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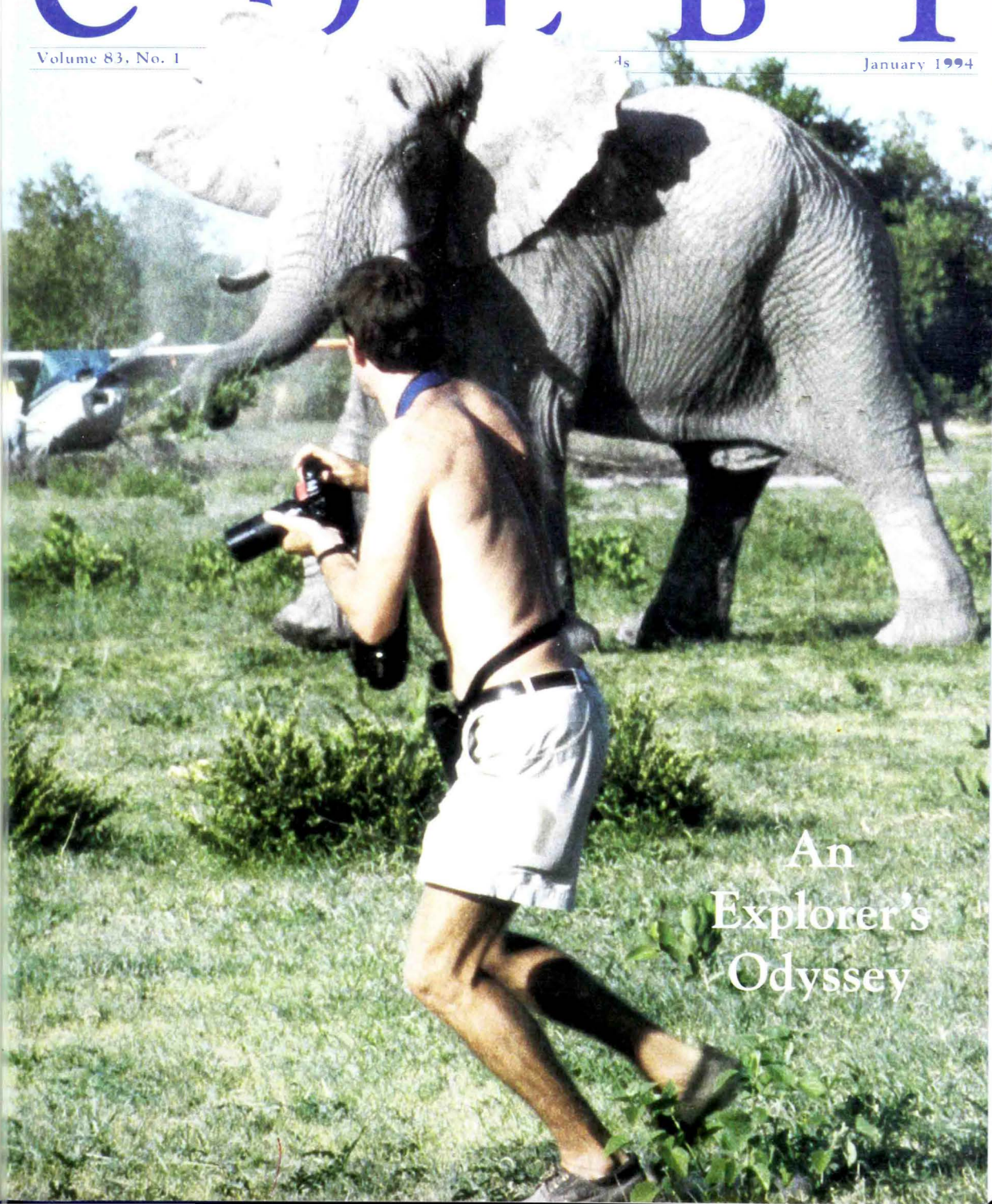
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Explorer's
Odyssey



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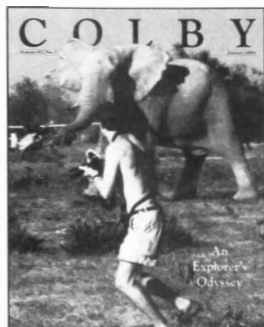
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What They Say About Us

Everybody probably knows by now that, in its hugely popular America's Best Colleges edition, *U.S. News & World Report* pegged Colby 17th among the nation's 140 most selective colleges. The rating was down two places from the year before, ahead of Bates and behind Bowdoin. In a later edition, the news magazine cited Colby among "America's best college values." In order to be considered in the "best buy" category, colleges had to finish at or near the top of its category in academic quality. Elsewhere, we should note, the *Princeton Review* cites Colby among the 20 colleges with the "happiest" students, however that was derived and whatever it means.

Staying Hot

Applications to Colby in the first "early decision" round that ended in November were up nearly 50 percent from the previous year. Dean of Admissions Parker Beverage reports that 166 such applications were filed this year compared to 112 in 1992. Some part of the increase, he said, could be attributed to the new policy of not requiring achievement test scores as part of the application process. As much as one third of the next entering class may be admitted from the two rounds of early decision applicants. During November, a record-breaking 376 prospective students had interviews in the handsome new Lunder House facilities.

Let's Welcome

Bruce McDougal has joined the personnel office as director of safety. He held a similar position at Irving Tanning in Maine and his focus will be on safety training and accident prevention, keeping Colby up to snuff with OSHA. Angela Frame is newly appointed as an assistant women's track coach. A graduate of Waterville High and the University of Connecticut, she had been an assistant

coach at Waterville High and holds the New England, Big East and ECAC collegiate women's pentathlon records.

Sensational Speakers

While much of the rest of the country was probably watching *Seinfeld*, senior Hung Bui (Bartlesville, Okla.) held a smaller audience spellbound in taking first prize in the annual Louise Coburn speaking contest in November. Senior Kendra King (Providence, R.I.), took second place and first-year student Kimberly Parker (Lexington, Ky.) was an impressive third. Others who made excellent presentations were Jonathan Kaye '97 (Avon, Conn.), Laura Miller '94 (Worthington, Ohio), Matthew Lapidus '94 (Hamden, Conn.) and Elizabeth Labovitz '94 (Lexington, Mass.). We salute them all and we thank David Mills '57, who coaches the debate team and, among other things, sustains this fine program.

Small World

Dana Professor of Government emeritus Al Mavrinac was in Japan last fall, lecturing on and teaching American law and business ethics. As he took a van from Narita Airport and began the trip through heavy traffic to downtown Tokyo, a fellow jumped on the vehicle and demanded that the driver stop. "Hi, Professor Mavrinac," he said, thrusting a card into Al's hand. "Call me; we'll have lunch." Then he disappeared quickly into the crowd as the van moved on. The card was from Joe Meyer '79, Al's former student and now treasurer of Morgan Stanley in Japan. Al took him up on the offer and they were joined for lunch by Bob Stevenson '78 and Yoichi Hosoi '79, both also working in Tokyo.

Tenure of Tenures

Earla Robertson came to work at Colby on the old downtown campus, in 1943, during

the Roosevelt Administration. In December, 50 years later, she took her leave and a well-deserved retirement. The veteran library secretary was the last remaining support staff member to serve the College on two campuses. The fact that she had a nine-year leave in the 1960s does not diminish her astonishing record of service or the gratitude of the legions of faculty and students whom she served. We wish her well.

To Secure COOT

The Class of 1994 Senior Parent Gift committee has chosen the Colby Outdoor Orientation Trip program as the focus of their fund-raising efforts. Sara Waisanen of the annual giving staff will coordinate the effort to create a \$100,000 endowment to help underwrite the annual cost of the program and to provide COOT scholarship funds for students with need. Co-chairs of the committee are Penn and Cornelia Kavanagh, parents of Alex '94, and Allan and Ginger Miller, parents of Laura '94. We salute them.

Moosecellaneous

Al Mavrinac's story of a chance encounter with a Colby alum in Tokyo traffic is not so surprising considering that the College has 20,000 alums throughout the U.S. and in some 70 foreign countries. Still, these are interesting tales. If you have one, please tell us. . . . We don't remember another triple overtime in basketball at Colby. Dick Whitmore's men's squad nipped Wheaton 107-104 on November 20 after three five-minute extras to open the new season with a bang. . . . The Colby Eight was invited by L.L. Bean to entertain holiday shoppers in Freeport on a December evening.



Shanahan Receives Lovejoy Award

Eileen Shanahan, Washington bureau chief of the *St. Petersburg Times*, told a Colby audience in November that the greatest threat to a free press in the United States comes from the press itself. Shanahan was on campus to receive the 41st Elijah Parish Lovejoy award and to participate in a symposium on "Clinton and the Media: The First Year."

In her Lovejoy Convocation address at Lorimer Chapel, Shanahan said she has perceived a profound erosion in the public's belief in the value of journalism. She cited "our perceived arrogance and self-serving pursuit of 'insider' status with the mighty, rather than with the concerns of our readers . . . ; our lack of respect for the feelings of ordinary people, especially in times of grief . . . ;

and—in our desperate attempt to stem the decline in our readership—the greatly increasing amounts of space we devote to what we call 'news you can use': features on how to deal with your sweetheart, your divorce, your in-laws, your teens and your younger kids; when to refinance your mortgage; what to do this weekend; where to vacation; how to cook healthy."

Shanahan said journalists "need to display a more serious purpose more often than we do today" and quoted the Scripps-Howard news service motto, "Give light and the people will find their own way," as a model.

"I'm afraid that today," she said, "the light we journalists shine is, most often, of

some hideous greenish-yellow hue that makes everything it touches look sick. . . . [W]hat I am increasingly concerned about is my sense that we in journalism, print and broadcast alike, seldom cover anything but the horror and the failures, fostering in our readers and viewers the conviction that there is no hope—

often will see very little local coverage. Those newspapers are saving money, and short-changing their readers, by running wire copy. You can buy a lot of wires for what one reporter costs. . . .

"With diminished local coverage, we in journalism do not give the public sufficient information about either success or failure. . . . If journalism asked the right questions, we might find some answers, or prod others into finding them. In journalism, as elsewhere in life, we seldom find anything unless we look for it. . . . What we mostly look for—and find—now are the twice-told and thrice-told and a thousand-times-told 'ain't it awful' stories that contain nothing very new. . . . [I]n our lopsided choices of what we cover today, we are already advocates. Advocates of the view that nothing

works. Advocates of despair."

Shanahan had the opportunity for a little advocacy of her own earlier in the day when she met with the staff of Colby's student newspaper, the *Echo*, and with Assistant Professor of Economics Michael Donihue '79's seminar on economic forecasting. The woman who as a prize-winning student journalist locked horns with the president of her alma mater, George Washington University, asked the *Echo* crew "What kind of trouble are you getting into?" and discussed their division on the question of whether hate speech ought to be banned on campus. Regarded as one of the top economics reporters in the



Colby *Echo* Editor-in-Chief Laura Pavlenko '94 (left) and Opinions Editor Hannah Beech '95 (center) talk with Eileen Shanahan during the Lovejoy Convocation.

no point in even trying to fix any of the things that are so terribly wrong in our country, or even improve them a little."

Shanahan said she does not advocate "happy talk" journalism. But, she said, less coverage goes to "small, important success stories" than they deserve, because "editors and broadcasters do not think to look for them."

"One reason for this," she said, "is the appalling decline in local news coverage. Travel around this country a bit and read the local papers. At first you may be impressed with the amount of serious national and international news they carry. But then, as you go through the pages, you

STEPHEN COLLINS

nation, Shanahan went into Donihue's class promising to "trash" the whole idea of using econometric models for forecasting.

During his remarks at a dinner held in Shanahan's honor before the convocation, President Bill Cotter noted that Shanahan's reputation for directness and honesty had preceded her to Mayflower Hill.

"Walter Cronkite, with whom you ran a two-person radio bureau in the late 1940s, still can't get over the work ethic you displayed, learning everything there was to know about the congressmen in the five states you covered and peppering him with information for his on-air interviews," Cotter said. "The most trusted man in America" says your dedication to the integrity of journalism was 'almost frightening' and that you 'spared no one and no horses in describing' what you believe to be right. . . . You have never been shy about offering advice and opinions. Paul Tash remembers a time, before you succeeded him as head of the *St. Petersburg Times*' Washington bureau, when he began a phone conversation with one of your contacts by saying, 'Hello. I'm Paul Tash. I'm Eileen Shanahan's boss, and she said to call you, and I always do what Eileen tells me to do.'"

Shanahan began her career as a United Press wire service reporter in Washington during World War II. Following the war she teamed with Cronkite, then—after interrupting her career briefly to have a baby—worked as a reporter at the Research Institute of America and the *Journal of Commerce* and was a spokesperson and public affairs officer at the U.S. Treasury Department before being hired by James Reston, Washington bureau chief of the *New York Times*, in 1962.

At the *Times*, Shanahan covered the Washington business beat, including na-



A panel discussion on "Clinton and the Media" featured (l-r) Orlando Sentinel Managing Editor Jane Healy, Nieman Foundation Curator William Kovach, Eileen Shanahan and Colby Assistant Professor of Government Anthony Corrado.

tional economic policy, tax and budget issues and government regulation of business. In her book *The Girls in the Balcony*, Nan Robertson, a friend and contemporary of Shanahan at the *Times*, says Shanahan "made an immediate impact" on the paper, "frequently getting out on page one with such fluffy topics as John Kennedy's tax program, the debt ceiling, the balance of payments and the trade tariff war."

In 1976 Shanahan became a named plaintiff in a suit brought against the *New York Times* by seven women employees who charged that the paper discriminated against women in its hiring, promotion and compensation policies. She has remained an outspoken advocate for women's and minority rights.

Shanahan left the *Times* in 1977 to serve as assistant secretary for public affairs at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in the Carter Administration and later was assistant managing editor of the *Washington Star* and the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, associate professor at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism's Washington Program and reporter for *Congressional Quarterly*.

Shanahan co-founded and was executive editor from 1986 to 1990 of *Governing*, a national monthly dedicated to coverage

of state and local government, and joined the *St. Petersburg Times* in 1991. She has served on several prestigious boards and committees, including the board of the Nieman Foundation at Harvard University and the Pulitzer Prize jury.

The Lovejoy award is named for Elijah Parish Lovejoy, a native of Maine and an 1826 graduate of Colby who is considered America's first martyr to freedom of the press. He was slain Nov. 7, 1837, in Alton, Ill., defending his abolition-

ist newspaper against a pro-slavery mob. Colby established the award in 1952 for an editor, reporter or publisher who has contributed to the nation's journalistic achievement.

Cotter on Speech

President Bill Cotter put his Harvard Law School training to good use in October when he defended Colby's verbal harassment code in a debate with Robert Peck, legislative counsel of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Peck attacked colleges for enacting "speech codes that prohibit or punish expression," actions he said restrict free speech and free inquiry on campuses. "The purpose of the First Amendment," Peck said, "is to put ideas out there, to see if people want to accept them or reject them."

While agreeing with Peck's contention that some campus speech codes were too broad, Cotter made the case that a carefully drawn verbal harassment code helps protect individuals from those who use words "as an instrument to injure." He said that codes such as Colby's, which has resulted in disciplinary action only three times in the past 15 years, "do not chill free speech because tolerated verbal harassment on campus reduces opportuni-



Osgood Files a Story

Beware of numbers, warned Charles Osgood, a CBS journalist with a degree in economics from Fordham University. "It seems that news stories have too many numbers in them and many of them are wrong," he said, delivering a December lecture in Lorimer Chapel. He urged students to pay more attention to the qualitative aspects of a story than to the quantitative.

Osgood, whose daughter Kathleen Wood '96 was in the audience, said the point was brought home to him at a major fire he covered for CBS radio in New York. Other journalists pressed the fire chief for facts—how many people were in the building, how many firefighters turned out, how many injuries. The real story, he said, was the drama—the huge icicles that formed as firefighters sprayed water into the frigid night, tenants shuffling around in winter coats covering pajamas and slippers, the smell of smoke, the eerie red glow of the fire trucks' rotating beacons.

Most reports about the fire relied on numbers to give the story weight, but many of the numbers spewed out at the scene would prove to be wrong in the final accounting, Osgood said. Too often, he went on, number crunching dictates what programs get yanked off the air, what products are discontinued or what businesses close. Politicians use numbers from polls to stake out positions they think will be popular. Legions of suspect numbers were used to justify supporting or opposing NAFTA. Where do the numbers come from? "My guess is that they just make them up," he said.

Osgood is a 26-year veteran of CBS radio and television news and anchor of "The Osgood Files," a four-times-a-day commentary in which he expresses his sense of wonder, amusement or dismay over the events of the day. He has won the *Washington Journalism Review's* "Best in the Business" award as best radio reporter five years running.

Bush Is Coming

"This is George Bush," began the familiar voice in a message that was left on Bill Cotter's voice mail one October evening. Just two days earlier, the College had invited the former president to speak at Colby's 173rd commencement on May 22, and Bush called to say that he would come.

Colby's senior class voted last fall to invite Bush, who will receive an honorary degree as part of the commencement ceremony. He continues an impressive string of graduation speakers that includes Senate Minority Leader Robert J. Dole last year and actor Bill Cosby in 1992.

A summer resident of Kennebunkport, Bush will be the second former president to have addressed the College in its 181-year history. In November 1937, former president Herbert Hoover spoke at ceremonies observing the centennial of the death of Elijah Parish Lovejoy. His talk—from the College Avenue campus—was broadcast to the nation on radio.

11-0 for NAFTA

While the debate raged and the outcome was in doubt until the day the U.S. House voted to support the North American Free Trade Agreement, all 11 members of Colby's Economics Department signed a letter stating that, on balance, "the treaty would be advantageous for the economy of the United States." Seven Bates economics faculty members also signed the letter to Rep. Tom Andrews (D-Maine), who ended up voting against the treaty.

"This level of unanimity among economists is unusual, to say the least," said Grossman Professor of Economics Jan Hogendorn, who noted that the faculty support for the pact cut across liberal and conservative as well as Republican and Democratic lines. Hogendorn coordinated the Colby signing effort and stumped central Maine for NAFTA, speaking to service clubs, journalists and students.

Hogendorn, on first-semester leave, was lecturing in Toronto on trade issues when Congress voted. "As I looked on from Canada," he said, "I was overjoyed."

ties for free speech and true interchange." Cotter reiterated Colby's "commitment to maximum free speech in a harassment-free environment."

In the future, Cotter suggested, the College should consider empowering a three-member panel to resolve verbal harassment

disputes, replacing the slower and more legalistic student judicial process. Cotter's views on speech codes reached a national audience when his article, "Hate Speech—How to Handle It," was printed in last fall's edition of *Nieman Reports*, the magazine of Harvard University's Nieman Foundation.

FLIGHT OF DISCOVERY



TOM CLAYTOR'S ROUND-THE-WORLD JOURNEY IS THE STUFF OF DREAMS AND NIGHTMARES

BY SALLY BAKER

"I was 35 percent over gross weight. I'd never been this heavy before—the tank behind me now full—when I finally got to the end of the runway I sat there for most of seven minutes just looking at everything, touching every instrument to make sure I was registering what it was telling me. The guys in the tower must have thought me strange.

"So many thoughts race through your mind, like wings breaking off (crazy thoughts, but still they are there). At long last it was time. I eased the throttle forward, every sense alert and monitoring our motion. There was a 30-knot wind from the left and soon, very soon, I was in the air and climbing rapidly. The carb ice came and the power dropped off—the air was so cold that even with carb heat on it didn't warm above 0°C. I slowed down and added full power and slowly slowly the temperature crept up and the ice went away.

"All below was white. I had long since left trees to the south. The water was ice and the mountains snow, ice crystals suspended in the air. . . .

"On the horizon to my left appeared a shimmering orange igloo—way off in the dark. It was so strange, I couldn't imagine what it was and wondered if my mind was playing tricks on me. I had watched the blue moon set late that morning and now, four hours later, it was back again. I looked at my map, and we had just crossed 66°N and were nearing the Arctic Circle. I started to tingle inside—ahead in the night lay Greenland. The cabin was now warm, and at 11,000 feet I was so at peace. The moon flooded the sea with light."

Baffin Island, April 1991



PHOTO COURTESY OF TOM CLAYTOR

Three years ago last month, Tom Claytor '85 climbed into his Cessna 180 airplane at Wings Field, near Philadelphia, to begin a journey that will, with luck, make him the first pilot of a single-engine plane to fly around the world and visit all seven continents in the process.

He had a book contract from a major New York publisher and the blessings of the National Geographic Society and the New York-based Explorers Club, and he had a plan. Following up on work he'd done in Africa as a Thomas J. Watson Fellow and, later, as a pilot and independent filmmaker, he would rely on a loose, worldwide network of bush pilots for help in his travels. They would advise him about routes to take and to avoid, and he would stay with them when he could and use them as his primary resources for learning about a given area and its people. Claytor's project, christened the "Bush Pilot Expedition: Seven Continents," was underway.

About 100 friends and family members gathered at the airfield to see him off. Claytor remembers that he couldn't summon any tears. Even the knowledge that he probably would not return home for more than six years didn't raise much emotion in him.

"It had been such a struggle to create this project and to meet the editors and television people and all the others I had to meet and to get all the support I needed. I felt like I already had fought an incredible battle, all by myself," Claytor said in a recent interview from Namibia. "I just got in the plane and left. I felt so alone—and so scared because of something someone in Zimbabwe had told me about this trip. He said, 'You either make it or you're just another guy who tried and failed.'"

The lessons began immediately. Claytor flew north, over Canada to Iceland and Greenland. "I'd never flown in conditions like that," he said. "I flew through four storms, hundred-mile-per-hour winds. It was dark twenty-four hours a day, and there were no clouds—just ice crystals in the air."

The money he'd raised and hoarded so carefully for so many months dwindled fast. Fuel and food were expensive. The weather was brutal—on Baffin Island at Christmas the temperature fell to -39°C, and Claytor's present to himself was a blanket to keep the Cessna's engine warm. His high-tech gear was no good against the cold, so a woman in Greenland gave him some untanned seal-skin clothing lined with dog fur. "The fat was scraped out," he said, "that's all. I smelled like a dead seal, but it kept me warm."

In the far north, Claytor says, he learned to trust his plan—the bush pilots he met were unfailingly correct about how to fly in the harsh conditions and had helped him meet people in remote regions. Evidence of the project's value abounded. After living in a small village in Greenland for a month, Claytor says, he was more sure than ever that part of his task was to bring the lessons of life off the beaten track to an audience in the developed world.

"This village had four thousand people and eleven thousand dogs," he recalled. "One day I went fishing with some men from the village, and I noticed that on their sleds they'd have fifteen different dogs on fifteen different lines. It looked really difficult to



"The Namib Desert is the oldest and driest in the world. The northern part is called the Skeleton Coast. Fog creeps over the shore in the morning; it is cold and harsh. Inland 10 miles, the sun is beating down on the sand dunes creating a mirage of reflected light. At Mowe Bay a massive whale jaw rises from the sand. In a wooden shack there is a human skull sitting on a shelf. Along the entire 1,300-mile coastline there are skeletal remains of shipwrecks; the wood is preserved and the metal flakes away—massive structures silhouetted by glaring sand. Jen Bartlett heaves the end of a fishing rod towards the sea. We are trying to catch our dinner but without success. She and her husband have lived in this desert for over nine years. Their camp is on the inland side of the barrier dunes. People very seldom come here; access is restricted. Along the shore, the hyenas and jackals feed on sea birds and seals; their tracks are everywhere. . . . Meandering sand rivers flow from the east. When the rains do come, the raging torrents are swallowed by the sand. Sometimes they break through to the ocean and days later are dry again."

Cape Town, South Africa, November 1993

departed for Europe, continent #2 on his trek.

The Explorers Club and other friends had given Claytor letters of introduction to many noted European adventurers, such as Lord Hunt, who led the Hillary Everest expedition, Quentin Keynes (great-grandson of Charles Darwin), Winston Churchill (grandson of the British prime minister) and Sir Lawrence Vanderpost, author of *Lost World of the Kalihari*. With their help, Claytor says, he faced his next hurdle—how to chronicle the trip.

"You go to a place like Iceland or Greenland and everything is so strange you're not sure what you should write about," he said.

manage, so I asked one man why they didn't just use snowmobiles. He said to me, 'You can't eat snowmobiles.' A few days later there was a storm; the ice I'd landed my plane on blew out to sea. The plane was safe in a hangar by then, but five fishermen didn't come home. They were found two days

later—they'd kept alive by eating one dog a day, feeding the leftovers to the other dogs. That taught me the value of being from a place. That's their environment—they know it best."

By July Claytor was stalled in Iceland with a broken-down engine and no money. He was working 16-hour days in a shrimp-processing factory to pay for repairs when a fax arrived from a National Geographic producer interested in investigating Claytor's project for a television special. The prestigious organization shipped a video camera to Iceland, and Claytor, tired but buoyed by the prospect of working with National Geographic,

"Sir Lawrence Vanderpost told me not to worry about over-notetaking, to write what interests me, and as the trip matures the strong stuff will come through. I had been trying to write everything down. I was really running before I could walk."

Claytor says he was somewhat doubtful of Vanderpost's advice, though, until he arrived in Algeria. He landed on January 12, 1991, days after the Chadli Benjedid government was ousted and in the middle of the Gulf conflict. Feeling conspicuous as an American, hassled by security officers who thought "bush pilot" meant "pilot for George Bush," surrounded by admiring posters of Saddam Hussein, Claytor began to write.

"The continual hatred and inspection made me feel strong inside," he said. "I was sitting on a rooftop in Tamanrasset in southern Algeria with all these Tuareg [nomads] riding around on camels, and that's where I started writing. I was emoting on paper. I was starting to learn how you take an experience and try to give a reader that experience—not a travelogue. You write about what life is like in this area for the reader's benefit, and to teach."

The loneliness was gone. Zimbabwean artist Larry Norton, who will illustrate Claytor's book, had joined Claytor in Morocco, and that helped. Claytor also had been receiving donations—a few dollars here, a tank of gas there—from people back home and in the places he visited. He posted a running list of their names on the plane window, and, he says, that made him appreciate that the trip no longer belonged solely to him—it was for them, too. (Even the naming of his plane was a collaboration: an old man at a hangar in Greenland had christened it "Timmissartok," the word for



The rhino is sleeping; its dark eyes watching us all. Someone covers them with a cloth. The chainsaw is started, and Dr. Kock begins to rip both horns off of its face. We do this nine times in two days. On the banks of the Okavango River in Namibia's Caprivi Strip, I ponder this. Almost everyone, including me, had thought that killing poachers would solve the problem. We were wrong. . . . Conservation will never succeed until it is put in the hands of the local people; they must see its value and want it to succeed.

Cape Town, South Africa, November 1993

airplane in his language.)

In early February 1992, Claytor composed the first in a series of occasional newsletters to project supporters, illustrated by Norton.

"The desert is all around us," Claytor wrote. "As we flew from Ghardaja to El Golea, in Salah and Tamanrasset, the rocky, hard flat became long stretching pillows of sand, wavy like the sea. Then, further south, the sand began to flow like rivers between rock walls and into sand lakes with rock pinnacles in odd places. It was wonderful to see this from above. . . . In Arak we landed on a dry riverbed and met some geologists looking for gold. The people are friendly; it's just the officials you have to watch out for."

Money was still tight, and by the time Claytor wrote again, from Timbuktu, Mali, in April, he reported that he'd lost a lot of weight from living on bread, orange Fanta and malaria pills. But he'd had a bit of luck in Niger—he was hired to participate in an aerial survey of a national park, underbidding a local pilot by \$22,000 and earning enough money to keep the Cessna in fuel for a few months.

"Back in [the capital]," he wrote, "I was in trouble for working without a permit. But in Africa it is a whole lot easier to get pardoned than it is to get permission. . . . The problem is that going from country to country the rules change, and you're never quite sure who or what to believe." Claytor talked local officials out of a \$320 fine: "I couldn't tell if they were angry or sad, but when I left the office the bill was for three dollars."

Claytor's innocence about rules—feigned and actual—had worked to his advantage in France. Invited to land in a private cornfield, he alerted air traffic controllers of his plans in mediocre French and was misunderstood: once he landed the gendarmes

came running—in France it is illegal to land an airplane outside of an airfield. The media followed the gendarmes, and when Claytor's story got out he picked up a following.

"I got a free tank of gas out of the whole thing," he said. "That's when I learned the value of exposure."

The lesson was cemented in Togo, where his arrival also stirred media interest and he appeared on the evening news broadcast. A few days later he was detained by soldiers after filming a presidential motorcade. Determined to show no fear, he approached the highest-ranking official. "I asked him how things were going in Togo and if he'd seen the plane," Claytor said. "He said no, and I said, 'You must come. You must come in the morning,' and all of a sudden we were talking about whether he'd bring his eight-year-old to the airport in the morning, and one of the guys said, 'Oh, yeah, I saw him on TV.' All of a sudden I'm one of their friends, and they haven't arrested me, I'm just visiting and having tea with them. It's only after you leave that you start shaking."

Talking and writing about his experiences in Africa, Claytor is alternately sad and exhilarated. After nearly a year there he is still letting impressions and conversations sift through his mind. Many of the journey's superlatives—good and bad—have occurred on the huge continent.

"You'd think that raising money in Africa is like squeezing water from a stone," he said, "but I've been amazed." Claytor won honorable mention in the Rolex Awards for Enterprise contest this year, but aside from that and other somewhat predictable sources of funds—conservationists who live in Africa, wildlife-protection groups on the continent who've hired Claytor for aerial surveys—he has been touched by people who are intrigued enough to give what they can. He remembers especially a father



"Tamanrasset is a strange, oval-shaped town with a dried, dusty riverbed running through one side. Men walk down the main street with their heads wrapped in delicate white or black sheets of cloth, leaving only their eyes exposed. Next to taxis, Mercedes and Peugeots, on their way south to be sold in Niger loom magnificent camels with ringed ropes through their noses and beautiful brass and decorative leather pointed howdahs on their backs."

Tamanrasset, Algeria, February 1992

of 12 in Ivory Coast who give the equivalent of a few dollars while apologizing that it couldn't be more. "We took the list out together and added his name to it," Claytor wrote in a letter from Togo. "As I look at the list now I smile and feel very strange; there are so many people and so many places."

Claytor also has seen Africa's tribulations. He's flown through conflict-ridden areas—the plane has bullet holes to show for it—and he's heard horror stories. In Liberia, scene of a vicious civil war, Claytor rolled camera while people talked of atrocities they'd witnessed or heard about—wholesale torture and slaughter

of enemies, soldiers betting on the sex of unborn children and slicing open the mothers' wombs to settle the bets, children battered to death on walls or skewered on bayonets.

"I didn't know how I was going to explain it," Claytor wrote. "I'm still not sure I understand it. In the end it was too much, and I had to stop [filming]. . . . My adrenaline pumped so hard as I heard these stories. I filmed them because I really simply couldn't believe them. Yet you could see it everywhere you looked."

Claytor admits he may be out of his depth when it comes to African politics, but he has strong opinions of the conservation efforts he's seen. "I'm viewing conservation stories from the inside," he said. "I can see, visually, the conflicts in these areas, and I'm not just a journalist arriving and looking. I'm there, part of it—that's a different perspective."

In Iceland and Greenland Claytor interviewed people who had participated in "seal harvests" and were upset at a U.S. ban on the importation of seal products. ("You people in the United States think chicken comes from a plastic bag in the supermarket," Claytor was told.)

On the Skeleton Coast of Namibia he filmed a man explain-

ing that, while it was fine for organizations like Greenpeace to protect seals in areas where they are endangered, Namibia has plenty of seals and shouldn't be subject to prohibitions against killing them.

"There's a reason why people in the States and in Europe work hard and save their money and come to a place like this," Claytor said. "They want to stand here and be surrounded by desert. Namibia is a fabulous wilderness. But wilderness must pay. Just like we have factories and industries to fuel our economy, they have wilderness and other resources—seals, rhinos, elephants. By using these resources they can make money that will sustain the resource and secure its future."

Claytor also is not the first traveler to worry about the helter-skelter adoption of "Western" values by people in indigenous cultures. In Greenland and Iceland, he says, he watched young school-educated villagers reject their parents' ways as outmoded, and in Congo and Namibia he saw people at odds with traditions that sustained them for thousands of years.

"Part of this project, for me, is to maybe see some things we aren't meant to see and to tell about them," Claytor said. "I'm interested in remote parts of the world and the changes that are occurring in these frontline areas. When I meet people who have something to say—and sometimes they say unpopular things—I let them talk."

From southern Africa Claytor is slated to travel up the east coast through Madagascar and Ethiopia to Saudi Arabia, and from



there he'll keep pushing east. East means home, he says, but he still has a long way to go before touching down again on Wings Field. His project résumé calls for him to visit India, Nepal, Thailand, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea, the Philippines, Japan, Russia, Alaska, South America and Antarctica.

In the meantime, life goes on at home. His brother Brannan '88 has married. Another brother, Warren '92, set off on his own adventure in November—he hopes to follow Christopher Columbus's route through the Americas in a 24-foot sailboat. Claytor says he misses his family and friends, but he turned down an offer of round-trip airfare to Philadelphia from L.L. Bean president Leon Gorman.

"It's a journey," Claytor said. "You leave home and you live in these places with these people. If I were a millionaire I don't think this trip would have anywhere near the meaning that it does, because I would stay in hotels and I wouldn't depend on people. You meet these people

and you have these experiences along the way, and for them to have meaning, for you to speak with conviction, you actually have to suffer a little bit."

Tom Claytor's journey will be the subject of a National Geographic Explorer special to be aired in August 1994.

"Vivid images flash through my mind. A monument in Benin of sculpted Africans with machetes—white mercenaries landed on the beach to overthrow the government and were killed. A village on a lake suspended entirely on stilts. A hundred canoes rafted together with large women sitting amidst piles of fish and bright-colored vegetables, a child doing a handstand on the bow. A boat full of wires, batteries and precarious speakers making loud distorted sounds as politicians disappear around a corner . . .

"I am on my hands and knees with the artist. Pradel has a gun. We have tracked across a field through the rain to the edge of the forest. There are forest elephants before us. Their tusks are straighter, thinner, darker. Their ears are smaller; they are meaner. We approach closer, although I'm not sure why. The mother and her calf already fill my lens. My body pulses with my heart. I try to breathe quietly. If I stop I will begin to think and flush with fear. There are no trees behind us; there is absolutely nowhere to run. The choice is theirs—the forest or us, at 35 miles an hour. They are not looking, and Pradel stands up. When they look back he is standing but still. They do not see us—we are 70 feet from them—but they hear. With each click of the lens their bodies freeze. We all listen and wait."

Brazzaville, Congo, November 1992

SHOC THERAPY

A DEDICATED
CREW OF COLBY
STUDENTS & STAFF
BRING CAMPUS HEALTH
ISSUES TO THE FORE

by robert spurrier

Two stressed-out roommates have been studying for a French exam, and one tells another, "Have a beer and relax."

Later, two women students become skeptical when their friend describes how an evening with someone they know turned into a case of date rape. "But he's such a nice guy," they tell her.

Those are plot lines for two of several skits performed in residence halls all over campus this fall by the members of a club called Student Health On Campus, better known by its acronym, SHOC. With perennial concerns over an array of health issues such as alcohol abuse now joined by new dangers in the era of AIDS, both the SHOC students and Colby's medical staff are exploring creative new ways to educate students about those issues.

Following each five-minute skit, the SHOC cast stays in character while a student facilitator encourages the audience to explore such questions as "What are the implications of using alcohol as a stress reducer?" and "Was it really rape?" The SHOC members deal out information they hope will provoke discussion—84 percent of women nationwide who have been raped knew their assailants, for instance, and in informal surveys on the Colby campus most students said they drink less than their peers and can hold their liquor better.

SHOC, which is run and financed by students, was formed a year ago as a broader-based replacement for the Peer Health Facilitators group. The student peer education organization dates back to 1989, when it was a component of the Sexual Health and Reproductive Education (SHARE) program at the health center.

"SHOC is still in a transitional stage," said its president, Allison Guth '94 of Pound Ridge, N.Y. "We're working from the inside, learning specific skills, building

a big support system and trying to be visible." She and other club members say that discussions in residence halls about student health issues are one of their most effective ways of reaching students, in part because they allow students to feel comfortable approaching SHOC members later.

"People come to you as a friend, and it's nice that they confide in you," said Guth, a human development major who is considering a career in the health field. "We're not counselors, but we are there to listen and direct them to the health center if necessary."

Guth says that many of the students who participate in SHOC have one special area of interest—alcohol use, date rape, stress management, drug abuse, safer sex, sexual orientation or eating disorders—but all received education in the wider spectrum of student health issues. A week-end retreat in the fall helped cement the training.

"The whole group is evolving to want more ongoing training for themselves," said Lydia Bolduc-Marden, a nurse-practitioner at the Garrison-Foster Health Center who helped organize the retreat in her role as a faculty advisor to SHOC.

"[The health center staff] really respect us for what we're doing," Guth said. "They give us all

the information. We help them educate."

SHOC members use a variety of approaches to get their



SHOC members discussing health issues try to reach fellow students in many ways, such as providing information on the Great American Smokeout day in November.

messages out, including contributing articles to the health center's popular monthly newsletter, distributing anti-smoking materials at tables in the student center, taping information sheets about preventing sexually transmitted diseases to bathroom stalls and organizing a candlelight procession across campus to Lorimer Chapel to mark International AIDS Awareness Day.

Their work is enhanced by their familiarity with the issues—some members of the group have wrestled with drinking problems or been victim to sexual assault—and by their presence in Colby's social scene, which assures fellow students that, in Guth's words, "we're going through the same things you are."

But Bolduc-Marden says she sometimes wonders how much influence the SHOC-sponsored events have. "You see the same people coming over and over again, probably the people who least need to be there," she said.

In September, about 75 people attended an evening talk on AIDS by California-based activist Sharon Lund, who is HIV positive and who pleaded with students to "wake up" and deal with the issue. SHOC vice president Sarah Whitely '94 of East Wakefield, N.H., says she was frustrated by the small turnout but somewhat encouraged the next evening when she heard people who hadn't been there talking about Lund's visit. "Even when there is a small group," Whitely said, "I feel that someone is taking the message and generating a conversation outside of the group."

While Colby still has a ways to go in the area of student health, there have been some noticeable changes in behavior on campus. The era of kegs being rolled into the Student Center early on Saturday night and students of all ages staggering out later is gone. Now the consumption of alcohol at College events is rigorously monitored, partly because Maine's drinking age has been raised to 21 and partly because the administration is taking a harder stance on drinking. While students say the changes have only pushed parties behind closed doors on campus and into off-campus apartments and brought new risks involving drinking and driving, they also say there is a greater acceptance of students who choose a more temperate lifestyle.

"There is a lot more responsibility with alcohol," said Greg Lynch '94 of Enfield, Conn., a co-captain on Colby's swim team who says he had his own troubles with alcohol as an underclassman. He notes that students have chosen to live in two "chemical-free" dorms—Marriner and Pierce—and that he and many others on campus make sure soft drinks are available at parties.

Emily Goetcheus '95 of Brooklyn, N.Y., who leads the

SHOC improv group along with Lynch, sees the same trend and says that "alcohol is being de-emphasized, a millimeter at a time." She, too, has friends who don't drink, including one on the rugby team, and she says that traditional drinking games such as "beer die" sometimes include non-drinkers, who join in and play "water die."

Students also say their sexual behavior has changed since the days when the Student Association screened the X-rated film *Isatiable* as a winter turn-on and upperclass men plotted

to lure, intoxicate and score with the women whose photos they circled in the freshman "meat book."

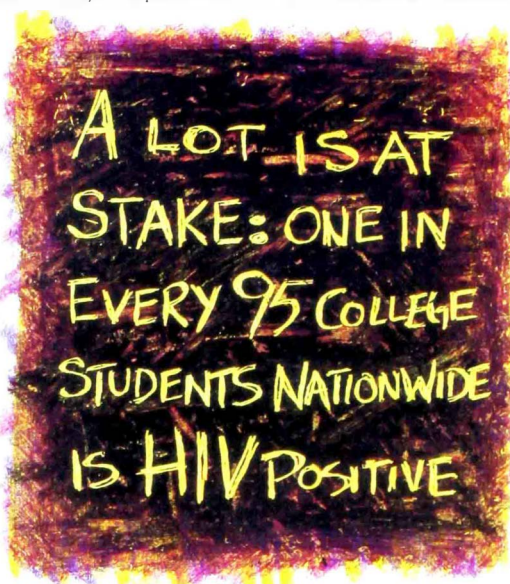
"People don't hook up as randomly" as they once did, said one student. Guth said there has been "a major, major change" since her freshman year in the increased use of condoms as protection against both pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. The College installed condom vending machines in dorm laundry rooms three years ago, and they also are available, along with information about how to use them and about sexually transmitted diseases, at both the health center's reception desk and the student post office.

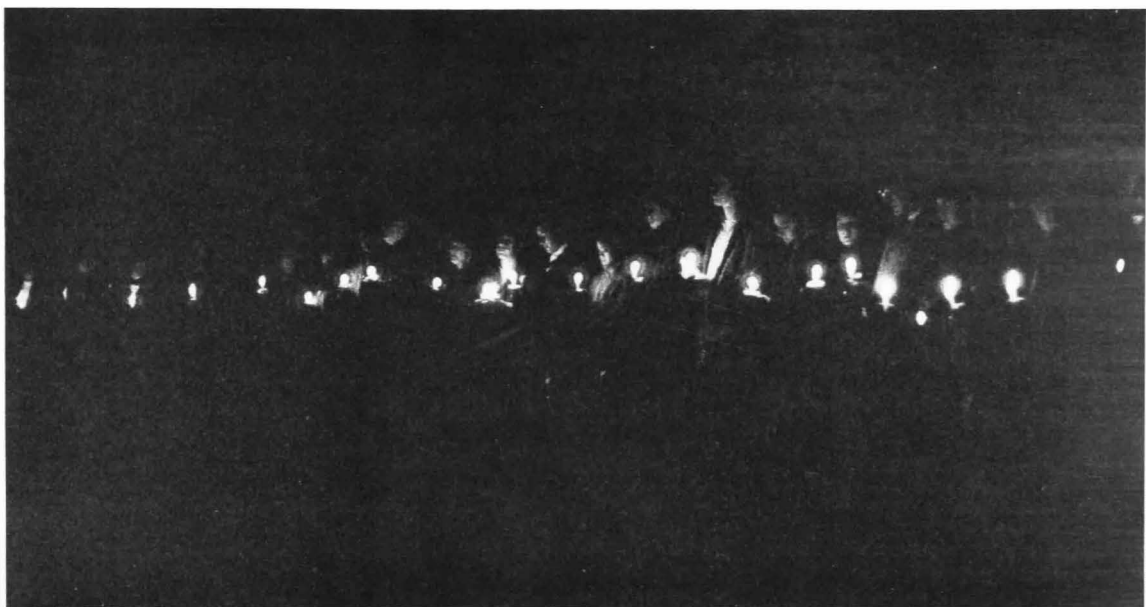
SHOC members say there also is a greater awareness of the issues surrounding sexual assault, a point made clear last spring when the group asked students to tie purple ribbons on a tree branch at the Student Center to represent people they knew who had been sexually assaulted. "It was filled with more than a hundred ribbons after a couple of days," said SHOC treasurer Kimberly Valentine '94 of West Simsbury, Conn. "Even for us it was amazing to see."

Valentine said that there "may be a higher level of awareness" of health issues among first-year students, a point borne out by an infusion of several freshmen into the SHOC ranks. Tony Moulton '97 of Atkinson, N.H., arrived at Colby having done similar improvisational skits at his high school and said he hopes "we can bring people away from alcoholism and sexual promiscuity."

In a time when, according to Sharon Lund, one in every 95 college students nationwide is HIV positive, both the SHOC students and medical staff realize a lot is at stake. Bolduc-Marden, who is in her seventh year at Colby, says students are increasingly aware of the dangers of HIV and AIDS, but "it is not real because no one has come out and said, 'I am HIV positive. Watch out because this can happen to you.' There is still an awful lot of denial here."

Bolduc-Marden explains that the health center provides confidential HIV testing and counseling and that students are





ANESTHETICS

SHOC members led a candlelight procession to Lorimer Chapel to mark International AIDS Awareness Day on December 1.

coming in to get their birth control needs met and sexually transmitted diseases diagnosed and treated. Referring to the students who come to the health center for information as well as examination, she said, "I have a responsible population seeking me out."

More than 16,000 clinical contacts were reported last year by the health center, including more than 10,000 walk-ins. Other medical needs were met at the new Carl E. Nelson Physical Therapy Center in the fieldhouse, which provided some 6,000 individual rehabilitation treatments last year, and the student-operated Colby Emergency Response team.

Director of Counseling Services Patti Hopperstead, who also serves as a SHOC advisor, said that last year Colby counselors saw 222 students—13 percent of the student body—in more than 1,200 sessions. She said that while there has been an increase in the number of students who arrive on campus having had therapy to help them with their problems, "a large number of students just come one time for reassurance that what they're experiencing is in the normal range."

Bolduc-Marden and her boss, Medical Director H. Alan Hume, M.D., say they are excited about discussions just underway that would introduce dramatic changes in the way health issues are addressed on campus. Bolduc-Marden points to a successful SHOC presentation during freshmen orientation and oversubscribed Jan Plans on sexuality and health as evidence that the student interest is there.

For his part, Hume is enthusiastic about a proposed comprehensive health curriculum covering such subjects as nutrition, eating disorders, stress management, sexual identity, reproductive

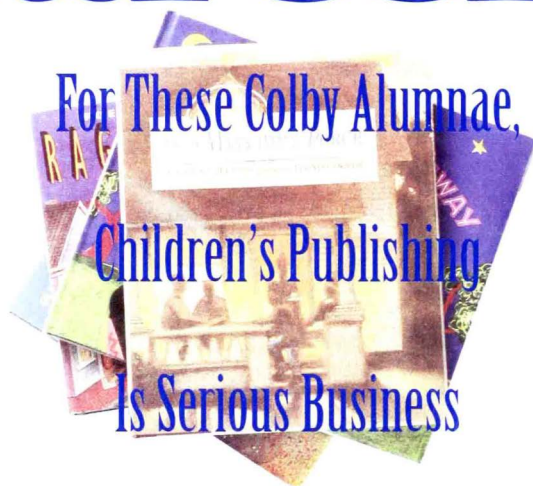
health and behavior, drug use, drinking and fitness. Colby's Physical Education Department, he explains, also is involved in discussions about student health and is looking at its requirements with an eye to emphasizing sports one can participate in well beyond the college years. "We want to look at the whole idea of wellness," Hume said. "Why not teach them healthy living, nutrition and lifetime athletics such as tennis and fitness?"

Hume says the health center "is serving as the coordinator to put all these pieces together" as more and more College officials and students join in the discussions. He said the group hopes to put together a pilot wellness program as a Jan Plan a year from now, then have an introductory course in place as early as fall 1995. Bryn Mawr College began its integrated wellness program a dozen years ago, Hume says, and it has been successful in "assisting in the development of a self-responsibility for one's lifestyle during the formative college experience."

Bryn Mawr's program also includes smoking cessation, weight reduction and other components for faculty and staff that the Colby group also is exploring. Hume said such programs, including one at L.L. Bean, have proven cost efficient at a time of skyrocketing health care costs. "Staff, faculty and students all would benefit" if an integrated wellness program were eventually developed at the College, Hume said.

Hume's current message to Colby students is tinged with urgency: "Make your own decisions, think about what risks you are going to take. Come and talk to us, to friends in SHOC, to hall residents. Just think about where you're going. Develop relationships based on something other than alcohol and sex and let them mature. Don't be a member of a herd. Stop and think."

Storybook Careers



For These Colby Alumnae,
Children's Publishing
Is Serious Business

By Haines Sprunt Tate

A long time ago, somewhere in the land that's now Nigeria, people never go hungry because they can eat the sky. Then the sky grows tired of being wasted and moves far out of reach . . .

Meanwhile, the three little wolves give up on building houses of concrete and armor to keep out the Big Bad Pig and decide to outwit him once and for all—with flowers that melt his angry heart . . .

In a small, coastal New England town, T-Ball Knowles straps on her bicycle helmet to win a race for her gang of friends against bullies who think girls—and the boys who befriend them—are sissies . . .

In another town, on the front porch of Miss Ida's house, girls listen to grown-ups tell of a time when even great musicians like Duke Ellington and Marian Anderson couldn't stay in some hotels or perform in concert halls because they were black . . .

"There's a lot going on between the brightly colored jackets of children's books these days, and several Colby alumnae are helping to augment the shelves of perennial favorites with new stories for new generations of children.

Beth Feldman '82 and Rebecca Bancroft '91 work on the marketing side, Feldman for the children's book division of Macmillan in New York, Bancroft for *The Horn Book*, a Boston magazine that reviews books for children and features articles on trends and issues in the industry.

Brenda Bowen '80, Ann Skinner Rider '82 and Hilary Breed '86 are editors. Bowen is vice president and associate publisher in Henry Holt's Books for Young Readers division; Rider is a senior acquisitions editor for Little, Brown and Company and works from her home in Lutsen, Minn.; and Breed is associate editor at Little, Brown in its Boston headquarters.

Despite layoffs and cutbacks in the publishing industry, these women are in a field that almost couldn't be hotter. During the 1980s, total sales of children's books more than quadrupled; they topped \$1.1 billion last year, according to the Association of American Publishers. Breed says that in the '80s publishers realized that their children's divisions, once considered side ventures, were becoming the bread and butter of the business. A recent spate of articles and broadcasts on the subject suggests that those sales have fostered a newfound respect for literature aimed at the 18-and-under set.

"I think people have come to realize that children's books



Ann Skinner Rider '82

are truly literature," said Feldman, "and I think children learn a lot more from a good children's book than they would ever learn from a 'Dick and Jane' book. They'll get a lot more out of a good historical novel about the Civil War than they will from a dry text." She added that many teachers now use children's literature in subjects ranging from mathematics to history.

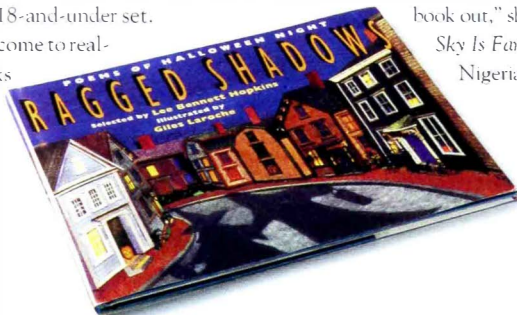
"Issues that are big in the world around us are the issues that you will see in timely children's books," Feldman said. Books about nontraditional

families, such as gay parents, have become popular in recent months, and stories about different cultures and ethnic groups are flourishing.

Bowen says that what's behind these trends is "the need to reach all those communities that are coming up in the culture, all the children of immigrants, all the children who speak different languages, and the need to educate the majority population about other cultures." Publishers have expressed a desire for such books, she says, and now more people are writing and illustrating them.

Rider says her own interest in ethnic traditions enriches her work: "I like exploring different cultures in picture books, for example, doing a Mexican story, doing a story from Nigeria or an Asian picture book." She says that while her preferences may coincide with current trends, her reasons for pursuing a project must be solid. "By the time you follow a trend, it's usually over with by the time you get a book out," she said. A book she edited, *Why the Sky Is Far Away*, by Mary-Joan Gerson, is a

Nigerian folktale that has a timely environ-



mental message about not wasting natural resources. It won several awards and was named "Best Illustrated" by *The New York Times*.

Rider also has pursued out-of-the-mainstream topics for the nonfiction books she edits for teenagers. Recently she worked on a photographic essay about children of migrant farm workers. "I felt that there was a need for that kind of book—that there had been a book about migrant workers, but that we weren't hearing from the children and what their lives are like,"

she said. She's now at work on a book for young teens, *People Like Us*, about the gay and lesbian communities. "There aren't enough books out there about being gay," she said. "It's important for teenagers who are confused, in their search for information."

And as schools cut arts programs, says Breed, a series of picture books she edited on women artists, including Georgia O'Keeffe, Frida Kahlo and Faith Ringgold, is filling a need.

Trends in the content of children's books may have stirred more discussion than illustration techniques, but changes there have had important market impact, Bowen says. Recent improvements in printing technology have made it easier to reproduce full-color art in a variety of media. "That really made a big difference in the visibility of children's books, because suddenly there were all of these gorgeous books that were very attractive, that people wanted to buy and own instead of borrow from the li-



Brenda Bowen '80

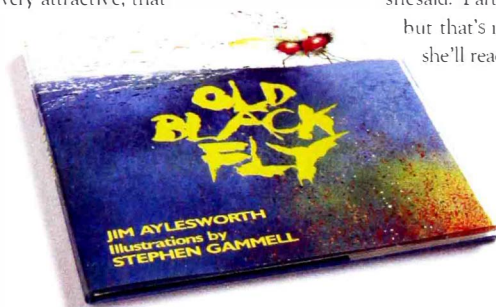
brary," Bowen said, adding that illustrators now must be more innovative in style and technique to compete.

Rider says it is a challenge to come up with good manuscripts for illustrators. "It's important to keep them going, and it's really hard to find good picture-book manuscripts," she said. Artists often work for several different publishers, she says, whereas authors are usually expected to stay loyal to one publisher. Finding a stylistic match doesn't always guarantee that the

artist will accept the project, and authors who can competently illustrate their own stories are rare. Rider says matching text and art is the best thing about her job. "You can take text so many different directions, and that's where I feel editors play a big role," she said.

New books use such diverse media as collage, pastel, hand-made paper and woodcut—"most of the stuff you would want to frame and put on your wall," Bowen said. Rider agrees, saying one reason is the price tag. "People don't want to pay fifteen dollars for a picture book unless they feel like the art is just that: art," she said.

What makes a good children's book? "I look for something really fresh," Rider said. She says she likes working with new authors and illustrators in particular, people who don't have an established "look" or style. "I want to publish a book that in the end I can look at and feel proud about," she said. "Part of that is that it will sell well, but that's not all of it." Occasionally she'll read a book she's edited to her



3-year-old son, Christopher, but says she wouldn't ever use him as a barometer of a book's success. "I definitely believe in the right book for the right child," she added.

Bowen says her company puts good writing first. "We look for an individual voice and a different sound," she said, adding that a story also must have visual potential: "We wouldn't take on a manuscript that is totally static or only takes place in one room." Strength is important in the art as well.

"We're not so much into the finely wrought or detailed stuff. I like very bold images," said Bowen.

Choosing a potential book is often a matter of editorial taste. Breed prefers stories that portray realistic situations and believable characters. "I'm not one of those people who likes cute animal stories," she said. Feldman says the manuscripts she buys must have strong plots and well-defined characters. "A lot of people think that writing a children's book is simple," she said. "I think you really have to judge a children's book by the same standards that you judge adult literature by."

Children's literature was long considered a women's field, with men holding the top jobs. Rider notes that traditional women's careers—particularly teaching and library work—produced women who later became editors of children's books, and Bowen adds that many women also came up through the ranks after starting as secretaries, learning the business from other editors. A member of the Association



Beth Feldman '82

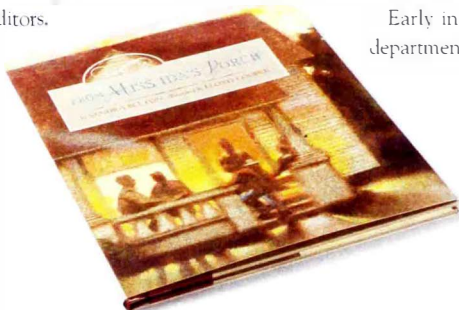
of American Publishers' Board for Children's Books, Bowen says the heads of children's literature divisions are mostly women.

Rider says one reason the field hasn't attracted more men may be "the idea that childhood is the domain of the mother." Another may be its perceived lack of prestige compared to the glamour of adult publishing. "I still get comments like, 'So, you're really in training for adult publishing,'" she said.

Bowen names the late Ursula Nordstrom, long-time head of Harper & Row's children's division, as one of the mentors for women publishers. Nordstrom introduced now classic authors like Laura Ingalls Wilder and Maurice Sendak to enormous audiences when male publishers took little interest. "She quietly went off and created all these masterpieces. I think that's what a lot of us like to think we're doing," said Bowen. "We want to be part of the corporate structure, and we don't want to be unnoticed, but at the same time we want to be left alone to do children's books, because it's an art in and of itself."

Feldman says children's book marketing differs strongly from marketing in other businesses. "There's nothing about it that is a hard sell. The people that we are selling books to are teachers and librarians and bookstores," she said. "Marketing really means just making sure that they see what we have each season."

Early in a book's production Feldman's department must assemble bound galley and



proofs into kits for sales representatives and reviewers. Another round of publicity follows when the finished book emerges. "We just reissued the original *Raggedy Ann* and *Andy* books, so the publicity manager is doing press releases to send to doll-collectors' magazines," she said. And she welcomes her job's variety. "My day is never the same twice, which is something I love," she said. "People think that

publishing is very glamorous, but it's a lot of hard work. I do a lot of crawling around on the floor packing books up."

Each of the women tells a similar tale of rising through the ranks in publishing. Feldman and Bancroft both say they had designs on editing careers before being diverted by the unique challenges of marketing. Bancroft says a favorite part of her job is being able to leaf through the stacks of new books in the office—*The Horn Book* receives close to 5,000 titles each year. "You see all the books come in from all over. It's a great introduction, I think, to all the different aspects of the field," Bancroft said.

A Colby teaching practicum led Bancroft to pursue a literacy tutor's certificate after she graduated in a course that emphasized the use of children's books in teaching reading. After rounds of interviews, some with Colby contacts, she ended up at *The Horn Book* in 1992, working in marketing and customer service promotions.

Feldman got a glimpse

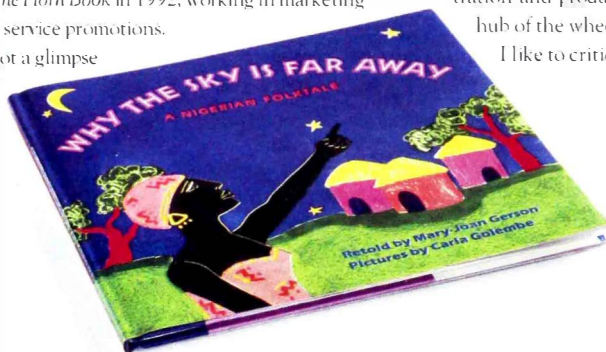


Hilary Breed '86 (left) with Little, Brown designer Constance Jacobson

of the field at Colby by taking Professor Susan Kenney's Jan Plan survey of children's literature, then worked in bookstores in Boston after Colby while getting a master's degree in children's literature at Simmons College. Offered a marketing job at Viking Penguin in New York, Feldman swallowed her fear of the city and accepted, hoping to move into editorial work later. "I found that I really loved

the marketing side of things, too," she said. After five years she returned to Boston to freelance and eventually became marketing and advertising manager of *The Horn Book*, where she later hired Bancroft. At Macmillan, she oversees trade and library marketing for about 175 books each spring and fall season.

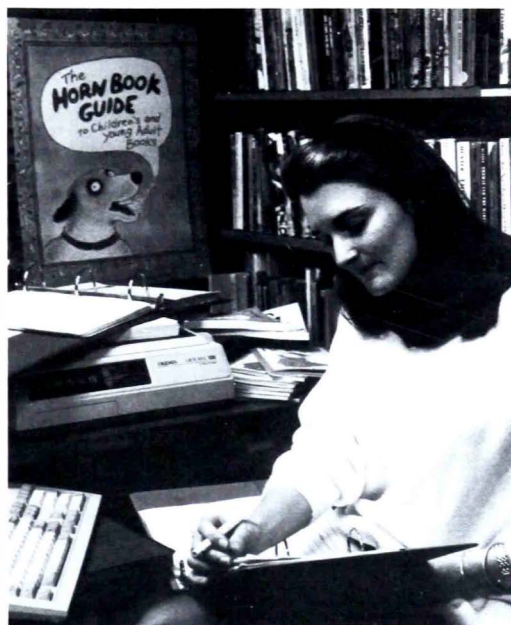
For Breed, who studied art history as well as English at Colby, a summer internship at *The Horn Book* led to a Jan Plan at the magazine and finally to a position as an editorial assistant as soon as she graduated. After a few years there and a brief time in New York, she returned to Boston in 1989, as assistant editor at Little, Brown. Breed acquires six or eight books for different age levels each year for the company, seeking out projects, editing the manuscripts and seeing them through the complex illustration and production process. "I'm kind of the hub of the wheel," she said. "I love to read, and I like to critique and discuss people's writing."



And the art classes [at Colby] taught me a real appreciation for what people can do." She often finds manuscripts through literary agents or authors with whom she has worked before and notes that the company no longer accepts the "slush pile" of unsolicited manuscripts, nearly 5,000 of which used to flow each year to the desks of editorial assistants.

After Colby, where she heard a guest speaker talk about publishing, Rider tried two internships in the field, one in the children's division at Atlantic Monthly Press, the other at Northeastern University Press. "That was a pretty quick way of figuring out that scholarly publishing wasn't for me," she said. "There were children's books with great illustrations and fun and humor, and scholarly publishing was sort of a narrow, specialized field." She worked at *The Horn Book* for two years, in between jobs in Boston bookstores and an assistant editorship at Knopf in New York. She started at Little, Brown in 1987, and now, as part of the deal she set up that allows her to work at her home in Minnesota, she is paid only when a project she works on is accepted by the company.

Bowen was sharing a tiny apartment with another Colby grad in New York when she found a job as the assistant to the president of Basic Books. The work was clerical, she says, but



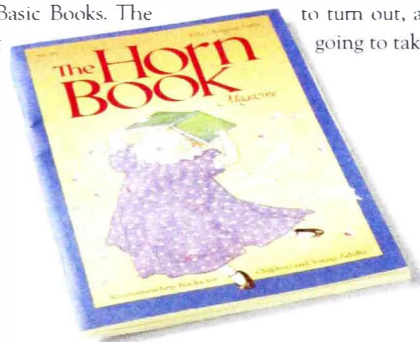
Rebecca Bancroft '91

the atmosphere was right. "I really liked the feeling of it. I thought, 'Okay, this feels right,' because there were books piled everywhere and manuscripts flowing out of drawers," she said. From there she moved on to editorial jobs at Harper Jr. Books and various children's and young adult divisions at Scholastic Inc., where she stayed for six years, editing such books as Walter Dean Myers's *Fallen Angels*, a powerful story about Vietnam that is still very popular. Bowen, now on maternity leave, supervises a staff of 12 and brings

about 80 new titles through Henry Holt each year. She credits her Colby majors in English and art history with helping her as an editor. "I was taught to think critically and was trained well, and that's what I do," she said.

Asked about the future prospects for their industry, the Colbians note that children's publishing may be cooling off. Breed reports that Little, Brown just weathered the first round of layoffs in company history; Feldman predicts that publishers will grow more selective as the financial stakes rise; and Rider says that as a virtual freelancer, she's less willing to take on a risky project.

"The thing about publishing is that there's no guarantee," Rider said. "You don't know how something's going to turn out, and you don't know how something's going to take."



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NICK JANS SHEDS

LIGHT ON A

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Looking past a row of Macintosh computers through a window in his junior high school classroom, Nick Jans '77 sees a middle-aged Eskimo man on a snowmobile hauling a sled full of dead caribou down the street. The view, he writes in his first book, *The Last Light Breaking: Living Among Alaska's Inupiat Eskimos*, is typical of the incongruities of life in northern Alaska. "Satellite dishes next to cabins chinked with moss; racks of meat and drying animal skins by trim prefabricated houses; sled dogs and the latest high-tech-snowmobiles, VCRs and outhouses; a tiny video arcade with a woodstove. It's as if you're viewing the aftermath of a violent collision between the past and the present."

Jans is both chronicler and participant in that collision. As a school teacher in Ambler, Alaska, he is part of the cultural clash between the Stone Age and the Information Age. As a fellow hunter and gatherer with his Inupiat Eskimo friends, he is an intimate witness to the cataclysmic changes rocking their world. As a writer he observes two increasingly dear but endangered aspects of American consciousness—native culture and what's left of the wilderness.



Jans went to Alaska a decade and a half ago to find adventure and was seduced by the land. In subsequent years he has run a village trading post, taught and coached in public schools, traveled some 40,000 miles through the Arctic wilderness and learned many of the ways of the Inupiat.

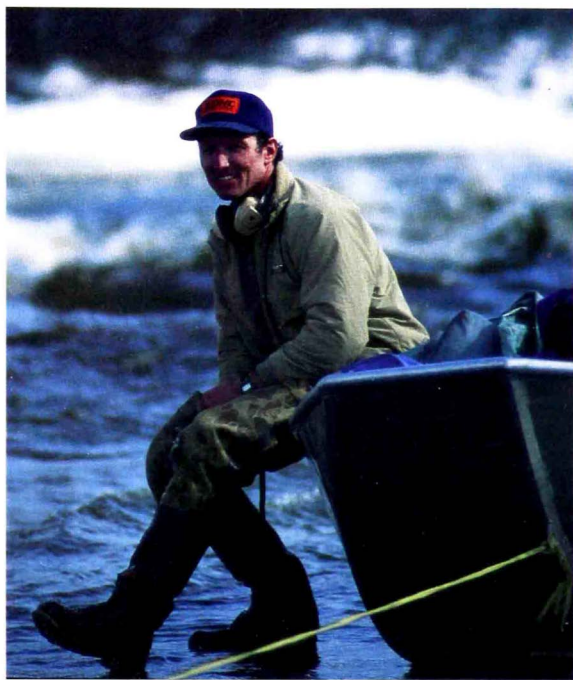
A few years after he took up residence, Jans, who has published essays and poetry in *Alaska*, *Rolling Stone* and the *Christian Science Monitor* and is associate editor of *Alaska* magazine, began to write about his hopes and fears for the Inupiat and the magical, unforgiving land

around them. *The Last Light Breaking*, published last fall by Alaska Northwest Books, is a collection of 23 informative, often powerful essays interwoven with strands of Eskimo legend and narrative. According to author Peter Matthiessen, *The Last Light Breaking* offers "a fresh, wonderful new voice, all the more alive against the grave and ancient background of Inupiat tradition, wildlife and the waiting landscape."

The son of a career diplomat, Jans grew up all over the world. He arrived on Mayflower Hill 20 years ago, transferring to Colby after a year at Rutgers and immersing himself in literature, football, rugby and weight-lifting.

"In high school," he said, "I was getting mediocre grades in class while I was reading Shakespeare and T.S. Eliot on my own, not quite understanding it but banging my head against it. When I got to Colby I was just burning to read that stuff."

He was attracted to the courses taught by Professor of English R. Mark Benbow, now retired, who emanated a passion for literature and whose exacting standards gave Jans something else to bang his head against. "I took everything I could from him because he was such a hard sonofabitch, because it was never good enough," Jans said.



Nick Jans went to Alaska to run a river. He ended up staying and now makes his living as a writer and teacher in an Eskimo village.

"I used to write twenty-page papers when he wanted five, and then he'd sit there and cut it to pieces and give me a B+. But I ended up getting A's from him, by god." In the process, Jans says, he learned how to dedicate himself to writing.

"I haven't worked that hard since—not until I wrote this book," he said, referring both to the year he spent revising old stories and crafting new ones for the collection and to the early years in Alaska, when he "hammered out a pile of notebooks filled with purplish prose."

Besides Benbow, Jans remembers Professor Charles

Bassett warmly, "because Charlie was the antidote to Benbow. Charlie was accessible. He was a real plain-spoken guy. Where Benbow wrapped everything up in layers—wrapped it up in a very engaging way—Charlie kind of debunked everything." He credits Bassett's direct approach to literature for his own writing style, which has been described as "spare."

After graduating *summa cum laude*, and fifth in his class, in 1977, Jans spent a couple of years kicking around Maine. He applied for a Rhodes scholarship but was turned down, he learned, for lack of a focused proposal.

"I kind of shot myself in the foot—I think it was instinctive," he said recently. "Looking back, it would have opened up another whole set of goals that would have led somewhere else." He took courses and taught high school in southern Maine for part of a year. Then, in 1979, he and a college friend, Peter Torres '78, decided to head to Alaska. "I always knew I would go to Alaska; I had no idea I was going to live there," Jans said.

Jans chipped in his last \$200 for a floatplane ride with Torres to the headwaters of the Kobuk River. The story of their 700-mile canoe trip shows up in an essay called "Arctic Heroes." After detailing how they got duped into a

heroic upstream ordeal and a herculean portage over the Schwatka Mountains, Jans describes the descent down the Noatak River:

We leaned into our paddles and flew down the Noatak, fleeing the pass as if it might rise up on its rocky haunches and give chase. With 300 miles ahead, we'd had enough. The country had kicked our ass, pure and simple, and all we wanted now was to get out before everything fell apart. Shoes, canoe and ankles were patched with duct tape, but that wouldn't cover the deeper damage. Peter and I weren't talking.

A detour up the Ambler River in 1979 changed more than just the two adventurers' route to Kotzebue Sound on the coast. Passing through the Eskimo village of Ambler, Jans agreed to return at the end of his trip to run the Ambler Trading Post, owned by a non-resident from Holland. Jans now lives in Ambler (population 350), 50 miles above the Arctic Circle and 200 miles from the nearest road. His writing describes early moments when he was ready to bail out and flee south, but it wasn't long before the land claimed its hold on him and he saw signs of acceptance from some of the villagers.

What separates Jans's prose about the Arctic from other popular accounts (John McPhee's *Coming into the Country*

and Joe McGuiness's *Going to Extremes*, for example) is his residency. The difference between a New Yorker who visits Arctic Alaska for six months or a year and a resident is the difference between impressionism and unsentimental realism. "It's an outsider looking around saying, 'Jesus Christ, it's a bear!' instead of the more seasoned perspective of, 'Well, there's a bear on that hill; it looks like a sow that might have cubs nearby,'" Jans said.

"The landscape is so big. If you go up there without religion, you will find it. If there is a god on earth, he lives in the Brooks Range, as far as I can tell," Jans said. The magical quality of the primordial landscape has evoked fear and respect in the Eskimos and in Jans. The natives have never lived in the mountains, he says; they only venture in and out. Away from the coastal villages, only 4,000 people live in the Ambler region, an area roughly the size of Maine. "A lot of my friends have been attracted back (away from the Arctic) by loneliness," he said. But for Jans, the lure of creature comforts, professional opportunities, even human relationships that would be possible in the less isolated regions of the world cannot draw him away. Women have left him, he says, because they feel he loves the landscape more intensely and genuinely than he can love another person—and he doesn't disagree.

Jans's canoeing partner, Peter Torres '78, lines their canoe up the Ambler River into the Schwatka Mountains on the 1979 trip that took Jans to Alaska.



"The Brooks Range is a dream world," he said. "It's suspended. If a herd of mammoths came over the hill followed by a bunch of guys wearing skins and carrying spears I would not be surprised. The landscape has a Pleistocene look to it."

"You can't know the country, you can't know the animals, you can't know the Eskimos—just the way things are up there—without spending a lot of time," he said. "I didn't feel like I had any qualifications to write about it for seven or eight years. Even then I'd write something and look at it and say, 'Well, that's how I felt then, but now I feel differently.' Things just don't hold still. That's why it ended up as a collection of essays."

While Jans writes with an almost religious passion about the landscape, his stories about helping Eskimo women net fish and about roaming the country with one of the few remaining hunter/providers explain just as eloquently why he never returned to the girlfriend, the law school, "the sort of life I'd been raised to live."

In "Black River Autumn" Jans writes about accompanying two Inupiat widows to their annual fall fish camp. After a night of stories about wolf packs, dog-sled journeys and hauls of fish in years gone by, Minnie Gray and Sarah Tickett spend the next day showing Jans how they seine the fish they'll eat during the winter. As they bustle back and forth across the river, setting the net and skewering thousands of fish, Jans realizes he's



In Jans's junior high school classroom, students' horizons are expanded beyond their traditional Inupiat culture.

squeezes a stream of orange eggs into her mouth.

"Aarigaa!" (good!) she exclaims, her lips glistening, an egg stuck to her cheek. Then she catches me watching her, and we both lower our eyes. "I'm sorry to eat suvviuks like that in front of you," she says, embarrassed.

"No, no, it doesn't bother me," I reply, but I know she doesn't believe me. I can't find the words to tell her why I'm ashamed—it's not of her, but of my own squeamishness, of my own inability to seize the land and suck life from it as it wriggles in my hands.

Perhaps the best essays in the collection are about Jans's friend Clarence Wood. A crusty, middle-aged Inupiat patriarch, Wood refuses to watch basketball even when his sons

Jans pauses to talk with his friend Mark Cleveland, an Inupiat elder. Jans's relationships with villagers have given him insights about Eskimo culture that he says are not likely to come to transient journalists writing about the Arctic.



ready to faint from exhaustion while the older women show no sign of fatigue:

We continue, gradually drawing in the net, freeing it from the snags, scooping back escaping fish. At last we're down to a few hundred kalusraak (a broad whitefish) and a dozen whitefish. Minnie snatches a fish bursting with roe, lifts it, and

play on the high school team, even when the team wins the state championship. He clings to what he knows about a good way to live despite the temptations of the welfare state and the encroaching Age of Information. A successful hunter back in the days of sled dogs and snowshoes, he is now armed with a high-powered rifle

and mounted on a snowmobile. Jans describes Clarence Wood as "the ultimate predator, the apotheosis of Eskimo hunting technology."

Their relationship is one of master and apprentice, holy man and truth-seeker. Jans helps Wood kill a wolf and cherishes his reward: a few words of praise and, ultimately, a declaration of respect and friendship. Jans's reflections on the hunt give one essay special resonance:

Unlike some Eskimos who have come to regard a job in the cash economy as an end in itself, Clarence and others like him see such jobs as a means only: a means to live up to the values of their fathers, who knew that a successful man, a real man, was a skilled hunter. And Clarence's family and relatives (seemingly a quarter of the village) depend on the meat he provides—caribou, moose, beaver or bear—at every meal. Quite simply, these people would be impoverished without the land's gifts.

Yet at times I rest uneasy, haunted by the spirits of running wolves, unsure what to make of this latest permutation of Inupiat culture. The aesthetics of chasing down animals with machines doesn't concern Clarence, and I wish it did; but he didn't invent the machines nor our concepts of fair chase and conservation. If I broached the subject he'd consider me a fool. The new technology is just another means toward an ancient end. Eskimos have embraced snowmobiles and semiautomatic rifles so that the seams between cultures are scarcely visible.

Still, something seems lost or gone awry; maybe it's not the wolves at all, but that I'd like to believe there is still a place in the world where a fur-clad figure waits patiently with a spear, humming spirit songs rather than cursing at pistons. There is assurance in that vision; perhaps it would serve as a landmark to guide us home, or at least to mark our trail. But I have no right to expect Clarence

to be a living museum while I teach his children to use computers and speak standard English.

Jans's longing for that which is lost is neatly summed up, too, in the book's title. He recalls sitting in Robert Gillespie's poetry class at Colby reading Dylan Thomas for the first time. "Gillespie read the poem 'A Refusal To Mourn the Death of a Child by Fire in London,'" he said, quoting:

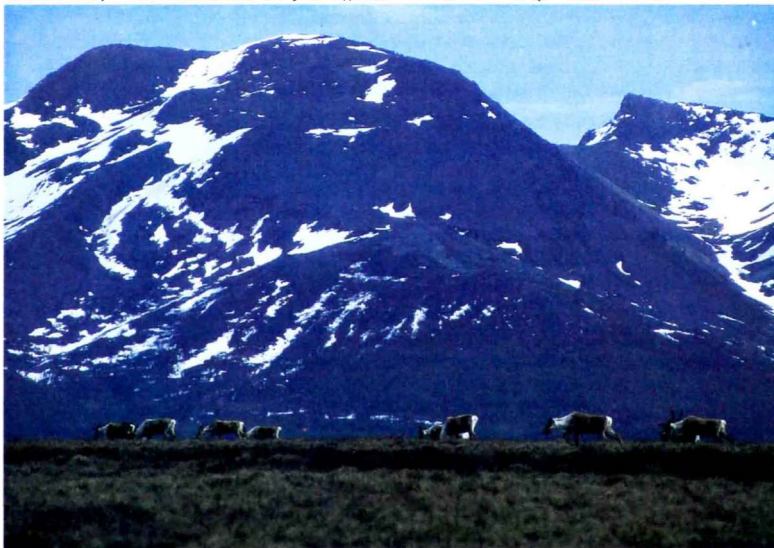
*Never until the mankind making
Bird beast and flower
Fathering and all humbling darkness
Tells with silence the last light breaking. . .*

"and I said, 'Hold it, hold it, hold it.' And right then I decided that I wanted to write a book called *The Last Light Breaking*, though I didn't know what it was about. That sounds apocryphal, that sounds made up, but it just is true."

The line works well as a title for this particular book about the Arctic. In one sense, Jans may be chronicling the last light breaking on Inupiat culture and on the last earthly frontier just out their back door. But he also celebrates the beautiful, oblique rays that illuminate his adopted home. In the introduction to *The Last Light Breaking* Jans reflects on his early, painful attempts to pin down the region in prose:

In a place where distant peaks sometimes appear inverted above the horizon, where you could walk for hours toward a hill you'd guessed was a mile away, where the sun rises at all points of the compass and sometimes casts pale ghosts of itself, nothing would or could ever be certain; in this world the

The Jade Mountains, part of the Brooks Range, provide a backdrop for wandering caribou. "You could walk for hours toward a hill you'd guessed was a mile away," Jans writes.



laws of physics seemed to float freely, compressing and expanding, refusing logic. At first these ambiguities gnawed at me, but slowly I learned to let go. The Inupiat had always moved within these eddying currents of time, space and light; to them insubstantiality wasn't a question, but a fact of life.



Lee Family Endows 15th Faculty Chair

~ By Sally Baker ~

In the four and a half decades since he arrived on the Colby campus, Bob Lee '51 has again and again proved himself one of the College's most ardent supporters. As a student he played freshman basketball, served as manager for the track team and as a coach for the interfraternity basketball program and was sports editor of the *Oracle*. Since graduation he has been active in alumni organizations such as the Boston and North Shore Colby Clubs, the Greater Boston Alumni Association and the "C" Club; he was co-chair of his class's 25th reunion, chair of the Alumni Fund, Boston-area leader of the Plan for Colby and national leader of the Colby 2000 campaign's special gifts phase. He has been a Colby trustee since 1975 (save for a hiatus from 1987 to 1989), and has willingly—even cheerfully—put in hundreds of hours as a member of the Trustee Planning Committee and on last year's College governance project. He steered two of his three children, Peter '80, now a lawyer in Yarmouth, Maine, and Sally '84, who works at MIT, to the College and did the same for many high school students in his native Danvers, Mass., as an alumni interviewer.

Only Bob Lee could top himself—and he has. At the October trustee meeting, President Bill Cotter announced the establishment of the Lee Family Chair in English, the College's 15th endowed professorship and the 12th to be funded since 1989.

Lee's wife, Jean, a 1989 graduate of Gordon College whose education was interrupted by child rearing, agreed that the family should fund the endowment, and she chose the designation—English, her major at Gordon. Bob Lee had his reasons, too, for making the million-dollar gift.

"I believed Bill when he said that if we're going to compete with that gang of twenty-five colleges that he brings up all the time [*U.S. News & World Report's* top

25 liberal arts colleges], we've got to have some more endowed chairs," Lee said. "That's easy for me to understand."

"Colby was such a modest place in 1947," Lee said. "We had four buildings



250 people; now it averages about 150.

"Things have been quiet since the late 1980s because of the recession and the end of the Cold War," Lee said. "But I think we learned before then, anyway, that there were diminishing returns when we got too big." Increasing the size of the company could have taken a toll on his family, and that was a price he says he wouldn't pay.

"You really ought to do quite a bit to keep family together," Lee said. "Don't let your business or your ambition run ahead of your family."

Lee's job is four parts organization and one part cheerleading—he's well placed at the head of a labor-intensive company that relies on its ability to keep employees happy. As he takes a visitor on a factory tour, Lee stops here and there to speak to someone at a workbench. Lee describes his style as "paternal" but nods when someone else suggests "humane" might be as good a word.

Lee's community involvement is prodigious, and he spent much of his mid-career years stumping for small business rights as a member—and president—of the Smaller Business Association of New England and as a delegate to various Congressional and White House conferences on the topic. Ten years ago Lee began jazz piano lessons—he plays in a couple of bands, he says—and he's helping to produce an opera based on the Sinclair Lewis novel *Elmer Gantry*.

Lee says his volunteer Colby work has a practical as well as a generous side. "All of these [duties] brought me into new Colby communities," he said. "While they were different classes—and all were task-oriented—it was fun doing these things with Colby people and having new Colby friends. I think it made up for the gaps here. This is a straightforward business, and I'm good at it, but it's not enough. I think Colby fills some of the gaps—just being close to some cerebral things." ♦

and four million dollars in the bank when I was there. Now we have forty-four buildings and one hundred million in the bank. We've all seen this incredible steep curve of improvement and a commensurate level of excellence in the faculty and the kids who get in. We've had three great presidents, and there've been no disappointments, no nonsense."

Lee is president of Hotwatt Inc. in Danvers. He started the business, a manufacturer of heating elements for machinery and appliances, with his father in 1952. Two years later, the company moved from the basement of the family home to a larger building, and in 1962 Hotwatt bought its current digs, the former Standard Crayon factory just off Danvers' main square. Orders for Hotwatt's resistance-based heating units, which are used in everything from toasters to aircraft, poured in. At one time the company employed



A New Focus on Fathering

~ By Robert Gillespie ~

The experience a man brings to this job is outdated, appropriate models to guide him are scarce and the goal of the job is to make himself obsolete. The question is, why do so many men—eagerly and earnestly—take on the nurturing and socializing responsibilities of fathering?

A generation ago, writes clinical psychologist and professor Jerrold Lee Shapiro '64 in *The Measure of a Man: Becoming the Father You Wish Your Father Had Been* (Delacorte Press, \$22.95), the American father was the family's distant breadwinner, its financial and moral supporter, and had no contact with pregnancy or birth or care. If anyone was faulted for children's developmental, psychological or behavioral problems, it was mothers. Today, society faults the fathers—"cruel, abusive, absent, foolish, rejecting, scapegoating, alcoholic, unfeeling and narcissistic fathers," Shapiro writes. Most fathers try hard, he believes, to give themselves to work, to their wives and to their own fathers as well as to their children. But for many, parenting still takes a back seat to other responsibilities.

Shapiro is a licensed clinical psychologist, family therapist and professor of counseling psychology at Santa Clara University in California. At age 38 he became a father, and he calls that the signal event of his life. Twelve-year-old Natasha and five-year-old Gabriel have given him a "much greater sensitivity to men's issues and a much better understanding of family life," he said in a recent interview.

Shapiro's discovery that "As a father I am more connected to mankind, to my own father and to the future" underlies the book's discussion of good and bad fathering and the insights it offers about fathering today. Shapiro counsels an approach to father-

hood as "a place to learn, not a place to perform" and says that "There may be subtle deficiencies, imperfections that can be corrected with insight, practice and a few good models." As he helps fathers become aware of the personal hurts and rejections of boyhood that they tend unconsciously to pass on to their children, Shapiro celebrates the

riety of sources, including Shapiro's experience. The temptation is to jump ahead to the section on bad fathers and good ones, but every page nudges your attention, whether it's explaining the impact of your father on your own fathering or why your father wasn't more like your mother.

Despite the occasional remark pointing out the obvious—"childhood is a training program for independent adult life" whose goal is "adult intimate relationships"—this isn't something we've read before. For one thing, literature on fathering skills only began to appear in the 1980s—among them Shapiro's own *When Men Are Pregnant: Needs and Concerns of Expectant Fathers*. And despite some similarity to other books concerned with the importance of family history in adult lives, *The Measure of a Man* is not a self-help popular psychology book about addiction or addictive personalities. In his professional counseling, Shapiro says he deals mostly with people in their 40s and 50s who "have a lot of ego strength. I want to see what the strengths of an individual are and work with that. I eschew one-size-fits-all therapy."

Lifelong fathering is lifelong learning. Offering insights into different periods of the father-child relationship, Shapiro ranges over characteristics that children need to learn from a father, like teamwork, self-trust and courage ("One of the places that fathers most need to show courage is with their wives," he writes) to the new behavior a father needs to learn once the children leave home. Looking at that longest period of fathering, which ends only with the death of the parent or the child, he observes one father letting go too easily, another unhealthily hanging on.



Jerrold Lee Shapiro '64

brotherhood of fatherhood. In *The Measure of a Man*, he becomes a guide, a training partner for fathers who want to be better at the job.

If only because everybody had a father, it's likely you can find something of yourself or your own father here. *The Measure of a Man* is chock full of case histories and interviews and examples drawn from a va-

CHARLES BARRY

And once the children are on their own, he writes, a father faces questions that are entirely new even in a 30-year marriage: "What can a man learn about fathering during the launching stage? Who he is alone. Who he is with his wife. How to be a man without being a father."

As divorced fathers struggle with separation, trying to make the time and money for the children they love, they often form new families. Step-parenting, Shapiro argues, adds to the normal difficulties of fathering because all stepfamilies are built on a foundation of loss. "And as a culture we're uncomfortable with stepfathers and stepmothers," Shapiro explained, citing stereotypes of the sexually abusive stepfather and wicked stepmother. Shapiro's understanding of the stepfather's outsider status and the difficulties faced in allocating time to children and spouse combat these stereotypes and make *The Measure of a Man* a significant addition to the literature. Perhaps the best counsel the book offers stepfathers is that given by the eight-year stepfather who posted a letter on an electronic mail board to men who were excited about becoming husbands and instant stepdads: "run, don't walk, to a counselor before the problems come up." Shapiro believes that with therapy a man can be a better father to his children than his own father was to him.

The Measure of a Man, the next best thing to therapy, will reassure you that no matter what stage or condition of fathering you're in, you are not in it alone. You're in the same boat with lots of other fathers—one that has a keel and a rudder, the sort of help that comes from a support group. If confession is good for the soul, snippets of conversation, revelations of fear and admissions of inadequacy bolster the spirits of others. With greater consciousness and understanding of the perils of fathering, Shapiro says, fathers can improve. The proof is the "electric charge" of love that leaps between a man and his child.

Shapiro believes that many men reassess their priorities once they become fathers. "They give up skydiving or race car driving," he said. "They're vulnerable now. They're responsible, and that changes everything.

It's no longer just your own children, it's children in general. You start husbanding the world." For Shapiro, it meant a change in philosophy toward "doing things for the future more than for the present" and trying to "make a contribution to the world." At home it meant "wanting to give time to my kids and to make sure they got it." Making time for his family has meant that he no

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longer schedules evening therapy sessions, and he gets up early to see his children off to school—he recently stopped by his son's kindergarten class to play the auto harp and teach them some songs.

The Measure of a Man devotes that same kind of personal attention to the individual father and to the hundred powerful forces working on him at once. Reading the book will stir memories and incite reflection on current relationships. And listening to the troubles aired by the sons and fathers who came to Shapiro for help is, finally, socially beneficial as well as personally instructive. This is an upbeat book. Shapiro comes across as one of those remarkably sane, caring people that you want to call up and spill your story to.

He has an observation about that, too. "Our culture does not encourage male friendship," he explained, adding that nevertheless he is still in contact with his Colby roommate once or twice a week. "It encour-

ages us only to bond with wives. We do most of what we do in isolation [so] a sense of connectedness is very important. Our friendships are crucial." Whereas women assume that men together talk only about women, he says, the three main topics in men's groups are friendship, isolation and relationships with their fathers. These recurring topics he believes speak to the importance of men in men's lives.

"The more we can communicate, the more we get a sense of communality," Shapiro said, then quoted a line from the book: "Intimacy is the only antidote to mortality."

"This," he said, "is the guiding principle in my life." *The Measure of a Man* is written in that spirit.

To the person who still blames his father, Shapiro, who says he often uses computer metaphors, remarked, "Your hardware is determined but you can do a lot with software." There are things you will not be able to change, he says, but blaming your father isn't the answer. "If you get into blaming, you have to reject all of him," and that means "you have to reject part of yourself. It's important that we forgive. Not that we forget. Forgetting can be dangerous. I'm not going to forget that my father did such and so. I'm going to accept the fact that he did the best he could. The crucial truth is to find ways of seeing what there is of you there [in your father] and what you want to make peace with."

The Measure of a Man is probably most beneficial for those whose children are in the toddler-to-adolescent stage and dealing with identity and separation, but it's for fathers in the post-launch stage, too, as well as divorced, single and non-custodial fathers. It's the sort of book to look into again five years from now. As father and child grow, different models or advice grow more pertinent. Reading and rereading will reorient and reassure you that fathering, never easy, was well worth the connection.

"Being a parent is hard work," Shapiro writes. "A combination of factors helps us endure it: biological drives, cultural dictates, discipline, loyalty, guilt, and most of all love for the child. A man who desires to be the best possible father needs to access the love feelings within and learn how to express those feelings to his children." ♦



Four Fields of Dreams

~ By Mike Szostak '72 ~

It's 90 minutes before kickoff on a gray October Saturday, and the only sign of life at Seaverns Field is a few parents and children strolling across the track towards the 22nd annual Colby Crafts Fair in the fieldhouse across the street.

No tailgaters grilling steaks. No lines at the ticket window. No marching band perfecting a halftime show.

This is how I remember football at Colby College. When I was a student here 25 years ago, it was low key. Something to do on a Saturday afternoon. A good way to fill the hours between lunch and fraternity parties.

To say the White Mules struggled would be kind. Ron Lupton '71 was a star running back in the late 1960s, but there weren't enough Ron Luptons to make the White Mules any good.

Victory seldom visited Colby football in those days.

Two decades have slipped by since I last saw a Colby game. In those autumns my job has taken me to every outpost in the Ivy League and Yankee Conference. I have sat among 85,000 fans at Penn State and 55,000 at Pitt, seen Boston College play Notre Dame and covered THE GAME, Harvard vs. Yale.

So it is time to come back to Mayflower Hill and check out a small college game. I could have gone to Williamstown, Mass., or Middlebury, Vt., or Middletown, Conn. Or dare I say Brunswick, Maine.

But because Colby is playing Bates—and beginning its quest for an unprecedented

sixth consecutive Colby-Bates-Bowdoin football championship—I have returned to Waterville to check out this New England Small College Athletic Conference gridiron juggernaut.

To my pleasant surprise, the day becomes an all-sports adventure, because Colby and Bates are playing important

then it's all business. At 11 o'clock he walks to the fieldhouse, which is on the edge of campus, to get taped. At 11:30 Thompson sits in on a meeting. "If you're not into it then, I don't know if you belong on the field," he says.

When the game starts, Thompson concentrates on his assignments. Colby's offense has struggled to score this season, so the pressure is on.

Chuck's parents, Tom and Ellen, sit in the old grandstand and cheer for their son and his teammates.

"My dad has a pretty loud voice. I can usually tell where they're sitting," Chuck says. If the game is going well, Thompson checks out the sideline scene. If not, he focuses on football.

Two hundred yards from the quiet of the football field, Colby is protecting a 2-0 lead in men's soccer. I am stunned by the size of the crowd. About 1,000 students and parents fill a small grandstand and line the perimeter of the field.

Soccer has boomed at

Colby. Twenty years ago Colby men—there was no women's team—played on a lumpy swatch of grass that was a quagmire as often as it was a soccer field. If four dozen students showed up for a Saturday morning game, that was a huge crowd.

Today, soccer is a big draw. The Colby men are 12-1, playing for their best record ever and a post-season tournament berth.

Mark Serdjenian was a three-time all-Maine goalkeeper at Colby before picking up his degree in 1973. Three years later he was back on campus as the White Mules'



All seats were free as the Parents Weekend crowd savored the traditional Colby-Bates clash on Seaverns Field. Notre Dame's games draw more fans, but the Colby spectators know they've "got something that's very special here."

games in men's and women's soccer and women's field hockey.

Chuck Thompson '94, a 6-foot, 3-inch, 242-pound offensive tackle, begins focusing on the Bates game Friday night.

"It's Parents Weekend, so it's a little different," he says. "There are more distractions. I have to focus. I'm more of a cerebral player. From Friday night to game time I'm quiet. My dad says it's the quiet before the storm."

Thompson wakes up at about 8:30 on Saturday morning, has breakfast at 10, and

soccer coach. He has coached 11 winning teams, and in 1990 he was named coach of the year in New England. An elementary school teacher in Waterville for 11 years, Serdjenian now is an associate dean of students at Colby.

"I have a different perspective as coach than I did as a player. There's more fullness to the day now," Serdjenian says.

"There's a real sense of community here. When we finish our game we'll walk over to the football game or go back for the women's soccer game. It's like a sports festival on campus," he says.

Soccer is so big at Colby that there's even an intramural league. Alumni interest is high. After Colby beat Bowdoin, Serdjenian had four messages from alumni on his answering machine.

Colby hangs on for a 2-0 victory. That night Serdjenian and his players learned that Colby just missed being named to the NCAA Division III tournament but would play for the ECAC championship as the top seed.

Beyond the fieldhouse, which is being renovated because of the 1992 fire, the field hockey team is working hard. I smile. I know this field well.

In 1969 this was the freshman baseball field. I can still see the mounds of snow piled high in right field as we played our games.

Now it's the women's softball and field hockey field. Title IX at work.

About 100 parents and friends sit and stand on the embankment. A father shouts encouragement to his daughter.

Colby wins, 2-1, and finishes the season 7-7, a nice rebound from 2-10 in 1992.

I walk back to the football field, which has come to life. Bates is going through its pre-game drills. Colby specialists work out at the other end while the rest of the team stretches beyond the beautiful all-weather track. Rap music rolls out of the loudspeakers affixed to the three-story wooden press box.

Students and their parents wander by as if the football stadium is their turf as well. At Colby, it is.

A few early arrivals secure seats on the 40-yard line. They don't bother checking

tickets because there are no tickets. Admission to all Colby athletic events is free this year. Officials determined that the \$8,000 ticket revenue for football, basketball and ice hockey just covered the costs of printing, selling and collecting tickets, so they said the heck with it.

A few minutes before kickoff, tight end John Grady '94, helmet in hand, helps the Colby Eight sing the national anthem. Then he ducks under the rope to join his team-

week thinking about anything but the Bates game. "I find myself not being able to put it out of my mind. It's such an exciting time for us," she says.

Desautel meets her parents early in the morning. Then it's off for a bite to eat and her pre-game routine of listening to tapes that inspired her high school team to a 16-0-1 season in 1991. "One Moment In Time" by Whitney Houston. "Desire" by U2.

When the game begins, Desautel doesn't

pay attention to the noise from the 500 or so spectators, "but I can hear my mom and dad. I can hear my dad's bel-lowing. My mom's voice is so sweet and quiet, but I can still hear her 'Go, Dor!'"

On the football field Bates is no match for Colby this day. Pacy Levine, Class of '27 and 87 years old now, finishes his sandwich in the press box, says hello to Athletic Director Dick Whitmore and carefully descends the metal stairs to the ground. A few moments later, he is standing on the sideline.

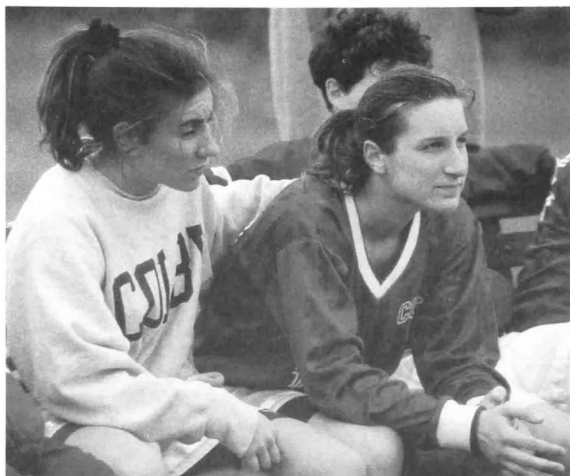
Pacy and his brother, Ludy, Class of '21, are Colby's most ardent alumni when it comes to sports. They never miss a game. Owners of a men's clothing store in town, they

have supported Colby sports for more than 70 years. The football scoreboard at one end of the field and the track scoreboard at the other bear their names.

"There's nothing like a Colby-Bates or Colby-Bowdoin game to me," says McGee. "When I started coaching at Colby in 1967, we played New Hampshire and Northeastern and Springfield and Maine. I could have beaten them all, but if I had lost to Bates and Bowdoin, they wouldn't have meant much.

"I read in *Sports Illustrated* about how Florida and Georgia have the greatest cock-tail party in the country. I read in *The Boston Globe* about the tradition of Harvard and Dartmouth. But to Ludy and Pacy Levine, to Dick McGee, this is the same. We've got something that's very special here in Colby-Bates-Bowdoin. CBB."

And competitive? Yes, indeed. In the mid-1980s, when McGee was AD and Colby's football team was terrible, Bates



Sarah Eustis (left) and fellow sophomore Lauren Iannotti of the women's soccer team waited a year to gain revenge against Bates and found themselves in a tense, overtime battle.

mates for the opening kickoff.

"Bet that doesn't happen at Notre Dame," assistant coach Dick McGee says of his singing football player.

Four minutes later Grady catches a touch-down pass, and Colby is on its way to a 27-0 first-quarter lead.

I head back to the soccer field for the women's game.

Dori Desautel, a sophomore sweeper on the women's soccer team, played on four consecutive division championship teams in high school. She has waited a year for this day.

"Last year it was virtually the same situation. If we beat Bates, we'd have a fairly good chance to make the ECACs. We lost, 2-0, but individually I played my best game," she says. "This year, we can't let the same thing happen. Thinking about the Bates game has been a way to psyche myself up for other big games."

Desautel says she has had trouble this

had a good year. The Bobcats beat the Mules badly. At the half it was 35-0.

"I was sick to my stomach. I wanted to leave, but we had to stay to show support," he says.

McGee is still so wrapped up in football that on Saturday he wakes up at 5:30 in the morning—"I can't sleep," he says—and arrives on campus early.

"After the game, it takes us a long time to cross the field to the fieldhouse. Then I begin to see people I haven't seen in a long time. And I talk to parents, alumni, family and friends."

And so it is again on this afternoon. That timeless ritual of parents, relatives and friends mingling with football players on the field after a game occurs. Colby celebrates a 53-14 win, the most points the White Mules have ever scored in a game. Chuck Thompson poses with his father so a friend can catch them on a video camera. Head coach Tom Austin, Dick McGee and the rest of the coaches shake hands all around. A half dozen players run up to Roberts Union and ring the Paul Revere bell, a tradition observed more often in the 1990s than it was in the

late 1960s. The football team is 4-2.

On the soccer field, the Colby women play hard but lose, 4-3, in overtime. Their 8-5-1 season is finished. Dori Desautel hugs her parents and tries to smile through her tears. She knows she will have to replay this Bates game for another year. ♦

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Sports Shorts



Quarterback Matt Mannering of Walpole, Mass., threw a record five touchdown passes in the football victory over Bates and set a season mark with 12. In a season in which the outcome in four games came down to the final play, the White Mules were tied by Bowdoin for the CBB title and ended up at 5-2-1. Co-captains Sean Devine of Waterford, Conn., and Brian O'Sullivan of Marlboro, Mass., and fellow senior Rich Wagenknecht of Ellsworth, Maine, were named to the ECAC Division III all-star team. Wagenknecht was also named to the New England Football Writers Divisions II and III All-Star Team.

En route to their 8-5-1 record the women's soccer team set records with 40 goals scored and eight shut-outs, and senior Megan Fitzpatrick of Glastonbury, Conn., ended her career as the second leading points scorer with 16 goals and 18 assists. Dori Desautel of Barrington, R. I., was named to the All-New England team.

The men's cross country team finished fourth in the New England Division III championships, paced by the seventh-place finish of senior co-captain Brian Carlson of Jericho, Vt. Carlson earned All-New England honors and an invitation to the NCAA Division III championships, where he ran the five-mile course in 25:56, good for 44th place.



A thousand fans watched as (top to bottom) Josh Radoff '95, Brian Rayback '95 and Bill Lanagan '95 made it a team effort against Bates.

After posting a 13-1 regular season record, the Colby men's soccer team added three more wins and a tie to capture the ECAC post-season Division III tournament. Sophomore Marc Small from Acton, Mass., was the leading scorer

with eight goals and three assists while the defense yielded only 10 goals all year. Senior co-captains Pat Skulley of Wakefield, Mass., and Ethan Spencer of Marshfield, Mass., were selected to play in the New England Intercollegiate Soccer League's all-star game, and the team received the NEISL's 1993 Fair Play Award for the third time in the last four years. Skulley was named a first team Division III All-American and received All-New England Division III honors along with Small and Spencer.





Lovejoy Scholar Is a Dream Come True

~ By Stephen Collins '74 ~

After spending the summer helping to build sandbag barricades in the Mississippi River town of Alton, Ill., the College's first Elijah P. Lovejoy Scholar arrived on Mayflower Hill last fall hoping "to do great things at Colby."

Crystal Robinson '97 says that aside from a temporary loss of running water, she and her family didn't suffer in the floods that destroyed many riverside towns last summer. Working downtown for the Mercantile Bank in Alton, however, she saw major damage in the business district despite the sandbagging efforts. "We all pitched in," she said. "It was amazing to see all the Altonians coming together like that."

That community spirit has helped to keep the memory of Elijah Parish Lovejoy, an 1826 Colby graduate who is recognized as America's first martyr to freedom of the press, alive in Alton. And the link between the Illinois town and Colby brought Robinson to Mayflower Hill.

Ten years ago the Lovejoy Committee at Colby cited Jesse Lundon Cannon of Alton for his extraordinary commitment to maintaining Lovejoy's gravesite. Cannon was honored at the 1983 Lovejoy Convocation for his work founding the Lovejoy Memorial in Alton and his 38 years of service there. Cannon's widow, Charlene Cannon, recalls the occasion as "the proudest day of his life."

While visiting Waterville and the Lovejoy homestead in nearby Albion, Cannon remarked that there should be an Alton student at Colby. From that suggestion was born the Elijah P. Lovejoy Scholars program for outstanding students of color from the Alton area. Charlene Cannon, who

administers the J.L. Cannon Memorial Trust in Illinois, said this fall that fulfilling her husband's wish was a life goal and that she invested considerable time and effort finding "the right student—someone academically worthy who was physically and emotionally suited" to Colby.

Robinson fit the bill. She graduated in the top 4 percent of her class at Alton High School. She was student council president her senior year and senior yearbook editor and worked with the Alton Growth Association on a major fundraising effort for a local social service organization. She was vice president of the youth chapter of the Alton NAACP and chaired the community's Martin Luther

King Jr. luncheon for two years.

Robinson says she was all set to go to the University of Southern Illinois at Carbondale when Charlene Cannon approached her about the Lovejoy Scholarship. Though she says she was apprehensive about traveling 1,400 miles from home for college, a visit to the campus last spring convinced her that "it would be terrible for me to pass up the opportunities at Colby. I fell in love with the campus and the people. I felt right at home here."

Robinson said Alton children learn about Elijah Lovejoy beginning in grade school and that hundreds of the town's residents turn out for an annual memorial service at his gravesite. "We learn about him, what he stood for and what he died for," she said. "It makes it special for me to carry his name—to be the first."

A couple of weeks into her first semester, Robinson, who also is a Ralph J. Bunche Scholar, had already been chosen as a member

of the Colby Chorale and elected vice president of chemical-free Marriner residence hall. She also is serving on the board of directors of the Student Association. In the classroom, a course on global perspectives on race, gender and class with Associate Professor of English Phyllis Mannocchi had her most excited.

The journey from Illinois to Colby netted Robinson more than a couple of prestigious scholarships. She also ended up with an adoptive grandmother in Charlene Cannon, who remembers teaching Robinson's mother, Minnie, in third grade. "I just hope I can live three more years to see her graduate," Cannon said with a laugh.



STEPHEN COLLINS

Colby Phoners Ring In the New Year

Starting this month, one of the key components of Colby's annual giving campaign begins as student phonathon workers gather on the second floor of the Eustis Administration Building to share pizza and soda—and to reach out to alumni.

The annual giving staff hires about 35 students each year to call alumni and ask for contributions to the College. From January through March, they work the phones five days a week for three to four hours a day.

"Most everybody knows people don't want to receive unsolicited phone calls at their homes in the evening," said Associate Director of Annual Giving Nina Tilander, who coordinates the phonathon. "But alumni receiving calls from students—soon to be Colby grads—is really beneficial to the program's success, and the overall response from the alumni is positive.

A lot of times, along with their gift, alumni will send a note saying how pleased and impressed they were with the student."

"Once I was talking to a recent alum who had just graduated from law school," said Patrick Smith, a senior from Old Saybrook, Conn. "When I told him that I was interested in going into law he gave me all this great advice—which areas of law to stay away from, which schools to look at, the names of professors to talk to. I really enjoyed the conversation. He was really helpful."

Whitney Glockner '96 of Woodside, Calif., recalls the times she called an alumna who happened to work in an industry that intrigued Glockner. "She said she would set up an interview for me if I wanted one," Glockner said. "It was great help just talking with her. It was kind of too

bad that I was only a freshman. But I've kept her name."

All phoners receive a pamphlet with guidelines that should be followed during the phone conversation. Most say they read the instructions and then do what feels natural and works best for them. All are prepared to fill alumni in on Colby news, and they agree with Tilander that the response from alumni is generally

10 list; he sent a check.

"I wouldn't do this job if I didn't believe in the cause. Plus, I get a lot of enjoyment out of talking to some of the alumni," said Cicely Finley, a senior anthropology major who is president of the Colby chapter of Society Organized Against Racism. "It's interesting. The older alumni have a lot more time to talk and will tell stories. The younger alumni don't have as much money

to give but really want to hear about what's happening on campus."

Glockner said talking to younger alumni can be "a reality check."

"It's hard to call someone for money and have them tell you they just got laid off or lost their job or just had a baby or are still paying off school loans," said Glockner, who is news editor at *The Colby Echo*. "It scares the heck out of you realizing that you are going to be where they are in a few years."

Others express awe at how well Colby alumni do after graduation. "Seeing the status of some of the graduates is kind of encouraging," said Larry

White '96 of Jay, Maine, a math and computer science major. "You can gauge where people go after Colby. It's nice to find out the possibilities and where a Colby education can get you."

Involvement in the phonathon also seems to foster a sense of obligation to Colby among the future alumni. "I am definitely more apt to give money now," Finley said. "I would have given anyway, but being a worker with the Alumni Fund has been good. I see where the money we receive goes, what it does for Colby and how the money is put to work. You can see it every day in the students. Everyone here is subsidized in some way—the new buildings, new faculty, the library. We wouldn't have a lot of this stuff if we didn't have the money coming in from the alumni."

—Lynn Sullivan '89

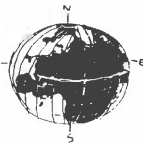


Cicely Finley '94 (second from left) helps her fellow Colby students call alumni from the phonathon's Eustis Building headquarters.

favorable, though they do receive some blunt refusals, and once in a while a prospective donor hangs up on them.

The students say many alumni want to know about sports scores, about the weather in Maine (usually if it is snowing yet), how campus social life is nowadays, what the students are doing for fun, what classes they are taking and what various professors are up to.

One alumnus told Smith he wouldn't give Colby any money until Smith found out how the men's basketball team had done the night before. A few phone calls later, with the previous night's score in hand, Smith called the alumnus back, reported the score and got the pledge. Another alumnus challenged Glockner to give him "ten good reasons" to donate money to Colby. She rattled off her top-



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Note: A dearth of material leads to this shortest of all 50-plus columns. Thought for the day: Send Fletcher something to write about.

PRE-TWENTIES

Charles Kyes, son of the late Eva Macomber Kyes '13, reports that his son, Randy, and Randy's wife, Kelly, recently became the proud parents of a son, the great-grandson of Eva, whom they have named Colby in keeping with the family's proud relationship with the College over the years. ♦

TWENTIES

Elsie Frost Rapp '26 recalls her wonderful classes in German and Latin with Dr. "Dutchie" Marquart and Professor Julian Taylor. . . . Going against most of the comments I have ever heard, Edith "Duckie" Grearson Moncy '26 says Dr. Herbert Carlyle Libby '02 was "a cruel man who made fun of shy students." One day in 1924, according to Mrs. Moncy, Hilda Worthen '24 was late for a class being taught by Dr. Libby. On her arrival, the chairs were in a semi-circle as Dr. Libby had arranged them, but not a seat was empty. Spying a chair in a far corner, Hilda pulled it over to the far side of the circle where the W's sat. Admonished Dr. Libby: "Miss Worthen. Proper young ladies do not drag chairs across rooms." Replied Miss Worthen: "If there were a gentleman in the room, I would have had no problem." . . . In a loving note, Barbara Fransen Briggs '49 reports

the death of her father, Everett Arnold Fransen '26, on May 19, 1993, at age 92. She wrote, "I wanted you to know how he loved Colby. His (Colby) stories were boundless, and he seemed to gather renewed energy in telling them. His idea of Heaven included images of Colby." For her next reunion, Myra Stone Knofskie '28 wishes "That everybody will have a grand time visiting. *People are more important than places.*" ♦

THIRTIES

Verna Green Taylor '30 writes: "I am a 50+ alumna! Can't be possible!—Teachers I'll never forget: Dr. Julian 'Judy' Taylor and his Latin classes. From him I learned the qualities of a superb teacher. I shall never forget Judy's quiet question: 'Miss Green, do you consider that an adequate translation?' Then there was Carl Weber, who developed my love for Browning and Shakespeare. Still in memory I can walk the old campus and chat with old friends." . . . The Very Rever-

end Harold F. Lemoine '32 has made eight trips to Australia and 40 trips to England and has preached at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. . . . Ellis M. Anderson '33 quotes a wise man as saying that when you look back on your life, the things you regret are not the things you did but the things you didn't do. . . . Portia Pendleton Rideout '34 is the mother of two grandfathers, which is a neat way of saying that her children's children have children. . . . Elaine Stafford, daughter of Charles O. Pearson '35, called to report the death of her father on September 8, 1993. Mr. Pearson was a supervisor at the Bendix plant in Springfield, Mass. He is survived by a twin sister, Alice, and two sisters, Theda and Lois. Other survivors include two children, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. "Colby meant a lot to him," said Elaine. . . . Our love and concern are extended to Amy H. Thompson '36, who writes from Las Vegas that she is retired and handicapped. . . . Peg Libby Darlow '37

despairs that her long list of memories, many of them amusing, will be forever lost, now that Marjorie Gould Shuman '37 has retired from the proprietorship of this column. Fear not, Mrs. Darlow, this columnist positively dotes on memories. Send them along. . . . Mitchell E. Phillips '38 was an insurance broker for 45 years but has been retired for three years and is moving rather carefully these days following by-pass surgery in December 1992. When up and about, he is a volunteer at the Shriners Burn Institute in Boston, where children up to age 18 are cared for, courtesy of the Shriners, with no expense at all. . . . Some people procrastinate a lot, but I am proud to say that I, Fletcher Eaton '39, and wife Nell finally got around to being grandparents on September 28 when our daughter, Martha, presented the families with a cute little bundle named Marie Nell Laposata, named after both grandmothers. . . . Leila Ross Hyman '39 planned to leave for Russia and the three Baltic states

NEWSMAKERS

George H. Hawes '28, a co-founder of the Waterville Boys Club in 1924, was guest speaker at the Waterville Area Boys and Girls Club as a number of area citizens were inducted into the club's Hall of Fame. Several Colby alumni were among the inductees. . . . Ralph E. Delano '40 was Colby's delegate to the inauguration of Nannerl Keohane as president of Duke University.

MILEPOSTS

Deaths: Vivian Skinner Hill '16 in South Portland, Maine, at 100. . . . Harold E. Hall '17 in Auburn, Maine, at 98. . . . Howard F. Hill '18 in Belgrade Lakes, Maine, at 98. . . . Martha Gregory Shibles '19 in South Portland, Maine, at 97. . . . Madeline Beach McEwen '23 in North Conway, N.H., at 92. . . . Emily Barrows Bellows '25 in Scarborough, Maine, at 90. . . . Malcolm E. Bennett '25 in Sanford, Maine, at 90. . . . Dorothy Steiner Sims '28 in Santa Barbara, Calif., at 88. . . . Bertram Harding '30 in Keene, N.H., at 86. . . . Anna Tinkham Otis '33 in Tarpon Springs, Fla., at 83. . . . John J. Alden '35 in Portland, Maine, at 81. . . . Boris "Bert" Sherman '35 in Silver Spring, Md. . . . Joseph Chandonnet '36 in Bedford, Mass., at 80. . . . Clarence E. Staples '38 in Lewiston, Maine, at 78. . . . Robert S. Winslow '38 in Yarmouth, Maine, at 78. . . . Edson R. Small '40 in Waterville, Maine, at 75. . . . Lubov Leonovich Waltz '41 in Exeter, N.H., at 73.

A Rousing Correspondence

"Do something you've always wanted to do" was the advice Fletcher Eaton '39 says he was given when he retired in 1982. "So I bought a typewriter," he said, "and started trying to write."

Colby's new 50-plus correspondent, who reports on the doings of some 1,800 alumni of the classes of 50 or more years ago, says he has enjoyed writing since he was a youngster. After a 33-year engineering career whose "main preoccupation and breadwinner" was mathematical work and computers, he has now accumulated a five-foot shelf of books on writing.

Eaton says he felt encouraged about taking on the correspondent's duties after pinch-hitting when his predecessor, Marjorie Gould Shuman '37, took time off to get married. He also praises his Harvard night school writing classes and a writers group that has met every week for years at the home of Sally Aldrich Adams '39 ("We inflict each other's creations on ourselves," he said). Eaton's fondness for anecdote and history spurred him to edit the Class of '39's 50th reunion book. And 12 years as secretary of his graduate school class at MIT also have kept him writing and in touch with engineering, too.

Eaton started his engineering career with a postgraduate year at Colby studying physics, chemistry and math to prepare himself for MIT. World War II diverted him to Vought-Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford, Conn., where he worked on the Corsair fighter plane. After he completed his B.S. at MIT in 1949, Eaton spent four years perfecting a top-secret German-made cryptographic device for the National Security Agency in Washington, D.C. When British spies Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean defected to Russia and took with them everything they knew, he said, "All my work on that encrypting machine went down the drain."

Eaton spent the next 15 years as a mechanical engineer at Raytheon Co. in Wayland, Mass., leading a group that designed and made gear trains and electronic packaging for military radar equipment. After solid-state circuitry appeared and his work in gear trains



began to "dry up," he says, he moved to Polaroid in Cambridge, Mass. For 12 years he worked as a mathematical modeler, writing specifications involved in quality control testing and analyzing Polaroid products by computer, in particular the revolutionary SX-70 camera.

"Polaroid said, 'Let the public find out what was wrong, then we'll fix it.' I didn't agree," said Eaton, who felt that the specifications he wrote weren't being followed. His puckish humor invites his mock self-assessment that "nobody ever takes me seriously." But he says he worked hard at Polaroid and was able to predict problems with film and cameras. "I got a lot of credibility because my predictions came true," he said. "I could also show them what to do to fix the problem."

Throughout his career he had powerful tools to solve some extremely complex problems, says Eaton, who brushed up on advanced computers at Northeastern University, where he earned an M.S. in mathematics in 1972.

"I find that almost anything you learn at school can be put to use," he added. He recalls a Colby geology course with Professor Richard Lougee and biology classes with Professor Webster Chester, which he says gave him insights that "heightened my enjoyment of life."

Other illustrious Colby names Eaton knows of through his father, Harvey Doane Eaton, Class of 1887 and a Colby trustee, who, Eaton said, "knew them all—Libby, Wilkinson, Averill, Julian Taylor. They were all friends." As 50-plus columnist, he hopes to relate anecdotes about memorable professors as well as other news, such as a report on the 90-year-old who got her driver's license renewed and drives to the opera in Boston on weekends.

"Her handwriting was absolutely perfect," Eaton said, speaking as the appreciative columnist who delights in the latest word and rouses 50-plusers to get in touch so he can write it up. It's something he's always wanted to do.

—Robert Gillespie

on October 7. Last year she went to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. (Note: From what I can tell, Colby needs an Association of Circumnavigators.) ♦

FORTIES

Historical note: Ernest Marriner '40 has had a distinguished career, filling important posts with distinction and dignity. Back around 1937, I had the honor of serving with him as an usher at the lecture series put on by Dr. Libby in the Baptist Church on Elm Street across from the Waterville Public Library. At one of these affairs, Emie and I were standing at the head of an aisle waiting for our

next customer when a formidable looking woman approached. "Mardon me padam," said Emie. "May I sew you to a sheet?" Pausing for a moment to examine Emie, the lady said, "I beg your pardon, young man." "Right this way," said Emie. On his return, Emie moaned: "That was a dumb stunt. I feel stupid. I'm going out and take arsenic." "Don't take arsenic, Emie," I advised. "It tastes terrible and will upset your stomach." "Okay. I'll think about it," said Emie. . . . A card from Virginia Gray Schwab '40 says she recently spent two weeks on Prince Edward Island with a former Navy friend and planned to go to Bath, England, to visit another Navy friend. All three have

recently lost their husbands. . . . One of the casualties in the Battle of the Wilderness in Virginia during the Civil War was Pvt. William P. Lamson of Sebec, Maine, great-uncle of Jane Soule Engert '42. The letters he wrote to his sister, wife of Jonathan Soule, Colby Class of 1857 and Mrs. Engert's great-grandmother, have now been collected and edited by Mrs. Engert's husband, Roderick M. Engert, a retired military historian. Titled *The Civil War Letters of Pvt. William Lamson, 20th Maine Infantry*, with a foreword by John J. Pullen '35, the collection has been published by North South Trader's CIVIL WAR, P.O. Drawer 631, Orange, VA 22960. From the an-

nouncement I received: "The 20th Maine was one of the most colorful and courageous regiments in the Federal forces, and Lamson's letters portray the simple soldier's view of service and survival in such a remarkable unit." . . . Bob Rice '42 says that the two-page typewritten instructions on "How To Climb Florida's Highest Mountain," by Nancy Grahn Christensen '44, are hilarious. . . . A recent issue of *Colby* stated that the granddaughter of Marlee Bragdon Monroe '42 entered Colby in September 1992 just 50 years after Mrs. Monroe entered. Not so, says Mrs. Monroe stoutly. "It was fifty years after I graduated." ♦

THE FORTIES

Correspondents:

1944

Louis M. Deraney
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1945

Dorothy Sanford McCunn
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1946

Nancy Jacobsen
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1947

Beverly Benner Cassara
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207-824-2957

1948

David and Dorothy Marson
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1949

Anne Hagar Eustis
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East Princeton, MA 01517
508-464-5513

Correspondent:
Louis M. Deraney

44 As the deadline for this column approached, I began reviewing the mail. Someone at some point asked for an address on **Ralph Braudy**—and you know what? Over the span of my reporting for this column, I received four postal cards mailed by R.B. from four locations—London, England; Paris, France; Los Angeles, Calif.; and Hyannis, Mass. In 1983, Ralph wrote, “I was saddened to read that Ralph Collazo [’49] had died. He and I were great pals in school. He and I hitchhiked to Boston during a school vacation. By midnight we were in Kennebunkport and slept all night in the back of a truck.” From London, he wrote: “I am staying in London until mid-April absorbing culture and casinos. I’m slipping over to Paris for a weekend to sample the cuisine.” Ralph, be sure to beat reunion in 1994. . . . **Janice Toppin Lowell** wrote from Bridgton, Maine, informing me that she married Frederick Newton Whittemore in February 1993. Jan’s children and grandchildren were all guests at the wedding. Jan’s son, Peter Lowell, graduated from Colby in 1970, and his daughter Adrian graduated in 1992. Jan is looking forward to our 50th. She is retired from Fryeburg Academy and working part time at St. Joseph’s College. . . . **Joy Paddison Cook** informed me of the exploits of Bob DeCormier ’43, conductor emeritus, New York Choral Society, and former conductor and arranger for Harry Belafonte, music director for Peter, Paul and Mary and composer of choral, ballet and Broadway scores. *Colby* profiled him in the November issue. . . . **Vivian Maxwell Brown** informed us that James Ming, originally in our class, is ’49. His wife had a stroke in February and is recovering slowly.

Vivian is in contact with **Eugene Struckhoff**’s wife, Norma, a talented artist, and has approached her to draw an appropriate cover for our reunion program. Norma will attempt to persuade “Struck” to attend our reunion. . . . **George H. Conley**, who is now retired, resides in Ellsworth, Maine, and says he enjoyed his one year at Colby and was sorry not to have returned after his Army service during WW II. George writes that he is active in the UCC church and volunteers at the food pantry. He states that women’s liberation has not affected his life “at all.” . . . **Barbara Blaisdell Libby** enjoys her daughter’s family, who now lives with her in Damariscotta, Maine, since the demise of her husband. Barbara is a diabetic and needs watching. She retired from teaching and says she always felt liberated. . . . **Ralph Hilton** spends winters in St. James City, Fla., and summers in Rochester, N.H. Ralph is retired from educational sales for Scott, Foresman & Co. and stays healthy playing tennis and golf and fishing. . . . **Doris (Blanchard) ’45** and **William Hutcheson** still reside in Needham, Mass., where Bill was recruited by one of the late Al McCoy’s football scouts, who thought Hutch could fit into the football program at Colby, as indeed he did. He wrote, “I’m a career husband married to a career wife for 48+ years.” Bill brags about two knee replacements, which are letting him play golf and even some squash without pain. . . . **Alden Wagner** is still living in Texas and feels he has surpassed his limited Maine expectations as to his future career but is below his Texas expectations. Wag does not trust the morality of politicians but does trust the morality of big business in funding political campaigns. . . . **Phil Nutting**, who has been in and out of hospitals, hopes his kidney problem improves so that he can make the 50th. . . . **Wendell “Bud”**

Phillips, who now lives in Moorestown, N.J., says that he and his spouse are planning to attend our 50th, and he looks forward to visiting once again with some wonderful Colby friends of the early ’40’s. . . . Please respond to any inquiries you may receive so your classmates will know you are still full of vigor! Better still, don’t wait—write to me. ♦

Correspondent:
Dorothy Sanford McCunn

45 **Hazel Brewer Warren** reports that she finds her time taken up with the village beautification committee in Centerville, Mass., on Cape Cod, where Hurricane Bob caused a lot of damage to the landscape. She is also chairman of the tree planting committee, is involved with the local historical society and helped plan an avillage walking tour. AAUW board meetings as well as bridge and tennis keep her from having a lot of free time on her hands. . . . **Louise Groves Holtan** is currently living in Portland, Maine, to be near four of her six children. Louise taught school for 30 years and spends her spare time sewing, reading, doing crossword puzzles and traveling with her kids. Louise comments that she really misses the carefree days spent at Colby. . . . In August, I visited with **Bobbe Holt Sachs**. We spent a great evening together at her home in Seattle, Wash. Bobbe and Don are looking great. They are happily retired and living in a house that looks out on Puget Sound and its gorgeous sunsets. Bobbe hears from Millie Schnebe Riordan ’48 as well as Fran Whitehill ’48. Bobbe’s sister, Beverly Holt Wiegand ’50, lives nearby. Bobbe also hears from **Lois Pinkham Bridges**. Vivian Maxwell Brown ’44 and **Frances Willey Ripper**. Bobbe was married one month to the day after

graduation, and she hasn't changed a bit—still friendly and outgoing! It's a real pleasure to find that after 48 years, we could pick up a friendship exactly where we left off. . . . Naomi Collett Paganelli wrote that last Christmas she was heading for Hong Kong to visit with her niece and family. Following that, the four of them were going to take a side trip to Indonesia, which included a visit with old friends living in Jakarta. On her return she was to visit a cousin in Eugene, Ore., before returning to New York City. It all sounded very glamorous. ♦

Correspondent:
Nancy Jacobsen

46 Alert, you Florida people, it's party time! There are lots of you we have not found yet, and we want you to come to the winter reunion. It will be a fine lunch on a Saturday in February or March in Clearwater, Fla., with lots of time to talk. Contact Chuck '45 and Shirley Martin Dudley, (813) 726-4116, or write to them at 639-C Fairmont Ave., Safety Harbor, FL 34695. . . . Faye O'Leary Hafford says she never expected to give a high school graduation address but enjoyed it. Faye is researching a history of the Allagash River, right in her Maine backyard. She is interviewing goldtimers to collect oral

histories of the region and is working with the Maine Department of Conservation to set up an information center and museum. She has been married to Lee for 42 years, and she has a chapter in a poetry book, *Voices from Within*. . . . A long-time Washingtonian, Francis Heppner has retired as an archivist with the National Archives. He and his wife, Jeanne, have had a summer traveling, and like so many of us he attended his 50th high school reunion last year. It was in Hartford, Conn., where he also visited his brother, George Heppner '45. . . . Many people have written that they enjoyed retirement more than they had anticipated. With some of us, the jury is still out. Betty Sealise Kilham says that finding a "meaningful" activity and community involvement made it easier. Betty leads a New Horizons widows' group and is also a certified counselor with the Rape Crisis Center of Greater Lowell, Mass. She also majors in lunch! . . . Nancy Parsons Ferguson is a busy retiree traveling to see children and grandchildren in Ohio, Florida and New Hampshire. She and Bob do a bit of foreign traveling, too—Australia, New Zealand and Fiji! . . . Now we all must write to Joan Dougherty Rosen, P.O. Box 336, Nashville, TN 47448 because, she says, "Very little filters out here. Once in a while we get a Colby game score." She and Sam just moved from a

three-story log cabin in the woods to a three-room apartment in town, "but we still have deer in the side yard." She would like to hear news of Georgina Gulliford Fielding. . . . If you are going through China, Maine, look up Ben Bubar. He has retired after 35 years as superintendent and director of the Christian Civic League of Maine and as a legislative agent at the State House. ♦

Correspondent:
Beverly Benner Cassara

47 Welcome to Lynn Magovern '90, who is the new assistant director of alumni relations. I met her recently when I took some former colleagues from D.C. to visit the campus. Great good luck to her in her endeavors. Thanks to Mary Porter '88, who has moved to Portland. . . . I finally caught up with Mary "Sunny" Ellison Leavitt. Her three sons are in Maine, New Hampshire and Ohio, and she has three grandsons. One son teaches computer science in high school and another is a computer expert at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Sunny recently suffered a fall from which she is recovering so she can get back to her favorite sport of bowling. Send her a card: 21 Manson Ave., #154, Kittery, ME 03904. . . . I always have to get back to Ray and Tossie Campbell Kozen to find out what is going on. They recently spent two weeks babysitting three little grandchildren while their folks were away. (Their son is a professor of computer science at Ithaca College.) Come November 1 they go back to Florida for six months or so, but in Waterville they are involved with the food bank and with the three meals a day that are provided five days a week at various churches. Tossie says that Colby '47ers in the area get together for tailgate picnics at the football games and invites anyone interested to get information from her at (207) 873-0522. Keep this in mind for next season. . . . I also got to speak with Clayton Currier recently. He and Priscilla (Weeks) have moved back to Newcastle, Maine (which was Priscilla's childhood home), after 39 1/2 years in Plaistow, N.H., where Priscilla was a reading spe-

cialist. Two years ago they did some really serious traveling in an effort to see the whole United States. . . . At this writing, I myself am on my way to make a presentation at the Association of Continuing Higher Education in Jackson, Miss. I think we have no one from our class in that state, but I must see if the Alumni Office can provide a contact for me. P.S.—You will all be receiving a new questionnaire. Please send me some interesting details of your lives. ♦

Correspondents:
David and Dorothy Marson

48 We want to thank all the members of the class for their wonderful response to the questionnaire sent out in July. While we're certain that most of you were brilliant students, we've come to the conclusion that no one majored in penmanship—or is it penpersonship? In any event, we respectfully request that you print or type future news since it really is quite difficult to read some of the writing. . . . Joan Crawley Pollock, a retired teacher (reading specialist and coordinator), and her husband, Joe, have five children and six grandchildren. She writes that she has traveled to Russia, China, Japan and Australia and next summer plan to visit Singapore, Dutch Indonesia and Thailand. She's taking courses and swims every day when she's at home. About Colby she recalls the smell of sulphur (bad) and the smell of pine (good). From her dorm window she saw the railroad tracks on the old campus. Her freshman roommate was Shirley Carrier Brown, and Wilkinson (history) and Smith (art) were her favorite professors. Since the big California earthquake two years ago, all the rooms in their house had to be restored and the structure bolted to the foundation. A year later to the day they had another earthquake, but this time "the house held." . . . John Pincus is a translator/interpreter living in Los Angeles. He has four children and eight grandchildren. He remembers the old campus, Professor Fullam, the railroad tracks and cold weather but says that he has never been back to Colby. (Come east for the 50th, John. You will be thrilled

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Harold Joseph '44 was honored recently at the annual reunion of the U.S. Army's 43rd Division held in Providence, R.I. Joseph served as a commander in the 43rd. . . . At a dinner in Boston, June White Rosenberg '49, president of Atlas Liquors, received the Israel Unity award from the food and beverage industry division of State of Israel Bonds.

MILEPOSTS

Deaths: William Finkeldey '43 in Hanover, N.H., at 72. . . . Robert H. Carey '44 in Tampa, Fla., at 73. . . . Irene Ferris Martin '47 in Ocean Ridge, Fla., at 67. . . . Henry P. Seguin '48 in Decatur, Ga., at 68. . . . Muriel Briggs Pitrat '49 in Florence, Mass., at 63.

with the College and the experience.) John travels to Europe two or three times a year, is expecting his ninth grandchild and spent the spring and summer working. (Me, too, John. Some of us haven't retired yet, but you can probably count those on the fingers of one hand.) . . . **Helen Knox Elliott** lives in Plymouth, Mass., with her husband, Charles. She writes a "little bit of poetry for special events" and indicates that her Colby English major helps. She recalls the bus ride up and down the hill and credits her Colby experience with sparking her interest in teaching high school English. She last visited the campus in April of 1993 and says, "Impressed!" Helen had a luncheon for members of the Class of '48 in May. Attending were **Peg Clark Atkins, Mildred Hammond Bauer, Betty Parker Forman, Barbara Bond Goucher, Donna Elliott Harriman, Mary Conley Nelson** and **Ann McAlary Sevens**. Joan's recent or anticipated travel is to Denmark, Sweden and Switzerland. . . . **Evelyn Helfant Malkin** writes from Wayland, Mass., where she is an oncology social worker. Of her five children, four are married, and husband Sid is retired. They have a dog and cat but no longer have horses. Evie and Sid were at the 45th, and it was good to see them once again. She, as many of us do, recalls the Blue Beetle. On a more substantive note, Evie writes that she is concerned about the lack of diversity in our student body and feels that one that is more heterogeneous is needed to better reflect the larger world. She expects to go to Australia in January to Kangaroo Island and Sydney. A 19-person family reunion at her daughter's place in Chesapeake Bay in July was a recent big event. . . . **Kay Weisman Jaffe**, our retired class correspondent who set a standard of excellence that we are trying to emulate, revealed that she went to Boston's Girls Latin School, which impressed this old Boston English graduate! Kay has three married kids and five grandchildren. She says, "If my golden years continue as they have started, it will be fine—just some aches and pains. The headaches of child-rearing are over, and the heartaches of the world become a bit easier to

bear when we come to understand we cannot personally change everything." Thanks, Kay, for your loyal service to the College and our class, your intellectuality and your friendship. ♦

Correspondent:
Anne Hagar Eustis

49 The news for the Class of '49 is getting scarcer than hen's teeth! I think you must all need to be revitalized by a rousing class reunion. Well, there's hope, for that is just around the corner! On September 19, 1993, I went to a meeting of our classmates in Cambridge chaired by class president **Bud Nannig**. At that time there had been a good response to Bud's first letter re: reunion plans, with 35 classmates planning to come and nine more hoping to be able to. Just to reiterate, the dates are Thursday, June 2, 1994, through Sunday, June 5, 1994. You might want to consider coming a day or two earlier and taking advantage of the Alumni Adventure Getaways. Last year's pre-reunion escapes included an inn-to-inn bike tour, whitewater rafting on the Kennebec, an island inn getaway and a windjammer cruise on the Penobscot. Lon and I are all ready to sign up for the windjammer cruise! . . . **Nellie Macdougall Parks** writes that in June 1993 she and her husband, **Warren**, visited **Jeanne Pelletier Sutphin** and her husband, **Hoyt**, in Glen, N.H., where they were vacationing. You may remember that Nell and Jeanne were roommates for four years at Colby and "shared hilarious memories from summer jobs earning Colby tuition." Jeanne and Hoyt had pictures from a recent 1993 Caribbean vacation. Nell and Warren had just returned from an Oregon and Nevada vacation. . . . I am sorry to report that the Office of Alumni Relations has notified me of the death of two of our classmates: **Richard Walter Clare Jr.** on April 15, 1993, and **Donald Harold Daggett** on June 22, 1993. On this sad note, I close this issue of our class notes. . . . Remember the dates of our reunion, June 2-5, 1994. I shall look forward to seeing you ALL! ♦

Reunion Weekend

June 3-5, 1994

Celebrating are the Classes of '44 and '49

ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM BEING CONSIDERED

The Alumni Council is considering an alumni travel program. We'd like your comments about what would make such a program interesting to you. Please take a moment to answer the following questions and return your response to Alumni Office, Colby College, Waterville, ME 04901. Thank you.

How many trips do you take each year?

___ 0 ___ 1-3 ___ more than 3

How many of those trips are with a group?

___ 0 ___ 1-3 ___ more than 3

Do you prefer ___ a fully planned schedule?

___ some free time?

What services could Colby provide that would make a Colby program attractive to you?

___ a Colby lecturer accompanying the trip

___ trips to areas that are more difficult to arrange

___ all details covered

OR ___ flexibility in arrangements

___ optional tours in conjunction with the regular trip

Other colleges report that Alaska cruises and African photographic safaris are popular with their alumni. Please list three or more destinations of interest to you:

Other comments, ideas or notes to help us in our planning:

Thank you for your comments and suggestions.

Name _____

Class year/Parents of _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

THE FIFTIES

Correspondents:

1950

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1951

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Richmond, VA 23233
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1952

Edna Miller Mordecai
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1953

Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey
80 Lincoln Avenue
South Hamilton, MA 01982
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1954

Marlene Hurd Jabar
11 Pleasantdale Avenue
Waterville, ME 04901
207-873-4471

1955

Ann Dillingham Ingraham
9 Appletree Lane
Manchester, ME 04351
207-622-0298

1956

Eleanor Edmunds Grout
RD 3, Jones Road
Gouverneur, NY 13642
315-287-3277

1957

Brian F. Olsen
46 Washington Drive
Acton, MA 01720
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1958

Margaret Smith Henry
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Massapequa Park, NY 11762
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1959

Ann Marie Segrave Lieber
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South Orange, NJ 07079
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Correspondent:

Nancy Ricker Sears

50 Joan Golden McDermott is living in Norwood, Mass., with her husband, Francis, who is a quality assurance engineer. What keeps her young and active? Her third grade class, tent camping and a dozen grandchildren. Sounds like enough, but not quite. Joan is also involved with Pulse, the drug hotline in Norwood. . . . A terrific letter from Dick Pullen gives us his current news. He and Barbara (Barrow) are retired in East Swanzey, N.H., and keep very busy on a 130-acre tree farm. Dick served the community of Windsor, Conn., for 34 1/2 years as a primary care internist. He was also on the senior attending staff at Hartford Hospital and was school physician for Loomis-Chaffee School. Bobbie, who did her senior year at the University of North Carolina and also taught school there for two years, has kept her hand in education as an active volunteer teacher. Dick continues: "Our two lovely daughters were born while I was in residency. Cynthia graduated from Colby [1977] and then became a respiratory therapist, which she does now part time. She lives in Colchester, Conn., and has two daughters, 9 and 7. Sharon graduated from UNH. She is now a housewife in Interlaken, N.J., and

has two sons and a daughter, ages 9, 7 and 3. Needless to say, holidays are busy for Bobbie and me." The Pullens claim that retirement is all that it's cracked up to be and enjoy skiing when they can take time off from the tree farm. Dick ends his letter by saying that he hopes others will be prodded to write. (Just thought I would put that expressive verb of his into print here.) Thanks, Dick, your letter was great. . . . Short column, short on news. Hope you will feel sufficiently inspired, prodded, whatever, to send a short note. If you've lost the address, it is right here at the top of the '50s. ♦

Correspondent:

Barbara Jefferson Walker

51 From my fellow Virginian Maury Ronayne of Alexandria, I learned that Oscar Rosen, Ph.D. and professor of history at Salem State in Massachusetts, also serves as national commander of the Atomic (Military) Veterans and as editor of the association's newsletter. . . . After George Haselton returned from a geology-related summer project in Idaho, he and wife Priscilla Ford Haselton enjoyed an evening with Edie Harris Edgerton and her husband, Brad. . . . I caught up by phone with Jane Perry Lindquist. It sounds as though she and Bob are happily involved with a wide variety of interests, activities and family. Retirement did not slow them down, it just changed their focus. . . . I have recently made a major transition in my life. I have sold my house, dispersed most of its contents among my three sons, rented an apartment and made a down payment for residency three years from now in a brand new life care community. I feel good about having taken charge of my future and my final care. To cel-

brate all this, I spent a week in August on the middle fork of the Salmon River in Idaho—also known as the River of No Return! I was part of the first-ever all women's group to raft that particular river. It is a "technical" river. The water is white. The boulders are big. The solitude of the deep canyon is beyond description. It was quite a ride. My daily attire under the life vest and hard hat was my long polypropylene unders topped by my Colby Class of '51 reunion t-shirt. You have heard all this about me, because I had no news of you! Please write. ♦

Correspondent:

Edna Miller Mordecai

52 This is my first solicitation of Christmas cards. If any of you have extra copies of your super-newspaper Xmas letters, how about sending one to your class correspondent? . . . I've a most tempting invitation to you all (but not all at once) from Louise Ginsberg Hirschberg, who is a health/educator/counselor and runs a bed-and-breakfast called The Nesting Place in Marblehead, Mass. There she facilitates workshops/retreats in stress management with individually designed programs. Sounds good to me! . . . Betsy Fisher Kearney writes of a busy family life and respite time cruising the Caribbean. The family actually weathered Hurricane Andrew in those southern waters, where Betsy's 5-year-old granddaughter noted, as assorted debris flew by, that it was her very first hurricane. "Mine, too!" says Bets. . . . Jeanne D'Wolf Gronquist and husband Charlie have found a great way to get out of the winters in Minnesota. They have a daughter to visit in Hawaii. . . . Anne Plowman Stevens and husband Robert were headed farther north on a long-planned trip to Alaska. . . . Patty

Merrill Pratt also reports a great trip—to Hawaii, including riding the waves on a “boogie board.” Patty is still working as a consultant and management trainer and somehow finds time to work with inner-city kids and to visit prisoners. . . . **Mort Guiney** writes from Paris—yes, France—that he was most pleased to receive an honorary doctorate in French literature from the University of Rouen. . . . **Jean Blumenthal Young** is enjoying her professional life as a clinical social worker. I think that “us therapist types” cangoon working as long as our curiosity and auditory acuity hold out. . . . **Nita Hale Barbour** speaks of a retirement home on Deer Isle, Maine, but in the same paragraph says, “My early childhood curriculum text is being re-edited for a third edition. . . . I am completing the research and writing for the text” to be published in 1994. . . . **Don Hailer**, who with his wife, Sheila, runs a graphic communication and design business, writes: “no marriages, no divorces, no grandchildren, no money.” No troubles either, Don? . . . **Mary Sargent Swift** and husband Ed run an active antiques business that is based in Connecticut but has shows all over New England. Their daughter Louise ‘80 and our daughter Carol ‘80 were Colby roommates, and I delight in the “not frequent enough” visits between the gals and their wonder children. . . . **Chuck ‘53 and Sandy Pearson Anderson** report some wonderful experiences with Elderhostel trips. She says, “for anyone who hasn’t discovered them yet—try it, you’ll like it.” . . . **Ann Hawkes Paquin** is an active beekeeper and gardener in Windham Maine, where she lives in her grandfather’s 125-year-old house. . . . **Jean Paula Whitcomb Thornton** writes from Vermont about her family. Although she didn’t enumerate, I think I counted eight children—living in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, Illinois, Washington and Alabama as well as Vermont—and 11 grandchildren in the family news. . . . **Ray and Merry Crane Evans** live in California. Both are amateur radio operators. . . . I guess that’s all for now. So, from Maine to Paris and from Hilo to Nome, let us all wish each other the happiest of New Years. ♦

Correspondent:

Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey

53 HELP! I would like to hear from more classmates. **Paul Dionne** wrote a newsy letter from Ft. Stockton, Texas. He says, “After graduation in 1953, I wandered around Baltimore and then was sent by Uncle Sam down to Texas. After a couple of years in El Paso/Albuquerque, I entered U. of Texas Law School and came out here to practice. I have been here ever since

and found a good life.” He continues, “I have four nice kids, seven grandchildren. I am now married to a nice college professor gal (teaches nursing) and we have a nice time together.” He says, “my practice is a limited one and I pretty well do as I please. I spend a few hours in the office and the rest of the time in the greenhouse and on the golf course. I guess you could call me semi-retired.” Like most of us, Paul says his Colby connections have faded away, so he keeps up with Colby friends through this news column. Keep the news com-

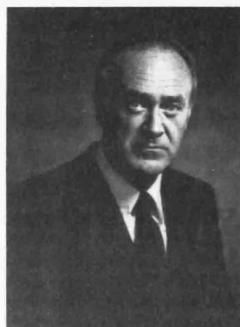
ing. . . . It was a great summer and my house kept me so busy, I wasn’t able to venture far from Hamilton. But **Joey Leader Creedon** wrote a short note to me, hoping I would be able to join some Colby grads in the Cape Cod area next summer. . . . I was notified by the Alumni Office of a death in our class: **Virginia McLay Dunmire** died in Glenwood Springs, Colo., January 6, 1990. ♦

Correspondent:

Ann Dillingham Ingraham

NEWSMAKERS

Dr. Kershaw Powell ‘51 spoke at a ceremony in the Waterville, Maine, Rape Crisis Center, where a room was dedicated to the memory of his late wife, Jill, who had been a fund raiser for the center. . . . **William Ames ‘54** was the subject of a column in the Northampton (Mass.) *Daily Hampshire Gazette*. For the first time in 30 years, the retired teacher’s name did not appear on the city council ballot as he prepared to spend time in Arizona. . . . **Novelist Robert B. Parker ‘54** spoke at a public library fund-raiser held at Bridgewater State College, where he was formerly a professor of English. . . . **Paul F. McClay ‘55** was named to the board of directors of Gardiner Savings Institution in Gardiner, Maine. McClay owns and operates Paul McClay, Consultant, an advertising, marketing and public relations firm in Augusta. . . . **Peter Lunder ‘56**, president, and **Harold Alfond**, chairman of the board of Dexter Shoe Co., announced the merger of Dexter and Omaha-based Berkshire Hathaway Inc., a company that deals in property and casualty insurance and publishes the *Buffalo News* and *World Book Encyclopedia*. Dexter “has a long, profitable history, enduring franchise and superb management,” said a spokesman for Berkshire Hathaway. . . . **Yvonne Noble ‘56** currently is a distinguished visiting professor at Washington and Jefferson College. . . . The Reading (Pa.) *Eagle* featured seven citizens of Berks County, Pa., who are chairs of college or university boards of trustees, including **Lawrence R. Pugh ‘56**. “The rewards are numerous,” Pugh said. “Working with students is great, although you never get enough time doing that.”



Dr. Kershaw Powell '51

MILEPOSTS

Marriages: **Barbara Newhall Arnel ‘58** to **John Stevens** in Upper Montclair, N.J.

Deaths: **Donald Bishop ‘57** in Pittsfield, Maine, at 61. . . . **Rita Hamilton Hager ‘55** in Arlington, Va., at 60.

55 **Diane Reynolds Wright** writes that she and her husband, **Dick**, have been enjoying retirement and spent several “fascinating” weeks visiting their son, who is working for the mayor of Hradec Kralove as a liaison person to attract Western business and visitors to eastern Bohemia. . . . **Joan Sandberg** has started a new job for the Arizona Department of Health Services. She is the health program manager of the state birth defects monitoring program in the division of disease prevention. She says she is using her medical expertise and has a secretary, an administrative assistant and three medical records technicians who assist in abstracting information from the medical records of all babies born with birth defects. From this information various reports are generated for statistical information. . . . **John Hager** reports that his daughter presented him with a grandson in May just two months prior to the death of his wife, **Scotty (Hamilton)**, on July 1. John is still working at the Defense Mapping Agency Hydrographic/Topographic Center and is the senior geodesist there. He adds, “It seems odd that both **John Dutton** and myself should have gotten involved in such a limited profession. Retirement is not in my plans, but I will have to wait and see if Mr. Clinton has other ideas.” . . . **Vanda Mikolowski Solomon** recently retired as director of cultural events at the Kosciuszko Foundation, the American Center for Polish Culture in New York City. She plans to retire to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Her married son, **Peter**, a Colby grad, received his M.B.A. from Babson and is working for an envi-

ronmental company in Massachusetts. Her daughter, Jessica, a RISD graduate and photographer, is a singer and songwriter for Made in Wood, a rock band in Seattle, Wash. . . . Lee Fernandez sent a Winslow Homer portfolio (which is beautiful and much appreciated) of woodcut engravings. It has won several graphic design awards and is available at New England museum gift shops. ♦

Correspondent:

Ann Marie Segrave Lieber

58 Many apologies for missing this space in the November issue. Now that I have lists of deadlines and other pertinent information, I don't think this will happen again. Fortunately, I inherited some questionnaire responses from Marietta Pane and will use some of them for this column, as they still appear timely and reintroduce us to some classmates we haven't heard from in a while. . . . **Dick Campbell** is a group vice president for Textron Corp., in Providence, R.I. As of February 1993, he and his wife, Carolyne Jean, had relocated to York, Maine. Dick's oldest daughter graduated from McGill University and medical school and is a psychiatrist in Ottawa, Ont. . . . **Nancy Derderian Bagdasarian** has been collection coordinator for her family business, Waltham Lime and Cement, for the past three years. She has acquired two sons through her daughters' marriages, Nancy's in July 1990 and Lee's in August 1992. Both daughters now live in Salt Lake City, necessitating much travel out West. . . . **Mary Lou Storm Donarski** has relocated to South Salem, N.Y. The most interesting and satisfying thing for Mary Lou has been learning how to help her Down's syndrome daughter, Amy, reach her goals. Mary Lou says she is sorting out the important things in life and enjoying them much more as a consequence. . . . **Leigh Bangs**, who lives in Carmel, Ind., is a chemist/entrepreneur for his own business, which he and his wife started about five years ago. In 1988 their three children received B.A., M.S. and M.D. degrees. Leigh reports that one of the ushers at his wedding, Ted Lockhart '61, is now an admiral,

and the photographer, Dennis Ting '60, is now a multimillionaire businessman and honored citizen living in Hong Kong. . . . **Aubrey "Bones" Jones** is a retired attorney and lives with his wife, Lois, in Weston, Mass. Bones reports that he had a new and more severe heart attack and now operates on one third of a heart—and is grateful for that. Nevertheless, he and Lois, along with their three daughters and one son, took a trip around the world, and Bones and Lois later went to Korea to revisit sites of his military service. . . . **Susan Carll Thornes** was married in July 1991. She is an educational development specialist living in Cape Charles, Va. Her husband is retired from the military. . . . **Tom Roy's** wife, Jan, was promoted to assistant vice president of surgical services and special projects at New Britain General Hospital in Connecticut. His oldest son, Steve, an aviator for the USMC, received two Navy commendations for Persian Gulf duty and made it through eight months in the gulf unharmed. Tom and Jan have five children, three of them daughters who all married between November 1990 and September 1991! Their first grandchild was born in March 1992. . . . **Debbie Williams Pinkerton** has three grandchildren, who all live near her in Tulsa, Okla. She received her M.B.A. from the University of Tulsa in May 1992. She says the most interesting thing to happen to her in the past 10 years was spending 15 days in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area with Outward Bound. . . . **Jane Daib Reisman** plans to retire from her 8:30 to 5 job as supervisor of customer service for an insurance company and return to the world of volunteering. Like many others, she mentions the empty nest, grandparenthood, seeing children happy in their chosen careers, gaining sons and/or daughters through marriage of the children, travel and reconnecting with Colby friends. And also, like many others, Jane praises Colby for enabling her to learn to think clearly and to express herself. It looks as though our four years on Mayflower Hill made an impression on us that is life-lasting, even though the campus as we knew it has changed so very much. ♦

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Man in the Middle

In his first two years at Colby, Arthur Goldschmidt '59 recalls, he had no interest in the Middle East or its people, whom he remembers being characterized as "crazy Arabs" by some of his fellow New Yorkers. But thanks to a conversation with Colby President J. Seelye Bixler and a visiting lecturer from Princeton, Goldschmidt spent his junior year at the American University of Beirut. His career—as an academic Arabist—was sealed.

Goldschmidt learned Arabic after graduating from Colby and then earned master's and doctoral degrees in Middle East history from Harvard. He has taught and studied in Egypt, Lebanon and Israel and is now a professor of Middle East history at Pennsylvania State University. As a scholar and author of *A Concise History of the Middle East* (the most widely used Middle East textbook in the United States), Goldschmidt is occasionally sought by the media to comment on developments like last fall's peace effort that brought Yitzhak Rabin and Yasir Arafat to Washington.

Goldschmidt takes a longer view of Middle East developments than do some political scientists and most journalists.

"It was a momentous event," he said of the White House ceremony and the mutual recognition agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, "but I was very cautious at the time. I was happy—I want peace to come to the Middle East; I was just conscious of everything that could go wrong."

First published in 1979, Goldschmidt's text is Westview Press's best-selling title, and he revises it every four years. The U.S. attack on Iraq in January 1991 threatened to delay the last edition until the quick resolution of the Gulf war in March of that year allowed the presses to roll on schedule. For the next edition, Goldschmidt says that he plans to give "a lot of weight" to the current peace efforts, since they change "a lot of things I've said about the Palestinians and the Israelis being unwilling to cooperate."

As a student, Goldschmidt was a writer and feature editor for *The Colby Echo*—an experience he credits with helping him learn to write clearly. He enjoyed newspaper work so much, he says, that he had

misgivings about going to Beirut in 1957 when he realized it would take him out of the line of succession to become *Echo* editor his senior year. Today he relishes his occasional role as a "Deep Throat" source on the Penn State faculty when students on the university's daily paper want the inside story, and he's amused when he recalls his own efforts to tweak the administration as a student journalist.

"I remember Dick Dyer calling me in and bawling us out for publishing a letter critical of the administration," he said. "We were led to believe there were a bunch of mastodons who were Colby alumni who would stop supporting the College if they read something they didn't like."

Now, along with his wife, Louise Robb Goldschmidt '60, he is a member of an alumni group that holds a different view of the College. Even though he has seen a lot of academe—as a graduate student at Columbia, Michigan and Harvard universities and as a professor in Cairo, Haifa and University Park, Pa.—Goldschmidt's ideals come from Mayflower Hill. He ended up at a major university with 40,000 students only because he realized his field was

too specialized for a small college. The best he can do, he says, is to bring a little bit of Colby with him to Penn State, where he makes an effort to personalize education for his students, emphasizing teaching and nurturing. He likes inviting students to his home for meals and discussions and going with them to the library if they need help learning how to do research.

"Arthur never has left a small school—he tries to maintain that caring relationship with students," said Marvin Weinbaum, a former Colby professor who directs the South Asian and Middle Eastern studies program at the University of Illinois. "It's easy at a large university to cut yourself off from undergraduate students, but he's just so approachable. I've watched the way the students flocked to him, even in Cairo. Arthur Goldschmidt carries Colby with him wherever he goes."

—Stephen Collins '74



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60 While in Boston, your roving reporter had a chance to call some classmates for a little news. (You never know whom I will call next, so write!) **Barbara Blackburn Bagas** teaches elementary education and remedial math in Brockton, Mass., although she said that teaching is not as much fun as in the past. Barbara, divorced for three years, has three grown kids living away and is having fun being on her own. . . . **Marguerite Lerro Dole** is a secretary at Harvard Business School. She is married and stopped working when they adopted their son but returned to work six years ago. She said she has a few gray hairs (don't we all?) and had recently met **Ann Impey Reed** and **Bev Johnson Arnett** for a "girls night out" and "a few laughs." . . . **John Kellom** is "overbusy, underpaid" but very enthusiastic about his computer work in air traffic control for Raytheon. At present he is working on control systems for Norway and India. (He joked that he takes trains.) John, married, lives in Harvard, Mass., and has two kids (both living away). We talked about Colby not having any com-

puters at all when we were there. His introduction to them was a class trip from Colby to MIT to work with a computer. Hi-tech has very much changed. . . . **Judy Allen Ferretti** called me from her office. She's executive director of the New England College Board in Waltham, Mass., where she both lives and works. Her schedule of traveling and working makes it sound as if she rarely is found at home, but she loves her job and the many challenges it offers. . . . A nice conversation with **Peggy Hibbard Miller** included information that she is married to a pediatrician and is selling real estate, which is beginning to pick up a little bit. They go skiing in the West every year and enjoy their two grandchildren. She has seen **Carol Seaman McFarland** and **Sue Edmond Merrick**. All the people I spoke with are considering going to our reunion, especially if they know the rest of you will be there. . . . A visit from **Peg Barnes Dyer's** husband, Cal, brought news that Peg has left her job in social services and all its bureaucracy and is working for Prudential Insurance in Terre Haute, Ind. . . . And **Bob Hartman** dropped in one day on a sales trip through this area and regaled me with tales of his career changes. He's now senior account executive for F.G. Montabert Co., which designs and produces the most amazing variety of labels. He's married, living in Glen Ellyn, Ill., and has been very active with the school board there. Both sons are in college, which is keeping Bob working hard. . . . And in my area, **Gordon St. John** is continuing with his love of hockey by coaching the sport for Redford Catholic Central, a class A finalist team last year. Gordie is still CEO of Bosquette and Co. General Insurance, so he will be very busy. . . . All of us were saddened to hear of the death of **Charles Leighton**. When I last spoke with Charlie, he was

most enthusiastic about being an overseer for Colby's science departments, where his expertise was probably most helpful. The absence of his intelligence and zest for life is a loss for all of us. . . . Finally, on a personal note, **American Folk Art Canes: Personal Sculpture**, which my husband, George Meyer, and I wrote, won an American Institute of Graphics award as one of the 50 best books in the country in 1992. The book accompanied the exhibit of our canes held at the Detroit Institute of Arts through Thanksgiving of this year. From December 12, 1993, through April 12, 1994, the exhibition will be at the Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, Mass. We will be speaking there in March. Try to come by if you are near.

Correspondent:
Penelope Dietz Sullivan

61 Here I sit on a warm September evening realizing that when you read this it will be *after* Christmas, and you will have sent me some new news for my future columns. (Right?) I have a few more letters from the last request but they have aged like bad wine in my Colby drawer and are no longer relevant. The following people, who have not been heard of lately, either need to send me their obits or news of what they are doing (or some friend of theirs needs to get them off the hook): **Jay Adolf**, **Carol Rancourt Ahern**, **Stewart Arens**, **Peter Armstrong**, **Pat Zapp Arnott**, **Becky Bachman** (whom I have tried to call several times and would personally love to hear from), **George Bagas**, **Dave Bergquist**, **George Bitgood**, **Howie Blatt**, **Si Blum**, **Margie Irwin Boilesen**, **Lawrence Bois**, **Scott Brackett**, **Connie Collins Brennan**, **Bob Brown**, **Dave Bustin** and **Sturges Butler**. Look at that—I only hit the A's and B's. Write

soon before you are publically exposed for not keeping your classmates informed! ... **Carol Davidson Jack** wrote from Hopewell Junction, N.Y., that she has a granddaughter who is, by now, almost 1 year old (her daughter's) and that her son was to be married in August. She has been working part time and enjoying travels to visit relatives, skiing, biking and gardening. ... **Hans Veeder** reports that he commutes from San Francisco to San Diego each week to run the printing division of K/P Graphics, of which he is president. He is into mountain biking, skiing and tennis and has run three marathons. He had an interesting trip in spring '92 to Switzerland, Austria and Italy, where his youngest and soon-to-be-a-graduate was studying. He is looking forward to a few days at Samoset when we celebrate our 35th. ... I was on the phone to **Bebe Clark Mutz**, who asked me what I meant about Samoset. For those of you who may have missed it, the class off year ahead of us celebrated for two or three days before their 35th reunion by going to Samoset Resort in Rockport. By the time they got to the reunion, they were really in a groove and having a wonderful time together! Many of us are planning to do the same when we have our 35th, and our president, Dave Ziskind, and his reunion committee will be publishing details as we get close to that fateful date. ... **Diane Sadler Martin** and her husband, Fred, live in Richmond, Va., where he is an Episcopal priest and she is in geriatrics as a consultant, author and graduate student. They have celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary. They must have had a full Christmas table: they have four daughters, five sons, three sons-in-law and one daughter-in-law and, when she last wrote, one granddaughter. If that isn't enough to keep her busy, she also takes care of her mother and her mother's two younger sisters. Weekends she plays "preacher's wife" in Halifax, about two hours from Richmond. She and Fred have published a book, *Do Preachers Really Like Fried Chicken?*, and are working on *Are There Really Red Tractors in Heaven?*—a compilation of recipes, remedies and reminiscences illustrated by area locals. She had a

good chat with her old (oops, former) roommate, **Heather Campbell Carney**, whose daughter attends Wake Forest. ... **Bill Bainbridge** is a physician in Malvern, Pa., where he is now an empty nester, so he paints and builds ship models when he isn't sailing, hiking, camping or playing tennis. He has no plans to retire, as he loves his work. ... **Debby Berry Denniston** has by now received her yearly Christmas notes from **Ellen McCue Taylor**, **Betsy Harper Hopley** and **Sue Miller Anderson**. When she has finished feeding her heifers, her dog and her horse, maybe Debby will be able to bring us up to date on their news. To escape winter in New York state, she and her husband, Roy, who may now be retired, enjoy Caribbean cruises. Her daughter, Robin, graduated from Cornell and is successfully pursuing her career. ... From Racine, Wis., we hear from **Hy Plimpton**, who is president and CEO of a business he joined when he left GE after 30 years. He and his wife are busy keeping up with a 13-year-old elite soccer and basketball player and three grandchildren. He joins the large group of us looking forward to Samoset and our 35th at Colby. Watch your mail for a questionnaire. When you get it, please fill it out and send it back quickly so we can get your news here. ♦

Correspondent:
Judith Hoagland Bristol

62 Thanks to all who have responded to my requests for updated information. Please, if I direct a request to you, respond. We want to hear about you—the goods and the bads. Now it seems as if most of us are experiencing change in our lives, and somehow we have an instant camaraderie because we're able to identify with one another's changes. ... The highlight of this year for **Nancy MacKenzie Keating** was the graduation of her daughter **Leslie** from Lehigh. Leslie is temporarily living at home while she pursues a position in public relations in Atlanta. Nancy, who moved from a big house in suburbia to a townhouse closer to work, continues her new career working with "addicts and alcoholics" but

says that she is most interested in housing for people with AIDS. Nancy uses her spare time to do "creative things" like painting, sewing and needlework—she recently completed a set of 18 needlepoint kneelers for an Episcopal church! Nancy has been a widow for a number of years but says that although it would be nice to have a partner, the right one has yet to come along. Nancy looked great at the reunion, so-o-o. ... **Patricia Doucette Light** and husband **Jerry** are retired math teachers in Michigan. Last year she took a math class at the university, traveled to Las Vegas, the Bahamas and Maine, babysat twice a week with her grandchildren (daughters Kim, 30, and Sheryl, 27, are special education teachers) and still was active in the local civic theater. Pat keeps up with **Sally Lafreniere Plock**—who started a new business with her husband in South Bend, Ind., two years ago—and with **Sally White Butler**, whom she describes as a "very independent widow in Billerica, Mass." Pat says she's thankful that she was able to receive scholarships to go to Colby and feels that the career and life she has today are a direct result of her Colby experience. Pat, I'm glad you're already planning to return to Maine to visit family and attend our 35th. You'll enjoy it, I promise. ... **Marijane Eaton Fall** has started a new career this past summer in a new part of the country where she doesn't know anyone—and as a single woman! Marijane is now an associate professor of counselor education at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. Sounds like she arrived in the Midwest with the flooding. She mentions the constant state of uncertainty—wondering when the sewers and water would fail. Marijane would love to know if we have other school counselors, counselor educators or therapists in our class. I do know that we have lots of educators, Marijane. In fact at our next reunion—which you cannot stay away from for any reason (and yes, we have lots of singles in attendance, always)—we can plan to have a mini-conference for school-related occupations. Marijane has three children: **Greg** (Bowdoin '86) directs the York County Red Cross, **Gretchen** (Colby '89) is working on a master's at the University of

Massachusetts and **Amy** is a sophomore at the University of Maine. Good luck, Marijane, on your new life. ... **Tony Kramer** is in real estate, and his wife, **Linda**, is an energy executive in Burr Ridge, Ill. Tony, you need to compare notes with **Ron Ryan** and **Dennis Connolly** since they also have the littles and bigs. Tony has a son, **Tim**, who is a commercial airline pilot, and a son, **Tom**, who is a sophomore at Beloit; then come son **Steven**, who is 4, and **Stephanie**, 5, who is in kindergarten. Tony and Linda spent a week this summer "port hopping" on Lake Michigan on their boat. Tony was just elected to his second term as a Colby overseer and is running for a second term on his local school board. ... **Allie Weller** is now flying for Saudi Arabian Airlines and lives in Jeddah in a "compound" with a multi-ethnic group of the Saudi workforce. Allie pointed out that most of the workforce is imported and that he transports the workers to and from disadvantaged countries and thus routinely visits Bangkok; Manila; Dacca, Bangladesh; Madras, India; Istanbul, Bombay, Casablanca; Jakarta, Indonesia; Karachi, Pakistan; and Sri Lanka; Kano, Nigeria; Brussels, Taipei, London and "good old New York City." He gets home to wife **Toni**, still a librarian in Amherst, N.H., about once a month. Some of you may remember that Allie got caught when Eastern Airlines went "belly up" and, as he says, "my hopes, dreams, expectations (financial) were shattered." He's been scrambling ever since to get even his retirement fund back. If any of you are traveling to any of Al's ports of call, you might contact him at either 4 Atherton Lane, Amherst, NH 03031 or P.O. Box 167, C.C. 942, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Allie says he will be at our 35th. ♦

Correspondent:
Barbara Haines Chase

63 As I write, the days are growing shorter and cooler, and the hillsides of southwestern New Hampshire flicker with the early flame of autumn color. It has been fun to come home to letters from classmates responding to my call for updated

news. . . . Dr. Lillian Waugh is interim co-director of the center for women's studies at West Virginia University. In the spring she received the Mary-Catherine Buswell Award, honoring those who have sought equality and social justice for women. Congratulations, Lillian! . . . Congratulations, too, to Ceylon Barclay on his recent marriage to Carolyn, a "charming redhead and Peace Corps grad, with democratic leanings," who, he writes, counterbalances his tilt to the right. Ceylon recently returned to St. Augustine after five years in the West Indies, where he found time in which to complete a

manuscript, now accepted for publication. He and Carolyn are planning a trip to the Soviet Union to gather material for yet another story. . . . After 25 years of law-office management, Virginia Baker has started her own computer business at home in New York and finds it wonderful. She now can schedule her own time to read, quilt and enjoy her three feline companions. . . . Warren Balgooyen sent me two pages of his story "from then till now," which I shall try to condense for publication. In 1983, after 20 years at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, eventually as director of their environmental

education center, he, his wife, Helen, and two children moved to Norridgewock, Maine, to a 180-acre farm. At present Warren is a self-employed naturalist, environmental educator, landscaper, carpenter, Christmas tree and maple syrup salesperson and operator of a wholesale bait business. He says he has no plans or time for travel—no kidding! . . . Judith Allen Austin owns a real estate business in Durham, N.H. In this area the market is still down, and stress is high. But her children are all through college, and now she and Noel, her husband of 32 years, are enjoying travel and their grand-

daughter, Sarah. . . . Michael Archer's questionnaire arrived in the "exotic" envelope from São Paulo, Brazil, where he is an account executive with Adams and Porter. He reports that the work is stressful and excessive, which is probably why his wife, Ruth, states—and he agrees—that she does 90 percent of the work at home. Herding two young boys could mean a lot of work! . . . Mary Michelmore Ackerman-Hayes is a teacher in Brattleboro, Vt., working with a special population of at-risk kids. She and her husband, Don, live in a wonderful hilltop house, where she enjoys swimming,

Front-Line Doctor

Working in what he describes as "front-line medicine" as the acting chief of the infectious diseases clinic at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in San Francisco, Peter C. Jensen '67 often finds himself telling patients the news they fear the most: that they are HIV positive. "They ask, 'How long do I have?,' and I say I don't know, but their chances are greater being hit by a truck than dying of AIDS the next day."

"One of the things you learn," Jensen said, "is that you can make patients feel better in the time they have left." Jensen says he tries to encourage patients to move through the stages of denial, anger and depression until they "get to the other side" and begin looking at their priorities in order to make the most of their remaining days.

Jensen has seen firsthand the explosive growth in HIV and AIDS, since he has worked in San Francisco ever since his graduation from Colby. His fascination with science began with high school lab projects in Pasadena, Calif., grew at Colby as a biology major in classes with Professor Allan Scott and flourished when he returned west to earn his medical degree at the University of California at San Francisco, where he has taught medicine since 1978. He even managed to do his two-year Navy hitch in the Bay area.

Jensen recalls that in the 1970s, when he was honing his skills in internal medicine, the field of infectious diseases was limited mainly to pneumonia and tropical diseases. With the onset of HIV, he says, the field "became more interesting and more demanding." Once patients with HIV began seeking help in 1981, Jensen saw many of them because of the complications involved in their conditions. By 1985 his case load was so great that he began a special clinic in the hospital devoted to patients with infectious diseases. Jensen and his staff regularly follow about 700 patients who are HIV positive, employing various kinds of medical strategies to care for them, including experimental programs for about 20 percent.



"Clearly, we are in a situation where everybody who comes to our clinic will eventually die," Jensen said. "That's hard." He notes that unlike those elsewhere, his HIV patients are the same age or younger than he is and equally accomplished in their professional lives—but they are facing their mortality decades ahead of schedule.

"It's a very humbling experience," Jensen said. "Here you're confronted with someone with the same aspirations you have—for the parent it's having kids, for the architect it's a building, for the artist it's your work, for the teacher it's your students."

Jensen sees his work as an affirmation of why he chose to become a doctor: "to observe, comfort, support, not always win, but sustain people." But in a profession whose centuries-old tradition is to provide the cure and care that will heal a patient, Jensen says his mission is "very tough when everything you do ultimately fails."

"People's resolve and personal strength is inspirational," Jensen said. "It helps us to keep our priorities straight." He also finds satisfaction in passing on his knowledge to a new generation of doctors. "There's something about seeing people grow and become more capable and pick up some of the wisdom and skills that's very gratifying," he said. As part of a select group of doctors who have dealt with HIV-related issues for more than a decade, Jensen provides guidance to other hospitals around the country.

Jensen's wife, Bonnie, also is a doctor, but he says they make sure to "leave the hospital at the hospital" when they return to their Mill Valley home so they can devote time to their three children and to activities such as travel, backpacking, river rafting and skiing. And while he says his work affirms his goal of helping people, it also has provided him a useful prescription that is more universal: "I have come to value my life more, come to value my kids more and come to value the day-to-day hassles less," he said.

—Robert Spurrier

gardening and walking in the woods and meadows of rural Vermont. Being "neighbors," we see each other often, both professionally and socially. ♦

Correspondent:
Sara Shaw Rhoades

64 A few quick lines to let you know that our group is indeed preparing to assemble once again on the steps of the Libe or under the lindens in the warmth of the dining halls: June 3-5. . . . **Morgan McGinley** says he has two kids in college and is broke. (We've been there, Morgan, and are still broke.) . . . **John Gowis** still teaching at Williston Northampton School and has made a summer trip to Australia and spent two years as president of the Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers to enrich his life. . . . **Dick York** has had a quadruple heart by-pass and finds himself in his best shape in 25 years. . . . **Marge Convery** is director of the Vineyard Haven Public Library on Martha's Vineyard. Sounds like the best of all worlds—literature, art, islands and the sea! . . . Clinical psychologist **Judy Milner Coche Anderson** has been widowed and recently married, has written two books in the last five years and has been invited to be a guest on *Sally Jesse Raphael*, *The Today Show* etc. plus being featured in *The New York Times* and *Harper's Bazaar*. She writes, "It's a giggle!" ♦

Correspondent:
Richard W. Bankart

65 A newsy note from **Lew Krinsky**. The envelope bore a return address of BATES-BOWDOIN-COLBY c/o Krinsky, etc. Seems Lanky Lew runs an annual fall dinner in Houston for 50 or more local alumni. He's become close to a number of young people who are part of the Teach for America program. Lew says several recent Colby grads are in this magnificent program, which sends young men and women into inner city and rural schools for two years and leads to a teaching certification. . . . **Robbie Gilson**

Drewes enclosed a new business card for her "Only Originals"—fresh . . . spontaneous watercolors. She writes, "After years of 'getting around to it,' I'm finally painting and selling!" Robbie is also an active volunteer with a youth group at church. She sees **Bill and Shirlee Clark Neil** frequently. . . . **Myles Denny-Brown** writes that he has "completed the Executive Potential Program of the Office of Personnel Management in March '93, but have yet to see any new jobs." Myles spent evenings last spring managing his son's soccer team to a second-place finish. . . . **Marty Dodge** continues making the world a nicer place as professor of conservation at Finger Lakes Community College in Canandaigua, N.Y. Marty conducted a travel course to wilderness Alaska last summer. He also scouted Costa Rican rain forests in January '93 for a proposed course in January '94 and spent part of last summer constructing an elevated boardwalk interpretive trail in Honeoye Swamp. . . . **Gerry Garon** is a certified financial planner and tax manager. He's also an investor and treasurer of two Boston Chicken franchises in Needham and Dedham, Mass. (I'm still waiting for a review from **Rick Davis**!) Gerry runs and plays softball and says, "still weigh 165 pounds, the same as in college." . . . **Jim Foxman** has completed 14 years as a circuit judge-State of Florida and was the highest rated judge in a recent Bar Association poll. He keeps active playing tennis. His oldest son is dean's list at the U. of Florida Law School. . . . Hail, Colby, Hail! ♦

Correspondent:
Russell N. Monbleau

66 I have seen the truth and it makes no sense. Joyce and I now have two married sons—Gregg, our oldest, was married July 23 in Warren, Mich., just north of Detroit. That was the first of two family weddings this summer, the second being my niece's. Joyce has had four birthday parties, three of them surprises for her and the fourth a surprise for her twin sister in Arizona. We also launched my parents' surprise golden wedding anniversary in

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Eric Spitzer '65

Elmer Bartels '62 was one of 12 business and community leaders recently appointed to the board of trustees of Boston's Wang Center for the Performing Arts. . . . Connecticut Secretary of State **Pauline Ryder Kezer '63** served as keynote speaker at the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce's annual "Women as Inspiration" seminar. . . . **Jay M. Smith '63** ran for re-election to the Portsmouth, N.H., city council. . . . **Cynthia Smith Whitaker '63**, a second grade teacher at the Polk School in Waterbury, Conn., was named Teacher of the Year by the Waterbury school board. . . . **Robert M. Furek '64**, president and CEO of Heublein Inc., was the keynote speaker at the 13th annual Economic Conference of the Tunxis Community-Technical College Foundation in Farmington, Conn. The foundation supports college functions that cannot be funded by state appropriations. . . . **Alida Milliken Camp, M.A. '64**, a Colby trustee, represented the College at the inauguration of Steven Katona as president of College of the Atlantic. . . . **William Marvin '65** was chosen to serve as chair of the Greater Manchester (N.H.) Chamber of Commerce 83rd Annual Citizen of the Year Dinner. . . . **Eric Spitzer '65** has joined Keystone Health Plan East in Philadelphia, Pa., as vice president of health services operations. Prior to joining Keystone, Spitzer was president and CEO of Peer Review Analysis Inc., a Boston health care utilization management firm. . . . **Steven Brooke '67** of the Natural Resources Council of Maine presented a slide show and discussion at the College on restoration of the Kennebec River. . . . **Kingman Penniman '67** was quoted in a page one *Wall Street Journal* article on junk bonds. . . . General manager of the Boston Celtics **Jan Volk '68** was a member of a forum in the Tufts University Lecture Series that introduced students to Boston's historical, cultural and social opportunities. Volk spoke on the advantages of living in a big-time sports town. . . . **Bill Burges '69** was featured in a *Cleveland Plain Dealer* article on his career as a political consultant. Burges worked closely with current Cleveland mayor Michael White in White's bid for the office. . . . **Sari Abul-Jubein '69** and **Bob Hark '69** were the subject of an article in the *Central Maine Morning Sentinel* dealing with reaction to the peace accords in the Middle East. Hark, who is Jewish, and Abul-Jubein, a Palestinian, were roommates their freshman year at Colby. "I thought sooner or later, our people would have to settle their differences and find solutions," said Abul-Jubein.

MILEPOSTS

Deaths: **Fredric A. Bonner '61** in Manchester, Conn., at 54. . . . **Ronald G. Conn '62** in Marblehead, Mass., at 53.

August. I do not want to speak to another caterer for at least a year. . . . Speaking of parties, **Linda Mitchell Potter** reported that by the time you read this, we should

have had our 27 1/2 reunion during Colby's Homecoming Weekend in October. Linda also remarked that her goal for the summer was to lose some weight, but then she realized

that what she gained over the winter was really just fat converted to heavier muscle due to an active skiing season. That's an excellent rationalization. It's what I used when I went from a size 44 to a 46 the year I built my house. . . . **Erik Thorson** was featured in the *Nashville Banner* as part of an article titled "Dear Old Dad," with the emphasis on "Old." A special Father's Day article focusing on how fatherhood comes later in life today was quick to point out that Erik was a first-time dad at 48. The color photo of Eric, son, and wife Rhonda shows that they are all very photogenic. . . . **Joan Manegold Dukes** is now a volunteer docent for second graders at her local nature center. She writes that she didn't know what the kids enjoyed most, discovering tadpoles, observing a bird's nest or watching Joan fall flat on her face in the mud, although the latter was the only time the kids were quiet. I think you already have your answer, Joan. She and husband George had recently returned from their snorkeling adventure on the island of Guanaja off the coast of Honduras. . . . As I am in the midst of unpacking from the wedding and executing surprise parties, the column will be short this month. I am still anxiously counting the returned class questionnaires—hoping that we do better than last year. Remember, it's never too late to send one in. ♦

Correspondent:
Robert Gracia

67 John Cooper writes from Saco that he is the proud grandfather of Lauren Alexandra Cooper-Mullett. Grandfatherhood, he says, has led him to feel younger and more spry than in recent years. John volunteers at his local library setting up a computer system to list the collection. Being excited about going to work in the morning and being able to leave the work at work count high on his list of success definitions. . . . **Susan Finlay Chavez** has had an interesting and busy year. With her two cats, one a 16-pound beast that attracts the attention of local authorities, Susan has moved to a new house that

in the last nine months, she says, she has converted from an ugly house into a beauty—with her own hands! Susan also has changed jobs, moving from the detox to the psychiatric unit of her hospital. . . . **Tim "Tif" Crowell** wins the missing persons locator award. After filling in on the whereabouts of **Al Haughton**, Tim writes that he saw **Kip Coughlin** and his wife (whom you will recall as the young nurse at the Roberts Union infirmary). Kip, a lawyer in Bangor, has three daughters, one of whom attended Colby. Tif adds that he saw John '66 and Betty Savicki Carvellas '68 at a Vermont riding event. Tif goes on to say that being semi-retired, he finds time to sing in a barbershop quartet. Regrettably, he did not report his secret path to semi-retirement. . . . **Scottie Brewer Brower** writes from Vermont that this past year she won an award for being the teacher of the year in her county, and she was treated for breast cancer. Success, she says, is the ability to learn something from whatever life sends you, awards or illness. Along with her husband, Robert, a writer and therapist, Scottie lives with her daughter, Caitlin, 16. Her stepdaughter, Pepa, lives in New York City, and her stepson, Josh, is in law school in Seattle. . . . **Susan and Paul Cronin** have been keeping a close eye on Colby sports as son Brian enters his sophomore year on his dad's old turf. Like his dad, Brian is a mainstay on the Mules' hockey team. Brian made Dean's List last year, and it made Paul smile with pride that Brian didn't follow all the old paths! Back in Saugus, Mass., Paul and Susan have two daughters at home, Amy, 9, and Erin, 6. Paul has taken on a new challenge at work this year as he teaches in a new program designed to address the problems of low motivation and poor academic performance in at-risk high school students. . . . **Sally Ray Bennett** continues in her position as counselor at South Kingston High. She recently completed work for a second master's degree, an M.Ed. in school administration from Providence College. Her daughter, Kirsti Morin, has graduated from Mary Washington and will become the third generation of Rays in education. Twin sons Matthew and

Michael are in school at Mary Washington and Trenton State. Family and her profession are the mainstays of success for Sally. . . . **Jeff Browning** lives with his wife, Sherie, in Bend, Ore., where Jeff is audit manager at a ski and summer resort. Jeff's daughter, Lisa, is a Ph.D. candidate at MIT, and son Erich is a sophomore at the University of Oregon. In addition to his family and his work, Jeff counts the beauty of his surroundings as a significant aspect of his success. . . . **Georgia Bizios** is a professor of architecture and associate academic dean at North Carolina State University, where she runs into **Sue Nutter**, who is head librarian at the school. She has designed and built her own house and each summer takes students to Greece for a "field trip." Her frequent trips to Europe have also given her a chance to keep in contact with Colby foreign students **Francois Villanne Chotard**, who is still in France, and **Dorothy Staehelin Rothenback**, who now lives in Switzerland. . . . Next time you're at your nearest Tower Record store, check out the latest album on the SUB-POP label by a hot new Portland, Ore., rock group called Hazel. The singer/drummer is **Jean Howard Bleyle's** daughter Jody, 23, a graduate of Reed College. Jean and her husband, John, who live in Westport, Conn., also are the proud parents of Susan, 21, a recent graduate of Oberlin College, and Allen, 13, an eighth grader. . . . In case you've earned your second million and you're looking for a private banker, you should look up **Roberta Kochi**, who loans money to the rich as a private banker in New York City. . . . Please don't feel that what you've done is not quite spectacular enough to contact us. We want to hear from all of you (we're just plain nosey!) because the inquiring minds of '67 want to know where you are and what you're up to! ♦

Correspondent:
Anna Thompson Bragg

69 The new year has started, and we are even closer to our 25th reunion. Start making your plans to

see old friends and renew acquaintances. Our class officers are working very hard to make this reunion outstanding! . . . **Jeanne Bryant Stanwood** and her husband own a bicycle shop in Castle Rock, Colo. Jeanne is also a part-time 4-H Extension agent and has been a 4-H leader for over 13 years. Her family claims six pack goats and "lots of angora goats." She also has two sons, Josh and Ben, to keep her mind occupied. . . . Another lady who has spent a lot of time with young people is **Susan Mathews Sydzlowski**. Susan is living in Lebanon, Pa., where she has been a Girl Scout leader for over 12 years and has two troops. She also has served on the board of the Lebanon County Choral Society for many years. Her children, Kristen and Ellen, keep her involved in numerous school activities as well. No time for a mid-life crisis! . . . **John Burnham** and his wife, Ann, are both involved in the medical profession. John is an internist and Ann is a pulmonary nurse specialist in Dalton, Mass. A year ago they adopted twin girls, Claire and Emily, from Bolivia. John also has maintained a career in the Army Reserve and served in Germany during Desert Storm. For his community, John is the medical advisor for the local rescue squad, and he particularly enjoys working with citizen volunteers. . . . Another man who enjoys working with his community is **Eddie Woodin**. Ed lives in Scarborough, Maine, and is active in the Maine Audubon Society as a trustee. He leads five trips a year to view puffins and bald eagles and lectures to school children, garden clubs and bird clubs. As Eddie says, every day is a gift, and he enjoys giving back a little and inspiring others. It sounds as though he does more than his share! ♦

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THE SEVENTIES

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Robin Armitage Cote

70 Thanks for the great response to the survey. I've enjoyed reading them and now have lots of news to share. If you've sent yours along, be assured that despite a publication time lag and space limitations, too, your news will appear. If you haven't sent news, what's keeping you? ... **Leslie Seaman Zema**, husband Gary and 5-year-old daughter Lauren live in New York City, where she is a dance teacher at George Washington High School. Responding to the question "What do you remember when you think of Colby?", Leslie said, "My roommate for three years, **Kit Wells Poland**." Interesting—first on Kit's list of memories was Leslie! Kit and husband Michael and their two sons, Aaron, 11, and John, 9, live in Madison, Maine. Kit describes herself as the Jill of all trades, wearer of many hats. Among her "trades" she lists editor (as well as part-time writer, typist, assistant to the art director and general gofer) of the school district newspaper. ... **John Marriner** checked in from North Aurora, Ill., where he is a physicist. He and his wife, Ann, have two daughters, Wendy, 12, and Elizabeth, 9. ... Fairfield, Conn., is home to **Chris Nahabedian Markley**. Chris is an English teacher and department chairperson. Husband George Markley '67 is an attorney; their son is a student at Tufts University. ... Our survey finally caught up with **Paul Roud** in Conway, Mass. He lists his occupation as author/psychologist. Paul has recently been published by

Warner Books and has had his work translated into five languages. As a psychotherapist, he works extensively with the terminally ill. He is dad to three sons, Michael, 10, Gabe, 6, and infant David. ... Congratulations to **Nicky Pach**. After a tough campaign, she was elected judge of the family court of Suffolk County, N.Y. Some of her cases will involve deciding whether to remove children from abusive parents. She and her husband, Stephen Kunken, are parents of two boys, Charlie, 9, and Jake, 3. ... Can you believe our 25th reunion is coming up next year? We will be starting the preliminary plans and would love to have your participation and input. If you can help in any way, please call or drop me or class president **Debbie Williams Anderson** a note. Debbie can be reached at 95 Hillside Ave., Melrose, MA 02176; 617-662-9490. My address and number are in the column at the head of the class notes. ♦

Correspondent:

Nancy Hammar Austin

71 After recently having enjoyed a fabulously brilliant sunset and simultaneous full moon rising from Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park on Mt. Desert Island, I agree with the Rev. **Bert Brewster** of Oakland, Maine, that "the beautiful ocean view" makes that a very special place. I'm sure that **Richard Handel** would agree. He and his wife, Marilyn, are the owners of Eden Rising in the Mayfair Mall on the corner of Cottage and Rodick in Bar Harbor, Maine. When they're not off on travels to Hong Kong, etc. (I expect in search of marvelous merchandise for their lovely shop) they are close enough to enjoy many pensive moments in the Cadillac Mountain area. ... **Andrea Eddy** finds going out alone

in nature important for her own spiritual renewal. Living in Gardnerville, Nev., she's a self-employed contract book writer for Wilderness Press and is employed as a geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey. Her favorite mountain retreat is Snowpass, because it's "multifaceted, wild yet accessible and brings many fond memories." ... **Ruth Moore Barningham** and her husband, Steve, enjoy watching Mt. Mansfield from their veterinary clinic in Jericho, Vt. ... **Kevin Jagla**, living in Portland, Ore., with his wife and two sons, Patrick, 8, and Jack, 3, recommends Mt. Defiant for great day hikes. Since Colby, Kevin has completed two master's degrees and is working as an engineer. ... You might find Dr. **William Johnson** biking at his favorite mountain, Camel's Hump, Vt., with his children, Todd, 12, and Lynne, 9. He's a physician in Hampton, Conn. ... **Lee Fawcett**, father of five—Chris, 19, Andrea, 17, Michael, 8, Jeremy, 6, and Emily, 3—has remarried and is living in Palm Harbor, Fla. He enjoys the great skiing at Keystone Mt., Colo. ... **Fred Copithorne** and **H. Stevens Borden** think that Denali National Park is a fabulous mountain setting, especially because it's in Alaska. ... **Linda Chester**, a Latin teacher at Leominster High School in Massachusetts, looks at mountains differently, I suppose. Her favorite is Vesuvius in Italy—its 79 A.D. eruption was responsible for preserving Pompeii. ... Other classmates have other news: **Joan Alway** has completed her Ph.D. in sociology at Brandeis. She's now teaching at the University of Miami in Florida. (Might be a nice time to visit her now!) ... **Philip Byers** says that he's "chubbier, funnier and better dressed" than he was at Colby. A lawyer specializing in divorce, he lives in Andover, Mass. His oldest son, Weslie, is at Bates College; David is 14 and Jennie is 9. ...

HEADLINERS

The *Boston Globe* announced that Benjamin Bradlee Jr. '70 has been named assistant managing editor for projects and investigations. He has served as *Globe* political editor, national correspondent, Spotlight reporter and member of the State House bureau. . . . Robert H. Saglio '70, president of Avian Farms International, was honored with the Finance Authority of Maine's Entrepreneur of the Year Award. In eight years the company, a world leader in the bioengineering of better chickens, has grown from four to more than 500 employees in three states and does business around the globe. . . . Thomas A. Silverman '76 was written up by *Business Week* as "the brains" of Tommy Boy Music Inc. Known for its ultrahip rap music, the company, which has grown to \$40 million in sales, is now entering the clothing market.

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Film and video maker Huey Coleman '70 aided student filmmakers in their production of a documentary, "Best of 15 Years: The Maine Student Film and Video Festival." Coleman serves as director of the annual student event. . . . The Rev. John Lombard '70 recently preached his first sermon in his new appointment as minister at the Trinitarian Congregational Church in Concord, Mass. . . . Paul Spiess '71 has been named

executive vice president and director of retail services at Cheshire Financial Corporation, a bank holding company headquartered in Keene, N.H. . . . Anne O'Hanian Szostak '72, chairman, president and CEO of Fleet Bank of Maine, has been selected by Senator George Mitchell to serve on the national Glass Ceiling Commission, a federal panel that examines opportunities for women and minorities to advance into management. . . . Railroad Square Cinema partners Ken Eisen '73 and Gail Chase '74 were spotlighted in a *Morning Sentinel* article about the flourishing downtown Waterville cinema, which opened 15 years ago in a former beverage warehouse. . . . Henry Sockbeson '73 was profiled in the *Norwich (Conn.) Bulletin*. . . . John



Douglas B. Light '78

Mara '76 was promoted to vice president at Gemini Consulting, where he specializes in integrating strategy, operations and management principles to help financial institutions achieve aggressive performance goals. . . . Norm Skaggs '77, who has secured several feature roles in network productions in the last three years, appeared in the TV docudrama "The Flood," a story based on flooding in south Texas six years ago. . . . Historian Alan Taylor '77 spoke at Bowdoin College in conjunction with Bowdoin's exhibition "The Legacy of James Bowdoin III." . . . Douglas B. Light '78, assistant professor of biology at Ripon College, has been awarded a \$150,000 National Science Foundation grant, the largest ever received by a Ripon faculty member. He is researching how substances cross cell membranes via ion channels. . . . An article by Middlesex (Mass.) *News* sports editor Rus Lodi '78 paid tribute to the athletic career of his Colby teammate Jim Hayes '76, who died recently. . . . Waterville mayor David Bernier '79 was the subject of one of Gerry Boyle '78's columns in the *Central Maine Morning Sentinel*. Boyle himself has been making news—with a first place award in the local column category in the annual writing contest of the New England Associated Press News Executives Association and with readings, signings and reviews of his newly published mystery, *Deadline*. . . . Paula Polak Bartlett '79 has been elected to the board of directors of Catholic Charities/North, which serves more than 35 communities north and west of Boston.

MILEPOSTS

Births: A son, Samuel Theodore, to Donald and Meredith Bean Eley '77. . . . A son, Nathan, to David and Cathy Worcester Moison '76. . . . A daughter, Sarah Ann Elizabeth, to Donald and Nancy Garnett Thomas '77. . . . A son, Steven Delano, to Susan Wadsworth '77 and David Bourdelais '78. . . . A son, Patrick Ziehl, to Trish and Robert Lizza '79. . . . A son, Sean Gordon, to Keenan and Katherine Bleakney Pawley '79.

Marriages: Paul E. McGurran '72 to Carol des Lauriers Cieri in Lincolnville, Maine. . . . David R. Saccone '74 to Mary Anne Egan in Manomet, Mass. . . . Gregory P. Jordan '78 to Elizabeth Thurmond in Bridgeport, Conn.

Deaths: Carl M. Insoft '79 in Boston, Mass., at 37.

Thanks to the great response from the recent survey, I have too much news. But that's no excuse for not sending back your form. I will mention everyone, I promise. Until next time, I'll close with news from another classmate who never left Maine, Richard Abramson. Living in Manchester outside of Augusta, he travels extensively as the executive director of MADSEC, a Maine association of directors of special education. Twice he has been to the state of Komi in Russia, the highlight of his travels. His 16-year-old daughter, Trisha, was one of 10 students to visit Germany with Project Assist. Until next time, Happy Trails to You! ♦

Correspondent:
Janet Holm Gerber

72 Dana Fitts hasn't found his glasses yet, and Joe Benson still wants to know who dented his red Maverick during Jan Plan. That's an update from Doug McMillan. He also talked to Mitch Fox, who has moved to Sacramento and is doing well at his new medical job. At a high school hockey alumni game he saw Scott Ryser '74, who is happily married with children and still a darn good goalie. Doug himself is in St. Paul, Minn., operating a manufacturing company that

makes electric motors, including fan motors. The company made it through the summer of 1992—the coldest in 100 years—but he's hoping for hot weather. He recently traveled to Spain and also chaired the annual fund for his high school last year, setting an all-time record for funds received. Doug's wife is Ann, and they have three boys and a girl. . . . Jack Williamson lives in Birmingham, Mich., with his wife, Johanna, and son and daughter. Jack is an adjunct professor in the school of art at the University of Michigan. He writes, "Despite the fact that I am focused on the 'design arts,' my love of art history that began at Colby has continued,

parallel to design history and criticism, and I am writing a book on the Ghent Altarpiece—and last February traveled to Belgium to do research." . . . Cathie Joslyn has been elected chairman of the art department at her college in Pennsylvania. She's still traveling—lately to Japan to dye with indigo at an artist's mountain studio and to attend a textile design symposium. She is now single and lives in a house she loves with her terrier named Abigail. . . . Holland Gregg invites classmates to call when in the Finger Lakes region of New York. He, his wife, Patience, and two children live in Skaneateles. He owns and operates World

Media Communications, an independent television production company. . . . I'll end with **Portia Iverson's** interesting news: "In addition to my acting career, I have just completed my first year of graduate school at Union Theological Seminary in N.Y.C., where I am enrolled in the master of divinity program. I am doing this so that regardless of my acting career, I can always do worthwhile work, and hope to be ordained a Presbyterian minister." ♦

Correspondent:
Susan Gearhart Wuest

75 Congratulations to **Lisa Turtz Birnbaum** on the birth of her second daughter, **Rose Emma Birnbaum**, on December 17, 1992. Lisa was on maternity leave until November, when she planned to return to work at a mental health clinic. Life is very hectic taking care of two girls, but she is loving every minute. Other recent happenings in Lisa's life include passing the psychiatry boards in October 1991 and showing her paintings at the Mari Gallery in hometown Mamaroneck, N.Y., in May 1993. . . . **Michael Cantara** continues to work as district attorney for York County, Maine. His office has chosen to concentrate in the areas of sexual and physical child abuse, domestic violence and elder abuse—both physical and financial exploitation. Mike has enjoyed prosecuting over the past three years and plans to run again for a second term in 1994. . . . Turning to some trivia gleaned from my survey as to what in our lives now triggers memories of Colby. For **Candy Skelly Crouch**, it is seeing sons Ryan and Ian in Colby sweatshirts and talking about colleges with both of them. For **Ed Cronick**, it is running into **Howie Lazur '74** from time to time. Living with five little ones and a spouse in one house and sharing the bathroom remind **Binkie Cammack Clossmore** of dorm life! As poetry editor for a local rag, "Beta Rhythms," **Vinnie Cassone** is reminded of "how much bad poetry can be written by smart people." **Chuck Clement** has a recurring dream of trying to find an oceanography class that he attended once. For **Gerry Connolly**,

it happens each fall when his seniors begin applying to colleges, some to Colby, which usually initiates a discussion. For me, what really triggers those Colby memories is being your class correspondent for Three-plus years now. Please send me some mail! ♦

Correspondent:
Leslie A. Ramsay

77 This column will be a short take as my deadline is today. I am glad we live in a world of next day delivery! I thought that I would start by answering **Carl Witthoff's** question on the questionnaire, "Where's Mike Rieck?" Looking at the latest alumni report printout, Carl, I would suggest writing to your classmate at 476 Meadowlark Drive, Sarasota, FL 34236. . . . **Diane McCoy Bither** earned a master's degree, got married and had a baby ("in this order!" Diane writes). **Sarah McCoy Bither** is now almost 3 and lives in Littleton, Mass., where her mother is a software specialist. Diane's old friend **Laurel Van Stone Lewis** is a technical writer, is involved in recycling extracurricularly and lives in Framingham, Mass. They are practically next-door neighbors. On her questionnaire, Diane said she wished more people would write in to Colby. . . . **Priscilla Martin** asks on the questionnaire whether any of us know of good leads for adoption via the private route as she and her husband, **Don Bordley**, are hoping to adopt another baby. If you can help them out, please post a letter to Pittsford, N.Y. . . . **Alexandra Levintow Howell** asks if anyone lives near her in Lyme, N.H., and whether any of us know the whereabouts of **Anne Backlund**. According to the alumni report printout (where I am still listed as working as a legal assistant for the town of Hudson, N.H.), Anne has not notified us of her new address. So, Anne, please write (or write to Alex!). . . . **Jane C. Hoffman** sent me a wonderful picture of her two children, **Rachel Lauren Hoffman Crowe**, 6 sitting beside her brother, **David Eric Hoffman**, 2. . . . **Jon Hubbard** titled his wife's career "self-employed domestic engineer." That is clever. . . . **Lisa Hurley's** "pet/son" (her words)

is a dachshund named **Willie**. Lisa now lives in Old Greenwich, Conn., and has found a soulmate in John Salem. She is very happy and I am happy for her. . . . By now, Nick Jans's book of essays, *The Last Light Breaking*, is on the bookshelves. And in answer to an interrogatory on the questionnaire, "What things have you done since graduation that you would call success, even if they can't be measured by promotions, income, or prestige?", Nick wrote, "made a life for myself in an Eskimo village and found purpose and peace there." And Nick would boast about seeing 35 wolves last year. . . . **Bob Kaake's** "Family Unit" (I didn't write our alumni questionnaire, but that's good, isn't it?) is a Blue Point Siamese named **Chloe**. A much-loved unit in my family when I was in high school through age 27 was a Blue Point named **Ping**. They are great cats. And Bob, I still have on my refrigerator the star-walking-on-plastic magnet that you kindly sent me. . . . I am looking at recent newsclippings of us, and I see **Peter Breu** with his children, **Anna**, 2, and **Martin**, 5, trying their hands at creating a ceramic totem pole at this summer's **Sunapee Craftsman's Fair** just a little northwest of here. It's a good newspaper photo; **Anna** looks just like her mother, **Susan**, probably looked as a tot. . . . A local paper carried a black and white of **Margaret "Peggy" Horstmann-Hodes**. **Peggie** still has that same pretty, dramatic, warm smile—and I also well remember the Colbyettes. . . . I really must go. ♦

Correspondent:
Nicholas Levintow

78 "Why would you want to hike on that trail?" said the grizzled park ranger as **Lee Roberts** and I pored over a topographic map of the Rocky Mountain National Park. Lee and I had stopped at park headquarters for information—prudently, or so we thought—before setting off on a brisk fall weekend of hiking in the Rockies. We were not getting the encouragement we had hoped for. "The aspens haven't turned yet, the trail is still icy from last week's snow, it's steep climbing—why don't you take the bus to Bear Lake and hike around the

lake?" The bus, you say? "Yeah, the bus will do the climbing for you." Within minutes we had filed that advice where it belonged and were putting boots to trail on an all-day journey that featured spectacular views, at least 12 different kinds of snow and a lunch break at roughly 11,000 feet. Highly recommended! After a second day of equally spectacular views, fickle weather and no bus ride, we seriously considered matriculating as freshmen at the Boulder campus of the University of Colorado. Lee asked me to pass along greetings to all and invites anyone passing through Santa Fe, N.M., to look him up. . . . **Tony Lopez** wrote to announce that he has taken a new job teaching Spanish at the **Darlington School** in Rome, Ga. Teaching has been his profession since 1986, when he finished seven years as an airborne infantry ranger with the U.S. Army. Tony and his wife, **Polson**, have a son, **Christopher**. . . . I heard recently from **Ann McCreary**, who is legal adviser to the Scudder investment management firm in the Big Apple. Ann regrets having missed the last reunion but promises to make the 20th! Besides raising two girls, **Jill**, 4, and **Mary**, 3, Ann spends most of her time at the track wagering her kids' educational fund. She recently hit the **Exakta** and offers to interpret the daily racing form for anyone on a consultant basis. Ever practical, my former housemate admits that if she had to start over at Colby the one thing she would do differently is get a pair of waterproof boots. . . . I also got a card from **L.A. King**, who recently was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church. She has moved to Florida and will be teaching ethics at **Eckerd College** in St. Pete. . . . Well, folks, that's the bottom of the mail pile. Please keep those cards and letters coming. ♦

Correspondent:
Emily Grout Sprague

79 Reunion is coming! Several members of our reunion planning committee met with **Sue Conant Cook '75** and **Pam Alexander** in September in Waltham, Mass., to start the process of organizing a wonderful weekend of old friends, fond

Leadership at Home

Things are changing in Virginia—and Kenneth R. Melvin '74 is part of the reason.

Melvin has served in the commonwealth legislature for eight years. He sharpened his political skills by helping elect two members of the Portsmouth, Va., city council in 1982, then, emboldened by the success of that effort, decided to run against an 18-year incumbent representative three years later.

"It was an uphill battle," Melvin recalled of the race. But an army of volunteers helped him overcome an eight-to-one disadvantage in campaign spending, and he upset the incumbent to earn the Democratic nomination. He has held the seat since—most recently racking up 79 percent of the vote in November.

"I think I won because people are pleased with the job I am doing," he said. "I have seniority in the assembly, I have backed a number of tough measures and introduced some landmark legislation."

Thanks to bills Melvin sponsored last spring, schools in the commonwealth must now serve free hot breakfasts where there is a pupil poverty rate of 25 percent, mothers on welfare can marry without putting welfare payments in jeopardy and those receiving Aid for Dependent Children can amass up to \$5,000 in savings for school expenses or home downpayments.

Melvin said the proposals encourage family stability and "build self-esteem and respect." Virginia's welfare reform package has won national attention for its innovations, but Melvin notes that his bills "are not always the most popular"—and his pro-choice and pro-gun control stands have drawn criticism from the religious right and the gun lobby.

Melvin grew up in the black middle-class neighborhood of Cava-

lier Manor in Portsmouth, VA, attended high school there and received a scholarship to attend Colby, which he describes as "a culture shock." Looking back, he said, "having gone to an all-black public school, going to Colby was an interesting experience. But I definitely benefited from it. I learned about other cultures and people who were unlike me. It opened many horizons for me."

After graduating from Colby with a major in history, Melvin earned a law degree from Georgetown and worked as an attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice.

When it came time to raise a family, he and his wife, Sylvia Hodges Melvin '75, decided to leave Washington and relocate to his neighborhood in Portsmouth. The couple has two children, Derek, 10, and Nicholas, 6, and in addition to his duties in Richmond, Melvin has a private practice in personal injury and criminal law. "Being in the courtroom is great," Melvin said, "and every time is a different experience."

Melvin, who has so far spurned invitations to run for the commonwealth senate, says that "the general assembly and the law practice are a good mix right now." Although he is serving under a

Republican governor for the first time, Melvin said, "We're going to do what we're going to do."

And when it comes to improving his and other neighborhoods, he has little patience for those who have given up: "What I am frustrated with is capable people sitting around watching cable TV all night long when there are things they could be doing and ways they could be helping," he said. "Things can be accomplished. It can be done."

—Lynn Sullivan '89



memories and renewed acquaintances. Betsy Bucklin Gray, David LaLiberty, Bev Schnorr Larnie, Kirk Paul, Maria Macedo Dailey, Stacey Cox Slowinski and I all had a very successful initial planning session. Our first decision was not to take the cold, wet New England weather as an omen. Another decision was to get as many of you involved in this reunion as possible, so we will be sending a questionnaire to all of you to help us in our planning. Please respond; we want to hear from everyone! . . . News gathered at our meeting included Dave LaLiberty's newest career as a graduate student in athletic counseling and his position as the assistant coach for men's soccer at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He's working with the recently married head coach,

Sam Koch. Lalib was the best man at Sam's wedding to Suzanne Patterson at Rollins College in Florida in December 1992. Suzanne was the Rollins volleyball coach and on the interviewing panel when Sam interviewed for a coaching position. Little did they know what his position was eventually going to be! Also present as an usher at the wedding was Dick Muther '81. . . . Kirk Paul came to the planning meeting fresh from an Arrowsmith concert and an all-night drive. (Some things never change! Your enthusiasm is appreciated, Kirk, thank you.) Kirk, who is married to Mary Fran, is the claims manager for Whitehall Mutual, a property and casualty insurance firm in Ambler, Mass. He asked me to put out a bulletin for Janet Ford Roberts and Dave

Hull; he wants to hear from them! . . . Gordon and Katherine Wall Hunziker welcomed their new daughter, Elizabeth Katherine, who joined her older sister, Margaret, on July 29, 1993 (the same birthday as our daughter, Julia, 4). Gordon is still in banking and now into late-night feedings again. Kathy is also busy with childcare but is teaching a humanities course as well. When I spoke to Gordon, he was anticipating attending a Yankees game with Bob Lizza. We missed you at the meeting, Bob, but we still will put you to work! Bob and his wife, Tricia, also welcomed their second child last summer. Another son, congratulations! We're looking forward to meeting all the new potential members of Colby's class of 20?? at reunion. . . . I am so relieved to be

finished that I must tell everyone I was finally awarded my master's of science in education, in secondary English! I will now have more time to devote to planning this reunion. Please respond to the mailings. We are anxious for your input. If the questionnaire format isn't appropriate for you, write a letter! ♦

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THE EIGHTIES

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Patricia Valavanis Smith

80 Paul and Kathy McCulloch Wade reside in Encinitas, Calif., with their two daughters, ages 3 and 1 1/2. Paul, a marine biologist with the National Marine Fisheries—a division of the U.S. Department of Commerce—was on the cusp of finishing his Ph.D. when he wrote to me last year. Kathy is a vice president at Merrill Lynch handling mortgage-backed securities. High on their wish list: more time to explore southern California and Mexico, ski, windsurf and relax! ... Accompanied by three horses, three dogs and a cat named Billie Holiday, Heidi Missbeck is living on a farm in Southampton, N.Y. She's working as a landscape architect for the town planning board. ... Tracey Wiles, an emergency medicine physician, makes her home in Litchfield, Conn., with her husband, Donald Lafayette, a process engineer, and her 2-year-old daughter, Hillary. ... Henry Kennedy is director of Kieve Affective Education in Nobleboro, Maine. He lives in Cumberland with his wife, B.J., and Sam, 7, and Blair, 5. ... Dan Ossoff, a real estate attorney for Rackemann, Sawyer and Brewster in Boston, wrote that he was trying hard to find time to get back into running. When he responded to the questionnaire last year, Dan and his wife, Liz, a college psychology professor, were getting used to having a baby around the house again. Ben, now 6, and Will, 1, are helping their parents discover some of the better ice cream establishments on the North

Shore. ... A Colby contingent was in full strength for the August '93 al fresco wedding of Carol Sly and Steve Marshall in Lincoln, Mass. Sarah Russell MacColl '79 served as the "best woman," and guests included Amy Butcher, Linda Davis, Brenda Bowen, Betsy Morrell, me and my husband, Mark Smith, Jan Barker McFarland '79, Jane Hartzell '81 and Stew Babbott '81.

Correspondent:

Beth Pniewski Wilson

81 Mimi Pratt Valyo is living in Laguna Nigel, Calif., and is staying at home with her children, Allison and Christian, while husband John works for UNUM Life Insurance Company. If any other alumni live in Orange County, Mimi wants you to look her up! She visits Brian Picard and his family every time she is back in Connecticut visiting family. She also sees Jodi Johnson Groesbeck. ... Victor and Ginny Bulford Vesnaver had a third child, Veronica, born last January. She joins sibling Victor Junior and Valerie. Victor is assistant VP for Hyatt Hotels and Ginny is a human resource manager for Deloitte & Touche. The summer of 1992 brought many visitors to their Glen Ellyn, Ill., home, including Dawn Brydon, who paid her annual visit while attending the Food Marketing Industry Show in Chicago. Victor and Ginny saw Peter Buzzini in Connecticut and also saw Skip Neville and his wife, Donna, who had just had their second child. ... Stephanie Vratatos left the working world for Boston University's School of Education and completed a one-year master of arts in teaching, specializing in high school English. Stephanie says she sees Colby rear-window stickers everywhere. ... Chris Morrill is the Enfield, Conn., bureau chief

for the *Hartford Courant*. He supervises a dozen reporters in north-central Connecticut and lives in West Hartford. ... Jim Dwyer and wife Tina are living in Brookfield, Conn. They have two children, Molly and Gina. Jim is a research engineer and Tina owns a bakery. ... Jane Hartzell is living in Underhill, Vt., and is a community health nurse. Recently she bought a 100-year-old country house. ... David '80 and Sally Fernsten Buffum are living in Dudley, Mass. Sally is assistant vice president for loan review at the Springfield Institute for Savings. David is an economics professor at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester. They have two children, Matthew and Daniel. ... Jose Sorrentino is living in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, and is a general surgeon in private practice. He and his wife, Laura Rivera, have two children, Sergio Rafael and Jose Gabriel. Jose writes that he hopes to be at our next reunion and that he visited with Amy Haselton in San Diego. ... Dani Nemec Micsan is in Athens, Greece, with her husband, Jim, who is a foreign service officer, and their two children, Jessica and Julia. Dani writes that they are happy to be living in Greece after two years in Lahore, Pakistan, where her car was attacked by demonstrators. She encourages anyone who is traveling to Greece to look her up through the American Embassy. ... Mark Fortier is living in Skowhegan, Maine, and is a law partner at the firm of Merrill Hyde & Fortier. He and his wife, Jayne, have a two-year-old son, Lucas. They were planning a trip to Prince Edward Island last summer. ... Geoffrey Neville is a vice president of institutional sales for Merrill Lynch and lives in Atlanta, Ga. He and his wife, Michelle, have a daughter, Kelsey Leigh, and two cats. They were lucky enough to travel to the opening of EuroDisney in France in April of 1992. ... That's all for

now. Watch your mail boxes for a class survey. I would love to hear from some of you who haven't written me over the last 2 1/2 years. ♦

Correspondent:
Mimi Rasmussen

82 James Haddow is an attorney in Maine. He and his wife, Michelle, have two children, Hamish and Max—and one golden retriever, three cats, three sheep, five chickens and one rabbit. (Only one!) For the past two years he has been president of the board of directors for The Mad Horse Theatre Com-

pany, a small professional theater group in Portland. James also has run up the Mount Washington auto road twice. . . . **Bruce Anderson** is a managing consultant for Travelers Corp. He and his wife, Leslie, who is an ophthalmic technologist, have a son, Eric Robert. Bruce has been skiing with Ron Agnes and Richard Robinson. . . . By the time this column appears, Matt Lewis will be married to Marie Laguerre. Matt, who lives in the New York area, has been skydiving (tandem), rarely gets to play tennis anymore, must wear a suit every day (doesn't iron his shirts though!) and now sports a beard. When he returned to California for his 10-

year Pitzer reunion, Matt visited Alison Brown and her husband, Brian Hoare. . . . **Sandy Whatley** is a mason contractor and is married to Cathy Dwyer. They have a son, James. In his spare time, Sandy has been carving granite and marble. . . . **Colleen Glovins Casey** has been married for a year to Joseph Casey. Colleen is an M.D./Ph.D. program administrator at Harvard Medical School in Boston. . . . Stuart '83 and Cathy Leonard Swain added a second child to their family—Gretchen Louise was born shortly before our 10-year reunion. Cathy is also the vice president of the Washington County (Maine) Child and Youth

Board, whose mission is to work with special needs children and their families to create an optimal growth environment. Cathy got her B.A. in biology, but after receiving a master's in Spanish literature from the University of Washington-Seattle, she is an adjunct assistant professor of Spanish at UMaine-Machias. . . . Congratulations to Mary Rudolph Black, who started her own law practice in 1991 and as of June 1993 is the first woman president of the Gloucester (Mass.) Rotary Club. . . . **Eric Ridgway**, who lived in Kenya for a year in '86-'87, is in Idaho in private practice as a counselor with his wife, Patti. They are

High on Air

An hour before he goes on air at 5:30 a.m. on Boston's WCVB-TV/Channel 5, meteorologist David Epstein '86 is thinking of his audience. He's in the office working up the maps viewers will see on the screen, getting a feel for what the weather is doing.

"My style is to tell people what they need to know," said Epstein, who did three slots a day on weekends last August and presented the week-day weather every 10 minutes on the 5:30 to 7 a.m. "eye-opener" segment as well as the three cut-ins every hour for local station breaks during *Good Morning America*. Should viewers wear raincoats? Will it be slippery driving to work? What should people pack for their weekend getaways? How should the kids be dressed?

"When you're out there forecasting, you're trying to think what people are thinking. If it's rained for four days, you want to try to elevate them," he said. He'll joke with the anchor people to be personable, but he's not a comic weatherman.

"I don't try to be a funny man," he said. "I know that people are saying, 'Jeez, just give me the weather.'"

All meteorologists in large markets like Boston are professionals, Epstein says. His own weather knowledge was helped along by two Colby Jan Plans, one in Boston with NBC affiliate WBZ during his junior year and the other in Palm Beach, Fla., where he worked at a TV station and also delivered radio weather reports for morning commuters. After one year of teaching eighth grade science in his hometown of Portland, Maine, and a year of formal training for meteorological accreditation at Lyndon State in Vermont, he broke in with weatherman stints on TV and radio stations in Vermont, Maine and Connecticut.

Epstein says he's been interested in the weather ever since fifth grade. From his early teenson, he'd set situations—"It's a rain shower moving up the coast"—and practice delivering scripts. He thinks his friends from Colby days probably remember him running out of Foss Hall like a little kid, shouting, "It's snowing!" "I like the weather changes," he explained. "I like trying to figure out what's going on."

While still freelancing as an on-air meteorologist last fall, Epstein entered a master's degree program in psychology at Boston College, where he also serves as a dorm resident assistant. As part of his master's program, he counsels students in Roxbury and Charlestown schools three days a week. What connects his interests in meteorology and

psychology, he says, is "predictability."

"Both are predicting what you think is going to happen," he said. "You can't change the weather. But you can try to change a person."

Given the power to influence people's daily choices, what does he feel while he's on the air?

"It's more a sense of responsibility than power," he said, mindful of people's weather anxieties. The ocean and the mountains combine to make forecasting weather around Boston especially difficult, he says, recalling Thanksgiving 1987, when his predicted snowfall of one inch turned into half a foot—"and a big mess." But he remembers another day in the office watching dangerous tornadoes building on the radar

monitor. He told the news director they needed to break into regular programming to get the word out. "And we did it," he said. "I had built the trust, and they did it."

Two of Epstein's articles, including "The Onslaught of Hurricane Andrew," appeared last year in *The New Book of Popular Science Annual*. And he recently accepted a consulting job for Weather Services International, one of the largest distributors of weather information in the world, to help develop the next generation of software that will be used in forecasting and on camera.

His greatest satisfaction still is being on air, Epstein says, particularly on the top-rated and most-watched station in Boston with its audience approaching a million viewers. Being on camera is "a wicked high. I'm like a little kid," he said. "But while the little kid is saying to himself, 'I can't believe I'm up here actually doing this!,' the adult supersedes him. I say, 'relax.' The little kid becomes an adult."

—Robert Gillespie



NEWSMAKERS

Robert Wallace '81 has been named chief financial officer of Murphy Newspapers, which include the Superior (Wis.) *Evening Telegram* and the Ashland (Wis.) *Daily Press*, *The Mesabi Daily News* in Virginia, Minn., and the *Hibbing Tribune* and *Duluth Budgeteer Press* in Minnesota. . . . **Matthew C. Donahue '82** was elected to the Lowell, Mass., city council. Donahue's campaign promoted public safety, economic development and professional integrity. . . . **Nancy Briggs Marshall '82**, formerly a member of the Maine Tourism Commission, has been named to administer the new marketing services contract for Maine's Office of Tourism. She will oversee services such as freelance writing and motorcoach tours in an effort to promote Maine in print and broadcast media. . . . **Jon D. Schwartz '82** has been appointed director of North American sales for Forrester Research, which is devoted to helping companies develop and implement information technology strategies. He will manage a client base of over 1,000 corporate users of technology. . . . **David L. Hyde '83** was promoted to director of quality assurance at Kemper-Masterson, Inc., a Belmont, Mass., company that deals with the validation requirements of computer systems and process equipment used in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries. . . . **Donald L. Baker '84** was promoted to vice president of small business banking at Bank of Vermont. . . . The Peaks Island, Maine, home of **Carol Eisenberg '85** and **David Simpson '86** was featured last summer in the "Homes" section of the *Portland Press Herald*. . . . **Deborah A. England '85** represented the College at the inauguration of Jean Dowdall as president of Simmons College. . . . Nationally syndicated comic strip artist **Linc Peirce '85** gave a talk at Colby on "The Great American Comic Strip." . . . **Evan Dangel '86**, senior financial analyst at Merrill Lynch in Boston, spoke on "How to Make More Income and Pay Less Taxes" at the annual business and professional women's banquet of the Northshore Business and Professional Women's Club. . . . **William Docherty '86** received the Navy Achievement Medal for superior performance of duty while serving with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light-47 in San Diego, Calif. . . . **Helene Landers '86**, a golf pro at Los Angeles Country Club, has produced "The Women's Golf Guide," a 60-minute video geared to businesswomen interested in learning the game. . . . **Jeffrey O'Brien '86** joined the faculty at The Academy at Charlemont in Massachusetts, where he teaches math, Latin and theater. . . . **Thomas C. Oxholm '86** is the new director of development at Vermont Academy. . . . **Lucie**



Robert Wallace '81

Bourassa Dvorak '89 received the Vermont Law School's Academic Excellence Award during her second year at the school.

MILEPOSTS

Births: A son, Andrew Robert, to Matthew '80 and Susan Reese Krevat '82. . . . A daughter, Anna, to Janet and Dale Oak '81. . . . A son, Ian Lorimore, to William and Lisa Smith Worden '81. . . . A daughter, Casey Marie, to Susan and Stephen Brown '82. . . . A son, Robert James, to David and Jeanne Preso Hillinck '82. . . . A son, Joseph Haven, to Daniel '82 and Juliet Blake Shagoury '86. . . . A daughter, Chloe Marie, to Cyd and Brian Sharples '82. . . . A son, Austin Anthony Ritzel, to Delisa Laterzo '83 and William Ritzel. . . . A son, Andrew John, to John '83 and Dianne Gundstrom Lemoine '84. . . . A daughter, Lauren Hillary, to Richard and Allison Lary Goldsborough '84. . . . A daughter, Andrea Margolit, to Ken and Nancy Silverman Levinsky '84. . . . A son, Theodore Fernando, to Peter Cheng and Valerie Jean Miller '84. . . . A daughter, Michelle Lynn, to Todd and Denise Brunelle Priess '84. . . . A son, William Blanchard, to Andrew Okun and Julia Blanchard '85. . . . A daughter, Catherine Fallon, to Chuck Parker and M. Meghan Casey '85. . . . A son, Jameson Alden, to Bradford and Jennifer Imhoff Foley '86. . . . A son, Timothy Kenneth, to M. Kelly and Timothy Kastrenelis '86. . . . A daughter, Amanda, to Michael '86 and Suzanne Pearson Marchetti '86. . . . A son, Nathan Douglas, to Douglas Scalise '86 and Jill Wertz-Scalise '88. . . . A son, Nicholas Samuel, to Stephen and Deidre Boothby Carter '87. . . . A daughter, Jasmine Esther, to Larry and Theresa Sproul Heckler '87. . . . A son, Benjamin Alan, to David and P. Jane Nicol Manuel '87. . . . A son, Chandler, to Michael Hartnett and Charmaine Twigg '87. . . . A son, Thomas Zachary, to Amy and T. Bryan Cook '89.

Marriages: Marjorie Smith '80 to Ronald Bøe in Bar Harbor, Maine. . . . George Gignac III '84 to Mary St. Germain in Monson, Mass. . . . Emilie Letourneau '84 to Donald Baker in Burlington, Vt. . . . Deborah A. England '85 to Charles Gray in Boston, Mass. . . . Lewis B. Holmes Jr. '85 to Breena Welch in Hanover, N.H. . . . Jennifer Creamer '86 to Randy Fink in Paxton, Mass. . . . Michael Manning '87 to Susan Carolan in Milton, Mass. . . . Eileen Stark '88 to Douglas Glassman in Lexington, Mass. . . . Timothy Wissemann '88 to Michelle Wood in Scarborough, Maine. . . . Lisa Marie Bontempi '89 to Steven Conroy in Greenfield, Mass. . . . Stephanie Folsom '89 to Brian Whitney in Augusta, Maine. . . . Eric Hanson '89 to Anne Molleur in Greensboro, Vt. . . . Michelle Horton '89 to Bradley Olson '90 in Sudbury, Mass. . . . Leslie Ann Dougherty '89 to George C. Biddle in Atlanta, Ga.

currently living on 6 1/2 acres in the woods while finishing their home. They can ski, rock climb and backpack in the mountains—all locally. Eric and Patti are enjoying a much less frantic and more balanced lifestyle. Eric is still swimming competitively in the master's league. . . . **Claudia Goulston** did a fellowship in neurophysiology in Japan in '82-'83, worked at Mass General Hospital for two years, then graduated from the University of Vermont Medical School in 1990. Claudia is currently finish-

ing her residency at Newton Wellesley Hospital as the chief resident. Next she'll do a fellowship at Stanford University and in Zimbabwe in infectious diseases. Even though Claudia already has been to more than 30 countries, she still wants to do more traveling. . . . **David M. Strage** writes from London that shortly after the 10th reunion, he was offered the job of executive assistant to the chairman and CEO of Digital (UK). He and wife Laura Agostini have two children, Sonya Perry, 4, and Katya

Eve, 2. Laura is a management consultant for Gemini Consulting. David would like us to know that due to the birth of his daughters, he is less of a chauvinist than we may recall and is more aware of subtle discriminations. . . . **Nicholas Norton** is a director of human resources and is married to Elizabeth, an instructional designer. They are now living in Brookline, Mass. . . . **Ken and Laura Gagliano Nordstrom** missed our reunion due to the birth of their daughter, Leslie. Laura, who is also stepmom to Marc,

25, Scott, 22, and Pam, 21, is a life insurance marketing specialist and is back at work part time. . . . **Walter Judge** and his wife, Jean C. O'Neill, are both lawyers and are living in Charlotte, Vt. They are making a slow adjustment to clean air, open spaces and gorgeous environment. . . . **Lisa S. Goode Preston** and her husband, Anthony, live in Clearwater, Fla., where Lisa is the director of professional services for Paragon Home Health. She's learning to play golf—Anthony is a golf pro at the

Stouffer Vincy Resort. . . **Ross Brennan** married Mary Agnes Carey in September 1992 in Kokomo, Ind. They're now living in the Dupont Circle neighborhood of Washington, D.C. Mary Agnes is a wire service reporter, and Ross is still at the EPA. . . Thanks to those who have sent information. It's never too late to send in the questionnaire or a postcard! ♦

Correspondent:

Mary Alice Weller-Mayan

85 Happy New Year! Lots of career news this time. **Stuart Krussel** is the chairman of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission in Massachusetts. . . **Kelly Keenan** graduated from UCLA with a Ph.D. in biochemistry. In the summer of '92 she bicycled across the U.S., covering 4,400 miles. . . **Carolyn Altshuler Currie** plays the 12-string guitar, writes urban folk music and sings. She is on leave from the University of Washington's art history Ph.D. program. . . **Peter Viele** received a master's in allied health and is a paramedic for Worcester, Mass., EMS. . . **M.J. Georges-Johnson** is a librarian in Gaithersburg, Md. . . **Brian Morin** is an orthodontic fellow at Harvard University School of Dental Medicine. He is a graduate of Tufts Dental School and plans a return to the Waterville area in June 1994 to begin his orthodontic practice. . . **Sarah Stevens Clark** is a kindergarten teacher in Wilton, Conn. . . **Todd Lachman** is an assistant brand manager for Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was married to Christine Rodgers on July 3, 1993, and **Andy Castle**, **Peter Scheetz '83** and **Rick Bernard '86** were in the wedding party. Andy is a manager of materials finance with G.E. in Greenville, S.C. . . **Maria Morgan Grill** is in an occupational therapy program at Boston University. She camps out at **Sarah Land's** apartment in Cambridge during the week. . . **Susan Martin** wrote a note from Portland, Ore., and said, "I have forgotten how to spell many words, which makes me very glad." . . **Stephen Reed** is an attorney with **Keams & Rubin** in Stow, Mass. He and his wife, Marcy, bought a Co-

lonial home built in 1735. . . **Linda Carroll** moved from D.C. to Vermont in order to pursue a master's degree in higher education and student affairs administration at the University of Vermont. . . **Joan Ray** is a program manager for Digital Equipment Corp. in Mass. She received her M.B.A. from Boston University. . . **Kristin Hazlitt** is an attorney in Bethesda, Md. . . **Sara Babcock** is a pastry chef in Durham, N.C. . . **Alison Cox** is in an art graduate program at Columbia University in N.Y.C. . . **Mark Howard** is vice president of research at Lehman Brothers and living in Brooklyn, N.Y. He finished business school at N.Y.U. in December 1992. . . I still have loads of questionnaires and I promise I will get to all of them. ♦

Correspondent:

Gretchen Bean Lurie

86 Either my summer questionnaire inspired a lot of creativity among you '86ers or else deep guilt set in for previous lack of correspondence. Whatever the case, your responses were terrific and much appreciated. Already six years since graduation, and still nobody has slowed down. Here's what's happening: **Arlene Kasarjian**, who wed Dean Soultanian in November 1992, is an attorney with the Department of Social Services in Boston. . . Despite all attempts to take over for the "Gin Pup," **Kelly Chopus** is ecstatic about her new post as director of fund raising for the U.S. Ski Team. Still an activist on social issues and civil rights, Kelly and husband Paul Start (Happy First Anniversary!) are enjoying Salt Lake City. . . **Michael Dobbs** enjoyed a gathering of family and friends at his home in Istanbul for his recent nuptials. He and wife Amy are busy purchasing a fine collection of Turkish rugs and touring the ancient sites. . . **Pat McClellan** got married last fall in Chicago. Her summer was filled with lots of camping, biking, fishing, swimming and canoeing in Madison, Wis. . . **Walter** and **Michiko Schwab** were married last year as well. After graduating from business school in Arizona, Walter

took a consulting job in N.Y.C., where he now lives. . . **Bob Sidman** is a fourth-year resident in emergency medicine at the University of Cincinnati and hoping to move back to the East Coast with his wife, Laura, soon. . . The Admissions Office on Mayflower Hill should expect additional Colby legacy applications in the future. (I'm still in the process of completing Hunter's and Paige's forms, despite their father's determination to send them to his alma mater—West Point!) **Nils '84** and **Janet Kelley Gjestebj** welcomed their second daughter, Olivia Katherine, last February. . . **Doug**

Scalise and **Jill Wertz-Scalise '88** are the proud parents of Nathan, born August 4, 1993. Doug, a pastor at Prospect Hill Baptist Church near Philadelphia, preached for our nights at his first revival in September. . . **Kevin** and **Joyce Sutton Anderson** added little James Colin to their family last May. They now live in Melrose, Mass., but plan to move overseas in a year or two. . . **Brian '85** and **Kristen Feifert Clark** are enjoying their daughter, Taylor, and were awaiting the arrival of #2. When Brian graduates from medical school, they will be moving to New Jersey, where Kristen will re-enter

What's New?

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college at Rutgers. . . . After receiving an M.B.A. from Dartmouth, Alec Murray was quite the globetrotter last summer, when he spent two weeks in Thailand (a trip that included a jungle trek, hiking, bamboo rafting and riding elephants). He also biked in the Loire Valley of France for 10 days. . . . Julie Archer is a public health coordinator for the American Refugee Committee in Malawi. She spent last summer hiking in the mountains, enjoying the lake and reading John Grisham books, which finally made it to South Africa. . . . David Lane is researching his doctoral thesis in Japan on a Fulbright Fellowship. . . . Mark Leondires, a house staff member at Maine Medical Center, received a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology. He proudly accomplished the Boston Marathon in less than four hours last spring. . . . Bob Kenney and Beth Schwartz-Kenney continue to live the scholarly life in Virginia. Bob received his Ph.D. in social and organizational psychology and joined an independent consulting firm. Beth is a third-year psychology professor at Randolph-Macon Woman's College. . . . Look for more news in March. Until then, best wishes for continued happiness and success! ♦

Correspondent:
Lucy Lennon Tucker

87 Dana Friedman is an executive VP at Creative Impact Advertising and Public Relations Firm. A copy of his ad for Air-B Bicycle inner tubes appeared in *Adweek* magazine in April. Dana was married in June of '92. . . . Wendy Barrows Lyles has moved to southern Maine, where she and husband Christopher live with their daughter, Kelly Alice, born 4/10/93, just nine minutes before the Lyles' first anniversary. Motherhood and renovating the house have kept Wendy busy while she was on maternity leave from her job as district sales manager for Carpet Products, Inc. . . . Tim Oakes, a grad student at the University of Washington, was married to Julie Smith '86 in August 1992. Last fall Tim headed to China for a year of dissertation fieldwork

on tourism in Guizhou Province. . . . Timothy Poutre and wife Wendy are living in Rockville, Conn., where Tim is doing his anesthesia residency at Hartford Hospital. He graduated from UVM's med school in 1991 and was married in June 1992. . . . Chris Smith moved to Portland, Maine, in the fall of 1987 and worked as an accountant for Peat Marwick for two years, Otis, Atwell and Timberlake for five months and Citibank for four months. Then it was on to Taos, N.M., where he has been with Winter Accounting for two years. Chris, who's had enough of desk jobs for a while, may pursue grad school in environmental studies. . . . Stefanie Greenfield sent word from Berlin, Germany, where she is learning the language and working as an architect. Stefanie is designing a social housing building and hopes to stay long enough to see it built. . . . Peter Voss, also across the Atlantic, moved to Paris in December of '91 and is working as European headquarters manager for American International Group. Peter passed on word that David Sullivan was to be married last fall. Rob Grenda, like Peter, was unable to attend our fifth-year reunion due to being so far away; however, both say they look forward to attending our 10th. With his wife of three years, Yuiko Imai, Rob lives in Japan, where both are translator/teachers. Rob has applied to grad school to study behavioral/biological anthropology. . . . Jane Nicol Manuel and her husband, Dave, expected their first child in October. In 1992 Jane and Dave moved to Indianapolis, where Jane works for Lotus as a marketing rep and Dave is the director of annual giving at Wabash College. After Dave finishes his M.B.A. at the University of Michigan Business School, the Manuels would like to move back East. . . . Jim Feeley, also pursuing his M.B.A. at Michigan, will be getting married to Alison Sugrove in Newport, R.I., in June. . . . Becky Moser received her master's degree in speech and language pathology in December of '92 and then moved to Florida with her husband, Dave. She is working as a speech and language pathologist in a private practice, traveling to rural towns to do home visits with people who

have had strokes. . . . Anne Clarke Wolff lives in Chicago with husband Ted '86. They are remodeling a house built in 1880. Anne is an investment banker with Salomon Brothers and Ted is an environmental attorney. . . . Carol Kenerson is living and working as a high school English teacher in Hull, Mass. Carol, who received her master's from Boston College, spent the summer in France traveling with a group of Vermont high school students called World Learning. After a year in Africa that she said drastically changed her life, she is toying with the idea of teaching with the Peace Corps in a West African University. . . . Scott Bates worked in Canakkale, Turkey, last summer for Turkey's largest cement exporter, putting together a report to make their scheduling of ships and inventory management more efficient. Scott is getting his M.B.A. from Babson. . . . Leslie Chin, Patti D'Agostino, Sue White and Eli Orlic spent the last weekend in June in Portland, Maine. They sorely missed Paula Williams Friedrich, who could not attend due to her recent move to Michigan. . . . My roomie for two and a half years at Colby, Cece Crowe, called from Alaska. She was married on September 25. Cec, I wish you all the best, and to all other classmates, congratulations on your marriages, births, new homes, graduations and new jobs, and good luck in all your exciting endeavors. ♦

Correspondent:
Sara Dickison

88 It's nice that so many people have recently written in with all their news and career moves. On the academic forefront, Sean Collins is in a master's program in print journalism at Boston University. He will complete this program part time while still working as a writer for CSC Consulting in Newton, Mass. Sean also said that Becky Spoerri finished her master's in public health last spring, also at BU, and is now job hunting in New Jersey. . . . Kirsten Dalton has one semester left at Boston College before she completes her master's in counseling psychology. She

hopes to utilize her language skills in some capacity down the road. . . . Nina Colhoun, a former Boston Colby Club organizer, started at the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vt., this past September and should finish her degree by May 1994. She loves it and looks forward to an internship afterwards! . . . Brian Smith began his Ph.D. program in justice studies at Arizona State University last fall. . . . Toby LaVigne wrote a newsy letter from Ithaca, N.Y., where he is getting his M.B.A. at the Johnson School. He and his girlfriend, Jen Smith, recently set a wedding date of June 18, 1994. Toby sees Rob Travis and Michele Leinbach '89 often. They're on Cape Cod, where they both work at Camex International, an ophthalmic marketing consulting firm. Toby also talked to Norm Hugo and Jen Massengill. Norm is in Marina Del Ray, Calif., and working for Borell Advertising. Jen lives in Irvine, Calif., where she is getting her Ph.D. in immunology. She also competed in two triathlons last summer. Toby says he visited Brooks Patterson and his wife, Amy, in Maryland and that Ken Ginder and his fiancée, Claire, got married in November. . . . Kristin Scholl recently took time out of her hectic Ph.D. psychology schedule at Pace University in New York to see Kristen Shea perform with the Newton Country Players in *And the World Goes Round*. Kristen is an assistant buyer for boys' clothes with Talbots in Hingham, Mass. . . . Todd Jepson is at the Holderness School in Plymouth, N.H., where he has been teaching English and American history since graduation. . . . John Goslin is on the high seas of Gloucester, Mass., as part of the search and rescue squad of the United States Coast Guard. . . . Mary Federle Porter, former assistant director of alumni affairs, is working part time for the Maine Children's Cancer Center in Portland. She did such a fabulous job helping to plan our reunion—we'll really miss her in the Alumni Office! . . . While in Maine last September, I saw Peter '89 and Laurie Meehan Reed at Randy Catlin's wedding. They recently bought a wonderful house in Cumberland, Maine, where they enjoy the beauty of mowing lawns and fixing up a new abode. Brad

Wirth was also one of Randy's guests. Brad is currently working as the manager of a Stop and Shop in Claremont, N.H. . . . **Heidi Irving Naughton** was recently named assistant headmistress for students at the School of the Holy Child in Rye, N.Y., where she also will teach American history. She wrote that she doesn't see a lot of '88ers but has reinvented the art of letter writing with **Kim Ellis**. . . . **Rick Keigwin** wrote that he was promoted to the position of special assistant to the director of EPA's pesticide registration program. "Although that sounds like a position to help farmers and the agrochemical industry," he wrote, "I'm actually getting to work on some fairly significant environmental issues at last, including the development of lower risk pesticides and [ensuring] that the EPA's registration efforts are in compliance with the Endangered Species Act." . . . **Kate Walker** started as an elementary school counselor in Wilton, Conn., last September. She's been teaching tennis during the summers and will continue indoors for the winters. She spends so much time with kids that she says she's beginning to feel like one! . . . **Lauren Frazza** is doing freelance work, keeping up her hand-painted t-shirt biz and still working on her master's. She has a sprawling two-bedroom in New York City since her roommate left last August. Forget hotels, everyone call Lauren if you're in the Big Apple! . . . There wasn't a big turnout at Homecoming in October due to the fifth reunion and the many "mini-reunions" everyone had with all the wedding bashes across the country. It's great to hear from everyone. If you send it to me, I'll write about it! ♦

Correspondent:
Deborah A. Greene

89 Happy 1994 everyone! And you all know what that date means—yes, we're approaching the big Five

Years milestone. We can no longer call ourselves "recent college graduates." So remember to mark your calendars and start planning for our reunion, June 2-5, 1994! Now the news. **Cathy Andrew**, in her last year at Brooklyn Law School, found time between writing legal briefs to fill me in on the New York scene: "All accounts you have heard are probably true." Yikes! Cathy was a summer associate at Sullivan & Cromwell, a Wall Street firm, and will be clerking for a federal district court judge when she graduates. This year she's competing in moot court on the national environmental law team, now that most of her *Law Review* work is done. Somehow she also finds time to race sailboats all over the Northeast coast, too. Cathy sent much news of weddings and engagements: **Laura Thornton** was married at her summer house on June 12, 1993. **Jen Pierce**, **Tina Clifford**, **Sandy Humphrey** '90 and Cathy were the bridal party. **Kim Murphy** showed up from D.C., as did **Tim Barnard**, who's in the midst of a Ph.D. program at William and Mary. Alas, **Ed Barr** '88, who is Jen Pierce's fiancé, was not able to attend because he's in Japan for a year. . . . I also heard that **Zeke Wing** and **Maria Vallis** are doing well in Seattle; Zeke's working for an import company and Maria's managing a Japanese art gallery. . . . And **Eric Hanson** is rumored to be getting married—but all I know is that his fiancée bakes a mean lemon poppyseed cake! . . . **Rachel Tilney** is teaching at the Westtown School in Westtown, Pa., and writes that Colby has quite the reputation at Westtown due to a bunch of enthusiastic alumni. Good to hear! (She also said something about Bates, but I won't mention that.) **Rachel and Camilla Johansson** had a great trip to Dubai, UAE, after spending a year in Austria. Welcome home! . . . Finally, news from **David Cleary**, who spent the first four years after Colby working in New York City for the Portland, Maine-based UNUM Corporation as a group sales representative.

However, this one-time economist's major broke out of the norm in September 1991 by auditioning for and being cast in Greenwich, Conn., productions of *The Gold Coast* and, later, *The Lion in Winter*. "All this with no acting training!" wrote David. "My sales background must be paying off." A few months later he debuted with a stand-up comedy act at The Improv in N.Y.C. and kept audiences

laughing for the next eight months at various clubs around the city. After some success in commercials, he's now involved in a new business and writes that if any classmates are interested in learning more about an "entrepreneurial venture with potential for a lot of fun," contact him at 203-622-1572. . . . Classmates, that's it for now! Keep in touch. ♦

Alumni Trustees Nominated

The Nominating Committee of the Alumni Council has placed in nomination three alumni for three-year terms to begin at Commencement 1994.

Frank O. Apantaku '71 is president and general surgeon for Apantaku Clinics Ltd. in Chicago and assistant professor of surgery at Chicago Medical School and holds an M.D. degree from Northwestern University. Dr. Apantaku was an alumni trustee in 1987-93, serving on the Budget and Finance, Educational Policy, Honorary Degree and Student Affairs Committees, on the Presidential Advisory Committee and on the Overseers Visiting Committee to Health Services in 1993. He is a past president of the Colby Club of Chicago, was a member of the Alumni Council in 1990-93, is an active admission and career services volunteer and was a member of the 20th Reunion Committee. Dr. Apantaku received a Colby Brick Award in 1991.

Susan Comeau '63 is senior vice president for Global Human Resources, a subsidiary of State Street Bank Corporation. As an alumni trustee from 1987 to 1993, Ms. Comeau served on the Audit and Budget and Finance Committees. As a member of the Alumni Council, she chaired the Awards Committee in 1980-82 and the Alumni Fund in 1982-85. A past director of the Boston Alumni Club and a former class agent, she received the Frank S. Carpenter Class Agent Improvement Award in 1980. Ms. Comeau received a Colby Brick Award in 1986.

George E. Haskell Jr. '55 is president and CEO of VERSYSS Inc., and formerly was a partner in Venture Consulting Corporation, president of The Haskell Group and president of Spectrum Interactive Inc. Mr. Haskell currently serves an alumni trustee and on the Educational Policy and Student Affairs Committees. He previously was an overseer for the College in 1990-92, serving on the Visiting Committee to Economics in 1991 and to Psychology in 1992.

In accordance with the by-laws of the Alumni Association, other nominations may be made by petition to the executive secretary of the Alumni Council with the signatures of one percent of the members of the association on or before March 1, 1994. In the event of no nominations by petition, the above candidates will be declared elected by the chair of the Alumni Council.

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90 News from '90 grads continues to pour in from around the country. I got a letter recently from **Megan Wahl**, who is at the Wilmington Friends School in Wilmington, Del., where she has taught a variety of earth- and environmental-science courses for grades 5-12. This year she'll also coach field hockey and lacrosse. ... **Diana Howell** is living in Jackson, Wyo., working as a naturalist hike leader. She is thinking about going to graduate school for physical therapy. Diana often hears from **Anne-Louise Band**, who's going to graduate school for forest management in Missoula, Mont., and from **Amy Shedd**, who's specializing in cardiology in medical school at the University of Vermont.

... **Deb Wood** just received her master's in American studies from the University of Maryland and is now working part time at the Noah Webster House, a living museum in Connecticut. Deb hears frequently from **Barb Shaw '91**, who is doing graduate work and teaching in the women's studies department at the University of Maryland. ...

Mike O'Loughlin just completed a year-long fellowship in pathology and is continuing this fall with medical school at the University of Connecticut. Mike tells me that **Bill Priestley** is in his second year of law school at Boston University. ... **Lynn Magovern** is now assistant director of alumni relations at Colby after working as a coach and dorm parent at Westover School in Connecticut. Lynn's been in touch with lots of '90 grads, and through her, I've heard about the following people:

Christa Chiarello just finished a year as a dorm counselor at a school for troubled adolescents in Stockbridge, Mass., and will be heading back to school soon for a degree in social work. ... **Jen Holsten** has been coaching soccer, ice hockey and lacrosse for the past two years at the Northfield Mount Hermon School in western Mass. ... **Tracey Bishop** is working for Senator Dianne Feinstein in San Francisco. ... **Sara Madden** has been working for I. Magnin and will be opening another retail store in Palo Alto soon. Tracey and Sara, both former ice hockey players at Colby, have been showing Californians how it's really done—they recently won the "3 on 3 Red-Hot Rolling Tournament" in Rollerblade hockey. ... **Margaret Clymer** is sharing an apartment with Nancy Penrose '91 in Seattle and is teaching history. ... **Jen Lally** just got married to Jeff Kent in Norwell, Mass.—both she and her husband teach and coach at the Hyde School in Bath, Maine. ... **Emilie Davis**

is teaching history and coaching at the Lawrenceville School in New Jersey. ... **Dyanne Kaufman** recently relocated from Washington, D.C., to New York City, where she is getting her teaching certificate at Bank Street College. ... **Cindy Demskie** and **Jeff Borhek** bought a house in Sandwich, Mass. Jeff works for an insurance company and Cindy is very happy with her job at Abington Savings Bank. ... **Page Higgins** is working as a paralegal in New York City. ... **Elizabeth LeRoy** is in the graduate program for public policy at the University of New Hampshire. ... **Jodie Brown** is working for an advertising company just outside of Boston. ... Thanks again to all of you who got in touch with me for this column, and to those of you who have never written in, try to keep in touch! ♦

Correspondent:
Katie Martin

92 Welcome Lynn Magovern '90 to the Alumni Office. (She's the one who gets to deal with this column once I write it.) ... When I was at graduation last spring, I made a promise to my buddy Ken Barber '90 that his name would appear in my next column. So to my first HR at Colby: congratulations on your marriage to Amy Partridge '93 on October 9. I hope that your Colby ushers, Rich Cook '90 and Malcolm Hill '90, helped you survive the pre-marital jitters! ... Speaking of weddings, I have heard of a number of engagements and weddings over the past year. **Julie Trodella Bruneau** wrote that she was married in October '92 to a man she met through **Gretchen Anglund**, her freshman roommate. **Eric and Adria Lowell Turner**, married in June, are both working at the Kents Hill School in Kents

Hill, Maine, Eric in admissions and Adria in college guidance. **Nicole Dauteuil Begin** was married in August to Rob Begin, with **Rachel Klein** as her maid of honor, **Helen Suh** and **Kelly Evans** as bridesmaids and **Andrew Eldredge**, **Dave Edelstein**, **Laurie Silverman '94** and **Garin Arevian '91** among the guests. **Chris and Angela Toms Forman** were married last spring in New Hampshire and are living in D.C. As for engagements, **Chantal Begin** is engaged to her long-time boyfriend, Shawn, with wedding plans for next June. And **Sarah Bramhall** and **Josh Reynolds** have decided to tie the knot—probably sometime after her family recovers from the recent wedding of my brother and Sarah's sister. ... **John Polischuk**, who I neglected to mention was at a party that I attended in Cambridge last March, wrote me that **John Rimas** is at UMass-Lowell pursuing a degree in education, **John Daileanes** is at Springfield in athletic administration and **Tom Capozza** is at Dartmouth Medical School studying veterinary medicine. As for John, he is working at Brigham and Women's Hospital in sleep deprivation research (not his intended field but a good start) and has become a star handball player. He was recently named NHAC Player of the Month in New England. ... I got an article about **Melissa Small**, who is teaching at the Leelenau School in Glen Arbor, Mich., and in her second year as coach for the cross country team. The article sang her praises as coach. ... Camper **Dan Belvin** phoned me in September to inform me of his safe return from his mission in Somalia. As second lieutenant, he worked closely with the American Hospital as an operations officer—and still found enough energy to run each day in 11:5 degree heat (on a cool day). He is now back at his base in

Radcliffe, Ky., and wanted me to extend his sincere gratitude to Louis Droggi (at UMO pursuing his master's in medieval history) for joining him at the Bangor Airport at four in the morning for coffee and doughnuts. . . . Hilda Westervelt wrote me from Dijon, France, with three months left of her Watson Fellowship. (She has since returned to Waterville.) Her project—studying 11th century sculpture on the medieval pilgrimage routes of Santiago de Compostella—led her all over France and into Spain. She was able to travel to Germany, Switzerland, Holland and Morocco as well. She has kept in touch with Colby friends and says Jen Zampell and Nicole Porter are living in the Boston area, Jen working as manager of a French pastry shop and Nicole trying to find a job that's interesting. Amy Fang is in the process of getting a master's from Simmons in library science with a focus in archival studies and was fortunate to visit Hilda this year. Ethan Gettman is teaching English in Japan and, wrote Hilda, "wowing teenage girls with his incredible karaoke talents." . . . Heather Ferguson recently moved into a Chestnut Hill apartment with Brenda Burke and Heather Glynn. Heather is still working at Dana Farber Cancer Institute and plans to attend grad school next fall in genetic counseling. She had talked recently with Edie Clark, who was home in Ohio for a brief visit from China, where she has been in school and teaching English. . . . Jen Pelson completed her master's of education in counseling at UNH and hopes to be a guidance counselor in an elementary school. . . . Nancy Putnam loves traveling with Up With People. . . . Jen Kosek is a paralegal in Philadelphia and considering moving to N.Y.C. . . . Karen Larson is working for Liberty Mutual in Dover, Mass. . . . Becky Graham and Jen Greenleaf are living with Deb Brown '90 in Boston. Becky now works for a production company and Jen is in the library of a law firm. . . . Chris Flint was working at a golf course near his home in Brookline, N.H., hoping to attend grad school this fall for education. . . . Sarah Hamilton spent the summer taking courses at

NEWSMAKERS

Elizabeth James '90 was named director of annual giving and research at the Belmont Hill School in Massachusetts. . . . White House staffer Cassie O'Neill '91 was the commencement speaker at her alma mater, Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, Mass. . . . John Brockelman '92 was named an assistant to Massachusetts Governor William F. Weld. . . . Following her year as a Watson fellow, Hilda Westervelt '92 was back to hang up her hat in Waterville—literally. Featured in a *Morning Sentinel* article, her fabulous creations, embellished with elegant materials, piping and hand-made flowers and other seasonal items, were on sale at the annual Colby Crafts Fair in the fall. . . . Caleb Cooks '93 is project director and technical consultant of a Colby video project that addresses social issues. The project is funded with a three-year grant from the Philip Morris Foundation, which is using Cooks's "Common Ground" video as a demonstrator video nationwide. . . . John Dingee '93 ran for a seat on the school committee of Braintree, Mass., where he attended high school. . . . Suzanne Liacos '93 has joined the foreign language department at Bishop Fenwick High School in Beverly, Mass., and Timothy Seston '93 has been appointed assistant director of admission at Lake Forest Academy in Lake Forest, Ill.



Elizabeth James '90

MILEPOSTS

Marriages: Dana Frost '90 to Mark Allara in Cambridge, Mass. . . . Meredith Post '90 to Robert Gramlich '91. . . . Dover York '90 to William Norris in Portland, Ore. . . . Elin Baird '91 to Brian Cain in Villanova, Pa. . . . Mark Poulin '91 to Kimberly Smith in Fairfield, Maine. . . . Nicole Dauteuil '92 to Robert Begin in St. Johnsbury, Vt. . . . Angela Toms '92 to Christian Forman '92 in Keene, N.H. . . . Christopher Whelan '92 to Lee Ann Petropoulos in Weston, Conn. . . . Christopher Caponi '91 to Heather Hews '93 in Lorimer Chapel. . . . Sarah Ann Steindel '93 to Joseph Blood III in Meshoppen, Pa.

Columbia in education and has returned to her teaching position while pursuing her master's. . . . I just quit my job as an office assistant for the father of David Russell '89 in order to pursue a position at a magazine in New York. I'll keep you posted. Thanks again to all of you who make a point of keeping me well-informed. ♦

Correspondent:
Kristin L. Owens

93 Greetings, Class of 1993! Here we are, more than half a year after graduation. I hope that all of you find yourselves doing what you always wanted to be doing. Okay, here's the good stuff. Chris Chin is employed by State Street Bank in Quincy, Mass. (Before I go any further, I want to thank Chris for his help in writing this column.) Amy Duncan is also in Quincy and is employed by Reebok. . . . Cristen Herlihy, Dianne Neskey, Ryan Friel and Don

Bindler are all working in Boston. Also nearby: Mark Muir is working as a computer consultant in Woburn; Linda Bourell is working in Braintree; Kristen Mobilia and I are in Brookline; and Beth Montgomery is a computer consultant in the area. . . . Moving south: Jason Goldberger, Justin Sheetz, Sung Park, Jennifer Knapp, Shawn Behling and Candace Killmer are currently living and working in New York City. . . . Meghan Goughan, Hallie Hastert and Chris West are in Washington, D.C., and Glenice Nickerson is in Orlando, Fla. . . . Elsewhere in the world, Brian Waldes is in Colorado and Flint Hobart is in Korea until June. . . . Closer to our hub of Colby, Dave Bartlett and Todd Bosselait are working in Portland, Dave for John Hancock Life Insurance and Todd for Hannaford Bros. Mike Zhe remains in Waterville and is working with the *Central Maine Morning Sentinel*. A few '93 grads are employed by Colby: Matt Isham is working in admissions, Jefferson Goethals

is coaching the ski team and Caleb Cooks is helping Colby to develop a video project. . . . Beth Hermanson, like other classmates, remains in school. Attending law school are: Chris Kueter in Indiana, Rick Wallace at Wake Forest and Jeff "Biscuit" Koscat DePaul. March McCubrey is attending Bowling Green in Ohio, where he is also teaching. Eric DeCosta is still in academics also, helping out at the graduate level as a coach at Trinity College in Connecticut. . . . Michelle Addario and Jill Moran are currently employed in the law field. . . . Two '93 grads have changed their names. Congratulations to Heather Hews Caponi and Kelly McEntee Good, both married last June. . . . This sums it up for my current information. I hope to write about our other classmates in the next issue, but I need to hear from all of you. You all can find my address and phone number in the recent mailings as well as at the top of the '90's columns in *Colby*. Keep in touch! Until next time. ♦



Howard F. Hill '18, Renowned Ophthalmologist

Howard F. Hill '18, a world-renowned physician, died November 16 at his home in Belgrade Lakes, Maine, at 98. He was born in Waterville, the son of Dr. James F. Hill, Class of 1882, and attended Coburn Classical Institute. He left the College in 1917 and, as he later wrote, "enlisted as an exchange student in the trenches of France for a vivid crash course in the science of high explosives!" His 11 months on the front lines of World War I with the First Division Quartermaster Corps, he wrote, were "very educational for a country boy." In 1920 he received his Colby B.S. upon completion of his first year at Harvard Medical School. In 1923, following graduation from Harvard, he interned at Chestnut Hill Hospital in Philadelphia, and in 1925 he was surgeon at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia. He returned to Waterville in 1926, became a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons in 1927 and in 1928 studied in Vienna. During a memorial service in Lorimer Chapel in December, President Cotter said, "There is no doubt but that Howard's finest institutional contribution to our greater community was the gift of Thayer Hospital, which he founded with his brother, Frederick Thayer Hill '10." The founding of the hospital marked the beginning of Dr. Hill's 50 years of service in ophthalmology to the Waterville community and the world. Known internationally for his revolutionary contributions to cataract surgery and paretic muscle surgery, he delivered many papers in ophthalmology in this country and abroad. A member of the prestigious American Ophthalmological Society, he also held memberships in the French, Pan Pacific, Spanish and Pan American ophthalmological societies and was a teaching fellow at the famed Barraquer Institute in Spain. For his work developing a clinic in Barcelona, Spain, a grateful government made him a Spanish Don. He was a trustee of the American Foundation for Medical Eye Care and held memberships in many local and state medical associations as well as the Masons, the Rotary and the American Legion. For 10 years he taught a course in Chicago at the American Academy of Ophthalmology. In the 1950s, he and his brother, who was an internationally renowned otolaryngologist, persuaded directors of the Lancaster Course in Ophthalmology to establish at Colby and were instrumental in setting up the various summer seminars, workshops and courses in medical specialties on the Colby campus. For years he taught a



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Lancaster course in cataract surgery, and his adopted son and colleague, the late Dr. Kevin Hill '50, maintained the Hill family involvement in the program by serving as director in the 1970s. In 1956 the College awarded him an honorary doctor of science degree, praising him as "a person who has conferred special benefits on his fellow man." He was a Colby Friend of Art and served on his 40th reunion committee and as chair of his 50th. In 1978 an appreciative College awarded him a Colby Brick. That fall Colby named the Hill House in honor of the devoted service to the College by three generations of the Hill family. Following his retirement at 80, he continued his hobby of world travel. In all he visited 54 countries and was still traveling alone in his early 90s. Concluding his remarks at the memorial service, President Cotter said, "Howard Hill has left his mark. The community, this College and the world of medicine are all better than they would have been without him." Survivors include his son, Howard F. Hill Jr., four grandchildren, including Michael Hill '86, a granddaughter and his daughter-in-law.

Harold E. Hall '17, Hebron Academy Teacher

Harold E. Hall '17, a teacher of foreign languages at Hebron Academy, died November 7

in Auburn, Maine, at 96. Born in East Oxford, Maine, he graduated from Oxford High School. At Colby he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. Following service in World War I with Army Intelligence as a translator and censor of German mail, he worked in the foreign department of National City Bank of New York and was active in local Republican party politics. He received an M.A. in French from Columbia University in 1932 and, many years later, an M.A. in German from Middlebury College. He taught languages at Portland High School, the Princeton Preparatory School, Lawrence Academy and St. Paul's School before joining the staff of Hebron Academy in 1948. He taught German, French, Spanish, Italian, Latin and English, wrote news of Hebron alumni and served two years as Hebron's coordinator of development. After he retired in 1965 he continued as alumni secretary until 1983. His *History of Hebron Academy* was published in 1979. His lifelong interest in history led him to found the Hebron Historical Society and to memberships in the Maine, Oxford and Bethel historical societies. He also was active in the Hebron Republican Town Committee and served the town as selectman and member of the planning board and as trustee of the Moody Public Library. At the Hebron Community Baptist Church he was moderator, chair of the board, clerk and deacon. He also was a commander of the Oxford post of the American Legion. For his public service, he was awarded a Colby Gavel in 1963. A loyal supporter of the College, he served as class agent, donated paintings and books to special collections, contributed articles to the alumni magazine and attended many reunions, including his 75th in 1992. Surviving are his daughter, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Phoebie Vincent Parker '17, Hospital Trustee, Volunteer

Phoebie Vincent Parker '17, a long-time member of the board of trustees of the Windham Community Memorial Hospital in Willimantic, Conn., died July 5 in Farmington, Conn., at 97. She was born in Island Falls, Maine, and graduated from Houlton High School. A member of Delta Delta Delta sorority at Colby, she was active in basketball and drama and graduated with honors in chemistry. After a year teaching

at Windham High School in Willimantic, she married and began work as secretary of the Parker-Elliott Coal Co. Following the death of her husband in 1941, she took over management of the company, eventually becoming owner, vice president, treasurer and general manager before selling the business to Dahl Oil/Cities Service Corp. in the 1960s. She was active in Republican politics and in 1946 ran for the Connecticut House of Representatives. During World War II she was active in the Red Cross Motor Corps and throughout her life was a volunteer with several organizations, including serving as treasurer of the Willimantic branch of the AAUW and as chair of volunteer services of the Willimantic chapter of the Red Cross. She was especially active in Blood Bank work and the Visiting Nurses Association and was instrumental in organizing the first auxiliary to Windham Hospital. Predeceased by her son, she is survived by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lois Crowell '34, Physician

Lois Crowell '34, a retired senior physician at Tewksbury Hospital in Tewksbury, Mass., died in Boston on August 14 at 88. She was born and raised in Everett, Mass., where she attended high school. A chemistry major and member of Sigma Kappa at Colby, she went on to earn her M.D. at Boston University Medical School in 1938. She served as an obstetrician at New England Hospital for Women and Children in Boston and the Chicago Maternity Center before becoming a general practitioner at Tewksbury Hospital in 1941. When she retired, she estimated that she had been on call 120 hours a week for 30 years and delivered more than 2,000 babies. She moved to her long-time summer home in Cape Porpoise, Maine, where she took up model ship building and photographed and reported on the wildlife of the nearby islands. In 1981 she was honored by the College with a Colby Brick for her service as class agent, member of the Alumni Fund Committee and constant and generous supporter of student scholarships at the College. She leaves her brother, Robert Crowell.

Walter Worthing '35, Business Executive

Walter Worthing '35, a vice president and director of Central Maine Power Company, died September 9 in Hampden, Maine, at 80. Born in Palermo, Maine, he attended China schools and was a graduate of Besse High School in Albion. While majoring in business administration at the College he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and twice was managing editor of the *Oracle*. He began work at Central Maine Power Company in

1937 as district accountant in Bath and advanced through various district assignments in Augusta and Livermore Falls. In 1956 he became staff assistant at the company's general office and in 1963 was named southern division manager at Portland. He was elected vice president in charge of administrative services in 1973 and was made a CMP director in 1976, positions he held until his retirement in 1978 after 41 years with the company. He was vice chair of the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce's area development council, president of the Augusta-Hallowell Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Lions Club and the Bethlehem Lodge #35 and held leadership posts in the Augusta Rotary Club. Surviving are a daughter, a sister, two grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Lawrence C. Lightner '38, Reading Specialist

Lawrence Lightner '38, a lifelong educator, died July 18 in English, Maine, at 79. He was born in New York City and lived in Spuyten Duyvil, N.Y., and Mountain Lake and Morristown, N.J., where he attended high school. He received a bachelor's degree from Oberlin College in 1936 and came to Colby for a year to be certified for teaching at the same time that his father, E.A. Lightner, was assistant to President Johnson. He later attended the New York University Reading Institute and earned a master's degree in education from Rutgers University in 1950. He was a reading specialist at Morristown High School for 21 years following previous assignments at Dover Village (Ohio) High School, Westfield (N.J.) Junior High School, Stevens Institute of Technology and the New York University Reading Clinic. He helped create the special curriculum for the Salisbury (Conn.) Summer School of Reading and English and in 1964 began teaching reading and writing skills at Northfield Mount Hermon School in Massachusetts. In 1992 he received the school's Community Service Award. Surviving are a son, two daughters and eight grandchildren.

Robert Winslow '38, Insurance Executive

Robert Winslow '38, an insurance executive with the James Organization, died September 19 in Yarmouth, Maine, at 78. A native of Winslow, Maine, he attended Worcester Academy. At the College he played football and golf and was president of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He joined John C. Paige Company in 1938 as an insurance broker. During World War II he was a division commander in the Navy and captained motor torpedo boats in the North, South and Central Pacific operations. He was made a junior partner at Paige in 1949 and a

senior partner in 1965. When Paige merged with the James Organization in 1972, he was elected president and CEO of the organization's Maine operation and made a director of the James companies in Chicago. He was a member of various Masonic organizations and served as president of the Maine Insurance Agents Association. An avid golfer, he was a member of several golf organizations and was the Maine Senior Golfers co-champion in 1970. Surviving are his wife, Janette, three daughters, including Nancy Winslow Lemieux '68, and two grandchildren.

Clare Donahue Libby '41, Nurse, Teacher

Clare Donahue Libby '41, a nurse and teacher, died December 4, 1992, in Hinsdale, Ill., at 71. She was born in Presque Isle, Maine, and attended Presque Isle High School. At Colby she was president of the Women's Division during her senior year and graduated with a degree in English. She went on to receive a master's degree in nursing from Yale University in 1944. After a year as a Yale faculty member, she served as administrator of Presque Isle General Hospital until 1949. From 1950 to 1953 she was employed as public health nurse for Aroostook County. Following her marriage and move to Texas in 1953, she taught for a year at Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, then became an associate professor at Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., where she was instrumental in the accreditation of the nursing school. She was president of the Arthritis Foundation in Joliet, Ill. She is survived by her husband, Roscoe, three sons, a daughter and four grandchildren.

Muriel Briggs Pitrat '49, Geologist

Muriel Briggs Pitrat '49, a geology assistant at Mt. Holyoke College, died April 29 in Florence, Mass., at 63. A native of Waterville, Maine, and a graduate of Waterville High School, she devoted much of her life to the study of geology. While at Colby she majored in geology and was a charter member of the Geology Club. For several years following graduation she served as an assistant geologist at Colby and for the State of Maine, assisting in surveys and the publication of several geological reports. She attended the University of Indiana's Summer Institute in Field Geology and also studied at the University of Kansas. In the early 1960s she taught geology in adult education classes at the College. Later she was a geology assistant at Mt. Holyoke College in Massachusetts. She was predeceased by her mother, Martha Marden Briggs '24. Survivors include three sons, including Stuart '93, a daughter, and her sister, Virginia Briggs Zulieve '45.

Rita Hamilton Hager '55, Librarian

Rita Hamilton "Scotty" Hager '55, an assistant librarian at McKinley Elementary School, died July 1 in Arlington, Va., at age 60. She was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and lived in New Rochelle, N.Y., Mount Kisco, N.Y., and Coventry, Conn., and graduated from Stoneleigh-Prospect Hill School in Greenfield, Mass. At Colby she majored in history and was active in the International Relations Club, Powder & Wig and Canterbury Club. She taught school for one year in South Dartmouth, Mass., then moved to the Washington, D.C., area, where she was employed at the National Academy of Sciences for four years. In 1959 she married John W. Hager '55. An active member in the Episcopal Church, she served on the vestry and in various regional and diocesan offices. She is survived by her husband, two sons, one daughter, a grandson and a sister.

Nancy Gilligan Torborg '56, Innkeeper, Antiques Dealer

Nancy Gilligan Torborg '56, an antiques shop owner, died May 17 in Massachusetts at 58. A native of Great Barrington, Mass., she attended Smith College before transferring to Colby, where she majored in mathematics and was a member of the Outing Club and the Student Christian Association. She did graduate work in education at the University of Connecticut and went on to teach in high schools in New York and Texas. With her husband, J. Gerhardt Torborg, a corporation engineer, she traveled extensively, moving 24 times in 25 years to such varied locations as Alberta, Canada, and Libya. In Mendham, N.J., she started a business building and decorating dollhouses for private collectors. After moving to the Berkshires, she began restoring Colonial homes in the area. Among her restorations were the Colonel Ashley Inn, which she ran as a bed-and-breakfast for two years, and the Hubbard House, where she operated an antiques shop. She is survived by her husband and three sons.

Donald Bishop '57, Business Owner

Donald Bishop '57, owner of the Maine Fence Company, died September 24 in Pittsfield, Maine, at 61. Born in St. Albans, Maine, he attended the Good Will-Hinckley School and was a 1950 graduate of Averill High School. At Colby he was a member of the baseball team and the Glee Club. After brief service in the Navy, he returned to complete his degree in business administration. In 1961 he established the Maine Fence Company, which has

been in operation in Pittsfield since that time. A member of the Kiwanis, he held the positions of lieutenant governor of Kiwanis International and secretary to the New England Kiwanis Foundation, a fund-raising branch of the organization. During his term the Kiwanis established the Pediatric Trauma Institute in Boston. Since 1973 he had served as president of the Good Will Home Association, a branch of the Good Will-Hinckley School. A graduate of the institution, he was given the Alumni Award for outstanding contributions to the school. He also was a corporate member of the Waterville Osteopathic Healthcare Services and a charter member of CODA, a group formed to help control drug-related problems. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine, his mother, two sons, three grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Fredric Bonner '61, Business Manager

Fredric Bonner '61, a manager for the UNOCAL Corp. of Los Angeles, died September 28 in South Windsor, Conn., at 54. He was born in Beverly, Mass., and graduated from Waterville High School. After Army service in Germany he earned his M.B.A. in corporate finance from New York University in 1968. He was a manager in the stock transfer department for UNOCAL Corp. in Los Angeles and had lived in California for many years prior to moving to South Windsor in 1992. He was a nationally active member of the Corporation Secretaries of America and was listed in *Who's Who in the West*. He is survived by his parents, Vivian and George Bonner '38, a son, a daughter and a brother, Robert '68.

Raphaël Smith '88, Journalist, Graduate Student

Raphaël Smith '88, a graduate student at Columbia University, died September 14 in Bulgaria as a result of injuries received in a motorcycle accident. He was 26. He was born in France, educated in schools in Taconic, Conn., and graduated from the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn. After completing his Colby education in three years, he spent a year at the Beijing Language Institute in China and also worked at the *International Herald Tribune* in Paris as an editorial assistant. Several of his articles had been published recently in *The Boston Globe*, *The St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and *The Chicago Tribune*. He had completed one year of graduate school in international and public affairs at Columbia and at the time of his death was taking a year off from his studies to tour Europe and write freelance articles. Surviving are his mother, Anne Smith Fulton, his stepfather and his brother and sister.

Irving David Suss, English Professor

Irving David Suss, a professor of English from 1957 to 1980, died November 17 at his retirement home near Princeton, N.J., at the age of 78. A native of Newark, N.J., he earned a B.A. at the University of North Carolina in 1936 and spent the next six years with Max Rogel and Associates. He served in World War II as a captain of cavalry and was wounded in action. In 1948 he received an M.A. from Columbia University and three years later completed a Ph.D. with a specialization in the drama, of social protest and the Irish tradition. He was an instructor at Rutgers University and a lecturer at both Columbia University and CUNY before he joined the Colby English Department in 1957. For the next 23 years he was the theater at Colby, directing three or four productions each year alone or in cooperation with the late Ed Witham, who taught speech in the English Department. In addition to teaching history of the drama and a number of other courses, he performed in professional theater and in several Colby productions and later served on the advisory committee of the Theater Association of Maine. A small man with a powerful voice, he was a feared opponent in faculty debate, but he was also a generous host and renowned storyteller whose infectious humor and radiant smile and laughter lit up the lives of his Colby colleagues and friends. He will be remembered as an innovative and original producer, director and actor who made theater at Colby a gratifying experience.

CORRECTIONS

Cicely Y. Finley '94, Kendra A. King '94, Bronwyn K. Jones '96, Tara S. Marathe '96 and Roberto Nieves '96 were inadvertently omitted from the listing of Ralph J. Bunche Scholars in "The President's Report" (Colby, November). Nebraska was omitted from the geographical distribution of students, thereby omitting A. Kent Bonham '94, Colby's lone student from that state. Reports from the Department of Education and the Department of Psychology were inadvertently omitted from the listing of faculty publications and achievements.

In the obituary for Marian Drisko Tucker '25 that appeared in the August Colby, her sister was incorrectly identified. Her late twin sister was Mary Drisko Hall '24. Colby regrets the errors.

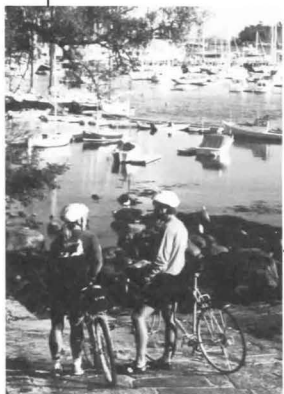
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