sons out of college. I have finally given up hockey for roller blading—great exercise. Did some mountain biking in Colorado over the Fourth of July with our two grandchildren. Was in Ogunquit, Maine, during Hurricane Bob—quite exciting. Ann and I are leaving for Switzerland to hike for two weeks. I am still working and enjoy what I am doing." . . . Ken Castonguay went on a three-week golf safari to Scotland and Ireland. "Also spent a couple of weeks with Frank Piacentini in Hawaii," Ken says. "Frank won the Kapalia Cup while I was there. Hope to make the 40th." . . . Electra Paskalides Coumou writes that "the first of my chil-

dren got married in September. Eric is a 1984 Colby graduate, and his bride is the daughter of a Colby grad. I started a new job as a technical writer for Sun Micro Systems in Billerica, Mass., which I am enjoying very much." . . . Bruce McRoy "attended a Civil War seminar in June at the University of Richmond put on by Virginia Tech. I'm making a speech on Jefferson Davis this September at the William Dorsey Pender Civil War Round Table in Rocky Mount, N.C., of which I'm president. We have two sons, four granddaughters and one grandson. Looking forward to our 40th. I plan to retire December 31, 1993." . . . Robert Wulfin and his wife, Joan, have three children. "Steve is a minister in Portland, Maine, and chaplain at the Maine Youth Center. He and his wife have four children (all girls). My second child, Holly, is married and living in Atlanta, where she was chef to the governor but now is in business with her husband. My third, Amy, got married last August and is a commercial artist working out of her home in Vermont. I was the contractor on her home. We keep ourselves busy here in Wallingford, Vt., and would love to see old friends." . . . Carolyn English Caci, the woman who talked me into being class secretary, sent me this report: "This is the year we all turn 60, and my celebrating started with Ginnie Falkenbury Aronson's big day in New Jersey over Memorial Day weekend. Her kids and husband had a great party. My birthday was equally great, and my family presented me with a big furniture box that contained my daughter from Montana—just had to share this with all!" . . . My thanks to those above or taking the time to make this column possible.

Correspondent:
J. Nelson Beveridge

55 Colby '55ers seem to be on the road again. Following is a summary of some of the places they have gone, the people they have seen and the things they have done. Let's hear from those of you who haven't responded lately. . . . Ruth Kesner Osborn has started a new business. It's the only correctional nurses' registry in the U.S., supplying R.N.'s and L.P.N.'s to jails and prisons on an as-needed basis. The company also provides consultants to medical departments of jails and prisons nationwide. Ruth has one daughter and two grandchildren. . . . George Haskell and his wife, Karen Lawrence '67, are managing partners of Venture Consulting Corp. in Boston. Their family consists of six daughters, ages 4 to 33, and one granddaughter. George spent his summer learning to fly an amphibian aircraft and says he has "taken lots of interesting flights around New England." He has become more active in Colby affairs and is currently an overseer. . . . R. Bruce Harde, who is a land use planner and pastor, writes from Sussex, N.J., that his oldest daughter graduated from Mt. Holyoke and served her class for three years as class president. She is now working on Wall Street. His two younger daughters (twins) have just entered Mt. Holyoke. He brings news that a diagnosis of leukemia has resulted in prolonged periods of hospitalization since mid-February. . . . Elizabeth Harris Smith noted when I heard from her that she was off on a hiking trip to the Canadian Rockies and otherwise keeps fit by playing tennis and swimming. She says it's "great" to have only one child at home. . . . Bruce Bradshaw says he is about to retire as a partner of Gamble, Bradshaw, Makoski Design after 33 years and will let us all know in



Our Man in Iraq

In the aftermath of the gulf war, thousands of Iraqi Kurds fled to the mountains on the Turkish border to escape Saddam Hussein's troops. An international effort was mounted to return them to their villages in Iraq, and when they came down from the mountains many were fortunate enough to find themselves in the care of Andre Boissevain '55.

As task force surgeon for "Operation Provide Comfort," a multi-national relief effort, Boissevain spent a month in the region coordinating the medical treatment the refugees received.

It wasn't easy. "Operation Provide Comfort was basically run by the Americans," Boissevain says, "[but] there were 27 civilian volunteer agencies and there were armies from all over Europe." Even the Americans on the scene had a difficult time mounting a unified effort, Boissevain notes: "We had the Army, Marines, Air Force and Seabees—and they all had their own little medical stations and camps." At each camp, he adds, the primary enemy was disease. "Sanitation in the mountains was abysmal," he says. "Basic dysentery was the main disease we saw."

After treatment in the border medical stations, Boissevain says, "the push was to get the Kurds back to their own towns." To see how the resettlement was progressing, he visited Kurdistan's largest city, Dahook, just three days after the refugees began returning. "It went from a ghost town to [a place] teeming with life," he says. "These people are so incredibly resilient, it's mind-boggling. The minute they get the chance they are gardening, they've replanted their orchards, they've replugged up their irrigation systems so they work again."

There's something of that spirit about Boissevain himself. He grew up in Pennsylvania and worked a dozen jobs to put himself through Colby. After graduating with a degree in biology he joined the Army and worked in a hospital laboratory at Ft. Jackson, S.C., where his interest in medicine was piqued. A further two years of study prepared him for medical school at the Thomas Jefferson University Medical College in Philadelphia. He practiced as a "solo country doctor" in Connecticut for a decade—and that, he says, nearly killed him.

At 42, Boissevain suffered a heart attack and underwent bypass surgery. He says he emerged from the experience convinced that he needed to change his lifestyle. He took a teaching position at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine but says the work wasn't stimulating enough. Three years later, he and his first wife were divorced—that was the final push he needed to find a different venue for his talents.

Boissevain went back to the future. "Number three son and I went into the service," he says of his decision to accept an Army commission. "He had three years left to do in high school, and I did three years in Hawaii." Boissevain met his wife, Judith, while stationed in the islands, and since their marriage they have been posted to Chicago and, twice, to Germany. Boissevain is currently chief of staff of the U.S. Army hospital in Heidelberg. He says he hopes to be stationed in Hawaii again for the final six years of his service commitment and to retire to Ashland, Ore., where he and Judith own land.

"I should have been in the Army all along," Boissevain says. "I have a career that dreams are made of. I go to all of these wonderful places. I can do this job anywhere, whether I'm an active clinician or an administrator. I've had just a wonderful third career."

the next newsletter what the effects are. He was in Marion, Mass., in August and wants us all to know that he and Lou Zambello will not be home for lunch after they retire. . . . Lou and Kathy McConaughy Zambello '56 returned to Westboro, Mass., from Oregon so Lou could become vice president of sales for the Rockport Company. He spends his time at "endless" trade shows and trying to keep up with Kathy, and he noted that "there's no place like home." The Zambellos have a new grandchild in New Gloucester, Maine, and announce the August '91 marriage of their daughter Gwenne. . . . Richard Cole writes that being a parent of a 12-year-old boy when the rest of our classmates are becoming grandparents certainly puts a different perspective on one's life. He has no retirement plans with a seventh grader at home. Other sons are graduates of Skidmore and UVM. He is president of Packaging Distribution Inc. in Boston, which has developed a new product, a polyethylene bag that will extend the shelf life of fruits, flowers and vegetables. Dick says the company has spent three years on research and two years bringing the product to market. . . . Allan Landau says both of his children are now married. He and his family, including his grandchildren, spent the summer on Cape Cod, and he had a mini-reunion with Richard Abedon '56, Peter Lunder '56, David Slater '56 and Bob Sage '49 in Shelton, Vt., on an annual outing. . . . Ann Mandelbaum Cramer lives in Seneca Falls, N.Y., where she is deputy mayor and first ward trustee of the village board. She is the first woman member of the board. She and her husband, Don, who is a media consultant for ICE Communications in Rochester, have three children: Hans, a construction

foreman, Gus, a career officer in the Merchant Marines, and daughter Heidi, a legal assistant. Ann resigned as primary school librarian as soon as the kids finished college to devote more time to village government. She says she loves every minute of it, even the complaints, and adds, "with the new Women's Rights National Park and state-funded urban park visitors center, Seneca Falls is an exciting place to be now. Tourism is fast becoming an important industry to our village." Ann and Don have no grandchildren. They greatly enjoy being semi-retired with no time clocks. She adds she is free to read, do crafts, join reading clubs and be president of the board of trustees of the local historical society. . . . **Harriet Sears Fraser** writes that she spent the summer taking courses and traveling to Chadds Ford and Longwood Gardens [Pa.], Winterthur [Del.], Washington, D.C. (all in July), and in August was at Pemaquid Point, Maine, and spent a day with Jack and **Ann Burnham Deering**, Kathy and Lou Zambello, Barbara Nardozi Saxon '56 and Dave '56 and Rosie Crouthamel Sorter '56. . . . **John Reisman** writes from Columbus, Ohio, that he is still in retailing with Lazarus and his wife, Jane (Daib '58), is a customer service manager for Vision Service Plan of Ohio. Son John is chief resident in urological surgery at UConn Medical Center. He is married and has two children. The Reismans' daughter Joanne teaches third grade in Westchester, Ohio, is single and loves it. They all spent some time in Florida during the summer. . . . **John Dutton** writes that he has completed his open-water scuba certification off Monterey, Calif., and adds, "no great whites around." He is into gold prospecting now, with all the tools but not much to show for

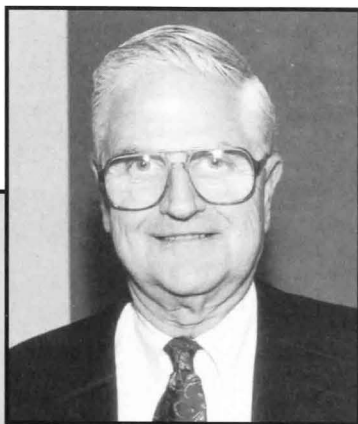
it. . . . **Patrice McIntire Andrews** says she is semi-retired after 22 years as a school librarian/media specialist and now works as a church secretary part time. The Andrews have four children: Gail Swant, who is with Kraft/General Foods in Glenview, Ill., Sara Conti of Wilmington, Ohio, Martha Hunt, a legal secretary in Providence, R.I., and Kyle, an air traffic controller in Milwaukee. They also have four grandsons. Pat adds that their post-retirement move to New Hampshire was "certainly one of the best things we've ever done." During the summer they took a trip to visit the kids and spent a week in the Great Smokies. While there they visited with Aubrey Keefe '54 and his wife, Judy. . . . **Peter Parsons** is a professor of biology at Holy Cross and his wife, Joy, is a bridal consultant. They have two children, David of Denver and Robin, who is married and has two sons and lives in California. Peter was doing cancer research during the summer and did some traveling in the West. He asks, "Has anyone seen Tom Finn?" . . . **Ainsworth Minot Greene** maintains that being in banking is "a precarious occupation" but he's still at it. His wife is senior sales consultant with Lenox China. Daughter Amy '89 just completed NOLS outdoor leadership training in Wind River, Wyo. Minot reports that **David and Ruth McDonald Roberts** spent a few days visiting in May while the Roberts' daughter Linda '88 graduated from Georgetown Law School. . . . **Beverly Aikman Duncan** writes that she is very involved with Scottish clan activities. Husband Alistair formed the Clan Donachaidh [the Gaelic form of Duncan] Society of New England. They have traveled extensively, attending clan activities and meetings. The Duncans had a visit from John

and **Scotty Hamilton Hager** on the Hagers' way home from a vacation in Maine. . . . **Barbara Kearns Younghanse** has become a grandmother and says she doesn't see her granddaughter enough because the child lives in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., a long way from Sarasota, Fla., where Barbara lives. Her husband, Allen, is retired but has a business going. Barbara is a law student and still works full time in the city manager's office. . . . **Joanne Bailey Anderson** writes that she has a new granddaughter born in May and loves being a grandmother. Joanne lives with her father in China, Maine, and has enjoyed putting a family history together. . . . Everyone who has responded seems to have created some form of fitness program for themselves. Activities ranged from walking to swimming (which the writer wasn't able to do 35 years ago) to hiking to mountain climbing.

Correspondent:
Ann Dillingham Ingraham

57 As we inch ever closer to our 35th reunion, I'm once again struck by how fast the time goes, not only the weeks and months but the years! Where did 1991 go, or for that matter, 1981? The returns for the reunion are coming in at a pretty slow pace. I'm hoping more of you will make your plans for the reunion as we leave the holidays behind us and look forward to a spring weekend on Mayflower Hill. . . . **John Conkling** writes from his busy office in New Hampton, N.H., that he has no intention of retiring and remains active in a number of community organizations. John, who is president of the New England Appraisal Co., has some great ideas for the reunion and has stayed in touch with several

folks from the Deke house and from the Class of '56. . . . **Bobbi Santora Hindert** sends word from Kalamazoo, Mich., that she has cut back to half time in her work as special assistant to the provost of Kalamazoo College. Bobbi is married to attorney Michael Hindert, and in addition to having her two sons, who are in grad school, she has four stepchildren (two attorneys, one psychiatrist and one architect). Bobbi has spent the last 16 summers ice dancing in Sun Valley, Idaho (and you thought Waterville was cold!). . . . **David Olsen** is another classmate who has no plans for retirement. Dave writes from Somers, Conn., that he still enjoys his work with Preferred Mutual (marketing property/casualty insurance) and does business with Marty Burger '58, Bob Nielsen '59 and Mike Riordan '59. Dave and Mary Ann have two children: Bill, who graduated from Colby in '85, and Betsy, who graduated from Bowdoin in '87. . . . Last year, **Ron Rasmussen** made his first visit to New England in 30 years and says he hopes to make the reunion in June. Ron lives in Ramona, Calif., and owns his own firm—Western Bonding and Insurance Services. Ron, a former president of Ramona Planned Parenthood, and wife Sharol have two sons, ages 17 and 7! Ron and Sharol are planning on retiring in the northern Idaho area in a few years. . . . It's back to the Maine woods for **Bill Bois**, who tried living in Florida, "but it just didn't feel right," so he's now in Fairfield working as a real estate broker. Bill previously owned a furniture store and also was a social worker for 17 years. Bill and Lucille have two children and two grandchildren. . . . Another Mainer, **Wil Laverdiere**, writes that he has been teaching for 32 years and still likes working with the



Lawrence Pugh '56

Headliners

First Lt. Donald Hoagland '55 was named public affairs officer of the year by the California Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. . . . Lawrence Pugh '56 was honored at the 1991 Apparel Education Foundation Committee dinner in Atlanta for his contributions to the industry as chair of VF Corporation.

Newsmakers

Arthur White '52 is interim headmaster of the Dublin School in Peterborough, N.H. . . . The Hussey Seating Company of Berwick, Maine (President Philip Hussey, Jr. '53 and Executive Vice President Peter Hussey '57), was featured on an episode of *Made in Maine*, produced by WCBB-TV of Lewiston, in November. . . . Thomas Colman '59 represented Colby at the inauguration of Rita Borstein as president of Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla. . . . Gary Gilbert '59 has joined the business department of Lane & Altman, a Brookline, Mass., law firm.

Mileposts

Deaths: Clifford H. Johnson '53 in Salem, Oreg., at 62. . . . Martin Kruger '57 in Sharon, Mass., at 57. . . . Paul Laughlin '59 in Portland, Maine, at 55.

kids, especially in the local sports programs. Wil is teaching biology, anatomy and physiology in Livermore Falls. . . . Speaking of going back, **Barbara "Babs" Klein Hilford** writes from Albuquerque, N.M., that she's going back to the violin, which she put down 38 years ago! Congrats to her, although from her letter it would seem she is busy enough as it is. Barbara is a medical transcriptionist and artist who does commissioned portraits of horses and dogs and wildlife studies. Her violin revival is serious, as she is now studying with a member of the New Mexico Symphony. Her three grown daughters (and five grandchildren) live in Albuquerque. Barbara and her husband, John, are building a retirement home in Angel Fire, N.M., not far from Taos. . . . Retirement? No way! So says **Audrey Hittinger Katz**, who wrote from Silver Spring, Md., about the software company she and her husband, Sheldon, formed several years ago. Data Prompt Inc. now processes contracts for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, has over 100 employees and is still growing! The three Katz children are all living out of the country, so Audrey and Sheldon will be traveling more and working less in the future. Audrey will be at the 35th! . . . Needs some market forecasting or market modeling? Call **Bob Pettegrew**, owner of the consulting firm Robert Pettegrew Associates of Hancock, N.H. Bob is expanding his business and makes no mention of retiring in his letter. . . . I still have enough material for a couple more columns and promise not to leave anyone out. (Don't worry, I haven't lost your letters.) In the meantime, let's hear from some more of you about making the 35th reunion. By the way, we'll be needing some new class officers come June, so

all volunteers will be considered (and immediately pressed into service)! 'Till next time.

Correspondent:
Brian Olsen

58 How time flies as we get older and when we're having fun! And it does sound like you are having fun despite some diffi-

cult times we all face. "Parenting" our parents is certainly stressful. We certainly are the "sandwich generation" as we raise our children, then turn around and help those who raised us. . . . Gail Crosby Davis said that caring for her 84-year-old mother and managing her property can be depressing. "Exhausting but satisfying knowing I'm helping a person I love but who is no longer the mother I knew." Gail's daughter

Wende '82 is now a doctor of veterinary medicine. Son Tad is a grad of BU. Richard and Gail live in Beverly Farms, Mass., where they are real estate investors. They have traveled a lot recently, including an Alaskan cruise and trips to St. Petersburg, Budapest and Prague. They usually sail the coast of Maine each summer with family and friends. . . . **Sheila May Tunnox Cox** resides in Lakewood, Colo., where she is a certified massage therapist. She has the "pleasure and responsibility" of raising her 5-year-old grandson when he visits on weekends. She commented on her most exciting memory, that of a trip to Sydney, Australia, followed by scuba diving in the Coral Sea 250 miles off Australia's coast. "The diving and the fauna of the reefs were fabulous and unforgettable. A peak experience!" . . . **Myron Gantt** is a computer operator at Guilbert High School in South Carolina. Myron and his wife, Ilse, have three sons. At the time Myron wrote, son Stephen was a computer salesman in Florida. Carl a Marine in Saudi Arabia and Michael a policeman in Alabama. If we all had Myron's philosophy of life, we would have peace! I quote: "Change is constant in retired life. If you are concerned in/for the welfare of others, then opportunities to help them abound. Nothing remains the same as you become constantly challenged." He has joined an Edgar Cayce study group for spiritual growth. "It deepens your understanding and appreciation for the fact of spirituality in your own life, being as it directs you outward to the needs of the world." . . . **Dr. Marcia Phillips Helme** from Arlington, Mass., is a lead scientist for the Mitre Corp. She continues committing civil disobedience at the Nevada nuclear test site, getting arrested,

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preparing for it and debriefing from it. She is also managing the successful delivery of a software project that everyone thought was impossible! Marcia gets most satisfaction from standing up for what she believes in the face of opposition, from meeting new challenges, from friends and from seeing her son become a mature young man. Like many of you, her belief system includes world peace and nonviolent resistance. She belongs to Amnesty International and Beyond War. . . . What a traveling class! Jack and Susan **Bower Hendrickson** looked at each other and said, "Why not?" They planned a visit to Japan, where their son was to join his fiancée. They flew to Tokyo and attempted to tour Japan like 20-year-olds! After a beautiful trip, Susan began a master's degree in clinical counseling. She and Jack celebrated their son's wedding amidst family and friends, then drove to Maine to visit more friends on Wilson (alias Golden) Pond. "The loons and the stars and the wonder of it all, Maine is still God's country to us." They could now be grandparents, for Susan said they had had the wonderful news that their daughter was expecting. . . . **Jane Gibbons Huang** has been sole pastor of the First Congregational Church in Murphys, Calif., since October '89. She said it's great to be an initiator of ideas and programs and to enter into her people's lives at times of need and at high points. Her family is spread out—husband Ken teaches social work at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota; daughter Tina finished at Santa Cruz in December 1990 with a degree in computer science; Jenny graduated from Pacific University in Oregon in May 1990 with a French major and is in Beijing learning Mandarin Chinese and teaching English. Jane says Murphys is a beautiful

1950

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1952

Barbara Leavitt
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1953

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1954

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1957

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1958

Andria Kime
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1959

Susan Frazer
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Middletown, CT 06457
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spot near areas for skiing and hiking. She finds her work challenging and loves owning her own home and gardening. Peace, justice, ecology, sharing the Good News of God's love and leading a life of simplicity are all part of her belief system. She says that the Holy Spirit gives her the most satisfaction in life. . . . **Judy Brown Dickson** continues a challenging teaching career in Tututuliak, Alaska, meeting the challenges of very lively Yupic fifth and sixth graders. She also takes on the responsibility of "parenting" some of her students while their parents are away for one reason or another. She seems to just roll along with the con-

stantly cold and often stormy weather. She did get a chance to visit family and friends at a family wedding in Dallas, Texas, last July. Then she and daughter Jessica were tourists in San Francisco. Jessica then returned to Brazil, where she is an exchange student in a Rotary program. Son Fred is at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla., majoring in marine biology. Another son, Geordie, graduated from the University of Alaska and is going on for graduate work in math. I guess you have to be ready to try anything when you live and work in the villages of Alaska, including working the day after holidays and eating "very delicious" moose

heart stew for Thanksgiving dinner! Some are more daring than others, wouldn't you say? . . . Al Dean said he thought he could age gracefully, but things have been hectic! He bought a plane to fly back and forth between his Midas Muffler businesses and his two homes: he and Kay (German '59) purchased another home in Falmouth, Maine. Despite the economy he is doing well. All three Dean boys are doing well. The youngest is with CBS Sports and has been assigned to the John Madden crew. Kay and Al are thrilled when they see his name on the credits. Another son followed Al's footsteps in the automobile business as F & I manager for the same dealership Al sold his VW dealership to. Their oldest formed his own company in Bedminster, N.J., specializing in traffic engineering. They call him their "red light" engineer. The Deans celebrated their 30th anniversary last February with a trip to Australia and two weeks in New Zealand. Al highly recommends New Zealand, with its friendly people and "views you will be hard pressed to equal anywhere." . . . All for now. Look forward to hearing from all of you K-Z folk on the questionnaire. Your replies give me such a great opportunity to spread the good news of the Class of '58.

Correspondent:
Andria Peacock Kime

59 Apologies to Hugh Nazor and his wife, Linda Smalley Murnik, of Georgetown, Maine. Because of space limitations in the last issue they put all the copy on the wall and threw a dart, and they hit Hugh and Linda. You may recall that Linda was in our class until she transferred to the University of Pennsylvania. I



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noticed that in an answer to the question about achievements for our 25th reunion booklet, Hugh said that his biggest achievement of all was "personal happiness." When I asked him recently if this was still the case, I got a resounding "yes!" To Hugh and Linda, happiness is having your life arranged so you don't have to do anything you don't want to do and you like what you *do* do. Linda has just become president of Greater Portland Landmarks, Inc. Hugh, who is semi-retired, does some consulting and is on the board of the Children's Museum of Maine. Before cutting down on his activities, Hugh owned Maine Coast Brewing, maker of Portland Lager beer. Hugh reported that Jay Smith '63 owns a cozy, pub-ish restaurant in Massachusetts. It would be nice to hear from you, Jay. . . . Other Colby couples figure in my report this time. First in alphabetical order are Al '58 and Kay German Dean. In March 1990, things started changing for them. Kay, a banker by profession, went off on a vacation to New Zealand (with Al, of course) and just didn't go back to work. It was as easy as that. After several months of looking they found and bought a house in Falmouth, Maine, where they can be closer to Al's Midas Muffler businesses. They now split their time between Falmouth and Leominster, Mass., where they still have their other house and many strong ties. . . . Bob and Mary Twiss Kopchains of Somerset, N.J., are others in the fearless traveler group. Just two weeks before the great coup that sent heads and ideologies flying, they went to Russia. They went on a river cruise from what was then Leningrad, now St. Petersburg, to Moscow and enjoyed every minute of it. Bob is retired but still does some real estate appraising. When I talked with Bob,

Mary was in Palo Alto visiting her mother. . . . Jim and Sally Phelan McIntosh just never seem to slow down. Last year Jim was on a sabbatical from Lehigh for the first semester. He spent it at the University of Kent in Canterbury, England, giving some lectures there and continuing his research on alcoholism. He is conducting an in-depth study to compare the gin craze in 18th-century England with the permissive society in the U.S. in the 1960s. Sally went over for a month at the end of Jim's stay. They went by hovercraft to France and judged that one hovercraft trip will be enough for some time to come. New Year's Eve in Paris was somewhat better. Back at home, Sally works on government documents at Lehigh and has cut her board and advocacy group memberships down to four. The McIntoshes have recently doubled the space in their house and added a brick patio. . . . Bob '58 and Joan Hoffman Theve live in Guilford, Conn., but keep in touch with other Colbians in Melvin Village, N.H., where they have retirement property. They see the Howie Clarkes, the Bev Laphams and the Red Crons fairly regularly. They were surprised to run into Bill and Dottie Reynolds Gay last spring at Ohio Wesleyan, where their respective children were receiving diplomas. Joan says that going to New Hampshire every year is just spectacular and that there's no way they are ever going to leave New England. Joan is semi-retired, she says, from the architectural drafting profession and is happy being with people and enjoying the woods that she never had in the Bronx. . . . Al Rogan sends greetings but did not want to be part of the news report.

Correspondent:
Susan Fetherston Frazer

THE SIXTIES

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I guess I cannot send all of you on a guilt trip for not having called or written with news for this issue, but those of you who attended the reunion (and you know who you are!) owe me a questionnaire—preferably filled out. As for the rest of you, I will beg, cajole or even grovel (which ever will work) in order to get you to tell me what's new (that is fit to print!). . . . I called **Ernie Trowbridge**, who lives nearby, and as he was running out the door to a tennis game he told me he had to miss the reunion because he has been flying to Aruba every weekend as part of his job as director of operations for the Air Aruba subsidiary of Hapag-Lloyd Fluge. You may remember that Ernie was with Eastern Airlines back in the "good old days." He also is in real estate, so he is obviously keeping busy and out of trouble. . . . A call to **Nancy Tozier Knox** found her in the midst of planning a November wedding (her son's) and still working happily at Emerson Hospital as administrative assistant to both the director and associate director. She said she was looking forward to a visit from **Bebe Clark Mutz**, who planned to stop by after visiting her grandchildren in New Hampshire. . . . Next I called **Ned Gow** to ask what he had gotten me into. He laughed and confessed that he always wrote his columns the night before they were due, too. Since retiring as class correspondent, he has gone back to painting and is thoroughly enjoying a sketching class. He is still fire marshal, favorite town volunteer and something most of us working women have always wanted to have—a house husband. Like the rest of us in Connecticut, he is wrestling with the new income tax and trying to figure out how it affects him. . . . My final call for news was to David

Ziskind. I thought that, as our new leader, he could inspire the troops by example. His news was mostly work-related. His architectural and interior design firm, Silver and Ziskind, just won an award for their interior design of the McDonalds on 57th St. in New York City. They won two awards for the design of justice facilities in Dartmouth, Mass., and Columbus, Ind., from the American Institute of Architects and the American Correctional Association. Fortunately for Dave, there is no recession in the jail design business. . . . All I can say is that my long distance bill is higher than my salary for this job, so I look forward to hearing from some of you before my next deadline.

Correspondent:
Penny Dietz Hill

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As I write this on a beautiful fall day in New England I can hear the local high school band filling the air with sounds of brass and drums. Football games, soccer games—one can't help but remember the sounds of 30 years ago as we ambled down to the playing fields of Colby to spend an afternoon in the warm sunshine and to enjoy the camaraderie of being young and full of life. . . . I just got off the phone with **Patch Jack Mosher**, who is graciously preparing to write another letter to her classmates updating us on our 30th reunion, which will be from June 5 to 7. In mid-September the reunion committee met with our board of trustees member, **Dick Schmaltz**, to coordinate our plans with the '91-'92 Alumni Fund drive. Those in attendance, along with Patch, were our president, **Jay Webster**, and his wife, **Sue Keith Webster**, vice president **Pete Leofanti**, alumni representative **Marjeanne**

Banks Vacco, **Peter Jaffe**, **Dave Berman**, **Al "Ollie" Weller**, **Malcolm "Terry" MacLean** and **Sue Conant Cook '75**, Colby's alumni director. Start planning now to return to Mayflower Hill and spend a few wonderful days with those who are still young and full of life. . . . I've decided to pass along general class news in this column and then send the responses to the other parts of my questionnaire in a separate class letter with anonymous comments. Many classmates have shared some very personal information, and it is the context of what they have said, not who they are, that matters. . . . **Dennis Connolly** and his wife, **Patricia**, are attorneys in Brooklyn, N.Y., and have three sons: **Christopher**, 18, **Andrew**, 16, who is starting offensive and defensive tackle on his high school football team, and **John**, 2½! For the past five years, **Dennis** has specialized in law as it applies to environmental and toxic exposures, and he is extremely satisfied with his career. He likes classical and bluegrass music and is currently rereading *The Pickwick Papers*, *Androcles and the Lion* and *Macbeth*. Professors **MacKay** and **Benbow** would be so pleased! Vocations **Dennis** has considered and rejected are "author of the great American novel," "president of the United States" and "cartoonist." . . . **Alice Evans** writes from Cranford, N.J., where she is a medical transcriber, that she has shared her life for the past 20 years with **Paul Hoffer**, who owns his own roofing business and plays classical guitar. **Alice** is also a serious writer of poetry and has been published 14 times. Although extremely satisfied with her present vocation, **Alice's** "fondest dream" would be to finish her Ph.D. (on *Beowulf*, perhaps) and spend years working in the NYU English department. . . . From Wayne, N.J., **Sumner**

"**Sonny**" **Bryant** reports that he is extremely satisfied with the past 10 years as an O.E.M. sales representative and is working on a successful second marriage to present wife **Carole**. His daughter **Melinda** is a recent graduate of **Denison University**, and **Sonny** feels "no movie is worth the price," but tennis and fly fishing definitely are. . . . **Marcia Eck Brolli** still loves her career, teaching English, after 28 years. She is enjoying the beauty of the Berkshires and takes her own advice for staying on top of things: "Get involved, start something new, look around and say with feeling, 'How lucky I am!'" . . . In addition to a most complete questionnaire, **Steve Garment** added a tape (half travelogue/half anecdotal humor) of the 21 days he and wife **Genevieve** spent arduously hiking up and down fairly difficult terrain in Italy and France. **Steve**, who is the Winter Olympics (and, perhaps, the Summer Olympics) coordinator for *USA Today*, has been with their graphics and photography department for eight years and added that working for **Gannett** does for him what the briar patch did for **Brer Rabbit**. Your list of outside interests, exercise regimens and latest contacts regarding the Japanese-American communication symposium indicate that you have vital roles aplenty, **Steve!** . . . From Paris, France, where he lives with wife **Kristin**, **William Gardel** sent information about his present position, president of a Paris-based patent brokering and licensing company specializing in the toy industry. Son **Brian**, 21, is a junior at **St. Lawrence University** and daughter **Stephanie**, 18, is a sophomore at **American University**. . . . Finally, let me include the raft of great sightings that my favorite cocorrespondent, **Jimmy Johnson**, sent in his last letter. If you can stand the razzing,



Deborah Van Hoek Abraham '69

Headliners

C. Richard Peterson '60 was named a trustee of the College of Insurance in New York. . . . John Foster '67 was elected by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court to a three-year term on the Board of Overseers of the Bar. . . . Deborah Van Hoek Abraham '69 was named a Library Fellow for 1991-92 by the American Library Association and the U.S. Information Agency. She will assist in the implementation of an automation plan at the Indian Institute of Management in Calcutta.

Newsmakers

The lead-off item in a recent column by the *Hartford Courant*'s Owen Canfield was a letter from Hartford attorney S. Frank D'Ercole '61, who was promoting more coverage of NESCAC sports. "The Colby-Bowdoin [football] game," D'Ercole pointed out, "has a tradition that goes back 106 years." . . . Football standout Al Graceffa '64 was inducted into the Waltham High School sports hall of fame in Massachusetts. . . . The *Gloucester* (Mass.) *Daily Times* spotted Don '64 and Lynn Smith Short '65 in the Colby booth at the town's college fair. The paper notes that the Shorts are well qualified to counsel high school students about the college application process: their daughters Kristin '92 and Ashley '94 are current Colby students. . . . Peter Winstanley '66 was named vice president of Arabian Coffee Co. in Boston. . . . E. Michael Caulfield '68 represented Colby at the inauguration of Francis Lawrence as president of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. . . . Joseph Jabar '68 told the *Waterville Sentinel* that he plans to run for the Maine state senate this year. . . . Twenty-year teaching veteran Margaret Allan Ewell '69 has joined the faculty of the Learning Center in New Hampton, N.H. The center prepares students with nontraditional learning styles to attend college.

Mileposts

Marriages: Philip MacHale '66 to Victoria Smith in New York City.

Deaths: Judith G. Anderson '60 in Portland, Maine, at 53. . . . Michael Franklin '63 in Sudbury, Mass., at 50. . . . Donald Esty '69 in West Palm Beach, Fla., at 44.

Jimmy, you have my vote for president at this next reunion. A copy of the *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* carried two pages focused on the Essex County Bar Association and a picture of its officers including Terry Mac Lean, the association's treasurer. Terry was also pictured acting as an arbitrator as a member of the bar's alternative dispute resolution program (and looking very stern, indeed!). Jimmy had seen Peter Leofanti at a spring production by the Hasty Pudding Club; had dinner with Kathy Hiltz Bauer, a graphics illustrator in Milford, N.H.; and had run into dentist Phil Gregorio, whose daughter Jennifer is a freshman at Boston College and whose son Scott is at Plymouth State in New Hampshire. . . . Lots of news is suddenly appearing and will be carried in subsequent columns. Keep it up and start planning for the 30th!

Correspondent:

Linda Nicholson Goodman

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Well, I did it! Sold my house, put most of my stuff in storage, moved to a temporary apartment and managed not to lose my Colby stuff in the process. By the time this issue is out, I should be happily settled in my brand new condo. As I was packing up my house and years of memories, I carefully removed the paper measuring tape given to me by Dave Pulver many years ago when he was partner and founder of The Children's Place in West Hartford, Conn. It was an advertising giveaway, and it has measured and recorded all of our children's statistics since they were very young. Now it will be put away in my memory box. Thank you, Dave, for so many years of pleasure. As I was gathering your remaining letters, Colby returned quite a large portion of

my last column, which had to be cut for lack of space. So I will save the rest for the next column. I guess our class just has too much good news to share. . . . Sailing in warm weather and skiing in cold weather is just part of what keeps Marsha Palmer Reynolds busy. Marsha is a teacher and supervisor for the Chapin School in New York City, and her husband, John, is computer coordinator at the Trinity School. Marsha and John and dog Bonnie bought a house in Biddeford, Maine, and are enjoying their summers away from the city. In '89 they traveled to England, Ireland and Scotland, and they expected to travel to France last summer and to sail to Corsica with friends. . . . Susan Ferries Vogt left her job with the EPA and went to work for an Atlanta-based environmental engineering firm, Law Environmental. She set up a new office in Washington that provides policy analyses and strategic planning services on environmental issues to private companies. Susan travels with her job and also goes to California to visit son Brad. Daughter Judy, 28, works in EPA's Pesticide Program, Brad works for an investment firm and Andrew is finishing up at Carnegie Mellon's College of Fine Arts. . . . Spending their time between Ancey, France, their permanent home in Massachusetts and their cabin on Deer Isle, Maine, are Nancy (Godley '65) and John Wilson. Both John and Nancy teach French, and John heads the French program at the Rivers School in Weston. The Wilsons often go to France with students, and last year their son Ben and the son of Ben Beaver '64 were part of the tour group. Their other son, Seth, is a student at William and Mary. The newest member of the Wilson household is named Eclipse. . . . Paul Rodgers and his

wife, Marty, spent two weeks last July cruising the west coast of Norway from Trondheim to Bergen on their friends' 58' ketch *Windigo*. . . . **Constance Miller Manter** writes from East Boothbay, Maine, where she is social studies consultant for Maine's State Department of Education. Her husband, Walter, is an engineer/manager for Digital Equipment Corp., and sons Jonathan and Todd are both college students. Oh yes, there's also Ring. I don't know what Ring does. Connie was "guest teaching" at Colby this past spring and obviously loves her career. She has become a leader in education and has served as a consultant to educators throughout the world. She has coordinated five study tours to the U.S.S.R. with over 150

students. Constance also received a grant for a study tour to Japan and is now serving as a commissioner for global education for the Association of Supervision and Curriculum. Connie and her family ski, sail and enjoy time with friends. Connie says it best at the end of her letter: "Thank you Colby! All of our mentors launched us to do 'finestkind' things! We learned to think and do!"

Correspondent:
Jo-Ann Wincze French

64 Dusty and I had dinner at Dick Friary's summer place in Biddeford, Maine, recently with Dick and his lovely wife, Diane, and Candi (Wilson '65)

What's New?

Share your news and views with your classmates! Have you traveled recently, changed jobs? What's exciting about your current job? Have you been married recently or moved to a new area or a new home? Do you have a book to recommend to other readers or movie pan to pass along? Please write in the blank and send it to the Alumni Office for forwarding to your class correspondent.

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and **John Haynes**. We didn't solve any world problems, but we recited *Bert and I* stories and sang "They're Rioting in Africa" from start to finish. Dick and John, both chemistry majors, are still mixing elements in their respective companies, Schering-Plough and Monsanto. . . . **Barbie Gordon Schoeneweis** sounds exhaustingly busy juggling career, family and community commitments in Mt. Laurel, N.J. She works for a health care management consulting firm (strategic planning and staff development), spends her spare time teaching adults to read with the Literacy Volunteers of America and co-chairs Partners, a home/school group dealing with parenting, drug-free schools, "safe houses," Project Graduation and parental advisories to the schools. She says, "Myson inherited his father's athletic genes and is a star pitcher whose schedules keep us hopping. Wish it wasn't so cold at Colby. He's interested in warmer climes for college." . . . **Andy Weiland**, who is now surgeon-in-chief and medical director at the Hospital for Special Surgery, Cornell University Medical College, writes that his nonworking hours involve activities connected with his profession and sports, but he wishes he had more time for golf, tennis and sailing. He also reports that curbside recycling and recyclable products are available in NYC. . . . That's good news, but so far only 11 of the 23 people who responded to my questionnaire said such services are available in their communities. We have a long way to go on this one. . . . And just to put it into perspective, **Jack Mechem** writes, "What's scurbside recycling? Great idea, but not applicable to Hong Kong. Survival is still the key to Asian countries, except Japan. We are fully immersed in learning about Asia, past, present, fu-

ture. Underdeveloped countries are of particular interest: PRC, Philippines, Indonesia. It is most perplexing to try to maneuver these countries into our U.S.A./Boston standards for human rights, the environment, education and equality. We've learned a lot about them and ourselves, as I believe all Americans would and should." . . . **Karen Knudsen** Day has retired from TWA after 22 years and is back in Maine helping her mother and keeping busy with 12-year-old Christopher. Volunteering with fourth grade reading and spelling programs is very rewarding, she says, and she's just begun an imaginative new business called The Picnic Hamper, which specializes in catered business lunches delivered in old-fashioned hampers. Sounds clever and fun! . . . **John Gow** teaches biology and chemistry at Williston-Northampton School and coaches girls' hockey and boys' tennis. He is currently president of the Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers. . . . **Martha Schatt Shim** is one of those lucky people whose vocation and avocation are the same. As a professor of early childhood education, all of her responsibilities relate to young children. She writes, "As you may recall, my family extends from 2 to 21 years of age, so I stay involved with supporting public school education on a firsthand basis. I'm also chair of the Georgia Child Care Advocacy Coalition and president-elect of the Georgia Association for Young Children. There is a great need for quality improvement for the care and education of young children in all settings!" . . . **Craig Millett** has also merged her vocation and avocation ("Finally!" she says) now that she is in the ministry, but she also enjoys her family, as well as boating and RV camping in and around her home



An Advocate for the Arts

When the organizers of a film festival in Charleston, W.Va., wanted to show Martin Scorsese's *Last Temptation of Christ*, they applied to the West Virginia Arts and Humanities Commission for funds. What they received, in addition to the money, was a lesson in civic responsibility.

It was administered by Pamela Pierson Parziale '65, who has served on the commission at the behest of three governors and has been its chair for two years.

"They had tried to show the film in Huntington," Parziale remembers, "and there was a big outcry from the religious right. I told [the festival organizers] that if they wanted money from the state to show something they knew would be controversial, they had to involve the religious right and people from mainstream churches. They had to also show films that others might think were important. There had to be a dialogue. It wasn't as easy as just applying for some money to show a film and showing it."

As a working artist (she co-owns Sycamore Pottery in Kearneysville with her husband, Ren), chair of the commission and member of the state's review panel for the National Endowment for the Humanities, Parziale is perpetually front and center in the debate over the artist's responsibility to society. A liberal who cut her political teeth protesting the war in Vietnam, Parziale says she is careful to keep her mind open to differing opinions.

"In a number of cases," she says, "I've had to step back and say, 'I represent the state of West Virginia. I represent all the people here.' It can be tricky, but it's important that all points of view be represented. They may be points of view that I disagree with, and we may agree to disagree, but we have to make the effort."

Parziale's service to the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has come at a time when the agency is under fire for funding controversial art and is being criticized by artists and writers for backing away from the controversy. Unlike many artists, Parziale lays blame on artists and the NEH alike.

The NEH, she says, should be criticized for the way in which "peer review panels," the grant-making boards, were organized. Too often artists on the panels disbursed NEH money not on the basis of objective criteria but because they knew and liked the grant applicants, Parziale says. In addressing those concerns, she

adds, the NEH has unwittingly fed the conservatives' ire.

"When you open up the peer review process to minorities and the traditionally underserved, when you open up boards of directors, you're going to get different results," Parziale says. "You're going to have a different look to art—one that more truly reflects our society."

But, she says, it isn't enough for nontraditional artists to simply produce art and shrug their shoulders if viewers object to it. "Nobody is suggesting that the artist not be able to do his work," Parziale says. "But at a time when we have a lot of economic problems, I think it is very arrogant of the artist to assume that large sums of money will be spent on the arts when people in middle-class America don't see the justification for it. Artists have some responsibility to society, and they've got to face up to that. They've got to start talking about what's important in their work; they've got to be able to describe it and explain it so people can understand it. I'm not talking about censorship, I'm talking about choices that are going to have to be made in difficult economic times."

Parziale may sound like a Washington insider, but her roots are far from the Beltway. She was reared in Caribou, Maine, and was urged to attend Colby by the members of her high school English department, Colby alumni all. After graduating with a degree in English she moved to Washington, D.C. She met Ren, then resident potter at the Smithsonian, while taking a pottery class. They married in 1971 and moved to West Virginia to pursue art and raise children (each has two from a previous marriage).

But the move hardly spelled a retreat for Parziale, who says she discovered her talent as an organizer while chairing a commission on the aging. "I realized from that experience that I was good at working with disparate kinds of people and getting them to work together," she says. "I get a lot of satisfaction from dealing with people. What I do is otherwise very solitary."

Have her outside involvements affected her art adversely? Parziale is firm: no.

"It's gotten better, leaner, more focused," she says. "The work does cut into what I do, but I've just found the past couple of years in the arts fascinating. I've learned so much."

in Leesburg, Fla. . . . I missed Homecoming this year so cannot give you my annual report on the State of the Hill. I do know it was a fine autumn weekend and the football team won again. What could be better than that?

Correspondent:
Sara Shaw Rhoades

65 Eliot Terborgh is president and chief executive officer of Selectone Corporation. "No major changes," he reports. "My son John has returned to Colby and my daughter Laura is a freshman at the University of Virginia. Ah, the joys of two tuitions." . . . Al "Caesar" Seferian is a senior analyst at the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB). He received the OMB award for outstanding service in 1990 for his work on a management integrity program designed to correct serious management control weaknesses in government programs. Caesar continues his love affairs with Peggy (24 years, two kids) and his Porsche (time trials, driver's schools and autocrosses). He reported seeing **Jim Foxman** at Daytona Beach in December '90 and going scuba diving with Nick Locsin last May, and he says he is looking forward to our 30th in 1995. . . . **Allen Post** has emerged from the consolidation of his old company with Morse, Williams & Company, Inc. as managing director at the New York City firm of investment counselors. . . . **Lora Kreeger Sanberg** juggles life as a real estate lawyer, mother to Mory, an 8-year-old aspiring gymnast, and vice chair of the Chicago United Way's Special Gifts division. Since her daughter learned to ski, plans for a warm winter vacation are on hold in favor of a possible holiday near Club Colby's ski-way. . . . Nancy

Godley Wilson received her M.A. in French in August '90 "after four intensive, invigorating summers immersed in French on the Middlebury campus." She teaches French and English as a Second Language at the Walnut Hill School for Performing Arts in Natick, Mass. She saw **Nancy Ryan Morrione** while visiting Colby on a recent college interview tour with her youngest. Nancy W. has kindly offered use of her house in Lexington, Mass., as a base for classmates on similar college interview tours. (Call her at 617-861-6288.) "Catching up with friends was the best part of doing college tours." . . . Your correspondent spent 18 days tour-

ing Tuscany, Sardinia, Corsica and the Riviera last August. I tried to contact **Harry Marshall** in Radda-In-Chianti, near Florence. No luck. Perhaps Harry was touring New Jersey? Hail, Colby, Hail!

Correspondent:
Richard Bankart

66 On August 1 Joyce and I became grandparents, thanks to our son Ron and daughter-in-law Allison, who delivered a very small (but sports-minded, I'm sure) baby boy. Even though I'm known in the office as "Gramps," my sense of perpetual

personal youth is not hampered. It's waking up in the morning looking at someone's grandma that gets me thinking. . . . Received a batch of photos taken at the reunion by photographer extraordinaire **Frank Musche**. He hasn't lost his touch with the camera at all and managed to get everyone in very becoming poses—except for Gramps. . . . **Alicia "Lee" Young Turner** is living in Everett, Mass., and looking forward to becoming an "empty nester." Son Eric, 21, is a senior at Merrimack pursuing an E.E. degree. Her oldest daughter, 26-year-old Jill, graduated *cum laude* from Wellesley. (Gee, I'm impressed—my kids were only "loud.") Lee is a kitchen designer at Grossman's in Billerica, and she loves her job. Her next goal is for her and her husband, Ed, to move to the North Shore. . . . **Linda Mitchell Potter**, our class president, was honored at Colby's Homecoming—she was one of three alumni presented with the Colby "C" Club award. While Linda professes to no skills whatsoever at sports, she must be doing a great job of recruiting—she knows talent when she sees it. (Do you think you could find some bullpen strength for the Red Sox?) Linda reported meeting **Sue Ebinger Spencer** at Colby. Sue had made the trip to attend Homecoming and to watch her son play on the varsity soccer team. . . . **Claudia Fugere Finkelstein** has extended beyond her musical talents to be on the *Portland Press Herald's* board of guest editors. In a recent article she explained Maine's nine seasons, which are winter, January thaw, true winter, mud, spring, summer, fall, Indian summer and late fall. Claudia writes with a creative and amusing style—and makes perfect sense to anyone who has spent a year in northern New England. . . . **Diane Burr**

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Ward and her husband, Michael '65, are living in Falmouth, Mass. Diane is a marketing administrator for O.R.E. International, an ocean research equipment company. Mike is in his 21st year as an elementary school principal; he's currently at Mullen-Hall School on Cape Cod. Their oldest daughter, Jodi, 22, just graduated from Hamilton College and will be traveling around Australia before seeking employment in Hawaii. Lisa, 19, is attending Westfield State. Diane and Mike, like many of us, are looking forward to the end of tuition bills. . . . Mark and Becky Cummings Shovan, both Class of '67, live in North Andover, Mass., or Peterborough, N.H., depending on the season. Whenever I call, it seems to be the season when they are in between. Mark is an English teacher at the Brooks School, where he is also in charge of psychological counseling. When you call Mark, the answering machine says, "This line is for messages" and then offers another number for psychological assistance. What number do you use to talk, Mark? I'm going to have to use the other line, because trying to reach him is driving me nuts. If I was Ernie Kovacs, Mark would be my Nairobi Trio. . . . So far this job has been a ball. I'm writing columns with 12 hours to deadline—it's just like doing term papers. Now I am trying to come up with creative questions for the next class newsletter that will motivate you all to respond.

Correspondent:
Russ Monbleau

68 Here at Holy Child School, Ann Masters, who coordinates a lively computer, science and math program, keeps me well informed of very recent



John McCabe

Command Performance

Backstage at the November 21 performance of the acclaimed Broadway musical, The Secret Garden, are Laurie Killoch Wiggins '69, New York Colby Club co-president Leslie Mitchell '80, host Rocco Landesman '69 and Betsy Friday, a member of the cast. More than 150 members and guests of the New York Colby Club enjoyed the show and a reception arranged by co-president Diana Herrmann '80 and Landesman, the producer and theater owner profiled in the August issue of Colby.

Colby history. Ann's daughter Patricia graduated from Colby in June. . . . It was fun going to the U.S. Open with the NY Colby Club. In attendance were tennis buffs from many classes, along with a group of rowdy Austrian yodelers up in the last row of the upper deck. . . . One way of recognizing Colby people is by displaying a Colby car decal, as Jane Morrison of Thomaston, Maine, does. Jane is in public relations and development with the Penobscot Bay Medical Center in Rockland. The older of her two sons, Josh, is a junior at Colby. Jane took what sounds like an idyllic canoe trip with Gerry and Jann Semonian-Czarnetzki in July. I always wish I could take my trusty canoe across Long Island Sound the way the Mohegans used to, so the tankers scare me back as soon as I get to the No. 17 bell buoy off Oyster Bay. . . . Safely inland, Andy Marshall Schmookler, from the Leatherstocking region of New York, writes that she is a high school

principal in Corning. Andy's "Colby baby," Lisa, is now 25. Her other children, Matt and Lynsay, are students. We are all delighted to hear from Andy at last; she wrote that she has always enjoyed reading about others in the class columns.

Correspondent:
Barbara Bixby

69 I wish everyone health and happiness in 1992. It is hard to believe we are nearly 23 years from our Colby graduation. I guess having children enter those college years makes the passing years more evident. . . . Karen True-Samson is a psychotherapist in private practice in Santa Rosa, Calif. Her husband, Dennis, owns a vineyard where he grows grapes for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir wines. Karen inherited four children when she married Dennis. She says she came into this instant family from

a single, professional lifestyle and added a new dimension to the term "culture shock." Now she chauffeurs kids to activities and classes on a regular basis. She also tells of working on the construction of her family's new home with an architect who is "a defected Russian laboring over a Mexican-style design." Karen has helped organize a post-polio support network in Santa Rosa. It is easy to see that she continues to be a busy lady. We'll think of you when next we tip a glass of wine! . . . A few short years ago, Donna Massey Sykes was the class secretary, but she "retired" at the end of her term to take care of her son. She is also a retired psychiatric social worker and reports that she is now the full-time mom of three children "whoknow exactly how to drive their mom crazy and fill her with joy." She also keeps busy with the League of Women Voters and the P.T.A. . . . Our man of the hour for this issue is Douglas Joseph, who is a senior marketing representative for J.D. Edwards (software sales for mid-range IBM computers). Doug lives in Westwood, Mass., with his wife, Christine, who is also involved with software sales for Oracle Corp. They have one son, a 2-year-old, which makes Doug one of those "older" fathers. He also holds his private pilot's license and has flown into Waterville on business. He enjoys working on environmental issues and is involved with the "Big A" dam coalition. He says, "This interest probably stems from my affection for flyfishing and my affiliation with the L.L. Bean flyfishing school." Doug was included in a *Sports Illustrated* article about the school that appeared last year. Sounds like a great way to spend your free time. . . . Until next time.

Correspondent:
Anna Thompson Bragg

THE SEVENTIES

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(Editor's Note: Nancy Austin wants her classmates to know that she did indeed deliver a column in plenty of time to be printed in the last issue of Colby. An administrative error here at Colby allowed that column to slip through the cracks, so in this issue the Class of '71 gets a double dose of news from Nancy.)

It's been "twentysomething" years since we left Colby. I thought it would be interesting to find out where we are! According to Colby, the Class of '71 has 428 members, including non-grads. According to my analysis of that class list, with counting help from Torey Roderick, 60 percent of us live in New England: 101 are in Massachusetts, 86 in Maine, 22 in New Hampshire, 11 in Rhode Island and six in Vermont. About 3 percent (only 12) of our classmates live outside of the U.S. Steve Orlov, John Bowey, Cemal Yalinpala and Andrea Thompson Leeson are in Canada. Michael Moschos, Jacqueline Getchell Qualmann and Marianne Perry Wells are in England. Prof. Susan Cooper is at the Max Planck Institute in Munich, Germany. Joseph Franco is on Kibbutz Bet Hashita in Israel. Jacques Hermant is in France. Nushafarin Safinya is in Turkey, and Amanda Fisher Kobayashi is in Japan. . . . About 4 percent of our classmates are "lost," including David Baldwin, Rodney Braithwaite, Jennifer Lord Gilman, Michael Penniman, Lynne Sabbagh and Susan Ryel Trippet. . . . Sadly, we have six classmates who have passed away: Richard T. Brindle, Connally Keating, Stanley T. Parsons II, Richard William Pinansky, Patricia Ann Ferris Shelly and Philip S. Singer. . . . Over the course of the next five years, I'll try to keep you informed of our progress. For those who

missed the reunion, you were missed. Prof. John Sweeney, from the English Department, spoke at our reunion dinner. He reminded us of the events that took place during our junior and senior years—strikes, marches, the war, on-campus visits from U.S. Senators Muskie and Smith. He remembered that while we didn't all agree on how to respond to these issues, we all did have to think about them. He continued, "I don't want to romanticize the activists of the late '60s and early '70s, but the fashion these days is to scorn them. I believe that despite some excesses and naiveté, your generation had a vision of possibilities for education, for America and for the world that seems pure and noble in contrast to the absence of such vision in so many people today." Prof. Sweeney continued: "When students ask me now what it was like then . . . I tell them that you were idealistic, vocal, challenging and demanding. . . . and that your years at Colby, for better or worse, were exciting years." I think we are still exciting people from whom the Colby community should hear regularly—so please send me your comments, opinions, poems and editorials, and I'll print them in the space reserved for the Class of '71. . . . What ever happened to. . . ? Profile: Harry Dickerson, University of Georgia, Athens. You might have seen Harry this summer on CNN. They did a story on the research he's doing on *Ichthyophthirius multifiliis*, a protozoan fish parasite that most of us know as "ich." Harry's working with a species of catfish to study the fish immune system and find a vaccine to prevent "ich." (When I asked him how you vaccinate fish, he said, "Well, the Europeans do it one fish at a time!") How did Harry get involved in this important research? After Colby, he completed a vet-

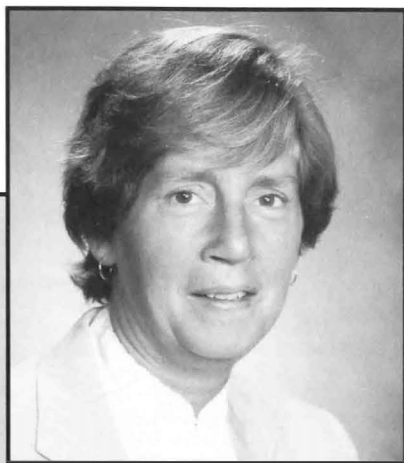
erinary science degree at the world-famous University of Pretoria veterinary school. He lived in South Africa from 1973 to 1979 working in the Plettenberg Bay area and later in Durban before returning to Connecticut to establish his own veterinary practice. He gave up his practice to complete his Ph.D. and now teaches medical microbiology in the Veterinary College at the University of Georgia. . . . When I mentioned to Anthea Hemery Bruffee that Dick Lewin was "retired," her reply was, "No way. . . . What's he going to do for the next 40 years?" . . . Congrats to Bert Brewster of Oakland, Maine, who received a D.Min. on May 20 from the department of psychology and clinical studies at Andover Newton Theological Seminary. His project was "Getting Real: A Program of Spirituality for Adolescent Substance Abusers."



This column looks at the question of Colby couples. My unsentimental analysis of the class list shows that the Class of '71 can boast of a few dozen couples who are still together after more than 20 years. Congratulations to you all. . . . New Hampshire seems to be a good place for class couples to thrive. Nick and Susan Harding Preston own and operate the Mountain Fare Inn in Campton. You can call them at 603-726-4283 and drop by whenever you're in the White Mountains. They also run a ski trainingschool. I have a beautiful picture of the inn in winter that was taken by Dick Lewin. Paul and Susan Sammis Spiess are in Amherst, N.H., where they both work in real estate. Paul and Jane Hight Edmunds are in Hollis, N.H. . . . Other Colby couples are making it all over the U.S.! Mas-

sachusetts is the home of Stephen and Elizabeth Allen Cain, who live in Chelmsford; John and Susan Farwell Philson in Belmont; Peter '70 and Margaret "Peggy" Wiehl Gilfoy in Sherborn; and Dan and Jeanne Miller Ouellette in Scituate. . . . Mark and Linda Ruggles Hiler are in Bonton, N.J.; David and Kathryn Willette Ohlin are in Nashan Station, N.J.; Dr. John "Lory" and Nancy "Swish" Gottlund Gherter are in Sodus, N.Y.; Steve and Joanne Weddell Magyar are in Huntington, N.Y.; Bob '70 and Terri Boyle Falsani are in Duluth, Minn.; Mike '69 and Sally Cole Mooney are in New Orleans, La.; Janet Beals and Dave Nelson are in Denver, Colo.; Bob and Gail Robinson Hyland are in Redondo Beach, Calif.; and Gary '73 and Amy Brewer Fitts are still in Waterville. Just to mention a few. Not all of our marriages have survived, but it certainly seems that Colby couples have something going for them (and I'll be asking questions about that when I send out the opinionnaires). . . . On a sad note, I received a card via Anne Huff Jordan '73 from Steve Parsons '73. Steve asked me to express the Parsons family's gratitude to everyone who called, wrote and otherwise expressed sympathy to the family on the death of Sandy Parsons. People have asked me to do a column in memory of our deceased classmates, but that information is not easy to find. Please send any information you have for the "in memoriam" column. . . . This space is reserved for the ideas, opinions, articles and personal correspondence of the Class of '71. Please send me your comments. If you send them, I'll submit them!

Correspondent:
Nancy Hammar Austin



High (Geographic) Society

"What makes the maps created by the Society's Cartographic Division so valuable?" asked a letter pitching the National Geographic Society's sixth-edition *Atlas of the World*. "Unconditional accuracy. Painstaking precision. Practical detail. Useful scale. Meticulous research . . . and more research."

Not to mention Marguerite "Markie" Hunsiker '71.

Hunsiker was in charge of research for the atlas, which was published in November 1990 and will be reprinted within the year. A recent promotion to associate director and director of research for the society's cartographic division means Hunsiker is now responsible for the more than 60 maps that appear in *National Geographic* each year and for updating the atlas.

"I don't know what we're going to do about the Soviet Union," Hunsiker says, pondering the most obvious question about mapmaking these days. "But we have to decide by March if we're going to make our printing deadline."

Hunsiker is a veteran of such situations—when she compiled the atlas in 1990 she had to cope with the unification of Germany and Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

"We had to do almost two of everything for Germany," she says. "Finally we got rid of the boundary in between the two Germanys. Then it was closer and closer to press time and we had two capitals, Bonn and Berlin. I think the first 10,000 copies of the atlas that were sent out had the two stars for the two capitals."

Hunsiker went to work for the society 17 years ago at the urging of her sister, who was then in the cartographic division. She had been kicking around after graduating from Colby: she spent six months on a cross-country trip, then worked in a Pittsburgh bank long enough to save up for a car, then took a job at a ski resort in Maine. But she says she wasn't all that enthusiastic about her sister's suggestion. "I said, 'I don't want to live in Washington, D.C.'," she remembers. "It's too big, there are too many people, and it's too warm."

Nevertheless, with the snow and her money melting that spring, she applied for a clerical position and was hired immediately. Three years later she became a cartographic researcher.

For most of her career, Hunsiker has been a "journalistic cartographer," researching and compiling maps for *National Geographic*. Using the 137,000 maps and 1,800 atlases in the society's library, plus historical maps from the Library of Congress, she has designed maps to accompany magazine articles—from the small "page maps" that are bound in to the digest to the large, complicated wall map inserts. And despite routine 60-hour work weeks and many late nights spent poring over maps, the former history major says she loves what she does.

"It's a wonderful job, because it's a little bit like going back to school," she explains. "I've done maps about the history of the bubonic plague, about Napoleon's reign, about [16th-century Turkish sultan] Suleiman the Magnificent, about the Persian Gulf. I had no idea I wanted to do this when I grew up."

With her promotion, Hunsiker's responsibilities have shifted, and she's still feeling her way in the new position. "I'm not used to having 23 people ask me all these questions all the time," she says, laughing. "But the way I look at it is, now I get to work on every map. I have something to say about all of them."

Could someone starting at the society today repeat her progression from secretary to director of research?

"You'd like to think so," she muses. "But National Geographic started offering a 12-week geography internship program a few years ago. We get students who are working on their undergraduate degrees in geography, some on their master's degrees, some on Ph.D.'s. That gives us a good pool of people to draw from when we're hiring. It's very specialized now, and I think I was lucky to get all of this on-the-job training."

If there is one frustration about her job, Hunsiker says, it is being around a lot of well-traveled people when she almost never gets to travel for work. But she does have a dream trip in mind.

"I was thinking the other day," she says, "that those boundaries in the Middle East are just a mess. I don't know how they're ever going to figure them out. I wish I could take a year's sabbatical to figure it out—and all the history of Middle East boundaries. I'd be lucky if I could figure it out in a year."

June reunion plans are happening, and a number of you are involved already—but there is plenty of room for more input and effort. Just let me or any class officer know if you would like to help. If you can just attend, that's great, too. Lots to follow in future mailings. . . . **Sandy Manogian Pearce** (Dr. Pearce that is—she's an English professor) is obviously charged with the same ol' gusto! She sent a great letter comparing her "then" and "now" attitudes. Her top priorities are the same—family and education. We'll really look forward to her spirit on Mayflower Hill in June. . . . How about this title—*The Main-E-Yak!* It's the officers' wives club magazine of which **Rebecca Nutter Eldridge** is the editor. She and her husband, Donald, are stationed at Loring Air Force Base. . . . **Nancy Round Haley** is fired up for the reunion with some great activity ideas. She and Stephen are in their "home to stay." They built the house 14 years ago in West Kingston, R.I. . . . **Jennifer Curren Paine** continues to be busy as the mom of three youngsters in Rockport, Maine. . . . **Alice Osmer Olson** is a pre-K and special needs teacher in addition to mothering her sons, Nels and Luke. . . . A carpenter in Raymond, Maine, **Way Linscott** would like to hear from any other alumni who enjoy seakayaking. . . . **Chuck Griffin** sees **Way, Steve Sullivan** and **Steve Thomason** now that he is in Burlington, Vt., as an electrical engineer at IBM. His wife, Katie, is a "full-time domestic engineer," caring for 2-year-old Jillian. . . . **Pat Merrill Matthews** writes from Homer, Alaska, that she is a teacher and mother of two daughters. . . . I wonder if **April Nelson McKay** is still commuting to work in Phoenix from her

home near Venice Beach, Calif. She felt she had "the best of both worlds—a great job in Phoenix and a great house and friends in L.A." . . . **Barbara Senges** is in East Lyme, Conn., where she is mother to a 3-year-old son and assistant principal of a junior high school. . . . **Plymouth, Mich.**, is home to **Judy and Si Nahra**. Si is co-owner of a health benefits consulting firm and dad to a young son and daughter. . . . **Clifford Walker and Ellen Jones-Walker** take tremendous trips from their home in Anchorage, Alaska, during summer breaks from their language teaching jobs. They've been to the Soviet Far East, Siberia and the Japan Alps recently. . . . To close, here's news of our class president: **Swift Tarbell** and his wife, Kathy, are now in Canton, Conn. Swift is director of international business development for United Technologies Corp. in Hartford. He spends lots of time in Eastern Europe investigating new ventures for the company. The Tarbells are the parents of two, and Swift's favorite "getaway" is *Sesame Street!*

Correspondent:
Janet Holm Gerber

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Notes of interest: **Fran Gates Demgen** was elected president of the Vallejo, Calif., school board a year ago. She is also a wetlands biologist, chair of the Red Ribbon Mural Committee and chair of an interagency subcommittee investigating the potential for building a nature interpretive center in Vallejo. Fran and her husband, Thomas, have two daughters, now almost 9 and 12 years old. . . . **Ed Allen** and his wife, Wendy, visited London and Japan this past year and especially liked the Japan Alps and Ise Bay, where cultured pearls are harvested. As a result of some

protracted litigation culminating at the Virginia Supreme Court, they "inherited" a huge house, now for sale, in Vienna, Va. . . . **Bob Levine** is president of RNL Associates, Inc., a company specializing in cause-related public service campaigns and marketing ventures incorporating the public and private sectors. A couple of recent projects include "Summer of Rex and Rita Saurus," a nationwide reading campaign directed toward children from 5 to 12 years old and their families to inspire and ignite reading activity and stem skill erosion, and Project Literacy U.S., their largest and most innovative public service campaign, linking the unprecedented use of total resources of a commercial network with the Public Broadcasting System. Some projects in development include one about homeless families; the National Positive Attitudes Campaign; and grief and healing workshops designed for caretakers of the terminally ill. Bob has also taken on two new volunteer commitments: God's Love We Deliver, an organization that prepares and delivers meals to people with AIDS, and the Gay Men's Health Crisis, the largest volunteer, full-service AIDS-oriented organization in the U.S. Bob serves as a facilitator of grief and healing workshops for that group. Thanks, Bob, for your long, informative and touching personal note. . . . As sales engineer at New England Electric Wire Corporation, **Susan Alling** travels to Vermont, New York, western Massachusetts and Connecticut. The travel afforded her the chance to connect with her Colby roommate, **Karen Winttingham**, for dinner in Stamford, Conn. It had been 18 years! . . . **Allan Hill** is marveling that his daughter Alex is a freshman in high school. He saw **Ed Brennan** at the legendary

Trackside Tavern in Decatur, Ga., last March. He'd love any "old" classmates (we all qualify!) to stop in for a visit. . . . **Margaret Lichtenberg** is a project manager in software development, although she's looking to change jobs. In relation to her work, she credits Colby professors [Donald] Small and [Lucille] Zukowski for sound mathematics. Margaret has purchased a house in Newport, R.I., for her mother. . . . **Janet Gillies Foley** is product manager at Anthem Electronics. Her husband, Jim, has six children from a previous marriage, some now married with children (one is expecting a child this month), so Janet is a contented grandmother. Although she has enjoyed her work, Janet is considering a career change to nursing. Janet reports that **Chris Hannon** moved from Indiana to Northampton, Mass., last January to work at Smith College. . . . **Terri Ashburn-Higgins** is now home after 16 years at Mitsui Trading Corp. She has two children, Briana, 5, and John, 2. Terri lost her mom and Bob, her husband, lost his dad in August 1990. Jim King visited Terri and Bob in late February. He writes from Edinburgh, Scotland, where he's lived for 14 years, that he was visiting family and friends in the States from September 1990 through the following March. Jim says his love for art history stems from Colby. He has been working on various articles and has given a paper on 12th-century sculpture to the British Archeological Association. At the time of his writing, he was hoping to be in France for a couple of weeks and to look up **Hope Gottlieb** in Paris. . . . **Chris Prickett** of Cambridge, Maine, teaches language arts to eighth graders. Chris and his wife, Georgia, have two daughters: Molly, a seventh grader who attended Colby's Pine Tree Basketball



Kathleen McGirr '72

Headliners

Peter Daigle '70 was named president and CEO of the Erin Company hotel group in Maine. . . . Susanna Hofmann McShea '71 is the author of *The Pumpkin-Shell Wife*, a mystery novel (McShea's second) to be published by St. Martin's Press. . . . Kathleen McGirr '72 was promoted to vice president of human resources at Bull HN Information Systems, Inc. in Billerica, Mass. . . . Lloyd Benson '73 is vice president of Cambridge, Mass.-based Cudaback Strategic Communications. . . . Susan Schink '73 was named secretary of the Sales and Marketing Executives Club of Greater New York. . . . David Hill Bailey '74 has begun his first season as conductor of the Lowell (Mass.) Philharmonic Orchestra.

Newsmakers

Barbara Dumont Bene '70 represented Colby at the inauguration of Joseph Cronin as president of Bentley College in Waltham, Mass. . . . Douglas Smith '70 was appointed to the Oregon Board of Optometry by Gov. Barbara Roberts. He also received a 1991 Continuing Education Recognition Award from the American Optometric Association. . . . Paula Grillo '71 is the new director of the Paul Scott Library at Montserrat College of Art in Gloucester, Mass. . . . Artwork by Sally Barker '72 was showcased in a recent exhibition, "Liminal Presence," at the Geissler Gallery, Stoneleigh-Burnham School, Greenfield, Mass. . . . "There's a lot of hurting and suffering, and if a ministry can't touch the hurt, why bother?" asks Richard Fournier '72, newly installed pastor of the 354-year-old First Congregational Church of Springfield, Mass., in a Springfield *Union-News* profile. "My goal is always to do what we do well and lovingly in the present. It's the best way to affect the future," Fournier says. . . . M. Anne O'Hanian Szostak '72 spoke on "Business Excesses of the '80s and the Promise of the '90s" at Husson College in Bangor, Maine. . . . Patience Stoddard '73 has joined the staff of Monadnock Area Pastoral Counseling Services in Keene, N.H. . . . Kevin McNeil '74 was elected trustee for the East Middlesex District Dental Society to the Massachusetts Dental Society. . . . Gerard Connolly '75 is acting headmaster at Providence Country Day School in Rhode Island. . . . Evan Sugden '75, who works at the USDA's Honey Bee Research Lab in Weslaco, Texas, is quoted in a recent *In Health* article about the "invasion" of Africanized "killer" bees along the U.S.-Mexico border. . . . The Hussey Seating Company of Berwick, Maine, where Timothy Hussey '78 is vice president of operations, was the subject of a recent episode of WCBB-TV's *Made in Maine*. . . . Gerrit White '78 was named director of athletics and activities at Shelburne Academy in Massachusetts.

Mileposts

Births: A daughter, Kelly, to Christi and J. Watt Bradshaw IV '74. . . . A daughter, Emily, to Pamela and Paul Hatten '75. . . . A son, Daniel Benjamin, to Rob and Maryliz Moynihan Levy '75. . . . A son, Clay McCance, to Robert and Mary Mabon Colonna '76. . . . A son, Andrew James, to Janet and Jeffrey Bernard '78. . . . A daughter, Alison Ann, to John '80 and Ronni-Jo Posner Carpenter '78. . . . A son, Nicholas Edward, to Can and Carl Lovejoy '79.

Marriages: Thomas Iacono '75 to Annette Bareis in Houston, Texas. . . . Jeffrey Gray '77 to Holly Drown in Ogunquit, Maine. . . . Robert LeFeber '78 to Sally Carmen in Tacoma, Wash.

Deaths: Peter Mackinlay '70 in Chicago, Ill., at 43.

Camp last summer, and Eloise, a freshman at Middlebury College. So, Allan Hill, don't feel so old; Chris is one up on you. Chris is proud of his addiction to running 20 to 26 miles a week, and he continues to pursue music by playing in two bands. If anyone wants Chris's address or number, contact me. He promises to write back! . . . Thank you all for your personal notes and pats on the back. "Forties" need those measures of support! . . . Those of you who know Steve Parsons may not realize that his brother, Sandy '71, passed away as a result of a car accident in July. If you'd like to drop a note, Steve's address is 117 Hunting Hill Drive, Southington, CT 06489. Steve wishes to express his gratitude to all who attended the service or contacted him. To you and your family, Steve, we send our belated sympathy.

Correspondent:
Anne Huff Jordan

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(Editor's Note: Susan Wuest's column for the last issue of Colby not only arrived, it arrived a day early! Unfortunately, the column was temporarily misplaced due to an administrative error here at the College and so didn't appear in its rightful place. In this issue, therefore, the Class of '75 gets twice the news from Susan.)

Linda Watts, Malden, Mass., is a systems consultant with Computer Technical Services, The New England. Linda and husband Joe Marinello drove to Daytona Beach, Fla., in November 1990, visiting Carol Kennedy and Mike Huber, both in New Jersey, along the way. Gardening keeps Linda busy in the summer, and squash and volleyball fill the winter months. Linda was the women's league coordinator for

the Massachusetts Squash Racquets Association last fall. . . . **Barry and Ogla Silva Bryan** are both chiropractors in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. Their son, Immanuel Issai, will be two years old in January. . . . **Curtis Johnson**, Scarsdale, N.Y., is dental director at the Sing Sing Correctional Facility. He and his wife, Jackie, also a dentist, are the proud parents of an 18-month-old girl. Curtis neglected to mention her name, just that she is very pretty! Besides plans for a trip to Hawaii this year, a recent highlight of his life was in acquiring his pilot's license. Flying single engine aircraft with the Westchester Flying Club, Curtis flies wherever he goes. . . . Living in San Francisco, **Laurie White**, a.k.a. **Max Laurie White**, is a "painter and print-maker at the moment." Last winter she held a successful "Open Studio" weekend in which she exhibited and sold several pieces of art. Her main exhibit was a two-month show of monotypes held at the School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University. When Laurie wrote me last February, **Nanon Weidmann Anderson** and her husband had just visited, and Laurie was getting ready to leave on a six-week tour of India and Nepal to study art and culture, including religion—a great interest of hers, since she is a student of yoga and meditation. She planned to take numerous photographs to use in evolving her own imagery. . . . **Jeanne Lorey Sears**, Waterville, Maine, writes that life is busy with her two boys, Benjamin, 8, and Timothy, 5, who are into swimming, skiing and soccer. She and Curtis '73 bought a cottage three years ago on nearby Snow Pond. They did much of the renovation work themselves, with Jeanne putting in all new wiring! Now they move out there for the summers and have a great time,

with lots of boating and swimming. A year ago they all climbed Mt. Washington. Jeanne is involved with the Waterville Colby Club, AAUW and Colby-Kennebec Choral Society, as well as with school and church. She is also a parent volunteer for Benjamin's YMCA swim team. . . . **John and Ann Marie Gage Conant** and son Matthew, 6, live in Tyngsboro, Mass., where John is a physicist and Ann a home-maker. Besides sewing and crafts, Ann does volunteer work in the town library and school. John enjoys playing the flute, which he took up two years ago. A year ago they spent some of their summer "canaling" along the Erie Canal across New York state (and passed about a mile from where I live!). This past spring the Conants were heading to Orlando, Fla., with **David Peck**. . . . **Mary Jo and Rick Drake** moved to Grosse Pointe, Mich., in May 1990, their sixth move in nine years. A senior account executive with Aetna Life & Casualty, Rick recently completed a year's rotation through Aetna's commercial insurance division as vice president of marketing for a new subsidiary. Still playing hockey, Rick is on the ice twice a week year 'round. The Drakes have two sons, David, 4½, and Christopher, 2. Rick has David up on skates now but says that he wouldn't mind if his son picks a sport with "saner practice hours!" . . . I received a birth announcement from Thomas '74 and **Debra Rice Metcalf**: daughter Alison Sarah Metcalf was born February 27, 1991—their first!



Here are some more updates on fellow classmates. . . . For the last 11 years **Kevin Manion** has been living in California (presently Newport Beach), where he is director of western sales for

Presray Corp. He covers the Western states and manages to mix in some pleasure with his traveling. Besides enjoying golf, tennis and skiing, Kevin does some volunteer work in the local hospital emergency room. Plus, there are his once-a-year visits with **Terry Reilly** in Florida for "a little golf madness." . . . Congratulations to **Joan De Salvo** in her new (as of August 1990) position as principal of Gates Intermediate School in Scituate, Mass. . . . **Jim and Carol Majdalany Williams** moved back to Acton, Mass., last year after a three-year absence. Carol works part time at home for a Washington, D.C., company that sells data to companies doing business with the U.S. government. Between working, managing a house, raising two kids (Carla, 5, and Peter, 3) and having a husband who commutes two hours to work in Connecticut, Carol finds that she doesn't have much spare time, but she still tries to get out on the ice to skate when she can. . . . **John Copping** was transferred to Pleasantville, N.Y., in September 1990 after living in Bermuda for 1½ years. He works for Skandia American Reinsurance Corp. in New York as vice president of alternative risk transfer. He and his wife, Katy, have two children, Victoria "Tori," 6, and Andrew, 4. Last January they spent three weeks in Vermont, but they were hoping to start using some of his 120,000 frequent-flyer miles to visit friends from Bermuda who were living on a boat in the Mediterranean. . . . For those of you not living in York County, Maine, let me introduce **Michael Cantara**, the York County district attorney. He was elected in 1990 to a four-year term. Mike is also a member of the Biddeford elementary school building committee and is president of the Greater Biddeford-Saco Aspira-

tions Compact, a group of business people, educators and community leaders devoted to improving the school systems. He also serves on the board of directors of Caring Unlimited, which renders services to battered women and their children, and he is active in the Democratic party. Despite his busy schedule, Mike manages to find some time for traveling—to Spain and Portugal in 1989 and Quebec in 1990. . . . As this was the first time **Elizabeth Richards** wrote to Colby, she had lots of news. Liz and her husband, Joe, are the parents of four daughters (!): Alison, 7, Megan, 5, Erin, 4, and Jill, 2. After working for Rolin Corp. and IBM for more than 10 years and becoming branch finance manager and sales engineering manager, Liz decided to stay home with her girls about two years ago. Now she is involved with "kid things." She is treasurer of the PTO and works with the Winchester Scholarship Foundation and the parents' board of a nursery school. She finds that she is much happier with a full schedule. After summing as usual in Farmington, Maine, Liz was looking forward to the fall with only one daughter at home and, maybe, the chance to sit down and read a book without pictures!

Correspondent:
Susan Gearhart Wuest

76 Greetings classmates! Because business obligations prevented **Pam Came's** attendance at our reunion in June, she asked me to fill in as secretary, and here I remain until the next reunion. I have the strong suspicion that writing this column isn't as easy as she made it look, and I am counting on all of you to provide the fodder for my

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word processor. . . . To finish up on reunion news: **Ken Johnson**, our former class president, and his wife, Kathy, enjoyed seeing old friends at Colby in June. Ken sees **Wally Gorman**, a pilot for Northwest, and he recently heard from **Jane Hubley**, who is back in the Portland, Maine, area. Lots of our classmates have settled in Portland: **Kevin Carley**, **Mike Boyson**, **Jack and Susan Reed Parker**, **Bob and Nancy Coyne Cooper** and **Scott and Debby Philbrook Belanger**, to name just a few. . . . **Luis Decorral** lives in Puerto Rico with his wife and two children and is a physician. Prior to our reunion, he vacationed with **Rob Hamblett** and his family, now of San Francisco, where Rob practices law. . . . The Class of '76 and spouses could handle just about any medical ailment: **Dr. Barry Rabin** (ophthalmologist), **Dr. Barry Cohen** (dentist), **Dr. Dave Systrom** (internist) and wife **Dr. Kathy Martin** (surgeon) were all staying in our dorm during reunion. . . . **Dr. Riki Ott**, sedimentologist and fisherwoman, has been quoted in yet another national publication regarding the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. The July/August issue of *Greenpeace* contained a comprehensive analysis of the chronic environmental crisis caused by the Alaska pipeline, and **Riki** commented on the ongoing environmental impact of the oil industry on Alaska. She has previously been interviewed by *Newsweek*. . . . On the other side of the U.S., **Jeff McKeen** of Montville, Maine, recently received a grant from Maine Arts, Inc. to organize a series of concerts featuring so-called traditional musicians. **Jeff** hopes that the concert series and a series of radio shows focusing on ethnic communities and music will provide the public with a better understanding of the musical history of Maine. . . . **Lydia**

McAnerney wrote that she and her husband, **John Orrison**, are enjoying the changes in lifestyle that come with a new baby. **Lydia** continues to work part time for the Girl Scouts. . . . **Dave and Melissa Waldron Raue** are living in Tokyo with their two sons, who were both born while the Raues lived in Switzerland. They plan to move back to the U.S. this year. . . . Thank you for your wonderfully informative responses to our questionnaire. I will squeeze your correspondence in ASAP. Have a wonderful holiday season.

Correspondent:
Noël Barry Stella

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At long last, news from the Class of '77! And just in time to get everyone thinking about our 15th reunion. Can you believe it's been 15 years already? According to our trusty V.P., **Steve Roy**, the following people have responded to date and are either planning or hoping to attend our reunion June 5-7: **Sandy Welte**, **Karen Sawyer Smith**, **Sue Harvey**, **Vicki Johnson**, **R. P. Higgins**, **Susan Woods**, **Peter Breu**, **Margaret Felton Viens**, **Peter Cohn**, **Alexandra Levintow Howell**, **Bruce and Jennifer Davis Thomson**, **Mark and Peggy McBratney Gildersleeve**, **Barry Knapp**, **Meredith Bean Eley**, **Jay**

Hotchkiss, **Leslie Ann Ramsay**, **Mona Pinette**, **Patti Stoll**, **Jonathan Hickok**, **Deb Cohen**, **Amy Goldstein**, **Mark Richardson**, **Bob Guillory**, **Randall and Mary Shumaker Schreitmueller**, **Mark Fishbon**, **Suzanne Thivierge**, **Bob Keefe** and **Delva King-Squires**. **Steve** reports that the Class of '72 has already challenged us to a softball game. If you have not received correspondence regarding our reunion yet, you will be getting something soon. Please try to join the fun. The whole family is welcome—the College offers outstanding childcare programming. . . . A bit more news: **Kent Wommack** is currently the executive director of the Maine Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, an organization dedicated to preserving our environment in a variety of ways. Several independent sources tell me he is doing an excellent job. . . . **Kendrew Colton** is an attorney with the firm of **Cushman, Darby & Cushman** in Washington, D.C. He recently spoke at the American Chemical Society's 202nd National Meeting and was cited in their weekly magazine. In October, he planned to be overseas to give lectures about intellectual property to various foreign companies, research laboratories and professional associations. Sounds like he's doing an excellent job, too. . . . There must be more news. Please write! Hope to hear from you soon and see you June 5-7.

Correspondent:
Lisa Tripler Rapaport

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Many thanks to all who have responded to my questionnaire. If you haven't gotten one yet or if the news you sent has not been reported, stay tuned. . . . My first column prompted a call

from my college roommate, Liz Alpert, and that alone made this column worth writing. Liz is still recovering from a broken back suffered in a skiing accident two years ago. Even so, Liz is working successfully as an independent graphics designer in Boston. People have even bought earrings she designed right off her ears! . . . Two letters were postmarked Roslindale, Mass. **Alicia Rodriguez Connolly** reports that she's in the hospitality field as owner of Meeting Management Associates, and her husband, Gerard '75, heads the Upper School at Providence Country Day. Nearby neighbor **John Bowen** is one of a boatload of attorneys in our class; he was first a foreign language teaching assistant and then director of a group home for retarded adults. He and his wife, Carol, enjoy traveling and reading. . . . Last year Boston Bruins fan **Peter Jeffries** married Pamela Thompson. They live in Canton, Mass., where Peter continues his work of the past 13 years as a building contractor and remodeler. . . . **Sandy Buck** says he's been in education since he graduated. He now heads the history department at Pingree School in South Hamilton, Mass., where he lives with his wife and two children. . . . **Phil McCarthy** has also been in academics in Maine, California, Maryland, New Hampshire and Burlington, Vt., where he and his new bride have just pitched their tent. Phil is working on his doctorate in educational administration. . . . Attorney **John Geismar** lives in Auburn, Maine, with his wife, Susan (Raymond '79), and their three children. Among John's many interests are skiing, camping and brewing beer. . . . **Wayne Colin** has just completed 11 years of school and training to earn his medical and master's degrees from Harvard. He is an oral surgeon on

staff at Mass. General. Wayne is on the lookout for **Scott Drown**, **Bonnie Roy**, John Smedley '79 and Stacey du Bell Mileti '79. . . . **Paul Harvey** is a dentist and has been in practice with his father for the past 10 years in Portsmouth, N.H., where he lives with his wife and their 1-year-old son, Paul Harvey III. . . . From Europe: **Helena Bonnell-Gilman** writes that she's living in England with her husband and two kids and that she has been a project manager for BP oil company for three years; and **Lisa Wilson** says she is marketing director of her own company in Barcelona, Spain, but her heart is in environmental protection. . . . **Abigail Rome** is also committed to environmental issues, both in the U.S. and in Ecuador, where she works for the Peace Corps protecting endangered species and promoting the use of biological resources in tropical forests. . . . **Karen Keithline Diop** writes that she is back in New England (Rhode Island) continuing a career in international development, having spent the last 10 years in Africa working in Senegal and Kenya, among other places. . . . Fellow Rhode Islander **Marc Fisher** is director of engineering for Merv Griffin Radio in Warwick, where he lives with his wife and two cats. . . . **Mary Rolerson Hebert** reports that she is married and has two children and two cats and a job teaching gifted and talented children in Kennebunk, Maine. . . . **Peter Wetherbee** and his cat, Ziggy, live in West Somerville, Mass., where he's a musician with the Boogaloo Swamis and the Hubcaps. He's also warehouse manager for Rounder Records. Peter says his greatest accomplishments since Colby is staying single. More news to come. Please feel free to write anytime.

Correspondent:
Susan Gernert Adams

Colby Clubbers

Some of the best of the Colby College Museum of Art comes to Long Island for two months this winter, thanks largely to the efforts of Joan Gay Kent '45, who chairs the board of trustees of the **Port Washington Public Library**.

The library, which is celebrating its centennial, will mount an exhibition, *A Hundred Years of American Art: The Colby Collection at the Port Washington Library*, from January 3 through February 28.

The highlight of the exhibition will be a reception, **Sunday afternoon, January 12**, featuring a gallery talk by Museum Director Hugh Gourley and personal greetings from Bill and Linda Cotter. College alumni, parents and friends from Long Island and the New York metropolitan area are invited to join members of the library and luminaries of Long Island's art world.

In late September, Kent toured the Colby museum with members of the library staff, Gourley and Lynn Marsden-Atlas, the museum's registrar and assistant director, to select works for the exhibition. It was her first return to Mayflower Hill in almost three decades, and the experience clearly moved and impressed her.

"Maybe you can't go home again," Kent, who is a public relations executive, wrote to Cotter, "but when you do, it is certainly a pleasure to find that 'home' is larger, grander, livelier and better maintained than you remember."

Many Colby students took up skiing on weekend getaways to Sugarloaf. Now, thanks to the **Colby Club of Boston** and to Jeff Lathrop '68, alumni can have a skiing reunion.

Lathrop, president of the **Attitash Mountain** ski resort in Bartlett, N.H., will welcome College alumni, parents and friends on **Saturday, March 7**. The \$30 lift ticket includes a Colby reception in the base lodge at day's end and a special Colby NASTAR race. Call 800-223-SNOW or touch base with Scott Bates '87 at 129 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 01741 or (617) 661-2450 ext. 59 for more information.

Boston and New York area alumni are invited to a college information session organized by members of the Alumni Council Admissions Committee, conducted by members of the Colby Admissions Office and coordinated by Judith Levine Brody '58, associate dean of admissions. The sessions, **January 19** at the Guest Quarters Hotel in Boston and **February 9** in New York, are designed as a special service to alumni with children or grandchildren nearing college age. They are meant to provide inside information on the admissions process in general. Of course if the youngsters do have their hearts set on Mayflower Hill. . . .

Colby also has joined a consortium of colleges whose alumni are conducting special employment opportunity networking sessions for young graduates this winter in New York, Boston, Portland and Bangor.

Those interested in any of these programs can contact their local clubs or call the College Alumni Office at (207) 872-3190 for further details.

THE EIGHTIES

80 Every questionnaire that arrives has its own distinctive character. However, there's frequently a tone of incredulity in the answers to my query about spare-time activities, especially from those experiencing parenthood. It seems that classmates in that category are increasing exponentially these days! . . . **Robert "Bo" Preston** is a sales manager at New England Ropes in New Bedford, Mass., and is sharing his Bristol, R.I., home with two 55-gallon aquaria filled with African cichlids ("you don't need a litter box"). In addition to being "the official 'local' at the local diner," he sails, skis, works out at the Newport Athletic Club and "comes to Maine to haunt my classmates." . . . **Susan MacKenzie**, who received her Ph.D. in natural resource policy from the University of Michigan, will be teaching a Jan Plan at Colby and a course at Bates during the winter. She's also putting her expertise to work as chair of the Waterville Conservation Commission. Sue and husband Michael Donihue '79, an assistant professor in the Economics Department at Colby, are enjoying life in Maine with sons Colin, 5, and Ross, 2, and working on their house and gardens. She reports that **Martha Erickson**, who was married last spring, is a Ph.D. candidate at Brandeis University. . . . **Robin MacLeod Goodridge** says she loves being home full time in Beverly, Mass., taking care of 1-year-old daughter Meredith Lee. "I don't miss work—yet!" she says. Her husband, Alan, is with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. . . . **Jamie Hansman**, an investment advisor at A.G. Edwards in Boston, moved into a new house in Duxbury in late 1991. He and his wife, Deirdre, got their mortgage through Elliott Pratt, who's

with the Mortgage Network in Wellesley. . . . While her post-Waterville addresses have included Washington, D.C., and, most recently, Winchester, Mass., committed East Coaster **Susan Erb** recently "landed in Oz—and it's not bad." She moved to Wichita, Kans., in August when her husband, John, accepted a job as director of corporate development at Koch Industries. "I'm still suffering from mild culture shock," Sue said, "but the people out here are incredibly friendly and the sunsets are awesome." . . . After receiving his M.B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1986, **Hoang Vu** moved out to California and is now a staff analyst with the City of San Jose. He said he and his wife, Anh Bui, a programmer analyst at Sun Microsystems, are having a lot of fun with their two boys, Matthew Vu, 2½, and Cody Vu, 6 months. Not surprisingly, Hoang says "they occupy most of my waking (and sleeping) hours, but I try to find time for a good book and some good jazz music." He'd like to hear from classmates, especially those living in the Northern California/Bay Area. . . . **Grace Koppelman Drown** recently resigned her elementary teaching job to be a stay-at-home mom with her daughter, Lydia, 1. She just finished organizing the Maine Science Teachers Association's annual fall conference in Brunswick. In October Grace and Scott '78 moved to Lisbon Falls, where Scott has started a new job as principal of the Marion T. Morse School.

Correspondent:
Patricia Valavanis Smith

81 Thank you to everyone who has written over the last few months. . . . **Jean Siddall-Bensson** writes from Attleboro,

Mass., that she is enjoying being a full-time mother to Anne, 6, Andrew, 5, Mara, 2½, and James, 1. Jean also helps her husband, Steven, by keeping the books for his medical practice. . . . Also in Attleboro is **Lynda Smith Mungo**, who is a third-year post-doctoral research associate at Brown University. Lynda is mother to 20-month-old Amanda and 6-month-old Melissa. . . . **Duncan Whitney and Karen Sondergeld** are living in Beverly, Mass., and are parents to Ryan, 2½, and Sara, 2 months—their reason for not attending the reunion last June. Good reason! Duncan works at PerSeptive Biosystems with **Jeff Protentis**. Karen is a sales representative for Applied Biosystems. . . . **Carrie Bingham Boera** has been living in Europe the past three years with husband Michael, an Air Force captain. Carrie spent time in her native Vermont while Michael was serving in Desert Storm. They have two children, Benjamin, 6, and Arlie, 4. . . . **Valentine Talland** is acting chief objects conservator at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. She is engaged to Nagesh Mahanthappa and is planning a May wedding. . . . **Jonathan Kaufman** is a pediatrician in Barrington, Ill., and was expecting a second child last fall to join daughter Jennifer. . . . **Victor and Ginny Bulford Vesnaver** are parents to Victor Lee, Jr., 2½, and Valerie Rita, born just before our reunion. Victor is an assistant vice president of management information systems for the Hyatt Corporation and Ginny is an independent consultant. Her primary client is Deloitte & Touche. They saw several Colby classmates this past summer: **Dawn Brydon Michalek**, **Skip Neville**, **Clay Hurchison '82**, **Peter Buzzini** and **Sam and Sue Wolff Weiser** (whom they ran into at

Les Misérables in Chicago!). Sam and Sue were expecting their first child in the fall. . . . **Sarah Swager** recently started a Ph.D. program in Higher and Adult Continuing Education at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. . . . **Bill Lichtblau** has given up office life and become a ski instructor at Vail, Colo. . . . **Satoru Orlandella Asato** wrote from the furthest distance. He is an investment banker for Merrill Lynch in Tokyo and visited with **Jennifer Tolan** on her way back from China. . . . **Nancy Welsh Isbell** gave birth to a second son, **Scott Welsh Isbell**, in July at Newton-Wellesley Hospital, and **David Ryley** assisted at the birth! David is an obstetrician at the hospital.

Correspondent:
Beth Pniewski Wilson

82 This was to be the final chapter of "the newsletter that lived forever." However, the column I submitted for the last issue was so lengthy that, for the first time, the editor had to hold some of it over. If you can continue to be patient, I assure you that all responses to the questionnaire will be included in upcoming Colby issues and/or in the newsletter, which I am still composing. . . . **Rob and Chris Hood English** now have three children—the youngest, Connor, was born a year ago. Alycen is 4 and Patrick is 2. Rob left Goldman Sachs to form Grant Partners. . . . **Proud mom Susan Reese Krevat** reports that she and husband Matthew '80 had their second child, Derek, on April 23. Their first, Bethany, was born just two months after Susan received her M.B.A. from Suffolk in December 1988. . . . **Heather Morrill Nelson** and husband Jeffrey have a 1-year-old son, Ian Carl. The Nelsons live in Manchester, N.H.,

and Heather is a technical training specialist at XYQUEST, a small word processing software company. . . . Sarah Perry earned a certificate in human resources from Bentley College. She is living in Brookline, Mass., and is head of a payroll department. Sarah says that she vacationed in St. Lucia in the British West Indies a year ago in between frequent ski trips. Although she says that she never expected to do so, she managed to pay off her school loans. . . . Beth Ross sent a heap of news. First, she announced her three-year-old marriage to Bryan McMahon. Beth and Bryan recently bought a 160-acre ranch in Ferndale (northern coastal), Calif., where they "live without many modern conveniences but are surrounded by great beauty." Beth was surprised and delighted to discover a Colby neighbor, Laura Higgins Walker, who lives in equally rural Petrolia, Calif. Beth asks if there are any other alumni living north of San Francisco. A geology and art history major, Beth did not expect to be working in social services, but she is youth services coordinator for five rural public schools. She says the job "involves many responsibilities but in easy terms. I'm a social worker, and I do value the doors my B.A. has opened and the flexibility my degree from Colby has afforded me." Beth also did not anticipate hitchhiking across the U.S. and living as a street person in Honolulu—both unique cultural experiences that catapulted her into her career in social work. She has also completed a two-year weaving apprenticeship. . . . Susanna Schneider reports major life changes. She moved to Beijing, China, where she has a new job, language and culture. She is currently a lecturer in marketing and business and keeps fit riding her bicycle around the city. . . .



A Sense of Service

Deborah England '85 gets to her office at the Boston law firm of Hale and Dorr before 7 a.m. almost every day. She usually winds up her business there about 12 hours later—just in time to run to a meeting of one of the several organizations for which she volunteers her time and skills.

"I love my work," says England, who is the youngest of three Colby graduates nominated by the Alumni Council Nominating Committee to serve as alumni trustees. "I take on a lot of it because I like doing it and it's challenging. I always seem to have something going on."

As a government major at Colby, England says, her taste ran to courses that involved lots of research and writing—but she doesn't do much of either these days. "It turns out that that's mostly what litigators do," she says with a laugh, "and I ended up being a corporate attorney." England got hooked on corporate law while earning her J.D. at Boston College. "I don't do a lot of research," she adds, "but I do a lot of problem solving for clients."

Her biggest *pro bono* client is the I Have A Dream Foundation, an organization founded in New York by President Bush's son James. A few years ago, the foundation's Boston wing adopted a class at the Mathers Elementary School in Roxbury. The students will receive financial and emotional support to get through high school, and those who graduate with at least a C average will get help paying for college. England and a senior partner at Hale and Dorr do all of the foundation's legal work, and it was England who incorporated I Have A Dream and set up its tax-free status as a charitable organization.

England also serves as an overseer of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and helps raise funds for the Special Olympics. "It's a way to get involved with the community," she says of her volunteer activity. "Once you're a lawyer in the community you have an established network of people who are already involved with these institutions."

She pays particular attention to the ways the organizations she serves involve minorities and says she feels that members of racial minorities have much to offer to the Colby board.

"I have a different perspective than a lot of the people who are trustees might have," she says. "I have a much more diverse group of friends and colleagues, economically, ethnically, in all ways. And I think in that sense I'm very open to everything."

England came to Colby from Bangor, Maine, the daughter of a United Church of Christ minister and a special education teacher. She was an outstanding swimmer who set several freestyle records, was a two-time captain of the swim team and a head resident. She says her parents, who still live in Bangor, have always been involved in politics and social activism. Her father ran for state senate and serves on the Bangor City Council. As a young man, he marched with Martin Luther King, Jr. in the South.

Though England says she is "not a very political person," the former Bunche Scholar has latched onto a cause at Colby. "I hope," she says, "that some time in the near future we'll have more minorities at Colby, both students and faculty. I had no [minority] faculty person in the Government Department. That's something I didn't realize I was missing until I went to law school. . . . The black professors in law school really looked out for the minority students."

To Order a Copy of Your Transcript

If you need a copy of your Colby transcript, please write to the Office of the Registrar, Colby College, Waterville, ME 04901. There is a \$1 charge per copy. Phone and fax requests will cause delays, because a written request with signature is required before academic records can be released. For more information, call (207) 872-3197. When making a written request, be sure to include your name and address and the name and address of the person to whom the transcript is to be mailed.

Abigail Smith writes from an equally exotic and distant land, New Zealand. Abby and her husband, Dr. Hamish Spencer, work at the University of Waikato, she as a tutor and doctoral student, he as a mathematics professor. Beth's career highlights include the publication of her first paper in a 1988 issue of *Sedimentary Geology* and giving a professional paper to the New Zealand Geological Society in 1990. She anticipates completing her Ph.D. thesis this year. She enjoys singing with the Hamilton Civic Choir and the New Zealand Symphony and eagerly awaits their trip to Ecuador at Christmas. . . .

Ellen Smith has changed careers and is proud to report that she passed the C.P.A. exam. She is working for Milot and Co. in Taunton, Mass. Ellen and her dog, Nicholas, are happily living in her hometown, Assonet, Mass. She reports that she and freshman roommate Tracy Harris, as well as Laurie Avery Caley, are still good friends. . . . Donna Curran Stock says she has found "a perfect mix of working and staying at home with the kids." The kids are Ryan, 2, and Trevor, born in April. Donna will soon be returning to work part time as assistant director of the annual fund for Tufts. Donna mentioned that Susan Wechsler Atkins and her son Jeffrey visited recently. Sue had been in touch with Cynthia Rich Dana, who was planning to move with husband Chuck and 6-month-old daughter Taylor to Erie, Pa. . . . David Strage writes from London, where he is a marketing manager for Digital Equipment and his wife, Laura, is a management consultant for the Mac Group. David reports that his daughter was born December 19, 1989, and his mortgage isn't due to be paid off until March 2, 2029. While he has traveled extensively throughout

Europe and the U.S. on business, David says he'd really like to do some sailing around the Virgin Islands. He also mentions that he learned to paraglide. . . . Wendy Van Dyke lives in Watertown, Mass., and enjoys two careers. During the school year she teaches life sciences to seventh graders in Ashland, and in summer she is a whale biologist and whale watch trip leader out of Plymouth. Wendy received her master's from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 1988. She says teaching is "difficult but worthwhile and enjoyable after some adapting to the responsibilities of being a good role model for impressionable seventh graders!" . . . Midori Yanagihara and husband Jonathan Beckett are "getting back to a normal life" in Ft. Washington, Md. Jonathan, a medical technician, has returned from six months in Okinawa with his Naval rescue unit. Midori is a legislative trade analyst and keeps fit as an "avid lunchtime aerobics nut." The couple was planning a second honeymoon last spring in Cancun, Mexico. . . . There is still more to come, everyone. I hope you all have a healthy, happy holiday season.

Correspondent:
Emily Cummings

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Russell Smith lives with his wife in Peekskill, N.Y., and is an attorney for William J. Florence. What's the best thing about his job? Meeting new people (clients). The worst? Meeting new people (other attorneys). In his free time, Russell does legal work for the city of Peekskill in an attempt to preserve what is left of the Hudson River Valley area. . . . Michael and Dawne Ogden Page are living in Cardiff, Calif. Mike is an environmental planner, and Dawne is finishing post-

doctoral research at the University of California in San Diego. By the time this is printed, Dawne and Mike should be the proud parents of a baby girl. Congratulations! . . . Serge '81 and Raphaelle Camille Sondak recently moved into a new home in Cortlandt, N.Y. Raphaelle wrote that she has temporarily become a home engineer, caring for their two children, Victoria Helena and Alexander Marcus. . . . Denise Brunelle married Todd Priess on August 25, 1990. Lisa Kuzia Krueger was her matron of honor. Denise works for Raytheon Company as a software engineer for tracking, satellite, early warning and intelligence radar systems. . . . Rebecca Rugg Valcour wrote that she is in her third year of residency (pediatrics) at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. She and her husband, Andre, recently purchased their first home. . . . Kurt Wolff is an editor/writer for the *Bay Guardian* in San Francisco. Kurt is concerned about environmental issues and asked me in his letter if Colby recycles. The answer is yes (including paper). . . . Jessica Gwynne Schum is a brand assistant for Procter & Gamble. She says the job is okay, but yes, it is stressful, and the best thing about it is free toilet paper (White Cloud). Jessica and her husband bought a new home in Cincinnati in November 1990. . . . Tracy Smith Black wrote that one way to avoid accumulating stuff is to return to graduate school and move from a house to an apartment. She and her husband, Tom, were married in August 1989, just two weeks before he started an M.B.A. program at the University of Virginia's Darden School. When Tracy wrote to me she was looking forward to returning to her job as a middle school teacher and to her house in Hobe Sound, Fla. . . . Suzanne

Olson-Matthews opened a retail store in Teton Village, Wyo., on June 15. She added that there will be no trips for a while but knows that the sacrifice will be worth it. Suzanne married Tom Matthews on June 9, 1990. Paula Thomson and Steve Sanborn '87 made the journey to Wyoming for the wedding.

Correspondent:
Amy Carlson

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I wrote this column on Peaks Island, Maine, where I was visiting with Carol Eisenberg and David Simpson '86. Meghan Casey is living in Silver Spring, Md., so we drove up together. She has begun a master's program in American studies at the University of Maryland. As I wrote, we were looking forward to having dinner with Leslie Robinson and Alex Wolff. Leslie had just attended Harry Krensky's wedding in New York. . . . Drew Worthington has been promoted to vice president of commercial lending at Shawmut National Bank. He notes that Matt Hummel is now working for the same bank, "so if any [Colbians] are passing through the great city of Hartford, they should give Matt or me a call at Connecticut National Bank," a.k.a. Shawmut. . . . Hathy MacMahon Simpson is very busy with work as a research assistant, with graduate work in public health and with Graham, her year-old son. . . . Stephen Reed is a third-year law student and is currently looking for a job in and around Massachusetts. He spends his spare time golfing. . . . Harland Storey is a transportation manager for Wetterau Portland, Inc., a food wholesaler. He and his wife, Kimberly, have built a new home. They have two children, Lindsay Morgan, 5, and Ryan Joseph, 7 months. . . . An

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anonymous writer wants to know where **James McHugo** is. Does anyone know? . . . **Chris Leberz**, **Elliot Kolodny**, **Keith Turley**, **Ashley Morgan**, **John Prorok**, **Jim Ffrench**, **Brad Whitaker** and **Duff McDermott '86** spent two weeks visiting **Rich MacNeille**, who is now stationed with the U.S. Army in Kuopio, Finland. While there they sampled reindeer and moose stew and witnessed firsthand the radical changes taking place in the Soviet Union when they visited St. Petersburg. . . . **Chris Leberz** writes that he was fairly lucky that he only lost a backyard fence when Hurricane Bob blew through Falmouth, Mass. . . . Once again I've received loads of responses to the questionnaire. Look for more news in the next column, and thanks to all for keeping in touch.

Correspondent:

Mary Alice Weller-Mayan

86 Once again I am happy to share with you all the terrific news from our classmates. . . . **Lindsay (Carroll '87)** and **Geoffrey Alexander** are living in Boston, where **Geoffrey**, who graduated from business school last spring, is considering pursuing a doctorate. . . . **J'Amy Allen** was accepted by the University of Wyoming for a fully funded master's program addressing the impact of mule deer on the ecology. She also keeps involved with arts and crafts, particularly basketry, and had a show in Sundance, Wyo., last spring. . . . **Stephen Bridge** is in his third year of teaching English in Japan. He is working towards an M.A. in that field so he can teach in many countries. . . . **Kara Schwartz** is also teaching English in Japan. She is a professor at Asia University, where she's been since March

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1990. . . . **Laura Lane** moved to Albany, N.Y., to pursue a master's in English. When she finishes, **Laura** anticipates getting a "real" job teaching. . . . **Heidi Langius** received her M.F.A. at the University of Mississippi, where she is now an instructor. . . . **Diane Smith** is a full-time law student in Detroit and is happily unemployed. . . . **Michelle Toder** is in medical school near Boston until June. She'll begin a surgery residency program next July. . . . While working as a purchasing manager of Carpet Products, Inc. in Rhode Island, **David Mace** eagerly awaits the results of his entry in the Publishers Clearinghouse sweepstakes. Sorry, Dave, but I'm expecting to receive the

big bonus prizes with my lucky winning number! (How else can I pay for little Hunter's Colby education?). . . . **Imogen (Mintzer '85)** and **Jay Church** live in Mountain View, Calif. (is that anywhere near Pasadena?), where **Jay** is a sales representative for Zellerbach, a Mead company. . . . **Robert Cobuzzi** was married to **Renata Maslowski** last May. The happy newlyweds both finished their Ph.D.'s at Loyola University in Chicago in the fall. . . . **Sherri Worthen** married **Greg Christianson** in August. This team of senior research assistants lives in Seal Cove, Maine. . . . **Elizabeth (Kerney '87)** and **William Zuehlke** welcomed a new addition to their

family last summer. Greetings to your bundle of joy! . . . **Jill Myerow Blinderman** and her husband moved into their first house last summer. In addition to being a hospital sales specialist for Parke-Davis, **Jill** is working on an M.B.A. . . . That's all the news for now, but I hope you will continue to keep in touch. Best wishes to everyone for continued happiness and success. Have a wonderful New Year, too!

Correspondent:

Gretchen Bean Lurie

87 Greetings, class, and thanks to all of you who have written to me lately! Although I've only received letters from a few of you, those who do write fill their letters with lots of information. . . . **Laura Zegel** writes that she and husband **J. C. Connolly** are living in New Haven, Conn. **J.C.** is working on a master's in forest science at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. He taught seventh- and eighth-grade science at the Foote School in New Haven for three years after Colby. After graduating this year he hopes to pursue a Ph.D. in plant molecular biology. **Laura** graduated with a master's degree in religion from Yale and an M.S.W. from Columbia University School of Social Work. In 1990 **Laura** had an internship at the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder at the West Haven V.A. Medical Center. She has been a social worker for the dialysis unit at the Hospital of Saint Raphael in New Haven for over a year now. . . . **Greg Ciottone** graduated from medical school and is now an emergency medical resident at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. He is a physician on New England Life Flight, the only rescue helicopter in New



Deborah Ward Cryans '82

Headliners

Deborah Ward Cryans '82 was named executive director of Ski 93 in Lincoln, N.H. . . . Scott Stein '83 was among the associate producers of *Quality . . . Or Else*, a three-part PBS documentary about global business competition.

Newsmakers

Joel Solomon '80 joined the staff of the Winchester Hospital in Massachusetts. He is a family practitioner. . . . Kenneth Bruder, Jr. '81 is a vice president at Kaiser Associates in Vienna, Va. . . . Barbara Bullock '81 heads a group of researchers looking into the use of slang at the University of Delaware. She told the university newspaper that she first realized that people change their speech patterns to conform to groups when she came to Colby. "Coming from Delaware I was like an alien," she said. "They made fun of the way I spoke." . . . Kathryn Critchlow Luther '81 represented Colby at the inauguration of Douglas Treadway as chancellor of the University of North Dakota System. . . . Wendy Feuer '82 is a visiting professor in the English department at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. . . . Susanna Schneider '82, who is in her third year of teaching business in Beijing, China, has started her own business on the side. She and a partner provide human resources development training for Chinese companies. . . . Michael Bruno '85 was appointed associate clinical professor of prosthodontics at Columbia School of Dental Medicine in New York City.

Mileposts

Births: A daughter, Alison Ann, to Ronni-Jo (Posner '78) and John Carpenter '80. . . . A son, Craig Allen, to Dean and Barbara Clark Collins '80. . . . A son, Andrew, to Suzanne and Jon Haddow '83. . . . A daughter, Elizabeth Whitney, to Gary and Ellen Huebsch Anderson '84. . . . A son, Thomas Arthur IX, to Thomas and Ginger Prigge Turner '85.

Marriages: Elizabeth Shackford '80 to Michael Reinhart in Acton, Mass. . . . Lesley DeYulio '82 to Joseph DeFio in DeWitt, N.Y. . . . Walter E. Judge, Jr. '82 to Jean O'Neill in Concord, Mass. . . . Anne Plumb '82 to Todd Root in Princeton, N.J. . . . Matthew Schofield '82 to Joanne Tremblay in Jericho Center, Vt. . . . Michael Schafer '83 to Gayle Murphy in Belmont, Mass. . . . Robert McLaughlin '84 to Dianne O'Connor in Waterford, Conn. . . . Gretchen Bean '85 to Stefan Bergill in West Yarmouth, Mass. . . . Peter Dooling '85 to Caroline D'Alfonso in Portland, Maine. . . . Scott Hunter '87 to Robin Cresho '89 in Chatham Township, N.J. . . . William Donohue '86 to Anne Meadows in Portland, Ore. . . . Joan Handweg '86 to Albert Hills, Jr. '86 in Medford, Ore. . . . Henrietta Yelle '86 to John Nissenbaum in Norton, Mass. . . . Stephan Brueckner '87 to Deborah West in Waterville, Maine. . . . Karen Hutchinson '87 to Bruce Jagolinzer in York Harbor, Maine. . . . Charnaine Twigg '87 to Michael Hartnett, Jr., in Wellesley, Mass. . . . Mary Eickhoff '88 to Kenneth Dunn, Jr., in Hilton Head, S.C. . . . Robert Murray III '88 to Kirsten Sherman '89 in Waterville, Maine. . . . Stewart Richmond, Jr. '88 to Tanya Goff '89 in Waterville, Maine. . . . Thomas Snow '88 to Elizabeth Noonan in Ridgefield, Conn. . . . Thomas Cook '89 to Amy Anglin in Worthington, Ohio.

England staffed by physicians. Life Flight responds to emergency situations in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Massachusetts and was recently on the television show *Rescue 911*. It sounds very exciting, and Greg says he is "having a ball."

. . . Heather Anderson updated me on her whereabouts by writing that she is still working at the *Ware River News* in Ware, Mass., as a reporter. By the time you read this column she should be finishing her first semester at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. Heather writes that Willa Cobb is also living in NYC working for Time-Warner and painting and sculpting on the side. I'm glad to hear that Heather and Willa will be attending our reunion. Heather kindly offered a carpool ride to anyone in the NYC area. Her address: Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027.

. . . Will Holmes will be busy this year in his new job at the Winchendon School, a coed prep school in Winchendon, Mass. He will be teaching algebra, coaching soccer and lacrosse and serving as a live-in dorm parent. He writes that Mike Archibald left his job in development at UVM to become director of annual giving at St. Lawrence University. . . . Neil Weinbaum is a full-time M.B.A. candidate at the University of Connecticut and still a part-time Grateful Dead fan. Neil will complete his studies in May. He is interested in hearing from other classmates and sent his address: 609 Meadow Road, Apt. 1, Tolland, CT 06084. He also says he is looking forward to our fifth. . . . Charmaine Twigg (Twigg to most!) filled me in on a lot of great info. She married Mike Hartnett (Bowdoin '88) on a beautiful, sunny day in May. She and Mike live in Manchester, N.H., where Twigg is a li-

censed real estate broker and vice president of Twigg Associates. . . . Chris and Laurie Shaver Watt planned to move to Ann Arbor, Mich., where Chris will be earning an M.B.A. at the University of Michigan and Laurie will continue to work as a physical therapist. . . . Jennifer Shakett Berry is expecting her second child this spring. She and husband Tom live in New Hampton, N.H., where Jen is teaching at the New Hampton School. . . . Marianne MacDonald is enjoying Boston while working for a fast growing printing company. In 1989 she ran the Boston Marathon in under five hours (gets me tired just thinking about it!). . . . Laura Brown Watkin married Cliff Watkin in July 1990, and they are currently busy house hunting in the North Shore area of Massachusetts. . . . I heard from Stefan Wennik, who wrote a great letter filled with news of old friends, all of whom will, I hope, make it to our reunion. He reported that several classmates came together for Geoff Berlinger's wedding in July. Geoff married Dana Smith in Rye, N.Y., and they spent their honeymoon in Portugal and southern Europe. Geoff is still working for Advest in Rye as a stockbroker. Geoff and Dana live on a boat—I hope they have enough room for their wedding presents! Giordi Caponigro flew to town for the wedding, as he was best man. Giordi is working on an advanced degree in biology at the University of Arizona in Tucson. He says he enjoys Arizona but misses the trees in New England. James "J.R." Richardson '88 came down from Topsham, Maine, with his wife, Breeze. J.R. works at Bath Iron Works in central planning development and is enjoying married life and parenthood. Rick Huntress and his wife, Vicki, attended the wedding with their

young daughter, Rachel, who, according to Stefan, is adorable. Rick and Vicki are busy doing lab work in Pennsylvania—my home state!—and have recently bought a house there. Andrew Jeske came from Manhattan, where he has a new job with a public relations agency, and Andy Peer came up from New Jersey. Stefan and his fiancée, Kelly Frame '86, were busy taking notes at Geoff's wedding and making plans for their own. Stefan works for a software company in Cambridge, Mass., doing marketing and public relations. He says it's a small company with lots of young people, and he enjoys the laid-back atmosphere. Kelly is also in marketing, but she works for MCI. On Stefan and Kelly's wedding day in November I was doing my duty as maid of honor for my sister Laura. . . . A lot can change from column date to column date—I, for instance, have changed jobs since the last column and am working for Key Trust Company of Maine in Portland as regional coordinator and record keeping officer for their employee benefits division—so please try to keep me informed of all the new and exciting things happening in your lives. You will never hear me complain about getting too much mail! I'm excited that many of you have written to say you'll be attending the reunion. Knowing the history of our class, I believe that we could break all attendance records. The more involvement we have, the more fun it will be, so I encourage you all to get involved. Congratulations to all of the above on their marriages, children, new jobs and accomplishments, and thanks again to all who wrote to fill me in.

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THE NINETIES



Christy Law '90

Headliners

Christy Law '90 was coauthor of a recent *New York Times* op-ed piece noting that since the U.S.-Canada free trade agreement went into effect in 1988 there has been a dramatic increase in the amount of contaminated meat entering this country from the north. Law warns that more problems could be created by a similar U.S.-Mexico pact.

Newsmakers

Susan Colavecchio '91 is spending the academic year in Japan teaching conversational English in middle and high schools.

Mileposts

Marriages: Lisa Ensign '90 to Stefan Timbrell in New London, N.H. . . . Anne Pollock '90 to John Briggs in Brunswick, Maine.

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OBITUARIES

Michael Franklin '63, Alumni Fund Chair



Michael Franklin '63, chair of the Alumni Fund and an extraordinarily dedicated worker on behalf of the College, died October 8 in Sudbury, Mass. He was born in Newton, Mass., and prepared for college at the Huntington School in Boston. At Colby he was a member of the Tau Delta Phi fraternity. He left the College in 1961 and went to work for his father's firm, the Clark Franklin Press, in Boston. He stayed in the printing field for the rest of his life; at the time of his death he was a sales representative for W.E. Andrews Inc. in Bedford. His involvement with the College was multi-faceted. He was a member of the C Club and the Alumni Council, was a Career Services volunteer, participated in the Colby Club of Boston, served on the Alumni Council Executive Committee Council and was an area volunteer for the Colby 2000 campaign. He spearheaded the effort to honor classmate Jesse Marchese with the Marchese Lounge in Joseph Spa. In 1988 he chaired the Class of '63's 25th reunion fund-raising effort—thanks to his personal touch, the class set a participation record that still stands. In 1990 he assumed the chair of the Alumni Fund, a position he held at his death. During Reunion Weekend in July, he was honored with a Colby Brick. He is survived by his wife, Carol, a daughter, Laurie '87, a son, Joshua, his parents and a sister.

Decorated Veteran

Clifford "Whitey" Johnson '53, an outstanding Colby athlete who was decorated for distinguished service in Vietnam, died September 8 in Salem, Ore. He was born in Jersey City, N.J., and grew up in Everett, Mass., preparing for college at Everett High School and Monson Academy. At Colby he was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity and a four-year standout on the football and track teams, serving as track team captain during his senior year. "He was just a great guy," remembers classmate George Pirie. "He always had a great big smile. He was the kind of person everybody liked—gregarious, outgoing. He spoke his mind and made people laugh." He joined the Marine Corps reserves in his final year on Mayflower Hill and immediately after graduation served in Korea. He spent 23 years in the Marine Corps, including two tours in Vietnam, and retired in 1976 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He received a Bronze Star, among other military decorations. He earned an M.S. from George Washington University in 1966 and an M.A. from the University of Virginia in 1975. After his military discharge, he worked for General Electric as a training specialist. He is survived by his wife, Vivian, and two sons, Jon and Arthur.

Real Estate Developer

Paul S. Laughlin '59, a leading figure in the 1980s southern Maine real estate boom, died on October 22 in Portland. He was born in Portland and graduated from the Brooks School in North Andover, Mass. At Colby he was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity. After he left the College he lived for many years in Scituate, Mass., and headed his own design and building firm, concentrating mainly on single-family homes. He returned to Maine in 1972 and became vice president of the Dartmouth Company, a Portland real estate development firm. For two years in the late 1980s he served as president of Katahdin Corporation, which developed properties in communities surrounding Portland. He then founded Laughlin Associates, where he worked until his death. He was active in civic groups and was president of the Village Center Condominium Association at Sugarloaf Mountain. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Lord, two sons, his mother and a brother.

Social Activist

Judith G. Anderson '60, an advocate for issues surrounding substance abuse, died in Portland, Maine, on October 2. She was born in White Plains, N.Y., and graduated from Pleasantville High School. At Colby she majored in sociology and was a member of the Student Christian Association, the Religious Convocation Committee, the Outing Club and the Alpha Delta Pi sorority. After graduation she worked in the advertising business in New York City for three years, then began her career in social work. She was a youth counselor with the Waldo County (Maine) Committee for Social Action; after working in California in a similar capacity, she returned to the WCCSA in 1973 and established a program for adult alcoholics called Choice & Skyward. Hers was among the most influential voices in Maine on the issues of alcohol and drug abuse. Largely as a result of her lobbying efforts, the Maine state legislature recognized alcoholism as a disease and passed laws requiring insurance carriers to cover treatment for substance abuse. She was also in the vanguard of efforts to persuade employers to take more active roles in identifying substance abusers and referring them to treatment programs. In 1985 she was appointed to the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment by Gov. Joseph Brereton. She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Pinkham, her parents and a sister.

Humanities Scholar

Peter Mackinlay '70, a scholar and teacher of English literature, died October 4 in Chicago, Ill. He was born and educated in Attleboro, Mass., and majored in English at Colby. "He was of a very scholarly bent," said classmate and close friend Earle Shettleworth, Jr. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and taught at Case Western Reserve University and Northwestern University. He was an associate of the Newberry Library in Chicago and helped found the library's Lyceum Program of adult education seminars in 1981. He was a teacher at the library at the time of his death. He was renowned in Chicago as a gourmet cook, and his favorite pastime was traveling. He is survived by his parents and two sisters.

LETTERS

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Along Main Street

Your inclusion of Colby entrepreneurs in Waterville in the last Colby magazine (November 1991) was much appreciated, as I grew up in that city. Although it has changed so much that I feel like a ghost when I return, I still have a nostalgic interest in it and its future. Like most small towns in America, it has almost lost its identity with the decline of its heart—Main Street.

In the many years that I have been receiving the [alumni magazine], I have not found many references to the city, as town and gown seemed to exist independently. Certainly the College exerts a great financial influence on the town, but I'm not aware of [its] social impact and would be glad to learn.

Ruth Yeaton McKee '37
East Boothbay, Maine

PC Revisited

Prof. G. Calvin Mackenzie pounded out a solid three-bagger but not a home run in his thought-provoking review of political correctness (August 1991).

It was reassuring to have him report that our alma mater has escaped the more debilitating inroads of this current phenomenon. What stranded him on third was a neglect of a major—some claim the major—inspiration of political correctness: our badly damaged realpolitik. Political correctness owes much to the 1988 presidential campaign and its aftermath, with its skewering of rational political discourse. . . .

As a professor during the Vietnam era . . . I concur with Prof. Mackenzie that its fractiousness plays only marginally in today's political correctness. The intolerance, the mean-spiritedness of the phenomenon (on both sides of the issue) is the more alarming

for its deviousness. The cynicism spawned and the human damage done to students and faculty members are bewildering.

Prof. Mackenzie and his colleagues deserve honest understanding as they deal first-hand with political correctness. Perhaps it is asking too much, in the heat of the struggle, to expect him to hit a home run with all the curve balls being thrown by those enmeshed in political correctness.

Gilbert Y. Tavernier '48
Concord, Mass.

I'm the kind of guy who likes olde Maine clambakes and funny hats. So you know I just loved G. Calvin Mackenzie's witty piece on political correctness. Way to go, G. Calvin!

Of course there's nothing serious in the PC fad, nothing nasty, either. As G. Calvin cleverly asks, where's the beef? I could mention the little ACE report boosting PC. I could mention the Blue Ribbon Committee in New York from whose conclusions some guy named Art Schlesinger begged off. But hey, G. Calvin is in the ed. establishment; he knows these things already. He certainly knows which way the wind blows. Thirty years ago it was Conant and let's close all the small schools. Twenty-five years ago it was the New Math—another huge success for the grant-grabbers. Today it's PC.

G. Calvin mentions deconstruction. And how. Ain't nothin' been so deconstructed over [the] past 10 to 15 years as them English and history departments. Talk about minorities—just try to find anyone willing to read a long book containing grown-up language. Lots of luck, dudes! So I'm not surprised that the beleaguered heroes (right on, G. Calvin) are willing to try just about anything to stay on the payroll. I fully expect that they, like our excellent front-line commentator, will wring PC for every drop.

Yes, it's all splendid and a little overwhelming and, let's not forget, very complex. It brings tears to my eyes. I don't know when I've laughed so hard.

D. Anthony Light '60
Orleans, Mass.

Correction

[In] the obituary of Nelson W. Nitchman (August 1991) it says that he coached football one season, 1940, and Colby won its first state championship in 35 years. I played on the 1940 undefeated team (we tied Bowdoin 13-13), and the head coach was Al McCoy; he had been the head coach for several years.

Evan MacIlraith '43
Santa Rosa, Calif.

Mr. MacIlraith is correct. Al McCoy coached the White Mules in 1940. Nelson Nitchman was the coach in 1941, and his record was 4-2-1. His team defeated Bowdoin and Bates and tied Maine 13-13.

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