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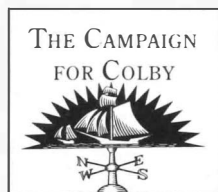
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## Just Did It

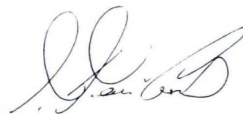
The best part about this job is also the worst: while interviewing and telling the stories of fascinating people who have been to exotic places, you must endure the fact that they've been places and seen things that you haven't and probably never will. That's why, after completing an article like this issue's story about adventurous alumni, I go home and complain to my wife that I'm almost 40 and still haven't seen Tanzania. Which misses the point, really. The point is not how many places you've been but the richness of the experiences you have had. In a way, stories like this one are therapeutic and vicariously enriching.

What makes the story about Colby alumni's adventures particularly interesting is that so many of them go beyond the traditional. These experiences aren't postgraduate flings across Europe, cutting a swath through toney discotheques, or self-initiated exiles on the French Riviera subsidized by an au pair placement. No, these excursions are adventures with a capital A. Climbing mountains in Nepal. Traversing the Indian desert on camelback. Riding a motorcycle through Vietnam. This is the kind of stuff we read about in *National Geographic*.

The alumni featured in this story are representative of the best liberal learners. They are masters at adjusting to their environment, experts at sizing up situations and figuring out solutions. They're competent, confident and committed. Their challenges aren't all that much different from those faced in everyday life, but the stakes are higher. Mess up and you could die.

And there's another quality that sets apart the people who get off the well-marked trails in the most remote parts of the world. They always strike me as calmer, more composed, more humble.

I hope the experiences these alumni have enjoyed invoke in you, as they do in me, a sense of wonder and reverence for the breadth of human experience. But don't be alarmed if they also make you want to chuck what you're doing and pack your crampons.



J. Kevin Cool  
Managing editor, Colby

# Periscope

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

## Still Harping

Remember **James "Bo" Justus '96** (Nashville, Tenn.), who escaped a speeding ticket on I-95 by showing a state trooper a harp in his trunk? The officer, who sarcastically alleged that Colby students thought they were "a bunch of angels," didn't believe Bo when he said he had a harp and offered to let him go if it was true. It was. Well, Bo was in London on the Colby program this past spring. He got to missing his harp and went to a London music store to rent one. While he was there he ran into the organizers of the International Folk Harp Festival, being held in Edinburgh, Scotland. He accepted their invitation to participate and finished eighth of 125 in the competition.

## Director Ben

**Ben Jorgensen '92**, who took the temporary assignment this year as director of student activities, has been given the job on a continuing basis. Credited with bringing Colby's COOT program up to snuff, Ben has tackled the job this year vigorously, bringing high praise from both students and peers.

## World View

Colby this year received 474 applications from international students representing 87 countries, of whom 104 were offered admission. Of that number, as many as 37 are expected to enroll. They will arrive under the flags of Argentina, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Ecuador, England, France, Hungary, India, Ireland, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Russia, Spain, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine and Zimbabwe.

## Rock Stars

Two geology majors, **Matthew O'Connell '96** (Brookfield, Mass.) and **John Baptiste '97** (Mendon, Mass.), were selected as summer research interns at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University, one of the world's premier geologic research institutions. Only one other Colby student, **Heather Hall '90**, has ever been chosen. Another geo major, **Chris Dawkins '97** (Murfreesboro, Tenn.), was awarded an internship at the Center for High Pressure Research at Stony Brook, another nationally competitive program.

## Colby Pride

*Holistic Belief and Aristotelian Akrasia* (sic), a paper by Senior Scholar **Caleb Mason** (Bethesda, Md.), was one of two sharing the first prize at the recent New England Undergraduate Philosophy Conference held at Tufts University. . . . **Michael Doogue '97** (Braintree, Mass.), a physics major, has been selected as a New England Colleges Fund (NECF) Scholar. . . . President **Bill Cotter** received an honorary doctor of laws degree at Westbrook College during the commencement season.

## Patriot Names

While it is well known that **Samuel Francis Smith**, professor of modern languages at Colby from 1834 to 1841, was the author of the anthem "America," few have known of Colby's tie to the "Pledge of Allegiance," inspired by **James Upham** of the Class of 1860. As 1892 approached, Upham, who had become an editor of *Youth's Companion*, was determined to

rekindle national pride for the Columbian Exposition that would commemorate the 400th anniversary of Columbus' voyage to the Americas. Upham and fellow editor **Francis Bellamy** lobbied President **Benjamin Harrison** and the Congress for the national Columbus Day holiday and were put in charge of developing a special program for schoolchildren. At Upham's behest, Bellamy wrote the "Pledge of Allegiance" for the children to read on the first Columbus Day, October 12, 1892.

## Hi Ho Silver

The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) has notified Colby Managing Editor **Kevin Cool** that Colby has won a Silver Medal for periodical staff writing. Magazine pieces by **Cool**, **Sally Baker** and **Steve Collins '74** were judged among entries from 43 other colleges nationwide. One gold, two silvers and a bronze medal were awarded.

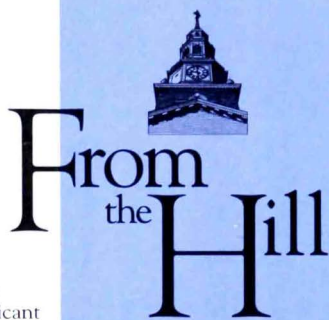
## To Name a Few

**Miriam Bennett**, William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Biology emerita, was selected by her alma mater, Carleton College, to receive the 1995 Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement. The award recognizes her extraordinary career as a teacher and research scholar, including two decades as a respected member of the Colby faculty. . . . **Arnie Yasinski** has been elected chair of the board of the Mid-Maine Medical Center.

## Moosecellaneous

Lest we invite future capers, we probably shouldn't mention that the mule statue was given zebra stripes one night during Senior Week. Moose antlers would have been easier to remove. . . . This year's Commencement class marshal was **James Porter** of Waterville. Jim is the ninth valedictorian from the state of Maine in the past 11 years. . . . Stu-A President **Bryan Raffetto '95** (Hingham, Mass.) and **Devin Colman '98** (North Oaks, Minn.) won a special prize offered by trustee **Alida Camp** by giving a new name to Colby's student non-alcoholic programs—MOOSE CAFE (*More Opportunities of Superior Entertainment with Colby Alcohol Free Environment*). Never mind that the "of" should be "for". Alida did not like the non-alcoholic label; it was too negative, she said, and altogether boring. . . . Colby's dining service, Sodexo, has made a \$175,000 contribution to the College for kitchen improvements and the purchase of new dining hall furnishings. . . . Trustees have set a goal of having all of the residence halls hard wired for computers by September '96. . . . H.P. Cummings Construction Company was the low bidder and is the contractor for the new Olin Science Building, already on the rise and slated for completion by the fall of '96.

# Different Ways of Making the Grade



Using Colby trustees, overseers and trustees emeriti as a sample population of all Colby alumni, President William Cotter and Alisa Masson '95 recently conducted a study to determine whether academic and extracurricular success in high school and at Colby were valid predictors of "success" later in life. Might their success in college be measured to discover whether future Colby students have similar promise?

"At Colby we are fairly satisfied that we know what characteristics in applicants will translate into a successful Colby student and who will contribute to a dynamic campus life," Cotter said. "But what about success after

college? Do high school patterns predict lifetime success? Are there significant patterns of college activity and behavior that foretell post-graduate success?"

One of the most striking findings of the survey, which received 86 completed responses out of 96 mailed questionnaires, was that the average GPA of the respondents (2.55) paralleled the average GPA for all students. Considering the phenomenon of grade inflation, according to Cotter, there was little variance between the average GPAs regardless of era. The survey also revealed that there is no particular formula for success at Colby. "The most profound conclusion of this

study is the lack of any significant pattern in the background of these successful Colby alumni," Cotter and Masson concluded. "Indeed, the great variety of their experiences reinforces the general confidence in the liberal arts philosophy of the College, that each student can find and fulfill her or his unique potential in a multitude of disciplines and extracurricular opportunities."

Among the findings:

\* Many of the respondents were first-generation

college students. Fifteen percent of the respondents' grandfathers and 9 percent of their grandmothers had attended college. Twenty-five percent of the respondents' fathers and 24 percent of the mothers had attended college. Masson noted that, by comparison, 91 percent of the fathers and 90 percent of the mothers of the Class of 1998 had college educations and nearly half had gone to graduate school.

\* Two-thirds of the mothers of the respondents were housewives, although significant numbers were teachers, businesswomen and other professionals. Among the fathers, 64 percent were in business, 17 percent were doctors or lawyers.

## No Singular Sensation

It has been an eclectic summer at the Colby Museum of Art. Exhibitions ranging from Oriental rugs to cowboy boots were featured at the museum between June and September.

Concurrent exhibitions in June included "City, Village and Encampment: Oriental Rugs in Context" and "Winslow Homer: Wood Engravings Portray America, 1857-1874." The exhibit of weaving featured 70 Oriental carpets and other utilitarian items from the Near East. Rugs, saddlebags, salt bags, camel trappings and tent decorations, including many one-of-a-kind masterworks, were shown.

Winslow Homer prints donated by Colby alumnus



Winslow Homer's *Gathering Berries*.

Lee Fernandez '55 and Patricia Davidson Reef of Falmouth, Maine, made up an exhibition depicting American 19th-century life. Fernandez, who served as guest curator, mounted the exhibition to coincide with

his 40th class reunion at Colby. It featured 114 wood engravings from the museum's permanent collection.

Beginning on August 2 the museum showcased more than 40 pair of Western-style boots from all over the

United States in "Sole of the West: The Art and History of Cowboy Boots." Organized by Sheila Kollasch, curator of the Desert Caballeros Western Museum in Arizona, the exhibit showed the inlay and overlay, precision stitching and hand tooling produced by third- and fourth-generation boot makers.

From August 9 and continuing until October 25 the museum is featuring an exhibition of photographs by William Wegman, best known for photographing Weimaraner dogs dressed, for instance, as characters in *Sleeping Beauty*. The show, titled "Mainely Wegmans," also features quilts produced by Wegman's sister, Pam Wegman. ♦



\* More than 70 percent of the respondents had attended public high school; nearly three-fourths were very active in high school extracurricular activities, including nearly a third who led student government offices. More than two-thirds had won academic awards in high school and about half took honors classes.

\* The average verbal SAT among the respondents was 589 and the average math score was 577.

\* The respondents in the survey majored in 15 areas while at Colby, although nearly 70 percent were concentrated in five majors—administrative science, economics, English, history and government.

\* One-third received financial aid; more than half worked during college. The respondents were very involved with extracurricular

activities at college, although not quite as extensively as at high school.

\* Nearly one-half had won some kind of academic award, 20 percent had been presidents of fraternities and sororities and 10 percent had been varsity team captains.

\* Twelve percent had studied abroad, 24 percent had participated in independent studies.

"One of the most heartening findings of the survey was that when asked to name one or more professors who had a particularly strong positive influence on them, the respondents listed 82 different individuals," Cotter said. "Thirty-eight faculty were listed more than once."

That list included Charles Bassett, Mark Benbow, Cliff Berschneider, Kingsley Birge, Archille Biron, Joe Bishop, Seelye Bixler, Pat Brancaccio, Walter Breckenridge, David Bridgman, Alfred

Chapman, Webster Chester, Edward Colgan, Alice and Ermanno Comparetti, Galen Eustis, Paul Fullam, Hank Gemery, Jim Gillespie, Jan Hogendorn, Don Koons, Mike Loeb, Tom Longstaff, Al Mavrinac, Bill Miller, Paul Perez, Bob Pullen, Hal Raymond, Peter Ré, Bob Reuman, Gordon Smith, Robert Strider, Gus Todrank, Lester Weeks, Peter Westervelt, William Wilkinson, Ralph "Roney" Williams and Walter Zukowski.

Almost two-thirds of the respondents obtained advanced degrees. High GPAs obtained as undergraduates were an important factor for those who entered Ph.D. programs and, to a lesser extent, for those who went to medical school. However, those who attended law or business schools had GPAs that were essentially the average for the entire group.

High GPAs were not a predictor of financial success among the survey group. The average GPA of those who have made capital gifts of at least \$100,000 to Colby was 2.52. Of that group, 56 percent either were economics or administrative science/business majors, 44 percent earned M.B.A.'s or law degrees.

"Given that many of the respondents were first-generation college students, it seems clear that strong work ethics and leadership capabilities are characteristics shared by many of the people in our survey," Cotter said.

Cotter says the opportunity to collaborate on the project with a student made it particularly meaningful. "Alisa did a wonderful job," he said. "She was responsible for hours of data collection and analysis. She made the project a success." ♦

## A Prized Speaker



During a Spotlight lecture April 27, Doris Kearns Goodwin '64 delighted an overflow crowd in the Page Commons Room with colorful anecdotes and insightful commentary about life inside the Roosevelt White House and the Johnson Administration. Goodwin's appearance came just days after the announcement that she had won the 1995 Pulitzer Prize for History for her book *No*

*Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The American Home Front During World War II*.

Goodwin, whose earlier book *Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream* drew heavily from her own experience working with Johnson, described a man consumed by ambition and driven by a desire for immortality. She said visitors to Johnson's Texas ranch were rewarded with gifts bearing LBJ's likeness or name, and each succeeding visit produced a larger, and in Johnson's mind, more desirable,

LBJ souvenir. It's a charming story, but, Goodwin said, it revealed something about the man who "willed himself to die" in the last years of his life because he was no longer powerful and in control of events.

Goodwin used the major portion of the lecture to describe the lives of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, a couple she said most historians now agree formed the most effective president/first lady team in U.S. history. The Roosevelt White House was inhabited by a cast of interesting, enigmatic characters, according to Goodwin. Because polio inhibited his physical activity, she said, the president surrounded himself with people he enjoyed talking to, and conversation provided one of his few outlets for relaxation. Despite his physical limitations, Roosevelt energized and passed his strength of character to the nation, she said, even as his own body was deteriorating.

Meanwhile, Eleanor traversed the country working with various disenfranchised segments of society to improve working conditions and opportunities for the poor. Her efforts in promoting social justice were years ahead of her time and inspired President Roosevelt to even greater heights, Goodwin said. ♦

# No Small Fete

Ludy '21 and Pacy Levine '27 have shared a lot of meals at Colby College, perhaps none leavened with as much laughter and goodwill as the dinner in Roberts Union on Saturday, May 27. The Levine brothers, whose pride in and generosity toward Colby are legendary, got back from the College a healthy portion of gratitude at the traditional dinner for honorary degree recipients on the eve of Commencement.

While the Levines and Commencement speaker Henry Louis Gates Jr. addressed separate dinners downstairs in Roberts, Judith Magyar Isaacson spoke to dinner guests who gathered on the second floor in her honor. Isaacson is an author and a former mathematics lecturer and dean of students at Bates College. A native of Hungary, she is a survivor of the Auschwitz and Hessisch Lichtenau concentration camps. *Seed of Sarah*, her 1990 memoir, tells of her experiences under German imprisonment and as a displaced person in post-war

Europe. But at her dinner she asked to honor the happiness of the occasion by speaking about anything except the Holocaust.

"When I was appointed

changes I'd be fired, but I lasted eight years and only quit to write the book."

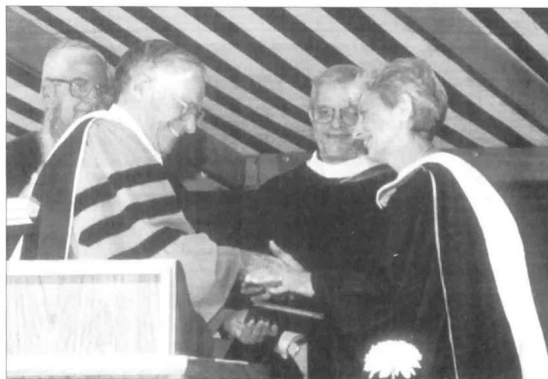
Downstairs, Gates visited all the tables, where he was introduced by John D.

Introducing the Levines, President William Cotter got a laugh when he said, "When I first came to Colby, they were very young." Ludy, now 96, and Pacy, 90, work daily at the clothing store their father founded on Main Street in Waterville. They remain fixtures in the press box and along the sidelines at football games and other College athletic events.

Recalling when the Alumni Office first wanted to buy computers to keep alumni records, Cotter said he was skeptical: "I had talked to Ludy and Pacy, and they knew everything." On a more serious note, he told dinner guests, and the Commencement convocation the following day, that many students could not have attended Colby without the Levines' support. Their extraordinary generosity to the College, to scholarships and to students who may have needed a good shirt on credit has benefited generations of Colby students.

L. Sandy Maisel, the William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Government, said he has long thought it right that Colby should honor its distinguished alumni. "And we have no better examples than Ludy and Pacy," he added.

Pacy, speaking for himself and Ludy and the extended Levine family that includes 42 Colby alumni, called the honorary doctorates "treasured honors," and said, "We've reached the highest plateau of the improbable dream. We thank you for the biggest honor that can be bestowed upon us." ♦



Judith Magyar Isaacson receives an honorary degree from President William Cotter at the May commencement ceremonies

dean at Bates, Jewish alumni said they couldn't believe it, and they predicted I would have trouble," she said. "I never had any trouble for being a Jew, but as a woman—as a woman dean of students in charge of men—try to sell that to security," she said. "I thought I would last a year and make so many

MacArthur Associate Professor of Anthropology and Sociology Cheryl Townsend Gilkes. After dinner he read passages from the introduction to his memoir, *Colored People*, which began as a letter to his daughter explaining why his family's origins are important to him. There is for all groups, he said, a private culture and a public culture. "African-American literature is written with an imaginary white racist on your shoulder. You are always wondering 'What will white racists think of this?' It's a way of keeping people from bucking the norm." *Colored People* bucks that norm by describing the private culture of Gates' youth in rural West Virginia in the 1950s and '60s. "I wrote about my norm, my culture and myself with honesty. I thought we could afford this, and that's what I did," Gates said.

## Four-Wheel Dive

Departing students have left behind many interesting items in the past, ranging from pet lizards to old sofas, but until this year nobody had discarded an automobile. In what Director of Security John Frechette said appeared to be a "mercy killing," an aged Nissan Pulsar was discovered partially submerged in Johnson Pond by security personnel at dawn on Commencement morning. Only the front tires were in the water, Frechette said, and the car was easily removed.

Frechette said that the car was deliberately driven into the water. "The keys were in it," he explained.

Attempts to contact the owner of the vehicle were unsuccessful, Frechette says. Police have impounded the vehicle.



# The Rest of the Story

Some readers may be aware of an article that appeared in the April 5 *Wall Street Journal* in which Colby was named among several colleges and universities that allegedly falsify information sent to college guidebooks. President William Cotter, who described the article as "inaccurate and unfair," responded with a letter to the editor. In it, Cotter pointed out discrepancies in the *Journal's* story and clarified Colby's procedures regarding guidebook submissions. The *Journal* printed only a portion of the letter, omitting those sections critical of the *Journal's* reporting. The full text of the letter is printed below. The sentences in boldface were not printed.

"Colby College is mentioned in the April 5 *Wall Street Journal* article as one of more than 50 colleges and universities accused of releasing false information in order to enhance their positions in the various guidebooks.

The only error attributed to Colby was a single number given to *U.S. News & World Report* three years ago. It was a typographical error (a hand-written figure was misinterpreted). The number was corrected the following year.

The article also says that Colby administrators have met to manipulate the data we report. **This allegation is attributed to Mr. Edward Hershey, a former director of communications at Colby, who wrote a letter to the *Cornell Sun* last fall decrying the methodology of the *U.S. News & World Report* surveys. In his letter, Mr. Hershey, while not naming Colby, used the word "cheat" to describe the purpose of meetings held concerning the reporting of numbers. Subsequently, Mr. Hershey had a half-hour conversation with the *Journal* reporter and has told us:**

"During the conversation, I indicated that *U.S. News* had misread a figure I wrote in the 1992 survey report and that Colby's ranking had changed as a result. I spoke of no other statistical reporting that was at variance with the facts and, indeed, indicated that Colby had regularly protested to *U.S. News* that we suffer because of the exaggerations of our competitors.

"I did confirm that I wrote a letter to the *Cornell Sun*, without mentioning any institution, and told the reporter that, since no institution was mentioned, I felt I could take some rhetorical license in making my point. In fact, I was asked a series of questions relating to Colby's reporting and specifically confirmed that, except for the single typographical error, every survey response was accurate. I told him Colby had never cheated on the numbers."

The *Journal* statement that meetings are held about the numbers is correct. Those responsible for gathering this data at Colby do meet, but only to be certain that all of our numbers, sent to dozens of college guides and to others, are accurately and consistently reported.

Our current director of communications gave the reporter a long interview and, a week ago, suggested that he call me, but he chose not to.

We have not and would not misrepresent Colby to publishers of college guides or to anyone else." ♦



## HILL SIDES

### Denney Joins Dean's Office

Martha Denney, recently the coordinator of the Drew University London Semester, has been named assistant dean of students. Denney, who grew up near Hamilton College where her father was on the faculty, is a *summa cum laude* Hamilton graduate. She holds an Ed.M. from Harvard and an M.A. in anthropology from Brandeis. She has previously served as an English as a Second Language tutor at Brandeis and at the American Institute for Foreign Study in Boston.

### New Hoop Coach Hired

Patricia O'Brien of Nashua, N.H., will be Colby's coach of women's basketball. O'Brien, who will assist in other sports in addition to her basketball job, has been at Rivier College since 1992. Last year, her team posted a 17-8 record. She holds B.S. and M.Ed. degrees from Salem State where she earned All-American honors as a player.

### Traffic Stopper

Post-cold war dismantling of police states has brought about the rise of democracies but also has created opportunities for international trafficking organizations, said Robert Gelbard '64, a law enforcement advisor to Attorney General Janet Reno. Gelbard, who was a member of the Peace Corps in Bolivia in the 1960s and U.S. ambassador to Bolivia from 1988 to 1991, told an audience at the College last April that the narcotics and crime threats to our society should be treated not as internal but as foreign policy issues.

"These are truly multinational organizations," Gelbard said. Traffickers launder money in unregulated banking and financial systems and buy newspapers and radio stations to promote the myth that international trafficking is beneficial at home. According to Gelbard, one Latin American car theft ring—about 50 percent of the cars in Belize were stolen in the U.S.—ends up costing the U.S. hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

Trafficking organizations must be attacked at the source, he said. A good law enforcement infrastructure in any country will pay immediate dividends, said Gelbard, an architect of U.S. policy in Haiti.

## Sidewalk Talk

Just days before she was scheduled to appear as a Spotlight lecturer at Colby, Doris Kearns Goodwin '64, became the fourth Colbian in five years to win a Pulitzer Prize.

Goodwin follows 1994 fiction winner E. Annie Proulx '57, Robert Capers '71, who won in 1992 for journalism, and Gregory White Smith '73, who won the prize for biography in 1991.

# The Ivory Tower Reconsidered

by Robert Weisbrot

Christian A. Johnson Distinguished Teaching Professor of History

Good morning, and thank you.

The honor you have bestowed means a great deal to me. I have long been thrilled that there is a job called "college professor" that actually pays people to think about whatever makes them feel strongly, and to share their enthusiasms with others. I can't imagine what else I would rather do even without a salary, more soberingly, I can't imagine what else I could do for a salary. Colby has kept me occupied, impassioned, off the streets; I am at once gratified, and relieved.

I am also thankful for this award because, although its history is brief—just two years old—its roster of recipients is formidable.

When I arrived at Colby in 1980 I quickly learned from both faculty and students that the foremost teacher and most beloved figure at the College was Charlie Bassett. No surprise, then, that in 1993, Charlie became the first recipient of the senior class teaching prize. And, after 25 years here, and despite the difficult circumstances of this year, Charlie has remained Colby's gold standard for teaching, and caring. So I feel especially honored to be part of a tradition that he helped inaugurate.

Last year the senior class speaker was Cedric Bryant, whom many of you know as both a distinguished teacher—at once rigorous and humane—and a campus leader of unsurpassed stature, in eloquence, in grace, and, of course, in height.

How I joined such good company I cannot say. But I find guidance in the reflections of an Argentine writer, Jorge Luis Borges, who, after wondering who among us truly deserves any awards, remembered to add, "But if one should come to me, I would seize it greedily, like a Viking." In that spirit, I accept with deepest gratitude.

I was, I confess, a bit startled on hearing that I could not simply take the plaque and slip away, but rather must confer upon you yet another lecture. I thought about the seeming curse on awards recipients that leads so many otherwise sensible people,

When Christian A. Johnson Distinguished Teaching Professor of History Robert Weisbrot learned that he had won the Senior Class Teaching Award and would be expected to give a speech, he says that he put his life and career on hold for six weeks to prepare.

Judging from the reactions of students, faculty and administrators in the audience at Weisbrot's Spotlight Event lecture on May 4, it was time well spent. Weisbrot's speech, combining elements of humor with a compelling message about why college counts, moved some students to tears.

"He's eloquent, insightful and entertaining," said Rachel Kondon '95 of North Kingstown, R.I. He also is the most dedicated teacher she has ever met, she says.

"He is always so well prepared—he goes pretty fast and it's hard to keep up—but he knows so much," said Kondon, who recalls having spontaneous one-hour discussions with Weisbrot when she visited his office to discuss course work. "He's interested in what students have to say. He really loves teaching," she said.

Weisbrot says he was "shocked" by the teaching award and gratified by the response to his speech. The speech may have served another purpose as well—demythologizing Weisbrot, considered by some students to be an intimidating intellectual presence. Those who heard the speech probably now agree with Christopher Just '95 of Minnetrista, Minn., who told Weisbrot in an end-of-the-year thank-you note that "You are not nearly as terrifying in person as the rumors make you out to be." Just added, "I hope that we have lived up to your expectations and that you enjoyed the class as much as the people I have talked to did."

on receiving anything from an Oscar to a gold watch for retirement, to begin babbling without letup. Nor did my rather indulgent mandate—to speak about *something*—provide quite the focus I was seeking. I suppose this is a time for personal reflection, but in what direction? Should I regale you with heart-warming stories of my rise from humble beginnings in a log cabin in Brooklyn, New York? Or offer wistful musings on the exciting alternative careers I might have pursued had I but the opportunity—and the talent? But I think that in view of your imminent graduation, it might be best to explore the relationship between the campus that has anchored your lives for the past several years and the wider society you will soon be entering.

Critics of higher education, and they may include most Americans, would say this is a simple matter: there is no relationship between the campus and the rest of society—at least none to boast of. You know the litany, which depicts colleges as elitist, subversive of mainstream values, and, perhaps worst of all, irrelevant to life beyond the ivory tower. Consider three of the most common items in this bill of indictment.

First, that young people can find work without first spending four years, and an impressive amount of money, studying such exotic as the habits of Maori islanders they are highly unlikely ever to meet; the number of grams in a mole of oxygen, a subject that seldom arises in corporate boardrooms; or the philosophy of Socrates, a man so irritating his own neighbors made him drink hemlock. Conversely, the mastery of such subjects does not necessarily guarantee career success.

A second chorus of criticisms, often laced with resentment, is that the focus at schools like Colby on promoting multi-cultural courses and events, while urging students to "celebrate diversity," has little value in the wider society, where people tend to seek their own kind in race, ethnicity, religion, and so

Photos by Michelle Torrens '96

forth, and where differences often spark less rejoicing than rejection, less celebration than conflict.

Finally, critics scorn the ethic of activism on college campuses—the crusades to transform American society, stop war, save the rain forests, the whales, the dolphins, other mammals—in part because such causes appear radical, but also because they appear oblivious to real-world limitations. After all, most Americans feel overwhelmed by bureaucracy, buffeted by social and economic forces beyond their control, and stymied by a political system so unresponsive that our country's one great popular initiative in recent years has been to set term limits on our own representatives, apparently in the belief that to know a politician is to get rid of him.

On the other hand, there are some defenders of campus values.

They are rare, but conveniently located, nearly all finding employment on college campuses. Typically they invert the rhetoric of their critics, claiming that in a society afflicted by racism, sexism, militarism, class bias, homophobia, and other prejudices, the campus must remain a beacon of idealism. I'm not terribly comfortable with such defenses, partly because I doubt whether the campus has produced a nobler strain of human being or been spared the racial and other agonies of the larger society. And I am a bit bewildered that defenders as well as critics see the campus as standing so sharply apart from the rest of society—the city on the hill—or in the ditch, depending on one's perspective.

I would suggest to you that this is nonsense. Colby has afforded you some valuable experiences and lessons precisely because, contrary to all the rumors, the kingdom of Mayflower Hill is very much of this world. I'd like to explore this with regard to your career prospects, the practical value of celebrating diversity, and the possibilities for activism—and influence—beyond the campus.

Of the three areas, I find jobs the least interesting, but this might be because I have one. Some of you may be concerned about employment, so I want to be clear on this point: yes, you will get jobs, and yes, they will be good ones. You might think that my faith in your futures is a bit mystical—and, as St. Paul said, faith is based on the evidence of things unseen. But my confidence stems not from any epiphany but, rather, from tangible signs that are close at hand, but signs perhaps obscured by the relentless pressure of job searches.

One reason that I can say you will do well after Colby is that I've had the pleasure of knowing many of you, and I've been impressed by the great reservoir of talent in your ranks. For many, that talent shines through your scholastic achievements—and surely the qualities of incisive thought, speech, and writing that you have shown in varied classes, papers, and projects will serve you well in virtually any field.

But I'm speaking only in part about academics. As someone who spends much time correcting grammar and punctuation, I have found it all too easy to slip into believing that the placement of commas and colons is the true measure of human greatness. Well,

it does provide one measure, for everyone should be able to convey ideas clearly and precisely. But we can stretch the meaning of a comma just so far. I am repeatedly astonished at how many levels of talent exist at Colby, whenever I catch a clever and moving student play like *The Heidi Chronicles*, or see the Colby Dancers display such grace, or hear songs from the Broadway Musical Review, or even, on one lone but thoroughly enjoyable occasion, catch an athletic event. In all these campus activities and so many others, one finds talent wedded to discipline, initiative, persistence, and hard work—and these are the hallmarks of success both on campus and in the wider society.

I find it heartening, as well, that Colby graduates in years past have consistently gone on to outstanding vocational success. This

may conjure images of one vast professional funnel buffeting graduates into Citibank and Met Life. Such admirable pursuits have indeed proved popular, and some of you will no doubt thrive in them. But for those of you anxiously asking, is that all there is for the next forty or fifty or, if you are not so lucky, sixty years, you might be surprised by how many ways Colby graduates have defined success, and how many paths they've taken to reach it.

Some Colby grads teach, and not only in small towns just outside Boston but also in rural Louisiana and inner-city Baltimore, and in Honduras, Ecuador, and Japan. Others help abused children, as in a project to eradicate child labor in Bangalore, India. Colby's all-time leading basketball scorer, when not running a lumber company, dedicates time to a team playing basketball games against prison inmates at the Maine Correctional Center. Some grads like to mix and match

careers, such as a young woman working as an environmental scientist while playing in Huron's SymphonyPro Musica Orchestra and studying trumpet. And one resourceful graduate, inspired by the job hunting experiences of his friends, wrote and is directing a film in Philadelphia about a recent college grad who confesses to the murder of a local businessman because he thinks life in jail will be better than getting a job. He hopes to show the film at film festivals.

How long will you need to find your truest, most productive niche? This I cannot predict, for, sadly, access to a podium confers no gift of prophecy. But I can say that however long it takes, it will be time well spent. I am reminded of a friend from the early 1970s, Edward Witten. I liked Ed, but felt sorry for him, too, because, for all his potential, he lacked focus. He had been a history major in college, and a linguistics minor. On graduating, though, he concluded that, as rewarding as these fields had been, he was not really cut out to make a living at them. He decided that what he was really meant to do was study economics. And so, he applied to graduate school, and was accepted at the University of Wisconsin. And, after only a semester, he dropped out of the program. Not for him. So, history was out; linguistics, out; economics, out. What to do? This was a time of widespread political activism, and Ed



became an aide to Senator George McGovern, then running for the presidency on an anti-war platform. He also wrote articles for political journals like the *Nation* and the *New Republic*. After some months, Ed realized that politics was not for him, because, in his words, it demanded qualities he did not have, foremost among them common sense. All right, then: history, linguistics, economics, politics, were all out as career choices. What to do? Ed suddenly realized that he was really suited to study mathematics. So he applied to graduate school, and was accepted at Princeton. I met him midway through his first year there—just after he had dropped out of the mathematics department. He realized, he said, that what he was really meant to do was study physics; he applied to the physics department, and was accepted.

I was happy for him. But I lamented all the false starts he had made, and how his career opportunities appeared to be passing him by. Many years later, in 1987, I was reading the *New York Times* magazine and saw a full-page picture akin to a mug shot, of a thin man with a large head staring out of thick glasses. It was Ed Witten! I was stunned. What was he doing in the *Times* magazine? Well, he was being profiled as the Einstein of his age, a pioneer of a revolution in physics called "String Theory." Colleagues at Harvard and Princeton, who marvelled at his use of bizarre mathematics to solve physics problems, claimed that his ideas, popularly called a "theory of everything," might at last explain the origins and nature of the cosmos. Ed said modestly of his theories that it was really much easier to solve problems when you analyzed them in at least ten dimensions. Perhaps. Much clearer to me was an observation Ed made that appeared near the end of this article: every one of us has talent; the great challenge in life is finding an outlet to express it. I thought, he has truly earned the right to say that. And I realized that, for all my earlier concerns that he had squandered his time, in fact his entire career path—the ventures in history, linguistics, economics, politics, math, as well as physics—had been rewarding: a time of hard work, self-discovery, and new insight into his potential based on growing experience.

No two career paths are exactly alike, and yours will surely range greatly. Some of you may spend a lifetime honing one set of skills; others may shift course more than once, tacking with the winds of discovery and circumstance. In every case: savor the time, and the work; and take heart from knowing that the path to your own best calling may not always be a straight line.

The parallels between Colby's focus on celebrating diversity and the realities of today's society may not be quite so self-evident. But they are compelling, and not simply as a matter of idealism. The fact is that most Americans are minorities: whether racial, ethnic, religious, in matters of sexual preference, or in some other way:

Nonwhites form more than one-seventh of our population; during your lifetime nonwhites will grow to more one-fourth of our population.

By the most conservative calculations, there are 106 ethnic

groups in the country. The numbers are rising. The Bureau of the Census is considering new multi-racial categories to account for the varieties of ethnic identity and the assertion of ethnic pride.

Thirty years ago homosexuals were still closeted in the society; today, homosexuals are not only streaming out of the closet but asserting their right to enter society through the front door.

Celebrating diversity does not require us to love everyone, but merely to take people seriously—their thoughts and feelings, their history and hopes—regardless of their backgrounds. This is a necessity in a society where minorities play a crucial role in our politics and culture, and encounter us as co-workers, employees, even employers. Such respect is necessary, too, because in the world as a whole, Americans are a small minority, as are whites, as are Christians, as are Westerners.

For those who doubt that appreciation of diversity is a practical imperative, consider a recent headline-making event that is as far



Gillespie Professor of Art and American Studies David Lubin offers congratulations following Weisbrot's speech.

removed from fuzzy notions of tolerance and cosmic one-ness as can be imagined. Last month the former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, once hailed as the single most able figure among the "best and the brightest" aides to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, admitted that the American involvement in Vietnam was a tragic mistake, as was his role in promoting it. I cite this not because McNamara set forth some startling new wisdom. Certainly not for that. Rather, his confession, a quarter-century belated, says something about the blind spots of a brilliant man—and a government—and a people—accustomed to brush-

ing aside all perspectives outside their immediate experience.

According to McNamara and others in government during the 1960s, we could not lose this war. We stood, after all, for American values and so would naturally win the hearts and minds of the Vietnamese in our battle against godless communism. In any case, we had the technology and weaponry to pulverize any nation; surely no backward, primitive people could possibly withstand our military colossus—our deadly B-52 raids and artillery barrages that created four million refugees, or twenty-five percent of the South Vietnamese population; our defoliation of nearly half the South Vietnamese forests with Agent Orange and other poisons; our dropping of more explosives over Vietnam than had been unleashed in all previous wars combined.

Only . . . only we lost the war, and with it much of our national prestige and even our self-respect. What went wrong? I'll tell you: no appreciation of diversity.

McNamara, like his colleagues in government, knew little and cared less about the heritage and attitudes of the Vietnamese people, either those we were fighting or those we were professing to save. Otherwise our leaders might have spared themselves and their country a needless, pointless war.

In 1988 a professor of government, Roger Bowen, and I took a group of students from Colby to Vietnam—the first college-age Americans to travel to Vietnam since the war. Hanoi's imposing Revolutionary Museum was especially revealing. Some historical



exhibits featured the conflict with the United States, but our country did not receive pride of place. One room contained a giant painting of a naval battle during the tenth century in which small, primitive Vietnamese vessels lured a vast Chinese fleet into shallow waters and destroyed it—a triumph of determined nationalist resistance over technologically superior foreign invaders. Other rooms featured exhibits of resistance by small, primitive Vietnamese forces against later Chinese invaders; against French colonialists of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries; against the Japanese during World War II; again against the French, after World War II; and against the Americans after that. The entire museum was a testament, vivid and striking, to the way the Vietnamese defined their historical identity in terms of a single, relentless mission, spanning a millennium and more, to resist successive powerful, technologically superior foreign armies on their land, defying long odds for ten years, twenty years, a century, whatever the cost in time and in men, women, and children, till ultimate victory.

If only we'd known. If only we'd cared to know. The facts were available even in the 1960s. But instead a self-confident American elite believed it could simply assert its virtue, impose its values, and ignore—or crush—the native Vietnamese. That disdain for a foreign, nonwhite people, removed from us by ten thousand miles of ocean and a universe of beliefs and values, brought a retribution as certain and unsparing as any in a Greek tragedy. Looking back now on the deaths of fifty-eight thousand Americans, the squandering of one hundred fifty billion dollars, the rending and demoralizing of American society, the shattering of our political consensus, and the lingering trauma of losing a war for the first time in our nation's two hundred year history, it becomes clear that the fact of diversity is one of the supreme realities in our shrinking world, and to accept and appreciate this fact is not simply a matter of moral sensitivity but an expression of the deepest realism. We may not be interested in diversity; but diversity is interested in us.

Finally, the repeated injunctions by Colby's administrators, faculty, students, and visiting speakers to overcome apathy and inertia and become involved socially and politically is, at heart, a matter of homespun American common sense. First, because people need to matter—to have their lives make a difference to something larger than the infantile self. Second, because this country, more than most, tells its citizens that their ideas of right and wrong ought to count for something. And because history, particularly American history, has shown that young people committed to a cause can change their world.

Consider the case of four shy, quiet eighteen-year-olds who became friends at a segregated college in Greensboro, North Carolina, in the fall of 1959. Like many of their peers, they spent long evenings in their dorms resolving the world's problems, armed only with unlimited idealism and several cans of beer. Their bantering exchanges roamed, in the great college tradition, from philosophical quandaries to the horrors of campus food and the choicest gossip. But their conversations persistently returned to a single, gnawing question: when would someone do something about the

racial barriers that mocked their ambitions and their self-esteem?

As they talked on, night after night, the questioning became more personal, inescapable: at what point would they, the younger generation of black Americans, take their stand against injustice? When their deepening friendship gave them, in the words of one student, "that little bit of incentive and that little bit of courage," they resolved to break the taboo on interracial dining by seeking service at the Woolworth's lunch counter, which law and custom had long reserved exclusively for whites. They knew they lacked precedents, lacked power, lacked a clear plan. When one offered the morale-building thought, "We'll stay until we get served," another cautioned, "Well, you know, that might be weeks, that might be months, that might be never." They feared, as well, the punishment they might incur from white authorities and black college officials. But on the last night of the semester one of the youths brought the months of earnest, anguished discussion to a sudden resolution. Pounding a dresser, he dared his hesitant friends, "Are you guys chicken or not?" The next morning, February 1, 1960, the four students approached the whites-only lunch counter determined to deal Jim Crow a blow that would not soon be forgotten.

They got no Woolworth's coffee that day. But they returned to campus to find they had become heroes. Their commitment had elevated them past the status of straight-A students, past even the veneration reserved for the school's gridiron stars. The next day twenty more young men and women joined the protest; by the fourth day the first white students joined in from a nearby women's college. One youth described the rush to the forbidden lunch counters: "It was like a fever. Everyone wanted to go. We were so happy."

The protests spilled across state lines, targeting all racist laws and drawing in established black leaders such as Martin Luther King, Jr., and many whites as well. Within a few years these civil rights campaigns ended legal segregation throughout the South, toppling barriers that had stood for generations.

Why did these four students—no older than any of you here this morning—have such a revolutionary impact on American society? Some historians conclude that they simply lit a fuse already smoldering among African Americans shackled by racial discrimination. This has a kernel of truth. But I would emphasize one other, indispensable ingredient in this recipe for change: these four young people all summoned the passion, the courage, and the will to act—to take their stand against injustice. Only in the wake of such daring do historians solemnly discourse on the "logic of events," and the "inevitability" of change; but as these four students showed, defying danger and their own doubts, each of us can create our own logic of events and, by acting, turn the dreams of one age into the "inevitabilities" of the next.

And so, my colleagues and I join in wishing you the fullest rewards in the years ahead, as you seek your truest career path, find human connections across all barriers, find ways to matter in your community and beyond, and, as you have done at Colby, continue in every way, to stretch the mind—and the heart.

Best of luck.

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# STARTLINE

## WORDS OF WISDOM:

### "DO A LITTLE BETTER THAN WE DID"

Graduating seniors already were on their feet applauding, and faculty members were rising to join the morning's only standing ovation. Then, as Colby's newest honorary doctor of humane letters waved his degree over his head in celebration, wagging it like a football in the end zone, the applause swelled with a cheer. It was the warmest tribute at Commencement this year and it was reserved for honorary degree recipients Lewis Levine '21, and his brother Percy '27, known to generations of Colbians simply as "Ludy and Pacy." The platform antics by 96-year-old Ludy set the celebratory mood on May 28 as 458 members of the Class of 1995 prepared to march up to receive their own diplomas from President William R. Cotter.

The seniors had a chance to sleep late during Senior Week, and Sunday's 9 a.m. line-up time was the first hint that the new beginnings implied in the term "commencement" had begun. On "the street," the long corridor through the basement of Miller Library where graduates queue, Lee Paprocki of Greenwich, N.Y., said, "When I woke up this morning, I thought, 'Oooh, graduation,' and I just bolted. I am so psyched."

A few yards ahead, in the L's, All-American women's hammer thrower Brooke Lorenzen of Mercer Island, Wash., was present and waiting too, but her journey to Commencement morning was considerably more circuitous than Paprocki's. On Friday at 4 p.m. she left the NCAA Division III track and field meet awards ceremony in Minnesota after taking fourth place and breaking her own Colby record one last time. She and coach Debra Aitken made it home from the 10-hour trip at 2 a.m. Saturday, in time for all of Saturday's activities as well as the procession Sunday morning.

Paprocki, Lorenzen and their classmates assembled alphabetically behind Class Marshal James A. Porter of Waterville, Maine. Porter, a physics and classics major, graduated at the top of the class with a 4.05 grade point average, the first over 4.0 in recent memory, according to the Registrar's Office. Porter's achievement continued a Maine tradition; he was the 10th class marshal among the last 13 who came to Colby from a Maine hometown.

As the students waited downstairs, faculty members on the first floor fussed



*Harvard University's Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr. addressed graduates.*



# HATERS

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with their hats and academic regalia while Commencement speaker Henry Louis Gates Jr. and honorary degree recipients Ludy and Pacy Levine and Judith Isaacson prepped in the Robinson Room. Dean of Students Janice Kassman fretted over correct pronunciations of each senior's name.

A half hour or so later, out in the May sunshine, Matthew Metz, a chemistry-biochemistry major from Bethesda, Md., donned lab goggles to address Commencement as class speaker. "Most of the weekend is dedicated to parents," he said. "For the next five minutes or so I'm going to talk about us. Our parents can talk to us about getting jobs, going to graduate school and cleaning up all of our college junk for the entire car ride home, so I don't really need to mention that stuff."

Indeed, Metz kept his talk light. Noting that seniors predicted they would most miss their friends after graduation, he said, "Yeah, but they'll come visit—and we'll make some new friends!"

"While we're through satisfying teachers and coaches, we must now live up to an even greater expectation—that's our own," he concluded.

Gates, chair of the Afro-American studies department at Harvard University, told graduates that "finding yourself" is not a task that should end in adolescence or with graduation. "I'm uncomfortable with the notion of adulthood being founded on a static, laminated sense of self—the notion that finding yourself, that self-fashioning and re-fashioning, is another of those adolescent maladies, like acne, that you're supposed to outgrow."

"What if, instead," he asked, "we saw this kind of re-fashioning as one of the ethical tasks of our lives? So I don't say *express* yourself, as Madonna would have it; I say *invent* yourself. And don't restrict yourself to off-the-rack models.

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*President William Cotter presented honorary degrees to "Ludy" '21 and "Pacy" Levine '27.*

There isn't one way to be white or black, one way to be gay or straight, one way to be Hispanic or Asian, liberal or conservative, male or female."

Gates, whose most recent book is a memoir titled *Colored People* and who had an essay in the *Sunday New York Times* on the morning of Commencement, talked to graduates about finding their own identities in the context of "identity politics."

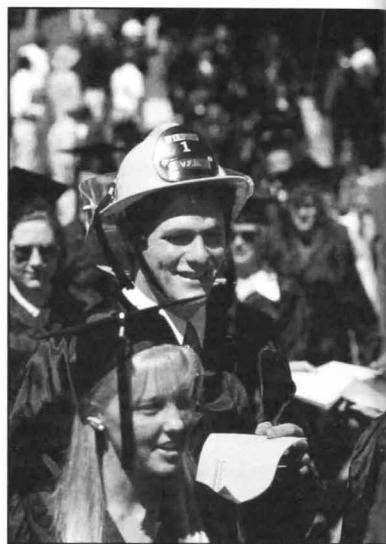
"I think those who complain that students today take too much interest in collective identities should be listened to, because, yes, dangers do lie that way. But I also think it's worth emphasizing that what the critic Greg Tate calls 'white-boyism' is a collective identity, too. Too often, we speak as if race is something blacks have, sexual orientation is something gays and lesbians have, gender is something women have, ethnicity is something so-called 'ethnics' have. And so, if you don't fall into any

of these categories, you don't have to worry about any of these things.

"You can't just void collective identity like a canceled stamp," he said. "Just consider the resurgence of nationalism in the wake of the Soviet empire. . . . Who among us would have thought twenty years ago that when we spoke of ethnic violence in Georgia in nineteen-ninety-five, we would be speaking of a republic in the ex-Soviet Union and not some town down the road from Atlanta?"

"Forging humane commonalities out of the crucible of our differences is always an ongoing effort rather than a task that can be finished and forgotten, like a senior essay. But when I think back to my own student days in the late sixties and early seventies, as bewitching and bewildering as they were, I'm filled with confidence about this class, your class, graduating twenty years later. And, really, the challenge I set before you this morning is not so very onerous. I

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Commencement 1995 began with the graduates' march from Miller Library.

don't ask that you get everything right," Gates concluded, "I just ask that you do a little bit better than we did."

Graduates got off on the right foot as their march to the platform to pick up diplomas combined pomp and ceremony, heartfelt gestures of appreciation to parents and mentors and celebratory high spirits.

Tosay "march" is to use the formal commencement terminology. Laura Iorio of Millis, Mass., wearing a baseball cap in place of the traditional mortarboard, did a little dance on her way up the steps to get her diploma. Reed Kelly from Yarmouth, Maine, who skipped both the cap and gown in favor of a plain dress, was joined by Will Romey, 4-year-old son of Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology William Romey. Will, wearing shorts, T-shirt and a humungous grin, walked hand-in-hand with his pal and favorite babysitter from the platform back to her seat. And David Berner of

Davis, W.Va., won the alternative hat contest with a bright yellow firefighter's helmet. It wasn't to represent hard-headedness or a career choice, he said; "I just wanted to do something different. I figured I could look dorky in one of those [pointing at a mortarboard] or I could look dorky in this."

Basketball star Matthew Gaudet of Rumford, Maine, and record-setting football quarterback Matthew Mannering of Walpole, Mass., were among a dozen or more scholar-athletes who made short detours en route to their diplomas to shake hands with the Levine brothers. K.C. Lawler of West Hartford, Conn., who will spend next year teaching in Ghana, stopped to hug Associate Professor of English Phyllis Mannoche.

Kassman was on a roll, pronouncing "Dhumal Narendra Aturaliye" perfectly as the Sri Lankan stepped up with an immaculate white and gold Nehru kit under his robe. She momentarily

bobbled "Jill Tara Kooyoomjian" of Southboro, Mass., but breezed right through "Agnieszka Swiontkowska" of Lisbon, Maine. (Official minutes of the semester's final faculty meeting read: "Dean Kassman stated that her mispronunciation of certain foreign names during Commencement was deliberate, conforming to the requests of the students.") Kassman had to think fast when Jonathan Bowden of Summit, N.J., leaned into her microphone on his way past and added a (bogus) "*cum laude*" after his name. "I think it was *summa cum laude*, Jonathan," Kassman chided.



A light airplane circled the campus towing a banner that proclaimed, "Congratulations Shake!" reportedly for Sean McBride of Wellesley, Mass., who declined comment. Finally, as Lisa Marie Zorn of Wolcott, Conn., carried the final diploma of the day down the steps, a beach ball appeared in the seniors' section and bounced around among them and in and out of the faculty section a couple of times as President Cotter read the Latin message to new degree recipients. (The beach ball, which later appeared on *NBC Nightly News* with Tom Brokaw's annual national

commencement round-up on June 8, was confiscated by Student Activities Director Ben Jorgensen '92.) Video services coordinator Paul Gregoire '71 had to cover the video recording equipment when a spray of champagne threatened to douse his lens as mortarboards flew aloft in the traditional celebration.

As the convocation broke up, graduates and their families stopped for photographs in front of blossoming fruit trees or with the library tower in the background. Robert Barton '45 and his wife, Erma, of Jensen Beach, Fla., didn't know any of the graduates but said they had

come "because it's such a nice ceremony." Members of the Portland Brass Quintet, lips circled with red, played the recessional march, *Die Bankelsangerlieder*, for about 15 minutes as families slowly migrated to the chapel lawn for the president's reception. By 2:30 p.m. chairs and litter were cleaned up and all that remained was the platform—and thousands of memories.

One impressed staff member attending his first Colby Commencement said, "It's everything that a commencement is supposed to be."



## A Great Day To Be Alive

*It was nice that her son's graduation occurred on a pristine Maine morning, but clouds and rain would not have mattered much to Elizabeth Crockett Tyson-Smith '64. She was happy to be there.*

Five years ago, a few months before her son, Chad Tyson '95, entered Colby, Tyson-Smith was diagnosed with breast cancer. Two surgeries and months of chemotherapy later, she was well but changed. And so was her son.

Chad shared the pain, frustration and fears his mother endured during her illness and recovery and in March gave her a gift she never expected. He invited her to speak about her experience at a Colby Feminist Fortnight event and introduced her that evening as "the most remarkable woman I know." The next day, Tyson-Smith accompanied her son to Miller Library to "pat the lion," and told him about the days she ran out of the library to help lower the flag to half-staff after hearing that President Kennedy had been shot. "As I stood there [in the library], I felt a wave of emotion wash over me," Tyson-Smith said. "If I had not had this opportunity to make the presentation I might never have heard my son express his feelings so eloquently and so comfortably. He was secure to share his pride in me with his peers. I felt so happy that Chad and I had this thread of continuity with Colby." Chad's father, Richard Tyson '60, and his uncle James Tyson '54 also are Colby graduates.

When Chad emerged along with the classmates from the library's east wing on Commencement morning, Tyson-Smith says she could barely stay composed. "I had this enormous pride and this sense that 'this is my son and he's doing what I did so long ago, and I'm alive to see it.' God, I just never thought I'd be here."

As he was leaving the platform a few minutes later, diploma in hand, Chad spotted his mother and detoured to her, and in the midst of an embrace, said, "Thanks, Mom."

"That did it," said Tyson-Smith. "That was the end of me."

"When he saw me later," she added, "he said, 'Mom, when I saw you I just had to give you a hug because you were there.' That was it; I was there."

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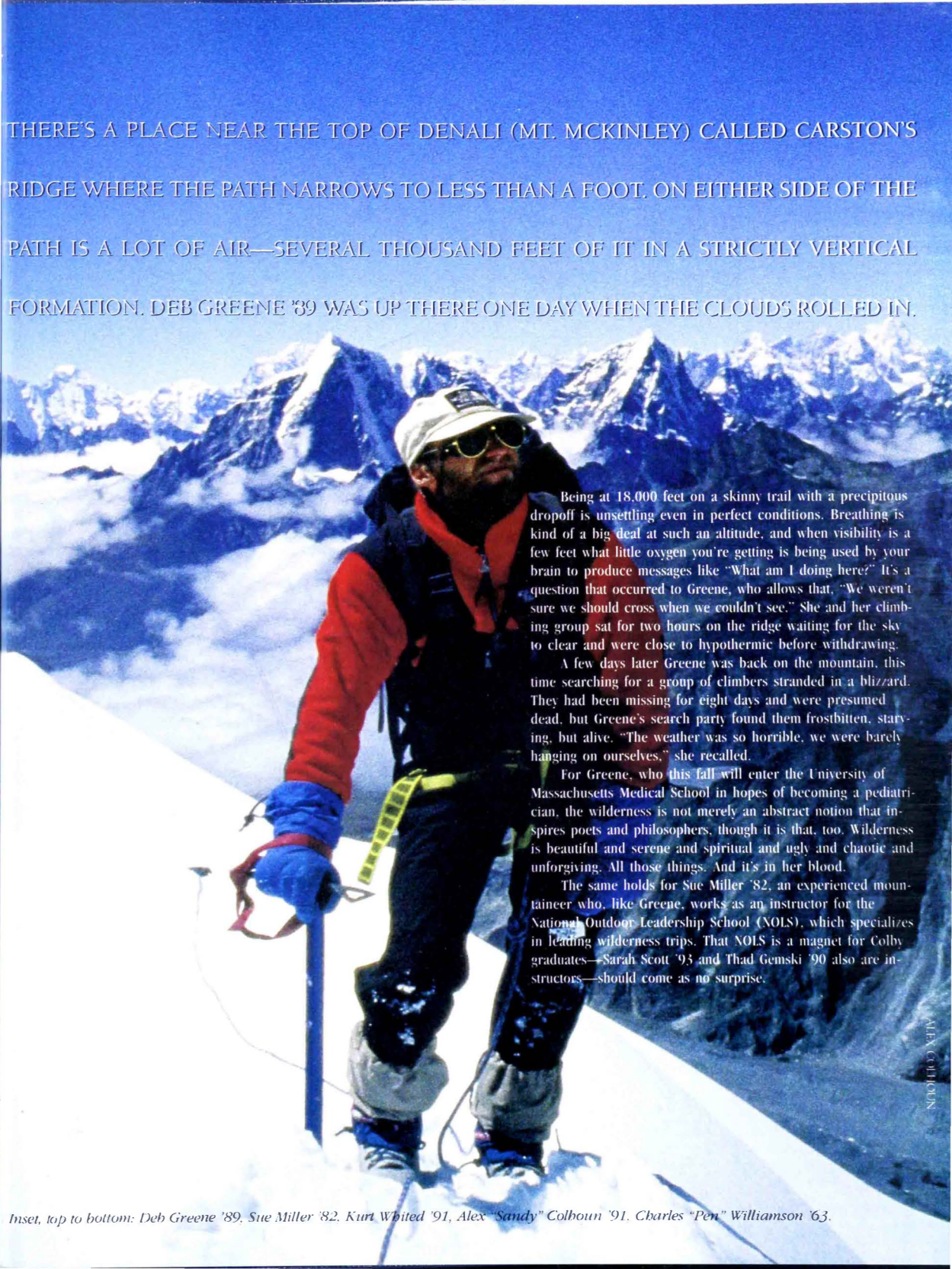
# ALTERNATE UP MOUNTAINS, ACROSS OCEANS, THROUGH DESERTS: ROUTES

COLBIANS TAKE THE PATH OF MOST RESISTANCE





THERE'S A PLACE NEAR THE TOP OF DENALI (MT. MCKINLEY) CALLED CARSTON'S RIDGE WHERE THE PATH NARROWS TO LESS THAN A FOOT. ON EITHER SIDE OF THE PATH IS A LOT OF AIR—SEVERAL THOUSAND FEET OF IT IN A STRICTLY VERTICAL FORMATION. DEB GREENE '89 WAS UP THERE ONE DAY WHEN THE CLOUDS ROLLED IN.

A full-page photograph of a climber, Deb Greene, on a snowy mountain ridge. She is wearing a red and black jacket, a white cap, and sunglasses. She is holding a blue rope and a yellow rope. The background shows a vast, snowy mountain landscape with jagged peaks and a clear blue sky.

Being at 18,000 feet on a skinny trail with a precipitous dropoff is unsettling even in perfect conditions. Breathing is kind of a big deal at such an altitude, and when visibility is a few feet what little oxygen you're getting is being used by your brain to produce messages like "What am I doing here?" It's a question that occurred to Greene, who allows that, "We weren't sure we should cross when we couldn't see." She and her climbing group sat for two hours on the ridge waiting for the sky to clear and were close to hypothermic before withdrawing.

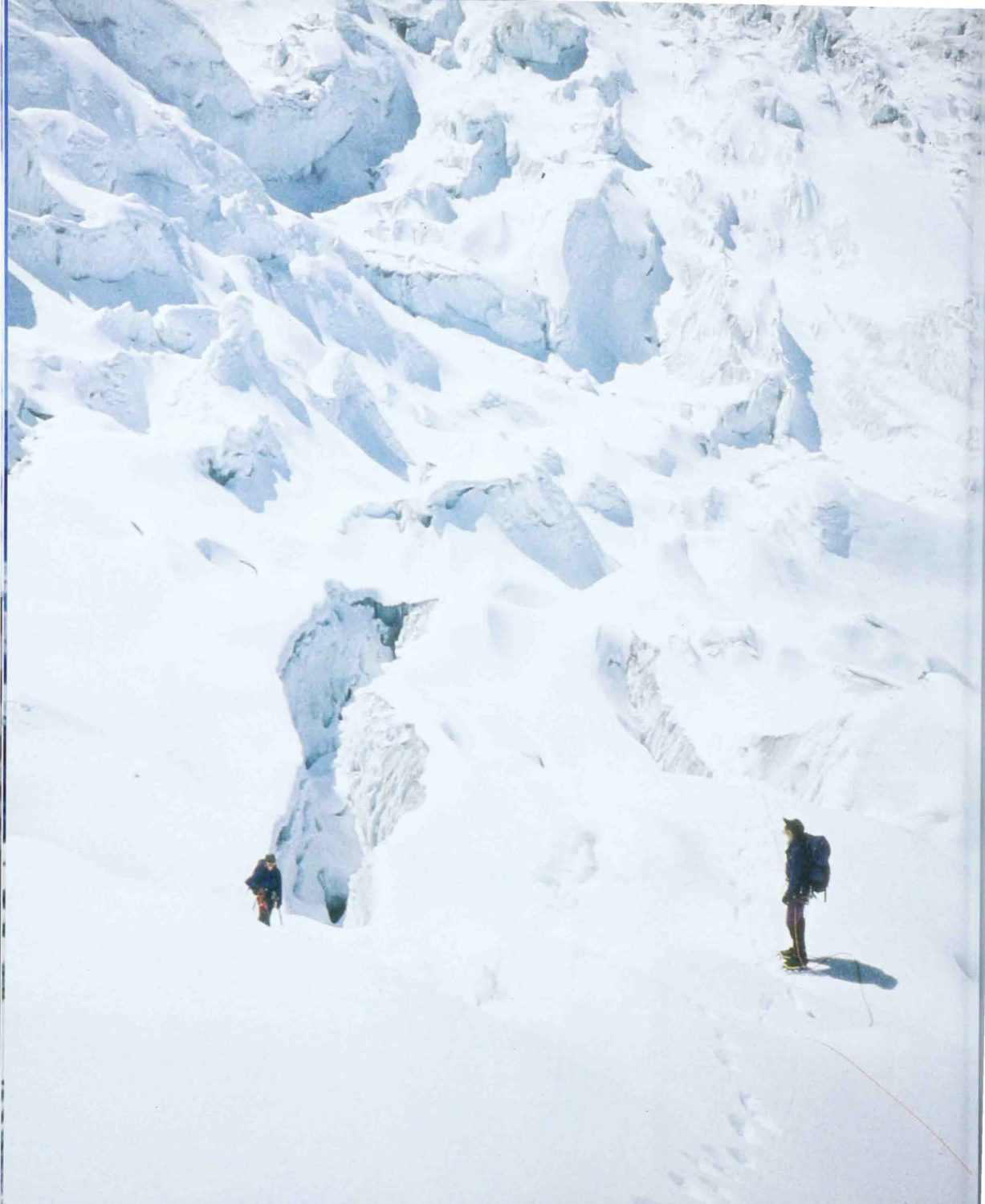
A few days later Greene was back on the mountain, this time searching for a group of climbers stranded in a blizzard. They had been missing for eight days and were presumed dead, but Greene's search party found them frostbitten, starving, but alive. "The weather was so horrible, we were barely hanging on ourselves," she recalled.

For Greene, who this fall will enter the University of Massachusetts Medical School in hopes of becoming a pediatrician, the wilderness is not merely an abstract notion that inspires poets and philosophers, though it is that, too. Wilderness is beautiful and serene and spiritual and ugly and chaotic and unforgiving. All those things. And it's in her blood.

The same holds for Sue Miller '82, an experienced mountaineer who, like Greene, works as an instructor for the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), which specializes in leading wilderness trips. That NOLS is a magnet for Colby graduates—Sarah Scott '93 and Thad Gemski '90 also are instructors—should come as no surprise.

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In the last five years alone, Colbians have circled the world in a single-engine airplane (Tom Claytor '85), kayaked down a Vermont stream to the Gulf of Mexico (Charles Tenny '84), crossed the Atlantic in a sailboat (Charles "Pen" Williamson '63), climbed remote peaks in the Arctic (Linsay Cochran '97) and bicycled across Tibet (Alex Colhoun '91 and Kurt Whited '91). Several recent Colby graduates have made lengthy cross-country trips, "blue highways" journeys into America's recesses. Then there are the scores of Peace Corps gigs, Watson fellowships abroad and volunteer sojourns into the Third World. All of which begs the question, does Colby produce adventure seekers or merely attract them? Perhaps a bit of both. But it seems clear that the College nurtures, if not actually encourages, an explorer's desire for seeing what's Out There.

Sue Miller led a group of women on a Himalayan climbing expedition last fall. Their objective was the 23,000-foot peak of Baruntse. "We wanted to do it as a group of women just to declare our independence from our boyfriends or whomever," Miller said. "We had something to prove; that we could climb together as a group of women independently."

After a grueling two-week hike to reach the mountain, Miller and her team established a base camp at 17,000 feet and began reconnoitering the mountain for possible routes to the summit. Their original route was packed with snow that appeared unstable so the group chose an alternate route, moved back to base camp and started up again.

Just as they were about to make their summit attempt on the third day of the climb Miller got the flu. She and another team member, who had fallen earlier in the climb and injured her leg, then had to endure the greatest pain of all for a climber—to stay behind as others went for the peak. The other three climbers reached about 21,000 feet before turning back because of exhaustion and altitude sickness, Miller says. "I was very disappointed that we didn't have a stronger summit attempt," she said. "To go to all of that effort to get over there and to put yourself in a position to reach the summit and then not make it, that's a little hard to deal with."

However, she says, they made the right decision. "We knew that at that altitude we only had so much time before we got too exhausted to climb," she said. "When you're at 17,000 feet and above your body is kind of slowly deteriorating. It's a hard decision to give up a summit attempt, but it was the safe thing to do."

Miller says she may not go back to the Himalayas soon, but she will definitely climb again. The experience is just too enriching to give up, she says. "Being out in the wilderness anywhere, and in the mountains in particular, just lets your mind free up to pursue all sorts of different thoughts," she said. "You think about home a lot, of course, and what you're going to do when you get back. It's funny but the farther away from home you are the more you appreciate it. It's really a cathartic sort of thought process, I find."

Alex "Sandy" Colhoun '91 and Kurt Whited '91 also have been to the top of the world, with 20,000-foot Himalayan peaks to their credit. Even their trip to the mountains was epic. It began on a boat in Japan, included an overland journey across China and culminated with a 950-

kilometer trip through the mountains of Tibet. On bicycles.

Just being in Tibet would be exotic enough for most people, but for these two the prospect of traversing on two wheels one of the world's most remote regions was too intriguing to pass up. Arranging the logistics for their trip was an adventure for Colhoun and Whited, who spent a year and a half teaching English in Japan and lining up corporate sponsors to subsidize their travel. Drawing upon "the writing skills I developed at Colby," Colhoun says, he and Whited prepared a 35-page proposal outlining their journey and presented it to the Goldwin Corporation, a multinational sporting goods manufacturer whose products include mountaineering equipment. The company agreed to sponsor the journey, including an attempt of the Imja Tse peak in Nepal. Then, after a hoped-for *National Geographic* sponsorship fell through, Colhoun and Whited received additional logistical support and film equipment from Fuji Television 5, a big-three network in Japan.

Armed with six *Lonely Planet* guidebooks, a tent, sleeping bags, one cookstove and a pot, Colhoun and Whited boarded a ferry for Vladivostok and then took a train to China. "We generally went out into the countryside where they never see many foreigners and just walked around with people," Colhoun said. "A typical day for me in China would begin with waking up in a tiny little hotel with all these Chinese people and having tea."

Their route took them through Beijing and across northern China to Xiahie where they arrived in time to witness a Buddhist festival in which a Mongolian monk spoke on a huge plain to thousands of Tibetans. Colhoun says they took the train "to the end of the line" and got on a bus for a 40-hour trip into Tibet. "It was the most hateful journey of my entire life," Colhoun said. On the other hand, he was collecting "traveler points" like mad.

"This friend of mine from England developed a system called TP's, or traveler points," Colhoun explained. The idea, he says, is to quantify the horrible experiences that travelers invariably describe whenever they meet. Five hours on a train, for instance, equals one point, provided you're in third class. A 40-hour bus ride on hard scramble roads into remote Tibet gave Colhoun and Whited a leg up in the Travel Story From Hell sweepstakes.

And then the trip got interesting.

In Lhasa, where finding commodities like wool socks or underwear is a challenge, Colhoun and Whited located two 18-speed mountain bikes. "It was more than a miracle," Colhoun said. And it changed the complexion of their journey completely. Instead of trekking and hitching across the Tibetan mountains to Katmandu—about 600 miles—they would bicycle. Again calling on their ingenuity, Colhoun and Whited customized the bicycles to fit their needs. "We went to a junkyard, hacked apart old Chinese bikes and built a new seat-post extension. We had toe clips made by a leather craftsman and converted a couple of backpacks into panniers [storage compartments that hang off the sides of the back wheel]."

There are five 5,000-meter passes between Lhasa and Katmandu. Most of the time Colhoun and Whited were bicycling uphill. "It would take days, it seemed like, to go up these



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passes," Colhoun said. "We called them Eveready passes—they just kept going and going and going."

People they met along the route were friendly and curious, Colhoun says. He recalls being visited at their camp one evening by three Tibetan men—red tassels flowing through their hair—one of whom pulled out a large knife and whacked off a piece of yak butter cheese to share with Colhoun and Whited. It was an almost surreal scene, Colhoun says, the two American bicyclists in Gortex jackets chatting in phrasebook Tibetan and drinking coffee with the three men on horseback direct from the 19th century.

"Those sorts of real encounters with real people made the trip amazing," Colhoun said.

There were poignant moments, too. "We were cycling along one day and saw this old man, a really old guy, whose face was like a blanket of lines. We can't really communicate but I kind of waved and said, 'Hold on a minute,' and I took a Dalai Lama card out of my jacket," Colhoun said. "We were carrying these cards with us to give to people who had been particularly kind to us or to give to old people who we knew would appreciate it. We are in the middle of nowhere. There is nothing to be seen anywhere around us, just mountains and desert. And I handed him the Dalai Lama card. He looked at it and put it to his forehead, which is the first thing they always do. Then he held the card and I saw this tear roll down his face, across this dusty old face. It was so emotional, it was just unbelievable."

After three weeks on the bicycles, Colhoun and Whited reached Katmandu, laid over for a few days and then twice climbed Imja Tse, a 20,000-foot peak. After aborting their first summit attempt for safety reasons, the pair returned to the mountain and made a successful ascent. Standing on a narrow precipice with an unimpeded view for hundreds of miles in all directions, Colhoun recalls feeling humble, awed, blessed. "That hour or so we spent on the ridge and at the summit is probably the best hour of my life," he said.

Miller says one of the most rewarding aspects of climbing is solving the problems associated with it. "I think I have much more self-confidence because I have to totally rely on myself and my partners on a rope," she said. "On the climb in Nepal I had to trust my own judgment because I was more or less leading the climb. I couldn't just pawn it off on someone else. Figuring out how to tackle a particular technical section of the route, that's interesting."

"It's physically and mentally draining. Breathing is a really big thing at 17,000 feet. You actually have to concentrate on breathing. It sounds kind of funny, but you have to think about how many breaths per step you take and you get into kind of a rhythm. But really, mentally the hard part is getting through the days when all you're doing is carrying a load of food or gear, slogging up a glacier."

The problem-solving challenges of an extended wilderness voyage also appeal to Pen Williamson '63 who, when he isn't crossing the Atlantic Ocean in a small sailboat, is vice president for development at the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School off the coast of Maine. Williamson, who twice has completed

trans-Atlantic sailing trips aboard a 42-foot vessel, is convinced that such experiences promote holistic human development.

"The skills you use in the wilderness are secondary to the intangibles of personal growth and challenge and teamwork and getting along with people of different backgrounds," he said. "When you're at sea for three weeks straight with five people in a relatively small boat, your life, your existence, the pattern of that experience, is very different than your regular life. When you're in that situation nobody cares how much money you make or who your parents are or what your job is. It's the great equalizer."

Williamson, whose résumé of adventure travel also includes mountaineering, rock climbing, and canoeing, says Colby endowed him and others with a hunger for going places and doing things out of the ordinary. Colhoun agrees. "The whole attitude at Colby encourages exploration," he said. "I went to France as a freshman, I was in Washington, D.C., as a junior, and I went to Russia for a Jan Plan my senior year. I think those kinds of experiences awaken a desire to explore settings away from the College and inspire people to go out and try new things all over the world. There's no doubt in my mind that what happened to me at Colby was already linking me up and preparing me to go do [my trip across Asia]."

Miller and Greene both say their experiences at Colby solidified their belief in themselves by providing opportunities and challenges. COOT, the Woodsmen's team, the Outing Club, off-campus Jan Plans and strong experiential components in many classes all contributed to their personal development, they say.

"You get the best of both worlds at Colby," Williamson said. "You have a top-notch academic environment in a setting that provides endless opportunities for enjoying the outdoors. One of the reasons I've been such a strong advocate of Colby all along is the spirit of the place and the people. There probably wasn't any direct academic tie-in between hiking at Katahdin and my classes, but each contributed to the other."

Colhoun, who plans a career as a photojournalist, believes Colby is producing ambassadors to the world. "I think that somehow the Colby experience engenders a sense of duty or service. You get the feeling that your responsibility once you're educated is to do something with it. I think a lot of Colby people feel that way."

That attitude may explain why adventurers like Colhoun are comfortable whether riding a camel across the Thar Desert of India or eating dinner in the home of an impoverished Vietnamese family, both of which he did during his 10-month journey across Asia. "My political science background allowed me to take what I had learned at Colby and get from the raw experience [of being in these places] the other half of it. If you only get half of [the reality] in America, you're lucky," he said.

And there's that nebulous but undeniable spiritual element that moves many of these Colbians, who "grew up" as travelers during their Colby years. "When you're in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean you can't see where you're going, you can't see where you've been," Williamson said. "You focus on here and now . . . on what really counts."

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*Bivouacked on a ridge on Imja Tse, Kurt Whited '91 rests before attempting the summit.*



# Retiring Faculty: 100 Years of Service

By Robert Gillespie

At its May meeting, the Board of Trustees voted emeritus status for all three of this year's retiring faculty—Charles Ferguson, Frederick Gillum and Marilyn Mavrinac. Their combined service spanned

nearly a hundred years at the College.

Ferguson, who completed his Ph.D. at Ohio State University and taught at Ohio State, Ohio University and the University of Connecticut, came to Colby



Charles Ferguson

## Faculty File

in 1967. He taught French and Italian languages and French literature and since 1989 served as secretary to the faculty. In 1977 he became director of Colby's Hitchcock Bindery, the nation's only working in-house bindery at a small college, where he trained and supervised student apprentices in repair and rebinding of volumes from Colby collections. In retirement he will continue bindery work for the library and private individuals.

Gillum, a member of the History Department for 47

years, was the last remaining active faculty member to have taught on the old campus in downtown Waterville. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin and taught a range of courses in European and English history, including *The Rise of Europe and the Decline of Europe*, *Medieval England*, *Tudor-Stuart England*, *Emergence of Modern Britain* and *Decline of Britain*, *Constitutional and Legal History of Modern England* and the *First and Second World Wars*. During his tenure he served as acting department chair and coordinated the Gabrielson Lecture Series. Among his publications are a number of articles contributed to *Encyclopedia of World Biography*.

Marilyn Mavrinac graduated from Wellesley,

## Impressive Dossier

Pick a subject. Any subject. Paul Doss will tell you how it's related to geology. It's an exercise the assistant professor of geology uses occasionally to illustrate for his students the ubiquitous role his chosen discipline plays in human affairs.

"Think about it," Doss said, "geology is the study of the Earth. You can't get any more holistic than that."

It's not surprising that Doss does not confine his academic study to a narrow, esoteric subdiscipline. He is committed to teaching geology in the context of everyday life and believes it is an ideal subject for a liberal arts curriculum.

Doss joined other members of the prestigious National Committee on Geology and Public Policy (an arm of the Geological Society of America) on an educational mission to Capitol Hill last spring. He and the other geologists met with influential legislators, including senators Pete Domenici of New Mexico, Phil Gramm of Texas, Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado and Tom Daschle of South Dakota. The geologists were not there to advocate a particular position, Doss says, but to convince members of Congress to educate themselves

about matters involving geoscience before deciding on legislation affecting the environment.

"In the past geologists have not been much of a presence on Capitol Hill, unlike physicists, chemists and other scientists," Doss said. "There's tremendous public ignorance as well as a lack of acknowledgment within government about the important role geology plays in public policy issues." The work of geologists—whether predicting seismic activity, testing groundwater supplies or studying erosion—is integral to both public understanding and effective decision making, Doss says.

The trip also served to inform Doss's teaching, which offers students insights into how geology affects their lives. "Part of my job as a teacher is to enlighten students about the fundamentals of the discipline," he said. "Those fundamentals can be taught, discussed and questioned without an applied sense. But to get a full understanding and an appreciation of that material, it helps to have examples that apply to real-life situations that students can relate to."

He hopes to take his interdisciplinary approach a step further by collaborating with Associate Professor of English James Boylan on a course integrating environmental geology

# Faculty Notes

received her M.A. at Columbia and entered a doctoral program at Harvard, which she completed in 1991. She first taught at Colby in 1963, and in 1976 she became one of the College's first part-time faculty to gain continuing status when she took a part-time position in history and education. Two summer fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities allowed her to do advanced research in French schools. In the late 1970s she was a co-founder of Colby's Women's Studies Program and for 10 years was the bedrock of the Education Department. One of the first Colby faculty members to use computers for quantitative research, she presented papers at professional meetings, published articles in English and French and served the local community on the boards of AAUW, MaineShare, the Maine Civil

Liberties Union, the Maine Commission for Women and the Martin Luther King Jr. Day committee.

At the faculty-trustee dinner on Friday night before Commencement, Mavrinac expressed appreciation for the many support networks of Colby students and colleagues past and present. She praised the History Department, the Writing Center, the Women's Studies group, the librarians and bookstore workers, the Computer Center, the Dean of Faculty, Dean of Students and Registrar's offices, the Audiovisual Department, the Office of Off-Campus Study and local school teachers who take in Colby students on internships.

"I never worked alone," Mavrinac said, commending "Colby webs of support and generosity. It was impossible not to succeed in some ways." ♦



Paul Doss

and composition. "It's only in the planning stage at this point, but we're excited about doing it," he said.

Doss says his philosophy in the classroom is similar to that he used with the legislators on Capitol Hill—that is, to educate rather than to advocate. "It's not my job to convince students about my opinion," he said. "They're all individuals who are intelligent enough to form their own opinions. My job is to give them the information to do that." ♦

Ten professors will be taking year-long sabbaticals to further their field experiences, research and studies. Several more professors will take half-year leaves. **Kim Besio**, assistant professor of Chinese, is taking a one-year leave from the East Asian Studies Department to complete her manuscript "Rowdiness and Rectitude in Play." . . . Clara C. Piper, Professor of Biology **David Firmage** will continue his research dealing with pollination ecology during his full-year sabbatical from the Colby Biology Department. . . . Professor of Music **Paul Machlin** has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for College Teachers to work on *Fats Waller in Performance*, a volume of transcriptions of jazz performances by Waller. It is part of the series "Music of the United States of America" partially funded by the American Musicological Society. . . . Professor of Art **Michael Marlais** will continue his research involving the mural cycles of Pierre Puvis de Chavannes. . . . **Julie Millard**, Clare Boothe Luce Assistant Professor of Biochemistry, will research the effects of DNA inter-strand cross-linking agents on cells. . . . Assistant Professor of History **Julie Kay Mueller** will complete her monograph on the early history of the Soviet press. . . . **Hanna Roisman**, professor of classics, and **Joseph Roisman**, professor of classics and of history, will research the ideology of manhood in ancient Greece

at Cornell University. . . . During the 1995-96 year in Dijon, France, **Dace Weiss**, instructor in French, will research new methods of language teaching being used in France and England. . . . Assistant Professor of Biology **W. Herbert Wilson** will continue to measure the ecological impact on wintering birds by the millions of Americans who feed them and will extend the research to those birds wintering in the northern woods of Maine.

Several professors will be on sabbatical for one semester of the 1995-1996 academic year. Assistant Professor of Economics **Debra Barbezat** will continue research on longitudinal data of new Ph.D. economists who were looking for employment during the 1988-89 academic year. . . . Associate Professor of English **James Boylan** will work on two new novels as well as a collection of short stories. . . . Assistant Professor of Government **Deborah Nordén** will continue work on a monograph, *The Military and Democracy in Venezuela: Explaining the 1992 Coup Attempts*. . . . Associate Professor of English **Patricia Onion** will continue her research on American Indian literature, focusing on the relationship between contemporary fiction and poetry and their roots in the oral tradition of each writer's culture. . . . Associate Professor of English **Linda Tatelbaum** will use her sabbatical to working on a collection of

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# The Ex Files

by J. Kevin Cool

In New Jersey recently, a state supreme court ruled that a non-custodial father should not be required to help pay for his children's college tuition. It was the latest victory for advocates of "men's rights" and another grenade lobbed into an escalating gender war.



VIRGINIA STETTINUS '95

Terry Arendell

And war is the metaphor many men use to describe divorce, says Associate Professor of Sociology Terry Arendell in her recently published book, *Fathers and Divorce*. Arendell, whose earlier book, *Mothers and Divorce*, described the attitudes and opinions of women who had experienced divorce, conveys and puts into context the anger, hostility and frustration of men who believe they are victims of a

system that favors women.

"What was striking—and strikingly different—in this study was the level of rage expressed by these men," Arendell said. "There were some women [in my earlier study] who were angry, but they were mostly angry with the legal system. It wasn't personalized hostility. The men were angry at their ex-wives."

Based on extensive interviews with 75 divorced fathers from New York state, Arendell's study might—or might not—be representative of divorced fathers in general. The characteristics of her sample group suggest that, if anything, their attitudes were moderate compared to the general population. "Only fifteen percent of the fathers in my study had no contact with their children; nationally, the percentage is much higher," Arendell said. "Earlier research suggests that fathers who are involved with their children have less anger towards their former spouse, perhaps because of the negative effects it has on their children. But among this sample, anger was definitely the dominant motif."

Indeed, the men in Arendell's book are given to diatribes aimed at their former wives. Said one, "She was a parasite, a money-sucking parasite, and she still is. That's what the law [in awarding a custodial mother child support] does, rewards parasitic women."

That these men devalued their former wives is not surprising in the context of the "gender-stratified society" in which they live, Arendell says. "Degrading the former wife served several functions," she said. "It lent support to assertions about a miscarriage of justice, including that they had been badly mistreated in the divorce settlement and illegitimately stripped of authority in the family."

While most of the men in her study complained that they had been victimized by a system that robs men of their rights, Arendell says, they often broadened their comments about their ex-wives to generalize about all women and to use their own experience as an example of the injustices divorced fathers must endure.

"I think the hostility these men feel is created by the loss of power and authority that they are experiencing for the first time in their lives," she said. "Men define themselves according to their perceived public role as a provider. When their authority as a provider is called into question, they're not sure how to deal with it. Most of these men [in the study] didn't anticipate how much those issues would be raised."

Arendell says she struggled to resolve her own theoretical influences, informed by interpretative feminist sociology, with her desire to be a neutral

researcher. "It was a real dilemma, because on the one hand my objective was to be neutral, but on the other I was being pushed to contextualize the data because I recognize that the society is gender-stratified."

Arendell says that much of the current debate about men's divorce rights is driven by economics. She says that, while there are obvious exceptions, many divorced fathers are pushing to expand their custodial rights as a way of lowering their child-support payments. "It's interesting that the men complained about the deprivation their divorces had brought upon them, but the women in my study were preoccupied with economic survival."

The direction of recent court rulings broadening custodial rights of divorced fathers and increasing their leverage in determining child support payments and other economic settlements disturbs Arendell. "What's especially unfortunate is that the debate is being posed as a fight between men and women rather than as an issue about caring for children," she said.

Arendell's next research effort may be aimed at college-aged children of divorced parents. "I have a lot of students who tell me they would like to see more research done about the effects of divorce on young adults," she said. "That might be an interesting study."



essays, *Body English*, in which she explores the connection between physical labor in the material world and the life and limitations of language. . . . **Jon Weiss**, professor of French and director of off-campus studies and academic affairs, will begin research on a critical biography of the French novelist Irène Némirovsky. . . . Professor of Psychology **Diane Winn** will continue her research on "Tales Told by the Unconscious Mind: Jung's Active Imagination as a Framework for Shamanic Journeys, Past-Life Regressions and Other Trance Narratives." . . . **Laurie Osborne**, recently tenured associate professor of English, is the editor of *Twelve Night or What you Will*, one in a new series of books being published by Prentice Hall that raises questions about the authenticity of contemporary versions of Shakespeare's texts. . . . **Larissa Taylor**, assistant professor of history, was awarded a fellowship for an NEH summer seminar in Paris to study Gothic

architecture in the Ile-de-France. . . . **James Webb**, associate professor of history, participated in a six-week NEH Summer Institute, "Rethinking Europe, Rethinking World History, 1500-1750" at the University of California at Santa Cruz. . . . Associate Professor of Music **Eva Linfield** chaired a panel for the Society for 17th Century Music at Centre College in Kentucky. . . . **JoyLynn Wing**, associate professor of performing arts and of English, chaired a panel for the Association for Theatre in Higher Education in San Francisco. She also directed a production of David Mamet's *American Buffalo*, which was chosen as a semi-finalist in the American College Theatre Festival competition in February. . . . **Cheryl Townsend Gilkes**, John D. MacArthur Associate Professor of Sociology and of African-American Studies, has been elected vice-president-elect of the Eastern Sociological Society.

## Ghost In the Machine

A survey co-authored by Clare Boothe Luce Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science Batya Friedman and Lynette Millett '94 revealed that some people who design computer systems feel no moral responsibility for the problems caused by system crashes.

The survey, whose results were paraphrased in *Washington Technology*, asked 29 male undergraduate computer science students whether programmers or their computers should be blamed for system crashes that wreak havoc. More than one-fifth of the respondents said it was the computers' fault. In fact, 83 percent maintained that computers "decide" how to perform and are partially responsible for their own problems.

However, one respondent held that such a claim is ridiculous, saying: ". . . that would be like me blaming the car for running over a dog. You can't blame an inanimate object."

The study may help shed light on a developing legal dilemma about who should be held accountable when valuable computer-based information is damaged by system malfunctions.

## PUNDITS & PLAUDITS

### Take a Bow

Intrigued by the idea that one could study sailing in the dead of winter in inland Maine, *Sailing* magazine devoted a full page of its June issue to an article about the Jan Plan course Sailing Science and Technology 129 offered by Professor of Administrative Science Leonard Reich.

The article described how students in the class learned the science of sailboat dynamics and the history of sailing and boat construction methods and even designed their own sailboats. Reich, whose texts for the course included *The Art and Science of Sails* by Colby alumnus Tom Whidden '70, and students Andy Smith '98 (New Canaan, Conn.), Karen Goodrich '96 (Yarmouth, Maine) and Takashi Watanabe '95 (Tokyo, Japan) were featured in photographs accompanying the article. Reich told *Sailing* that the sport of sailing and sailboat design provided rich illustrations of how applied science works, which was a goal of the course.

Jan Plan itself merited a sidebar in the magazine. The article described the history of the January Program—pioneered by Colby in 1961—and listed other courses offered in 1995, such as William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Government Sandy Maisel's National Pastime: Baseball in American Society. The full text of the sailing article is available on Colby's World Wide Web page at <http://www.colby.edu>.

### Second in Command

A recent study shows that *The Journal of Contemporary China*, edited by Associate Professor of Government Suisheng Zhao, is the second most powerful influence on Americans' attitudes toward China. The study, conducted by a professor of political science at the University of Connecticut at Hartford, listed Zhao's journal behind ex-CBS newscaster Connie Chung and ahead of *The Private Life of Chairman Mao*, a new book written by Mao Zedong's physician. *The Journal of Contemporary China*, founded in 1992, publishes articles on prominent mainland Chinese issues. Topics have included the political debate about Tibet, economic reform, Communism, the sale of F-16 fighter jets to Taiwan and Chinese intellectuals. It is the only English language journal in North America that provides information about contemporary Chinese affairs.

### Careful Criteria

Vice President for Development Randy Helm was quoted in an article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* about efforts by institutions to recruit wealthy trustees.

"Trusteeship is too important to put blinders on and only look at philanthropic ability," Helm told the newspaper. He explained that Colby's philosophy in selecting trustees used a "three W's" rule of thumb. The College seeks trustees who can provide at least two of the three W's: wealth, work and wisdom, Helm says.

"The quickest route for disaster is to make wealth the sole criterion," he said.

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# Farm Stand

By Sally Baker

Send a poet to write about the last gasp of a family farm and, if you're very lucky, you'll get a book like *Here and Nowhere Else* (Beacon Press, 1995).

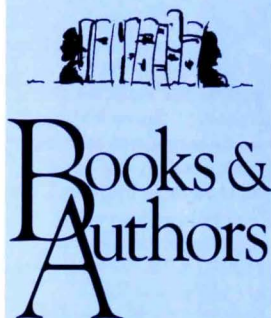
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granddaughter of Italian and Lebanese immigrants. Her paternal grandfather settled his family on a dairy farm in the Merrimack Valley of Massachusetts in 1900; Brox's father, now in his mid-80s, also made the land his life's work. Under his stewardship, the farm's slapped-together, afterthought vegetable stand—where Brox worked as a child—became a substantial business, both in receipts and in infrastructure. The stand can turn over 500 dozen ears of corn on a single summer day and hundreds of bushels of tomatoes, apples, squash, peaches—and much more—in a season.

Brox describes working at the stand now. People come in for the things they know, the things they've bought for



years, like corn 13 to the dozen. Brox's herb display, placed prominently where her father and brother think the beans ought to go, invites tentative curiosity but not many sales. It is a metaphor for Brox's presence on the farm. She is of the land, but not like a farmer—she works it with words, preserves it by writing about it even as she realizes that its best days are gone. But, like the herbs, she is a bit of a mystery to the keepers of the physical farm. She writes of trying to describe to her father what her work is like: "I can see him laboring to

fit my answers in with his own idea of work, of a steel blade cutting through the thick April rye and his wake of turned-up earth. One works by going back and forth as the sun arcs across the spring sky, and there's sheer physical exhaustion at the end of the day. Against which all I can muster is: 'You get a different kind of tired.'"

When Brox left the valley for Colby she stayed away. She lived on Nantucket for several years, then outside Boston; though she visited her family every few months, her sense, she writes, was that she had left the farm for good. She was publishing regularly in literary magazines, and she spent time at many prestigious writing colonies, including Yaddo.

But one Christmas half a dozen years ago, she and her

## A Cause for Reflection

One of Colby's most revered graduates, Elijah Parish Lovejoy, is the subject of a biography written by Illinois Senator Paul Simon.

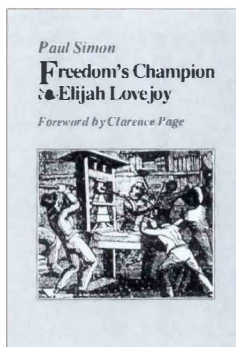
*Freedom's Champion: Elijah Lovejoy* (Southern Illinois University Press, 207 pages, \$24.95) is a revised edition of Simon's 1964 book *Lovejoy, Martyr to Freedom*. The book celebrates Lovejoy's courage and commitment to freedom of the press but points out flaws in the man that may have led to his

death. Simon maintains that Lovejoy lacked both diplomacy and a pragmatist's sense of how to get things done, thereby alienating much of the readership of the *Observer*, the newspaper he died protecting in Alton, Ill., in 1837. Simon also discusses the complexity and contradictions of Lovejoy's moral positions. For instance, while he demanded racial

equality and was a fierce anti-slavery crusader, Lovejoy wrote vitriolic diatribes against Roman Catholics.

Nonetheless, Lovejoy's refusal to submit to mob rule after pro-slavery forces twice destroyed his printing press demonstrated the "courage and serenity" of a man who knew he was right, Simon writes. Much of the book is devoted to the events leading up to and immediately following Lovejoy's murder. Lovejoy and a small band of armed friends attempted to defend the *Observer* from being destroyed on November 7, 1837. The man considered America's first martyr to freedom of the press was silenced by a hail of bullets as he tried to topple a ladder on which a man was preparing to torch the roof where the printing press was secured.

Simon makes clear that Lovejoy's influence was enduring. One of Lovejoy's best friends, Edward Beecher—the son of a prominent anti-slavery crusader and head of Illinois College in Jacksonville, Ill.—was galvanized by his friend's death. Beecher went on to become a powerful voice against slavery as a nationally prominent preacher. Fourteen years after Lovejoy was murdered, Beecher's sister, Harriet Beecher Stowe, wrote *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. ♦



two brothers and sister gathered at their parents' house. Sam, the brother who stayed to work the farm (his problems with drugs, alcohol and blasted hopes are legion), endured a recrimination session with his siblings. He stood, upbraided them for not understanding how difficult it had been to stay on the farm, pointed to each of them in turn and said, "You left. You left. You left." Brox returned.

She lives in a small house on the farm grounds. Sam lives in another, her parents in another. She and Sam hardly speak anymore. It's clear that she went home with a notion of rescuing the farm, seeing it through for at least one more generation.

No one else can, she thinks.

When her father is hospitalized, he reminds Brox to remind Sam to put the Hubbard squash in the stand before Thanksgiving—one one will buy it after that, he says. Sam is careless; he starts things he'll never finish; his grandiose plans for the farm wither under his father's practicality and his own fecklessness. Brox must choose a few squash to put aside for seed. Her father says they must be heavy for their size, unbruised and light-colored. She goes home and looks at the Hubbards—literally tons of squash stacked under a tarp:

"I walked around the circumference and saw many that would be fine for seed,

but they were all mixed in with ones of lesser quality, and I had to lift and shift parts of the pile. The squash were awkward and heavy and not easy for me to handle. Some I could barely manage. And there were beautiful large ones that, when I picked them up, felt lighter than they should. Heavy for its size, he had said. . . ."

Her father's high expectations and her anxiousness about fulfilling them nestle in the simple scene. As the years have passed Brox has realized that she can't save the farm—it was never meant to be her role. When her father dies the farm probably will be sold and "developed" for the land-hungry commuters who whiz

by every day. If anyone will work it, Sam will; and he probably can't. His family worries about what will happen to him; they regret that he didn't find another career while he could. Her father worries, too, about something more basic: "I wonder where people will get their corn," he says.

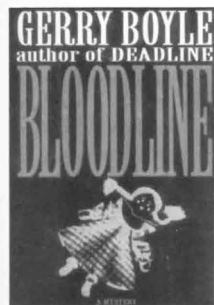
But, while Brox won't grow that corn, what she has done in this volume is preserve a picture of times past while explicating the clash of rural New England with a modern culture that values split-levels over barns and silos. She doesn't judge; she observes. And in her observations lies a beauty that evokes both sadness and wonder. ♦

## Fresh Prints

**Gerry Boyle '78**

*Bloodline*

G.P. Putnam's Sons



In Boyle's second novel featuring Jack McMorrow, a former *New York Times* reporter living in rural Maine, the stakes for him to identify the murderer become much higher. This time, McMorrow himself is a primary suspect after Missy, a teenage mother who has given her baby up for adoption, is murdered one day after McMorrow interviewed her as part of his research for a freelance article.

As McMorrow begins his own investigation, his cabin windows are blown out by a shotgun and his car is destroyed by a bomb. He begins to piece together a motive and a possible solution related to the adoption of Missy's baby while encountering colorful Maine characters who are quickly becoming Boyle's trademark.

**Ann Martin Worster '59**

**and Bonnie Thompson Glaser**

*Ruby: An Ordinary Woman*

Faber and Faber

*Ruby: An Ordinary Woman* is the diary of Ruby Alice Side Thompson, an opinionated, passionate woman who was born in 1884 and died in 1970.

Born in England, Ruby moved to the U.S. in the early 1900s, married and raised seven sons and later returned to England

with her husband and stayed through World War II. She was an outspoken feminist, highly critical of the Roman Catholic church, in favor of birth control, abortion and financial independence for women.

Culled from more than 40 volumes of journals and extensively annotated, Ruby Thompson's reflections are interesting history and touch on issues that still confront women: conflicts of career, marriage, children, sexuality and spirituality.

**Ann B. Tracy '62**

*What Do Cowboys Like?*

Permanent Press



Tracy's second novel captures the angst of teenage love as seen through the eyes of 16-year-old Louisa "Fish" Fisher, who pines for a more exciting life away from her small Maine hometown.

Set in the late 1950s, the novel follows Fish's dreamy teen-hood desire for adult experiences as she falls in love with a boy she has known for many years as a friend and begins a novel based on her "experiences." Eventually she confronts the raw reality of adulthood because of a tragedy and

finds that the hyperbole of her writing mocks rather than reflects life.

Tracy skillfully balances her main character's fanciful longings with the intrusions of the real world in a story that evokes both the pain and wistfulness of adolescence.



# Building Common Ground

By Stephen Collins '74

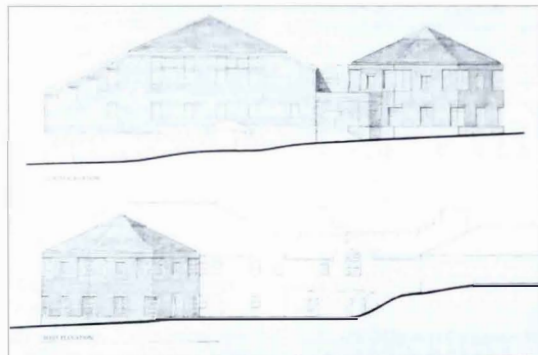
Late this fall, Colby will break ground for the Pugh Center, a 7,000-square-foot addition to the Student Union, putting \$1 million worth of bricks and mortar behind its commitment to diversity. Proposed as a "common ground" center in which students of all races, cultures and religions and others committed to diversity will have a stake, the facility is Colby's answer to a 1994 student plea for a multicultural house on campus. The building is named in honor of Colby board chair Lawrence Pugh '56 and his wife, Jean Van Curan Pugh '55, whose leadership gift was instrumental in making the addition possible. (See Gifts & Grants.)

A special Trustee Commission on Multicultural and Special Interest Housing studied the students' suggestion for almost a year but decided that a residential multicultural house was not right for Colby. The commission subsequently proposed, and the Board of Trustees endorsed, the common ground center, which should be ready for use by September 1996.

President William R. Cotter called the project "a unique Colby solution that comes out of student suggestions and sticks to our philosophical position not to have special housing." While some campuses' multicultural centers seem to fragment their communities, Cotter says the Pugh Center will be an integral part of the Student Union. He

envisioned the area as an incubator for dialogue across the classifications and categories that might otherwise keep different groups apart. "We expect it to become a hub, radiating to the Student Union and throughout the College," Cotter said.

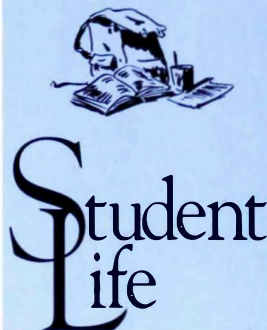
Former Student Association Vice President Joshua Woodfork '97, who served on the trustee commission, said, "For me this was an



The Pugh Center will extend west from the Student Union.

incredible year-long process, visiting other schools and deciding what was best for Colby." Reflecting on the decision to build a common ground center, he said, "It's very exciting, and I've heard mostly positive things. It should be a selling point for the school. You can say in the viewbook, 'We're committed to diversity and making people comfortable,' but this is something tangible. A million dollars isn't peanuts."

Woodfork tempered his enthusiasm for the building with concern that it not be



seen as a panacea. "We need to be realistic," he said. "It's one piece of the puzzle. I'm worried that people will say, 'We've solved the diversity puzzle, we've answered the comfort question' when there's still a lot of work to

do. south, the building's location makes it both literally and symbolically central to a welcoming and comfortable environment for all students. The support staff and services already available in the Student Union, the critical mass of student activity there and ongoing programming to foster cooperation among diverse student organizations are seen as keys to the success of the venture, commission members say. A new staff position will be created to support and coordinate Pugh Center activities beginning with the 1996 school year.

Still being refined, plans for the 7,000-square-foot addition call for a meeting space for up to 100 people, a small lounge and two kitchens, one kosher. Initial residents of 11 organizational office spaces should include the Asian-American Student Association, The Bridge, Colby Christian Fellowship, the East Asian Cultural Society, Hillel, the International Club, Muslim students, the Newman Club, SOAR (Society Organized Against Racism), SOBHU (Student Organization for Black and Hispanic Unity), the Women's Group and the Student Association.

The impetus for the center came from a group called Students of Color United for Change that in the spring of 1994 presented to the Campus Community Committee concerns and suggestions aimed at making Colby more comfortable for

do." He pointed to a pending comprehensive review of residential life by the College Affairs Committee and ongoing efforts to recruit and retain more students and faculty of color as positive steps in Colby's quest for greater diversity.

The Pugh Center will be built onto the northwest corner of the Student Union, linking it with the existing Marson Common Ground room. With Lovejoy, Eustis and the academic quadrangle to the north, Lorimer Chapel to the west and Dana Commons to the

# Graffiti

students of color, especially. Some changes were approved that spring, but the implications of the request for a multi-cultural house on campus were so profound that a trustee-level review was initiated.

The commission included two dozen members—trustees, alumni, faculty, students and administrators—who first met in May 1994 and established three fact-finding committees. One visited a dozen colleges to investigate other institutions' experiences with multicultural houses. A second committee gathered campus opinion on how to improve racial, ethnic and cultural understanding. The third group looked at cultural and racial issues from a broader, national perspective to provide background information that might guide Colby's efforts to honor diversity.

When the commission's plan for the million-dollar addition went to the full Board of Trustees this spring, it got more than just the stamp of approval—members of the board, led by Pugh, pledged to donate more than half of the construction budget.

Cotter praised the extraordinary effort of commission members as well

as their plan for a common ground addition. "So many people worked so hard for so long," he said.

Trustee James B. Crawford '64, chair of the Commission on Multicultural and Special Interest Housing, concluded that "It's one of the strengths of Colby that the College always is responsive." That is borne out by the changes that students precipitated in this case, by the fact that all College constituencies were represented in the process and by the number of individuals who participated in the discussion, he said.

Crawford says he feared that "special residential housing would move us backward—would be more divisive." The plan adopted and the process leading up to that plan, on the other hand, already have helped to bring various groups together, he says. Meetings on campus were "the first time all of these representatives of student organizations had gotten together. It was the first time some of them knew the others existed."

In the broadest sense, the commission's goal was "to make the Colby experience good for all students," Crawford said. "We now have a cornerstone to build on." ♦

## Not Politics As Usual

Student Association elections this spring generated controversy not because of what happened but because of what did not. Namely, campaigning.

In an editorial lamenting the dearth of serious candidates, *The Colby Echo* called the April election "one of the most bizarre in recent years."

"... most positions were left uncontested until a flurry of last-minute candidates plastered their signs all over campus in an effort to gain a few votes," the *Echo* said. "But what did these signs say to the Colby public other than the names of the respective candidates? A few noted that they offered experience or claimed they could get the Beastie Boys to come to Waterville." A planned debate between candidates was scrapped because only one team had committed to the race, the *Echo* noted.

Joshua Woodfork '97, former Stu-A vice president, said the entire election process should be reevaluated and new ways found to interest both candidates and their constituents. "It's not the most effective model of student government," Woodfork told the *Echo*. He suggested more incentives for office holders that increase the prestige associated with the positions.

## Lifestyle Alternatives

Student demand for on-campus housing where drinking is not allowed has increased substantially, resulting in the designation of Pierce and East Quad as "chem-free" halls for 1995-96.

Many factors, primarily heightened alcohol awareness on campus, have contributed to the expansion of chem-free housing, says Kerill O'Neill, assistant professor of classics and faculty representative to the Alcohol in the Campus Environment (ACE) Committee. O'Neill told *The Colby Echo*, "We know that people are more aware of alcohol issues, and that people are talking more about them." Associate Dean for Residential Life Jan Arminio said in the *Echo* that while many students do not consume alcohol, there are others who do drink moderately but dislike dealing with hall damage due to excessive drinking—and therefore opt to live in chem-free housing.

Students now are required to sign up just to be included in the chem-free room draw to ensure their commitment. According to the *Echo*, 80 students have requested chem-free housing, with more anticipated with the incoming Class of 1999.

## Unhappy Medium

An opinion article written in the *Echo* by Rachel Kondon '95 (North Kingstown, R.I.) describes how Colby has incorporated another "ism" into its culture: cynicism. Kondon maintains that American society as well as Colby society complains too much, then complains about the excessive complaining. "Colby students are among the growing population of malcontents," said Kondon. "We are prone to pessimistic views and critical outlooks." Kondon says that while questioning authority can promote positive change, "there is a middle ground—something between fixation on every minute detail and simple passivity."

## Kudos

Hannah Beech '95 and Meadow Dibble '95 have been awarded Thomas J. Watson Fellowships for international study projects next year. Beech, who this summer is interning at *U.S. News & World Report*, will study Chinese print media, and Dibble will work on a recycling project in Senegal.

Forty-five Colby students have received Watson Fellowships, including at least one each year since 1971.

# Led by Pugh, Trustees Help Fund New Center

By Stephen Collins '74

When the special Trustee Commission on Multicultural and Special Interest Housing recom-



Board of Trustees Chair Lawrence Pugh '56.

mended a 7,000-square-foot common ground center as the best solution to students' pleas for a multicultural house (see Student Life), there was immediate broad support for the concept. Between concept and

groundbreaking, however, lies the not insignificant task of raising money—in this case at least half of the more than \$1-million construction cost. Since the commission's report was published a few days before the spring meeting of Colby's Board of Trustees, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Randy Helm didn't have much time to work out a strategy. And it turned out he didn't need it.

Recognizing that more than a half million dollars would need to come from new gifts, Helm says he did little more than mention the subject to board chair Lawrence Pugh '56. "Larry basically said he thought the board would put its money where its mouth was, and he said, 'Let me see what I can do,'" Helm recalled.

At odd moments and during breaks over the weekend meeting, Helm saw Pugh huddled with one trustee after another in a



corner, occasionally pulling a folded and increasingly tattered piece of yellow legal paper from his pocket. Before the board meeting adjourned, Pugh announced that he had secured pledges for \$505,000 from fellow trustees toward construction of the center. Additional gifts and pledges have since increased the collective trustees' contribution to more than \$600,000, Helm reports.

Pugh and his wife, Jean (Van Curan '55), took the lead, pledging \$250,000, and the College will recognize that gift by naming the addition The Pugh Center. Pugh said the trustees' financial support for the common ground space reflects the intensity

of their devotion to and love for Colby. "It's a measure of our belief that what can happen in the Pugh Center and what will radiate out through the College will be of great benefit to students for a long time," he said.

The trustees' generosity "is really very typical of what Colby's Board of Trustees has done over a number of years when projects came up," Pugh said, pointing to the Lunder House as a special need met, in large part, by members of the board.

Helm said the trustees' support underlines their enthusiasm for the unique solution proposed by the special commission. "It's not the 'politically correct' solution; it's the Colby solution to a difficult issue," he said.

Pledges by trustees reflect that "they have tremendous respect and admiration for Larry and Jean Pugh," Helm added. ♦

## Catalyst for Improvement

A chemistry lab in the Keyes building will be renovated and equipped to serve the needs of non-science majors thanks in part to a \$100,000 grant from the Hannaford Charitable Foundation in Scarborough, Maine. The foundation is the charitable arm of Hannaford Bros. Co., a Maine-based food retailer with 118 stores in seven states in the Northeast and the Carolinas.

"The Hannaford Charitable Foundation is very pleased to support Colby's capital campaign and the College's commitment to technological literacy, an increasingly important component of a liberal arts education," said Paul A. Fritzon, president of the Hannaford Charitable Foundation, when the gift was announced this spring.

The grant is an important component in Colby's proposed \$1.4-million modernization of the Keyes chemistry building, one of the highest priority objectives of

Colby's \$100-million capital campaign announced last October. The new laboratory will expand and enhance the hands-on laboratory courses that satisfy the College's science requirement for non-science majors and will help ensure that all Colby graduates will be prepared for an increasingly technological world. Construction is slated to begin this summer.

"Not only will this benefit all Colby students who use the facilities, it will also enhance our extensive collaboration with public school science programs in the greater Waterville area," said Colby College President William R. Cotter. "This is a stunning contribution toward our overall plan for upgrading science facilities."

Three Hannaford Bros. vice presidents are Colby graduates: Albert Carville Jr. '63, Karen Johnson Mank '70 and Kenneth C. Johnson '76. ♦



## Banking on the Future

Fleet Bank of Maine has pledged \$50,000 to the Campaign for Colby. The gift will endow a scholarship for minority students.

Colby trustee and Fleet Bank of Maine Chairman M. Anne O'Hanion Szostak '72 presented a check to College trustees at their May meeting.

"It is our sincere hope that Fleet's gift to this campaign will provide the impetus for other corporations and individuals to affirm their support for Colby's educational mission," Szostak said.

Raising funds for scholarships is a principle goal of the Campaign for Colby. Fleet's pledge, to be paid over five years, was welcomed by President William Cotter.

"This is another example of Fleet Bank's corporate leadership in the state of Maine, and we are very grateful for their support of our efforts to offer more scholarship monies to minority students," Cotter said. "Making sure that students from a variety of backgrounds may continue to attend Colby is a cornerstone of our mission."

## Not Afraid to Take a Check



Laura Iorio '95 and Sara Jagels '95.

As captain of the women's ice hockey team, Laura Iorio '95 was "tough in front of the net—very aggressive—definitely gritty," said Laura Hall-dorson, Iorio's coach for the past four seasons. Despite a lacrosse injury that required reconstructive knee surgery between her first and second seasons, Iorio played all four years, starting as a forward and wrapping up her career playing defense. "She wasn't afraid to get hit," Hall-dorson said, even though the tender knee occasionally required crutches between games.

Iorio brought that same tenacity to a different arena this spring. She took charge

of Colby's Senior Pledge drive and lifted the College's perennially successful student fund raising effort to a record 70 percent participation rate, edging last year's record of 69 percent.

That rate sustains an upward trend that started in 1989, when just 35 percent of Colby seniors made pledges. The Senior Pledge was initiated 10 years ago.

This year's record participation rate earned praise for the seniors from President William Cotter when he addressed them at Commencement, as well as praise for Iorio, whom he singled out. "Laura probably still has some pledge forms

under her gown for any seniors who still are not in the pledge," Cotter quipped.

Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Randy Helm credited the success of the drive to Iorio's energy and what he called a "real over-the-top performance" at the senior dinner. She arrived at the dinner with pledge cards for more than 100 classmates who hadn't signed on and used the opportunity to employ the fund raiser's best tool, personal contact, to win more converts. When it was her turn to speak, she got to the platform, paused and made a great fuss applying her make-up in front of the crowd before charming and cajoling her peers one more time. At the class party afterward she got the last dozen pledges that put her over 70 percent. "She's vibrant and outgoing. She loves Colby and isn't afraid to tell people so," said Helm. "She was definitely the right leader at the right time."

By the time seniors picked up diplomas on May 28, 70.52 percent of them had pledged \$39,472 (payable over five years), and Iorio, wearing a baseball cap instead of the traditional mortarboard, celebrated by

dancing a quick jig up the steps to the platform. "That's just the type of person she is," said Associate Director of Annual Giving Margaret Felton Viens '77, who coordinated the Senior Pledge with Iorio. "She was great to work with."

Proceeds from the Senior Pledge go to the Alumni Fund for general, unrestricted expenditures by the College. "It's to get Colby alumni into the habit of giving from the day they graduate," says Helm. During the five years before their first reunion, graduates tend to move around a lot and don't have a great deal of money to give. The Senior Pledge informs students about the importance of philanthropy to the College and to their own lives and helps mold their philanthropic habits while their Colby experience is still fresh, Helm says.

Iorio, a government major and women's studies minor who led the Colby Women's Group as well as the hockey team, isn't waiting to see whether she's found her career calling—she has an internship at Cushing Academy in Ashburnham, Mass., working in development. ♦

# The Deepest Cut of All?

By J. Kevin Cool

When the dust finally settles on the fiscal 1996 federal budget process, probably some time this fall, and Colby officials assess the damage sustained from cuts in student financial assistance programs, their reaction may be "it could have been worse."

Although Congress may substantially pare some of the government's most popular programs for helping undergraduates pay for college, President William Cotter is pleased that at least one key component originally targeted for elimination has been restored. The in-school interest subsidy that allows students to defer paying interest on their loans until after they have graduated has been spared, or so it appears.

"There may be a victory here for our lobbying efforts, and specifically the Maine lobbying effort, in getting the in-school interest subsidy retained," Cotter said. He says Maine Senators Olympia Snowe and William Cohen successfully fought for the subsidy after an earlier House Budget Resolution called for its elimination.

Last year, 625 Colby students received a total of \$2.1 million in "subsidized" Stafford Loans. Under the budget resolution proposed in the House, interest on these loans would begin accruing while students were still in college. Doing away with the subsidy—Cotter called it a "stealth tax"—would have required some

Colby students to pay as much as \$2,000 in additional interest at the end of their four-year college career.

Still at stake in the budget process are the Perkins Loan program, which provides funds that can be loaned to students at an annual interest rate of 5 percent; work-study programs; and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, which provide funds for low-income students. Last year Colby students received nearly \$1 million from those three funding sources combined.

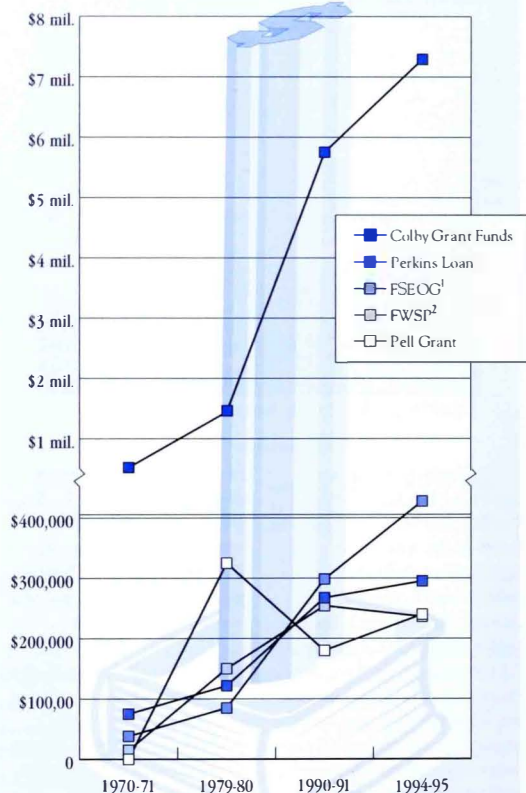
Nobody is sure what programs will be cut or to what extent, Cotter says, but he says that any cuts in federal assistance will be difficult to absorb. "It seems anomalous to me that at a time when deficit reduction is being advocated as a way to decrease the burden on the future generation, we are taxing students to go to college," he said. "They are supposed to be the beneficiaries of deficit reduction and instead they are being asked to shoulder more of the burden. It flies in the face of all the rhetoric."

Currently, about one-third of Colby's students receive need-based financial assistance and 60 percent get work study.

Colby's Director of Financial Aid Lucia Whitelsey '73 says Colby is particularly vulnerable to cuts in federal assistance because many of its peers have larger endowments that



Comparison of Federal and Institutional Financial Aid since 1970



<sup>1</sup>Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant

<sup>2</sup>Federal Work-Study Program

allow them more of a safety net. "It makes it harder for us to compete when we can't offer the same financial assistance packages. There is also the impact on Colby's philosophy of maintaining access for students regardless of need. One type of diversity is socio-economic diversity, and we want to maintain that," she said.

Whittlesey noted that cuts in federal aid would be felt most severely by families of Maine students, many of whom receive financial assistance. "Colby has always been committed to access for Maine students, but cuts like this make that commitment harder and harder to maintain," she said.

Cotter said federal funding cuts would again underline the importance of building the College's endowment. "It costs more every year just to meet the growing financial assistance needs created by inflation," he said. "When you combine that with more cuts in federal aid, endowment becomes even more important."

A significant reduction in federal financial assistance for students—preliminary figures ranged from \$6 billion to \$10 billion—would be "a pill I don't think we could swallow," Cotter said. "It would mean reducing aid packages for students currently receiving aid. We simply couldn't make that up from institutional funds."

Complicating the issue further is a rescissions package that calls for a \$600-million reduction in education spending for fiscal year 1995. The result is that

money already allocated to students for the coming academic year would have to be withdrawn. "It doesn't leave us any time to plan," Whittlesey said.

Although the College is actively lobbying Congress to avoid further cuts in higher education, Cotter has not asked parents to join in that effort. "We don't mobilize lobbying efforts by parents. Our position is that we will keep parents informed, but how they respond is an individual decision and should not be orchestrated by the College," he said.

The proposed cuts were considered serious enough to warrant a combined public campaign by the presidents of Colby, Bates and Bowdoin and the chancellor of the University of Maine system, who spoke at a joint press conference in early April. The statement prepared by the college leaders noted that making higher education less accessible is bad policy both as a short-term remedy and as a long-term fiscal measure. "The fact is that college-educated people—from all walks of life—pay increasingly larger shares of federal and state taxes," the statement read. "College-educated individuals now pay about two-thirds of all IRS revenues, far out of proportion to their numbers. If the reduction of the federal deficit is a principle long-term goal, then clearly financial aid that assists higher percentages of our young people through college is one of the most effective investments." ♦

# NOTHING NEW

Anecdotes from the Colby Archives



## Halls of Ivy

In 1877, following in the footsteps of Mary Low, Helen Louise Coburn became the second woman to graduate from Colby College. Not coincidentally, that was also the founding year of Ivy Day, an annual celebration coordinated by the women of the junior class. Ivy Day was one of the earliest institutions Colby women could claim as their own. It was a program of singing, dancing and oratory in which all female students participated. The program for 1877 included, among other things, "Our Ivy, 'tis of Thee" sung to the tune of "America." While the program changed each year, Ivy Day's one constant function was the ritual transfer of authority from the senior to the junior class women. In 1917 this transfer was symbolized by the gift from the senior class president to the junior class president of the trowel used to plant the ivy.

## He Didn't Have a Prayer



Colby's founders originally intended the College to be a non-sectarian seminary for clergy. Indeed, during Colby's infancy many graduates went on to serve as ministers and missionaries. The curriculum and routine of the College reflected this heritage; daily morning chapel attendance was mandatory and an absent student faced the possibility of fines or censure.

Students of that era frequently schemed for some way to escape the morning prayer service. One of the most ingenious ploys was claimed by Benjamin F. Butler, Class of 1838, later a general of Civil War fame. In his autobiography Butler tells of submitting a petition to President Babcock claiming that he had little hope of salvation since Calvinist doctrine says the ratio of the saved to the damned is small and since the faculty were *surely* among the saved. Therefore, Butler maintained, no amount of chapel attendance would do him any good.

There is no record of the petition having been approved.

## Name That Major

Among the more interesting affinities between academic discipline and last name in the year just past were a Rock music major (Jennifer '95, Ardsley, N.Y.), an English English major (Sarah '95, Madison, Conn.) and a Fortune in economics (Christopher '95, Freeland, Md.).



# Life on the Road

By Lynn Sullivan '89

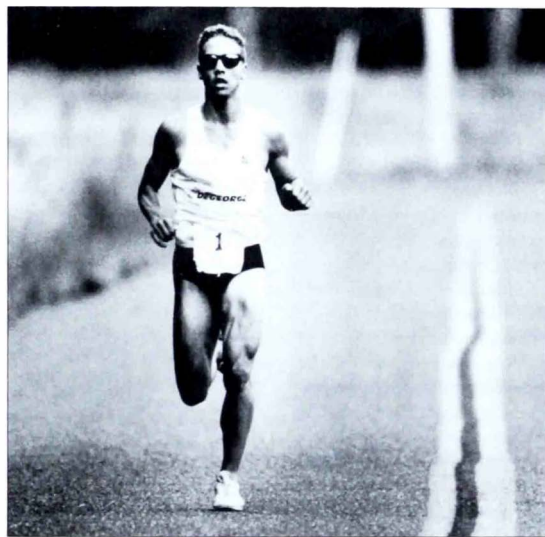
Abe Rogers '95 seems not to fit the model of an "ironman." A triathlete since age 15, Rogers's tenaciousness belies his reserved, soft-spoken demeanor. "A world-class athlete," according to Colby track coach Jim Wescott, Rogers is one of the premier triathlon competitors and a future professional in perhaps the most physically demanding sport yet invented.

A Burlington, Vt., native, Rogers has competed as an amateur in 25 triathlons since his first race seven years ago. He was the Junior National Champion three consecutive years, 1991-93, and represented the U.S. in the world championships in Australia, Canada and England. He finished 29th, ninth and eighth, respectively. His 1993 eighth-place finish helped his team win the gold medal.

Last summer he entered the Mazda-Orange County Triathlon in Orange County, Calif., as a professional. He finished fourth among the Americans—one spot better would have earned him a trip to the 1994 Goodwill Games in St. Petersburg, Russia. Rogers has consistently placed among the top 15, including second-place finishes at races in Nagoya, Japan, and Columbus, Ohio.

"Athletics is a part of who I am," said Rogers, who was an administrative science major with a minor in African-American studies. "I

think it's important that I continue to make that a positive part of me. My goal is to be the best I can be in my field. The challenge in that is that I'm not the best professional yet. I have a lot

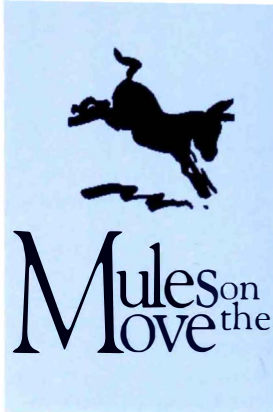


Abe Rogers '95

of room to improve."

Rogers's training week includes 55 miles of running, more than 300 miles of biking and 15 miles of swimming to prepare for the standard international triathlon—a 1.5-kilometer swim, a 40k bike ride and a 10k run. Except for an occasional off day before a race, he trains daily. While a student at Colby he modified his training schedule because of academic and athletic commitments.

Rogers lettered in cross country, swimming and outdoor track and field at



not a one-dimensional person. There are many things that I'm committed to and many things I'm a part of."

This summer Rogers hoped to compete in a dozen or more triathlons across the country. "Racing pro is a lot different [from racing amateur]," said Rogers. "The competition is much more serious and there is so much more at stake, like making a living. There's a lot more pressure to do well." According to Rogers, a few professional triathletes make as much as \$500,000 from sponsors, endorsements and prize money, but the majority of full-time pros make \$20,000-30,000 per year.

"He is doing all of this for the love of the sport and no other reason," said Wescott, who coached Rogers in cross country and track. "He just keeps driving, driving, driving. He is one of the most dedicated athletes I've ever coached, and his chances [as a professional] are great."

"Sometimes it's hard, and training gets a little lonely," said Rogers. "You spend a lot of time by yourself, and once in a while you'll question why you're putting all this pressure on yourself trying to cash in every weekend. Why not just go out and get a steady job with a steady income? But competing in triathlons is a great challenge. I'm at the age where I want to see how far I can go athletically, and it just so happens I get to do what I like physically." ♦

Colby. He was co-president of SOAR (Society Organized Against Racism), the student-run group that combats racism and stereotyping, he worked at the Joseph Spa, and he was a life guard. Throughout his four years, though, he maintained a commitment to triathlons.

"I feel I'm pretty well-rounded," said Rogers, who says that in his four years at Colby he grew from a person totally focused on triathlons to a much more complete individual. "I am using my personal resources as well as my athletic resources. I am

# Women Keep Pace

Every Colby women's outdoor track and field team carries the burden of upholding a tradition of perennial success. Past squads have won the NESCAC title three times and the New England Division III title twice, and more than a dozen competitors have earned All-America certificates. The roster of award winners includes more than 50 All-New England, 30 All-ECAC and 20 All-NESCAC competitors. In 1994 five athletes qualified for nationals and three earned All-America honors.

This year's squad met the challenge as well. The Mules didn't lose to a Division III opponent until their fifth meet of the season, a second-place finish at the Aloha Relays. At the NESCAC championships

Colby placed third and then repeated that performance at the New England Division III championships, where they were edged by second-place Wesleyan by two points. Their final performance—the ECAC meet—earned Colby second place (behind Bowdoin) and surprised the 25-team field including Division III national powerhouse SUNY-Cortland.

"Overall it was a very successful and strong season," said head coach Deb Aitken. "In terms of what we thought we could do and what we did, we were successful."

Capping the season were invitations to the NCAA championships for hammer thrower Brooke Lorenzen, a senior from Mercer Island, Wash., and middle-distance runner Lenia Ascenso, a senior from Gloucester, Mass. Because the meet coincided with Colby's Senior Week and graduation activities, Ascenso made the difficult decision to remain on Mayflower Hill. Lorenzen opted to miss most of the week's festivities and headed for competition at Carleton College in Minnesota.

Undefeated throughout the season, Lorenzen, seeded fourth at nationals, was looking to repeat her 1994 All-American performance in the hammer (the first time she was allowed in national competition). This time she threw 163' 5", establishing a Colby record and capturing fourth place for her second All-American certificate.

"I am very happy with the athletes' performances this year," said Aitken. "Everything just seemed to click for us." ♦



Lenia Ascenso '95

# SPORTS SHORTS

## Lacrosse Squad Tops Middlebury



The men's lacrosse team finished the season with a 9-6 overall record. During the pre-season the squad was ranked 21st by *Faceoff* magazine. They played eight teams that were ranked among the top 30 nationally during the regular season, whose highlights included a 10-9 overtime win over Middlebury, the eventual ECAC champions. . . . Posting impressive wins over Virginia Tech and Springfield College and suffering one-point losses to Division III powerhouses Randolph-Macon and Washington and Lee, the women's lacrosse team finished the season with a 6-9 record.

## Roundup

After a spring trip to Bermuda, the men's outdoor track and field team won the State of Maine championships for the second consecutive year. Don Saucier '96 received the meet's Alan Hillman trophy presented to the most valuable runner—the third year in a row Colby has earned that honor. The men took fifth place at the NESCAC meet. . . . A spring break trip to Hilton Head, S.C., produced a 2-3 record for the men's tennis team, which finished the season 5-8 overall. The team excelled in doubles competition, posting wins over Salem State College and Bates. . . . The softball team finished the season with a 7-20 record, including wins over Bowdoin, Bates, Plymouth State and the University of Southern Maine. . . . The baseball team finished its 128th season with a 12-16 record. The 28-game season produced wins over Trinity, Bowdoin, Bates and UMass-Boston.

## Monday Night Football

The September 23 Colby vs. Trinity football game will be televised on cable's New England Sports Network (NESN). The tape-delayed broadcast is scheduled to air on Monday, Sept. 25, at 7:30 p.m. NESN, the station of the Boston Bruins and Red Sox, is seen throughout New England.

## Still Kicking

Although Molly Couch '86 played ice hockey with a men's league for a few years after graduating, she says she no longer plays seriously. A fifth grade teacher at the Smith College Campus School in Northampton, Mass., Couch is busy pursuing other activities such as softball, tennis, a summer wedding and Taekwondo. In her senior year with the White Mules she was the team's MVP and captain, a New England All-Star and a member of the All-Bowdoin Tournament team. She scored 76 points from her defensive position in her four years at Colby. Couch was a four-year member of the soccer team as well.



# Fifty-Plus

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## TWENTIES

**Edith "Ducky" Grearson Moncy** '26 finds that driving her Volvo to the Boston Symphony "takes more mental and physical energy than it once did." She sadly misses her brother, **Douglas Grearson** '28, on whom she depended daily for help and advice, particularly with regard to sports. She wonders what Wilkie would have thought about Phil Gamm, Bob Dole and the present speaker of the house, Newt Gingrich. . . . **Elsie Frost Rapp** '26 reads an average of one large-print novel per week and, in addition, reads the large-print versions of *Guideposts*, *Reader's Digest* and the newspaper. In the Danbury, Conn., nursing home where she lives, she goes to physical therapy five times a week. Professors Anton "Dutchy" Marquardt (German), Carl Weber (Shakespeare) and Julian Taylor (Latin) all stand out in Mrs. Rapp's memory. . . . **Irma Davis McKechnie** '26 has 10 great-grandchildren!—"All intelligent and active little rascals." Age, says Mrs. McKechnie, has "just slowed me down a bit." . . . In a delightful telephone chat with Dr. **Rene Marcou** '28 and his wife, Elizabeth, this past April 21, I found we had much in common. He went from Colby to MIT to earn his Ph.D. in '33. I went from Colby to the same school and got a B.S. in '49. He worked at Raytheon. So did I. They have a summer place on Great Pond in

Belgrade Lakes, Maine. My sister and her husband have a similar abode on the same body of water, and I have spent many a joyous time there. End of commonalities. The Marcous have daughters Maryland, Michele and Renée and son Phillippe. Rene retired from teaching at Boston College in 1970 and from Air Force Research in 1976. (Trivia note: Standing in the middle of their lawn at 930 Beacon Street, Newton Center, Mass., is the largest beech tree known to exist east of the Mississippi.) . . . **Ruth McEvoy** '28 writes cryptically from Batavia, N.Y., that she keeps fit by walking and wishes she were traveling. . . . The Rev. Dr. **Cecil H. Rose** '28 and his wife, Helen, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, in addition to which he has marked the occasion of his 89th birthday. He misses his week-by-week church work, although he frequently substitutes for vacationing ministers. . . . **Rosalie Mosher Reynolds** '29 has descendants in profusion. She has four great-grandchildren who are the grandchildren of her daughter Bethia Reynolds Morris '57, all living in England or Scotland. A great-granddaughter, born at Christmastime 1994, is the granddaughter of Mrs. Reynolds' daughter Dorothy Reynolds Gay '59. Mrs. Reynolds is a devotee of the Ellis Peters series of Brother Cadfael whodunnits and, in 1980, visited the town of Shrewbury in England and the Abbey, home of Cadfael's monastery. ♦

## THIRTIES

In a touching note, **Helen Chase Pardey** '30 writes: "Two beautiful long-hair cats; a male, Sandy, and female Samantha—same litter—will be three years old March 12 [1995]. They are the joy of my life in living alone." On a medical note: "Had a right knee replacement in September. Having



# Alumni at Large

trouble [with it] after six months. Went on a 10-day Caribbean cruise in January. A wonderful experience with delicious food and unusual services on Holland America." . . . Short of a full biography, any write-up about **Norman Palmer** '30 must fail miserably for lack of space. At 85, this distinguished whirlwind traveler, reads, teaches and writes as if he were still 29, which was his age the last time I saw him. In May 1994, he and his wife, Gurina, traveled to Norway, where she has many relatives. Then for three weeks in November it was on to Hawaii, where the Palmers have a condo on the island of Kauai. They also traveled extensively in the Pacific Northwest. Dr. Palmer taught college classes and was the lecturer on two Elderhostel programs. This year the Palmers will visit Spain, Portugal and the southwestern United States. In an all-inclusive statement to which we can all subscribe, he says: "I am not getting any younger, and I wish I were!" rather "I am getting older. I do not recommend it." For reading Dr. Palmer cites *No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II* by Doris Kearns Goodwin '64. He says, "An extraordinary book on an important topic. Very well written. Based on extensive research and deep reflection. Obviously Colbyites should read it because the author is a Colby alumna." (See notes on Malcolm McQuillan '44, below.) . . . **Wallace Meyer** '30 is "86 going on 100!" His mother died at 89, his father at 92. Two sisters and a brother, all in their 80s, are going strong. Mr. Meyer firmly intends to beat all of them. He keeps fit by relying on his genetic heritage provided by rugged ancestors. Professor Colgan ("the

best") taught him (a) how to teach school and (b) how to use time efficiently, but (c) didn't teach him how to combat old age. (Note: Mr. Meyer is hereby appointed this year's recipient of the prestigious Palmer Method award for his ultra-legible handwriting.) . . . **Kenneth Mansfield** '31 has a wife, Margaret, and a daughter, Susan Pogue. I'm sure he could tell us a lot more—but he didn't. . . . The Very Reverend **Harold F. Lemoine** '32 met **George** '34 and **Vesta Alden Putnam** '33 in Honolulu, where they were visiting one of their daughters. Father Lemoine remembers "Prof. Herbert Newman, often called 'Pop.' He was so gracious and helpful for any who sought his counsel. Never can forget Dr. Herbert Carlyle Libby and Dr. Wilkinson, when he conducted chapel services and he put on the Brooklyn accent, especially as he announced the Hymn 331 and we got 'thurd' and 'furst.'" . . . **Donald** '33 and **Dorothy Gould Rhoades** '36 claim that "It's hard to believe that our granddaughter, Jennifer, will enter the University of Washington in the fall and her sister, Stephanie, will enter high school." A book you must read, say they, is *Cape Horn—One Man's Dream; One Woman's Nightmare* by Réanne Hemingway-Douglas, published by Fine Edge Productions, Bishop, CA 93514. Not because Réanne is a personal friend but because it is a superbly written saga of amazing survival, it is a must for those who love the sea. They (the crew) experienced "pitchpole" and lived to tell the tale. . . . **Portia Pendleton Rideout** '34 has had it with living alone, especially since she has been ill enough to land in the hospital each of the past three winters. So she plans to pack up and go to live with her daughter in Oregon. "Anyone want to drive my car across the country? Or a Hertz truck with my furniture?



## NEWSMAKERS

**Leonette Warburton Wishard '23**, a member of the Bridgeport, Conn., branch of AAUW since 1945, was featured in a recent AAUW publication for her lifetime of work as a missionary. . . . **John J. Pullen '35** offered commentary on the PBS TV profile "Joshua Chamberlain and the 20th Maine." Pullen is the author of *The 20th Maine*. . . . **Marlee Bragdon Monroe '42** entered the Master Gardener Training program of the Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Erie County, N.Y. A working journalist with memberships in many botanical organizations, she will provide hours of volunteer service after graduation from the eight-week program.



Marlee Bragdon Monroe '42

## MILEPOSTS

**Deaths:** William M. Chittenden '19 in Hamden, Conn., at 98. . . . Phyllis Sturdivant Sweetser '19 in Portland, Maine, at 96. . . . Ruth A. Blakeslee '23 in Sanford, Maine, at 93. . . . Lloyd J. Treworgy '23 in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, at 94. . . . Madeline Miles Hall '25 in Pittsfield, Maine, at 90. . . . Doris Hardy Haweeli '25 in North Conway, N.H., at 92. . . . Ethel Childs Storer '25 in Portsmouth, N.H., at 91. . . . Frederick C. Wright '27 in Doylestown, Pa., at 88. . . . Ashton S. Hamilton '28 in Yarmouth, Maine, at 89. . . . Pauline Sinclair Stinchfield '28 at 89. . . . Osborne C. Bacon '29 in Jensen Beach, Fla., at 91. . . . Doris Church Griffin '29 in Winthrop, Maine, at 87. . . . Murray B. Miller '29 in Lake Worth, Fla., at 87. . . . Philip S. Bither '30 in Waterville, Maine, at 85. . . . Evelyn Rollins Knapp '30 at 85. . . . Ivan E. McLaughlin '31 in West Gardiner, Maine, at 85. . . . Wayne E. Roberts '31 in South Portland, Maine, at 86. . . . Thelma Bamford Tracy '31 in Harrington, Maine, at 84. . . . William A. Lyons '32 in Seminole, Fla. . . . Frank R. Altieri '33 in Waterbury, Conn., at 87. . . . John C. Bendix '33 in Quincy, Mass., at 84. . . . J. Robert Curtis '33 in Sanibel Island, Fla., at 83. . . . H. Paul Rancourt '33 in Waterville, Maine, at 84. . . . Charles M. Tyson '33 in Clinton, N.C., at 84. . . . William H. Millett '34 in Winston-Salem, N.C., at 82. . . . Theophile S. Krawiec '35 in Bethlehem, Pa., at 81. . . . Edward G. Perrier '35 in Mars Hill, Maine, at 82. . . . Dorothy Washburn Pulley '35 in Coontocook, N.H., at 80. . . . Grace Robinson Durfee '36 in Bridgewater, Maine, at 79. . . . Helen Curtis Lothrop '36 in Portland, Maine, at 78. . . . George N. Burt '37 in Providence, R.I., at 80. . . . Ellis Guerrieri '37 in Elmira, N.Y. . . . Paul K. Palmer '37 in Dunedin, Fla., at 79. . . . Henry V. Wilcox '37 in Big Pine, Calif., at 81. . . . George F. Bonner '38 in South Windsor, Conn., at 78. . . . Leverett H. DeVeber '39 in Newburyport, Mass., at 80. . . . Ellis Mott '39 in Ashland, Ore., at 77. . . . Earl L. Wade '39 in Calais, Maine, at 77. . . . Thomas R. Braddock '43 in Wellsville, N.Y., at 73. . . . Alonzo G. Norton '40 in Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., at 78. . . . Sarah Fussell Cobb '42 in Brookline, Mass., at 74. . . . Robert R. Curtis '44 in Raleigh, N.C., at 71. . . . John R. Pomeroy '44 in Brockton, Mass., at 74. . . . Mary Frances Shannon '44 in Philadelphia, Pa., at 72.

Call me at Riverside House (207-626-0804) or at my cottage on Webber Pond (207-923-3748)."

. . . **George Mann '34** recommends listening to rapcd books. From the Texas State Library in Austin, Texas, George has borrowed a cassette player and can borrow all the "books" he wants. "It is easy and enjoyable," he says. . . . **Frank Norvish '34**, who made such a smash hit as a speaker at the 50-plus banquet two years ago, has "completed my stint as president of the Military Intelligence Association of New England" and is now vice president of the National Counter-Intelligence Corps Association. His son, Phil, is wire editor on the *Sentinel* in Waterville. . . . **June Wight Mason '35** recommends *The Death of Common Sense* by Philip Howard. She predicts with pride that she will be 81 years young on June 4, 1996. As for remembering professors, her comment is: "Too much to tell and too long ago." . . . **Ruth Millett Maker '36** has written to tell us of the death on March 8, 1995, of her brother, Dr. William H. Millett '34, sometimes known as "the other Bill Millett." Mrs. Maker fondly remembers his prominence and popularity on campus. He was a member of Kappa Delta Rho and worked on *The Colby Echo* and with the Powder and Wig group, acting in a number of plays. Also, he played in the marching band. He was a chemistry major and elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Says she: "I was proud to be his 'kid sister.'" Mrs. Maker came from a Colby family: her father, uncle, two brothers, a sister, two cousins, a sister-in-law and a niece are all graduates in classes 1893 through 1962. . . . **Elizabeth Wilkinson Ryan '37** has become a year older but "rejected all efforts of others to 'celebrate' it and thereby felt much happier." She remembers Everett Strong as a lively and demanding teacher of French and church choir director. (Note: Prof. Strong was the superb organist at the Congregational Church in Waterville, where he directed the choir.) . . . **Ethel Bradstreet Maney '38** has been traveling to England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany and the Czech Republic but wishes she could match the travels of her son, Dr. Ardith Maney. He

has been to Slovakia and Vladivostok to set up exchange programs with Iowa State University, where he is professor of political science. Her daughter, Laurel, is a manager at the Miller Brewing Company. Her other son, Jack, is an electrical engineer in Florida. Ethel keeps in shape by doing aqua aerobics and walking along the shores of beautiful Lake Michigan. . . . **Charles McLean '39** spent only one year with us, he doesn't say which, but beneath the medals on his USMC jacket beats the heart of a true Colbyite. He still flies fighter aircraft and is in command of a Marine fighter squadron. His three children and the three children of his wife, Carolyn ("Carrie"), are all in their 40s and 50s and long gone from the nest. "Kadushi, the cat, phased out 12/28/92—a deep loss." He and his wife spend 25-30 minutes each morning doing in-house exercises and, in addition, he walks, weather permitting. Due to her post-polio syndrome, walking is not an option for Mrs. McLean. . . . **Evelyn Short Merrill '39** has been chair for the past year of the book group in her Whittier, Calif., branch of the American Association of University Women. As the reviewer of Berendt's *Midnight in the Land of Good & Evil*, Evelyn and her husband, Buell '40, flew to Savannah in March for a first-hand look at the city made famous in the book. . . . **Wilson Piper '39** lives comfortably with his wife, Mary ("Peg"), in Kendal at Hanover (N.H.), a retirement community. He (like Norman Palmer '30 above) has enjoyed *No Ordinary Time* as well as other books by Colby authors. The Pipers have three children and five grandchildren, of whom two are Colby graduates. ♦

## FORTIES

Five sons, all living in various skiing centers (N.H., Utah), make it easy for **Carl McGraw '40** to stay active. Carl wants to, and intends to, keep in closer contact with his old college friends. (Before mailing his questionnaire, he called his old DU roommate.) Professor Chapman taught Carl how to write without polysyllabic profundity and stilted phrases, which had earned him A's in prep

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## 50 plus

The 51st meeting of the 50-Plus Club of Colby met at Dana Hall for reunion on June 10 with approximately 200 members and guests attending. After a pleasant cocktail hour and wonderful dinner, President Kaye Monaghan Corey '43 opened the meeting with a moment of silence to honor the memory of departed classmates, family and friends.

Marie "Chris" Merrill Wysor '42, secretary and treasurer, gave the 1994 reunion reports. In addition, the club decided to give the total donations of \$3,275 to the Alumni Fund.

President Corey then announced the officers for next year: Evelyn Gates Moriarty '44, president; Roslyn E. Kramer '45, vice president; Marie "Chris" Merrill Wysor, secretary and treasurer; Fletcher Eaton '39, class correspondent. The following have been elected to serve on the Alumni Council: Virginia Kingsley Jones '39, Lester T. Jolovitz '39, Muriel McLellan DeShon '43, Oren R. Shiro '42, Kaye Monaghan Corey '43 and Leroy N. Young '38.

Ralph S. Williams '35 spoke to us with accompanying facts and figures of Colby's financial development from its modest beginnings to the present, emphasizing the phenomenal growth of the endowment. Williams, who retired from the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant commander after serving for five years during World War II, became Wadsworth Professor in the Department of Busi-



Dr. Merrill S.F. Greene '20

ness Administration and then became successor to Galen Eustis '23 as vice president before retiring in 1972. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees for 10 years and received an honorary degree.

President and Mrs. Cotter joined the festivities. A few highlights from President Cotter's talk: Colby was the first formerly all-men's college to admit women; 72 percent of the early classes were from Maine and Massachusetts; Colby today has 85 international students and more than 4,200 applicants requested admission to the College in 1995; a total of \$8.5 million will be spent for student aid in 1996.

Franklin Norvish '34, professor emeritus of Northeastern University, always a popular speaker, added several moments of hilarity with his collection of jokes. The final presentation, written by Betty Ann Royal Spiegel '42, who because of family illness could not be with us, was an essay written about her experiences while trying to get on the popular television program *Jeopardy*. (She didn't make it but had a lot of adventure and fun trying.) In her absence her contribution was read by Chris Wysor.

After a brief reminder to all about this summer's Alumni College, we sang the alma mater, accompanied by pianist and accordion player Frank Wareham, and adjourned, taking home many warm memories and looking forward to Reunion 1996.

—Chris Merrill Wysor '42

school but C's in Chappie's class. . . . William Pinansky '40 has received a 50-year certificate of membership in the Maine State Bar Association, which he joined in 1943. He and his wife, Suzanne, have three sons, Victor '68, David '75 and Thomas, and four grandchildren. . . . From her home in Gainesville, Fla., Ruth Hendricks Maren '40 writes that she went to an Elderhostel in Arizona last summer and in the fall to one in Vermont. "Vermont is beautiful!" In October 1994 she had a delightful visit from Roger '40 and Ruth Gould Stebbins '40 along with Ruth's sister Marjorie Gould Shuman '37 and her husband, The Rev. Ed Shuman '38. "I will long savor the pleasure of that visit," says Mrs. Maren. . . . When Ernest Marriner '40 replied to my questionnaire, he was enjoying a brief vacation in the Cook Islands, an assemblage of specks on the map some 2,850,379 miles east of Australia. In the fitness department, Ernest says he does nothing. "Rather," says he, "Ien-

joy life." His serious avocation consists of "Completing my father's radio scripts for publication. There are 1,338 of them—on the air (WTVL) from 1948 to 1983." . . . At 76, Ruth Lewis Nowlan '41 is the baby in a family of five sisters. At 93, 91, 89 and 87, her siblings joined Ruth in a style show to raise money to support the Senior Citizen's Bus in her town of Foxboro, Mass. Ruth keeps busy babysitting two cats for her granddaughter while the girl visits in Virginia with her parents. In addition, Ruth's son leaves his Rotweiler with her while he goes off to work in Boston. She intends to do a lot of walking, but asthma and sinus trouble have kept her in during cold weather. . . . Since retiring in 1989, Virginia Ryan '41 writes, her "days are full" to the point that she cannot do all there is to do. Line dancing, tap dancing, tennis, exercise, tutoring grade school children and eating properly keep her fit. She particularly remembers professors Griffith and Wilkinson for history, Alice

Comparetti for English, Norman Palmer for sociology and Dean Ninetta Runnals—"All of them were so great." . . . Marlee Bragdon Monroe '42 is the founder and president of the Alden (N.Y.) Garden Club and was accepted into the Master Gardener Training Program of the Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Erie County (N.Y.) for the summer session of 1995. An article in the *Alden Advertiser*, of which she is associate editor, details her horticultural activities, including membership in nine societies. (If the Marilyn Bragdon of page 111 of the 1941 Oracle, fourth from the left in the back row of the Student League, isn't the Marlee Bragdon Monroe shown in the *Alden Advertiser*, I'll eat that 1941 Oracle.) Among family members, Mrs. Monroe lists a 19-year-old Maine coon cat named Catherine, who prefers to be called Kitty. . . . An exceptional chiropractor has freed J. Franklin Pineo '42 from five years of pain caused by a slipped disc and a crunched vertebra. He owns a

dognamed "Bi" because she is racial—his first thoroughbred mongrel. Of "Pop" Newman, Franklin says, "The richer his laughter, the deeper his personal pain. We never realized at the time." For exercise, Franklin walks the dog, makes maple syrup and continues his lifelong habit of breathing. . . . Linwood Palmer '42 is the lobbyist for a number of Maine utilities at the Maine State House. He and his wife, Bunny, have three children and seven grandchildren, all living in Maine. He and one of his sons-in-law are in the governmental consulting business. For fitness, Linwood works on his lawns and gardens plus swimming and playing golf in Florida, where the family spends three months each year. . . . Weston '42 and Jean Cannell MacRae '42 report jointly that they have three children: Nancy MacRae, a professor at UNE in Biddeford, Maine; Ruth M. Brovelli, a nurse; and David, a circuit designer. Grandchildren to the number of four are Jeff, Justin, Amy and Kate.

On April 10 Jean had a reunion with Frances Brewer Barker '42 and Kathryn Reny Anderson '40. The MacRaes keep fit by walking, swimming in season, biking and working around the house. . . . At 73, Hope-Jane Gillingham Meyer '43 is "still working (as a librarian in Wallingford, Conn.) and enjoying it." Among family members she lists a son, Douglas, a granddaughter, Jessica, and two cats, Nip and Tuck. To maintain fitness, she does "absolutely nothing. But I do eat healthily." Professor Wilkinson got her hooked on history. . . . Carolyn Nutting Martin '43 (roommate to Hope-Jane Gillingham Meyer) has three sons, Tim, John and Tom, married respectively to Sheila, Linda and Adrienne. Four grandchildren (three girls and a boy) plus a great-grandson round out a very happy family. Carolyn studied a year of Greek with Prof. Wilbert Carr, "a gentle, kind man who considered his students his 'boys and girls.'" When President Bixler came to Colby, Dr. Carr introduced one of his students as 'one of my boys.' Accepting that at face value, Dr. Bixler said: "How do you do, Mr. Carr," whereupon Dr. Carr had to explain the fine distinction. Mrs. Martin completes her quotation of Dr. Wilkinson (see the January issue of this column): "Remember Thuringia! That's where most of the wars in Europe began!" John Thomas used to scold Glee Club members with: "Sing! How can I correct you if you give me nothing to correct?" Adds Mrs. Martin: "I worked in the library with Miss Herrick, Orwin Rush and Harold Clark, all of whom helped me as I tried to work my way through college. NYA [National Youth Administration] jobs paid 35 cents per hour." . . . George Popper '43 heaps encomiums on professors Wilkinson, Weeks, Breckenridge and Colgan and puts particular emphasis on "Pop" Newman—"one of the kindest persons I ever met." Mr. Popper has completed a cruise through the far Pacific, stopping in Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia, Fiji, American Samoa, Bora-Bora, Mothea, Tahiti and three Hawaiian islands. . . . It took two long months for Thomas

'43 and Marjorie Brown Pursley '43 to find a boat, but they finally settled on a 41-foot motor yacht with diesel engines. They plan some summer cruises and urge all who see the boat *Cap Tap* on Long Island Sound to come aboard. . . . Frank Miselis '43, M.D., is "content with life as is"—as is being that he and his wife, Teddie, are the proud parents of three sons: Dr. Richard (Ph.D.), neuroscientist and professor at U Penn; Robert, an industrial engineer turned successful dairy farmer; and Donald, a chemical engineer and traveling bachelor. Richard and Robert have contributed four grandchildren to the Miselis family, which summers in Lake Tahoe, N.Y., and winters in Sun City West, Ariz. . . . Professor Emeritus Sidney Rauch '43 of Hofstra University, Hempstead, N.Y., is busy raising funds for the Rauch Endowed Scholarship for Graduate Students at Hofstra. Otherwise, he reads any books by P.D. James and Gerald Seymour since he enjoys mysteries and political thrillers. He still retains pleasant memories of Carl Weber and "Pop" Newman. . . . Nancy Curtis Lawrence '44, of Sequim, Wash. (just across the Strait of Juan de Fuca from Norman Palmer '30 in Friday Harbor), has a family consisting of Buster, the dog; Kitty, the cat; Big Boy, Gertrude, Stephanie and friends, geese; an eagle and heron, numerous seagulls, oystercatchers and loons. She used to regard Dr. Wilkinson with awe until, one day, she saw him in the grocery store with his wife discussing which cheese to buy. She is rereading the classics (*Mill on the Floss*, etc.) and cataloguing books for her local museum of arts and crafts. . . . The Reverend Richard Mountfort '44 has the largest family yet recorded by this correspondent: his wife, Esther; eight children (including twin girls); 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; four stepchildren (ages 36-51); 10 step-grandchildren (ages 10-33); and two step-great-grandchildren (ages 4 months-6 years). At his 50th reunion, he relished seeing classmates whom he hadn't seen in 50 years but missed those who were absent by sickness or death. . . . Malcolm McQuillan '44 recom-

mends *Westward Watch: The United States and the Changing Pacific* by Dr. Norman Palmer '30. (See notes on Dr. Palmer, above.) "Dr. Palmer is familiar with this geographical area," he says, "and writes with lucidity and authority." Mr. McQuillan's family reunion in Southampton, Mass., surprised him. He hadn't realized he had so many relatives. Along with many others, Mr. McQuillan pays warm tribute to Dr. Wilkin-

son—"one of the most unselfish people (along with my father) that I have ever known." . . . Robert H. Riefe '44's wife, Rae, reports that they have a son, Richard, and a daughter, Alison. She writes: "I lived for eight years in Latin America, two of them in Guyana. Besides learning Spanish, I came to realize that we should know more about our southern neighbors." ♦



### FORESIGHT: THE COLBY GUIDE TO PLANNED GIVING

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# The Forties

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Correspondent:

Dorothy Sanford McCunn

**45** **Arnold Grossman**, retired dentist, dwells in E. Falmouth, Mass., and Singer Island, Fla. Arnie, who has always been active in local service clubs and philanthropic causes, likes enthusiastic and motivated people and says he has never stopped learning—he's taking lessons to learn to play a two-keyboard full organ. Arnie made good friends at Colby and was inspired to become a teacher. He was assistant professor at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine for 17 years, has lectured at dental schools and hospitals throughout Europe and the Orient and has actively provided encouragement to dentists and would-be dentists. Arnie and his wife, Hope (an artist), are the parents of three and the grandparents to six. One daughter is a psychologist in San Francisco, one son (Thomas '77) is an attorney and their other son is a dentist. . . . **Elvira Worthington** Taylor reports that she has lived in North Carolina since 1978 and has called both Tryon and Columbus home during those years. She is the mother of four sons and has two grandsons. Elvira states that she had difficulty getting used to the mountains after spending her youth on Long Island, where the seashore was the prime outdoor environment. She recalls that her youngest son was 12 when she moved to North Carolina and she was concerned that as a Northerner he wouldn't be accepted, but he was immediately taken in and nicknamed "Yank." Elvira was called the "Lasagna Mother" because she would make it for the team whenever they had cause to celebrate. She now lists many young people as her friends. Elvira's sons each live in

a different state: North Carolina, Tennessee, New York and Maine. She was in the unusual position of spending five years at Colby due to illnesses sustained when in Waterville. She entered just before World War II, was at the College during the war and graduated after the war. She took only two courses during her final year and therefore had more time to enjoy her stay in Waterville. She still has fond memories of Dean Runnals, who was always interested in Elvira's welfare, and she was able to visit the dean during her retirement in Dover-Foxcroft. At Christmastime she hears from Dixie Roundy Beebe '46; Joan Crawley Pollock '48; George '43 and Hope Mansfield Jahn '44; **Marguerite Broderson Gustafson**; Mary Alice Campbell Kozen '47; **Helen Small Martino**; Marlee Bragdon Monroe '42; Tom '43 and Marjorie Brown Pursley '43; Mildred Schnebke Riordan '48; and Eleanor Eisberg Watson '44. . . . **Connie Daviau Bollinger** reports from Cincinnati, Ohio, that she has four grown children and 14 grandchildren. Connie lost one son 11 years ago. She has taught school for 21 years and worked as director of Christian education in her church. She now does Stephen Ministry, church sponsored. Connie and her former husband, Jim, will be visiting Canada in May but couldn't work the Colby reunion into their itinerary. She sends her best to all her classmates and says that Colby filled her life with friendships and the opportunity to work with people and helped her satisfy her thirst for knowledge. Connie attends a fitness center and does mall walking in order to maintain the benefit of two open heart surgeries. . . . **Floyd Harding** of Lady Lake, Fla., and Presque Isle, Maine, is semi-retired from the legal profession. His son Alan '75 is with Floyd in

his law practice, which occupied him full time for 46 years. He now has time for "fun in the sun" during the winter months. Floyd, who has always been active in community projects and has been deeply interested in state, national and international affairs, served three terms as state senator and became majority leader of that body. Floyd is trying to cut back on some of his activities so that he can spend more time in travel and leisure. Life has been one great adventure and he anticipates that it will continue to be so. That last statement is a good one to close my report. ♦

Correspondent:

Nancy Jacobsen

**46** Keep those class questionnaires coming, and I won't miss an issue, I promise. . . . **Ruth Drapeau Hunt** wrote from Brunswick, Maine, that she and Phil, who is U.S.N. retired, celebrated their 50th anniversary in February. They have four sons and three grandchildren. . . . **Nancy Parsons Ferguson** and husband Bob are doing a lot of traveling from their home in Holden, Mass. They have five grandchildren, the youngest in the first grade, the oldest at the University of Miami. . . . **Fay O'Leary Hafford**, who lives in Allagash, Maine, lost her husband, Lee, to a heart attack in 1993. However, she has now completed another book, *Beans and Biscuits, Tales of the Lumber Camps*. Fay is starting her next one, *Wouldn't That Frost Ya*, on her computer. "I'm living life to the fullest," she said. "I've taken up painting. There is so much to do and to see. I would like to hear from Lois Manning, who was my best friend at Colby." . . . **Betty Anne Riker Howell** and husband Wally spend summers

now in Greensboro, Vt., and winners in Englewood, Fla. They have just been to England and Portugal. As volunteers they drive the elderly for the Interfaith Caregivers program. . . . Pleezee come to our 50th reunion at Colby. We are such fine folk. ♦

Correspondent:  
Mary Hall Fitch

**47** Cal Dolan and his wife both have retired from teaching, he from chemistry, she from English. They have five children and five grandchildren, one of whom is a graduate of Penn State and already married. Wintering in Naples, Fla., has made a great difference in his golf game, Cal says. He also does a bit of gardening and bas-relief sculpturing. He hopes everyone in the class is planning to attend our 50th reunion in '97. . . . Ray

and Tossie Campbell Kozen divide their time between Maine and Florida, attend Colby functions when in Waterville, and occasionally see Colby friends in Florida. Their son, father of three, has been named the Joseph Newton Pew Jr. Professor of Engineering at Cornell. Tossie and Dorrie Meyer Hawkes will be working on our 50th reunion. As I think everyone will agree, they did a great job on the 45th. . . . Just ask Marilyn Hubert, who says she enjoyed it so much that she went to her grade school and high school reunions in 1993. She and G.I. Smith '49 retired from the U.S. Geological Survey, Dept. of Interior, in January, but she continues to volunteer in their library working on the geologic names dictionary; her chief effort since 1967. She participates in the Colby Club of Washington, D.C., and local Phi Beta Kappa association, recent meetings of

which looked at the U.N., the Human Genome Project and the Campaign for Global Change. . . . Larry Kaplan retired from Kent State University in 1993 and has been teaching military history at Georgetown and consulting for the Pentagon. . . . Among our busiest is Betty Wade Drum, who belongs to several women's groups, practices the organ two hours daily, directs two bell choirs, sings in choir and volunteers in her local library and food pantry. She loves to knit, read, go to concerts and plays and keep active walking and hiking. In March she attended an Elderhostel in Italy, visiting Rome, Pisa and Florence. . . . Dottie Cleaves Rodgers Jordan says she and her husband "have traveled extensively—like our days are numbered." In the last two years she has been in Ireland, seven countries on the continent, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and

Cook Islands, Ecuador, Panama Canal, and several interesting spots in the United States. While working for Outward Bound, her oldest son, Scott, died in 1990; her young son and his wife work for L.L. Bean. Dottie volunteers as an advocate for deaf groups, on the board of Maine Center on Deafness and the Deaf Advisory Group of Augusta. In March she and Emily Gardell Hueston celebrated their fifth anniversaries—married the same week! . . . The daughter of Ruth Jaffe Gordon is a psychiatrist, married with three children. Her son is also married and is the father of two children. Ruth spends time on the Cape and Florida, both of which she loves, and recently had lunch with Dick and Marjorie Collins Marcyes. . . . John and I celebrated our 50th anniversary March 10 in the Caribbean. This May, after a party given by our children, we spent three weeks in

## '95 reunion

"I never knew how much fun a reunion could be!"  
—A member of the Class of '45

Three elegant dinners, a picnic and a lobster bake kept our hunger at reunion assuaged. In the Bixler Art Museum at our final meal, Maurice Whitten made a perfect speech, giving a brief history of Colby College, including details that many of us never were aware of, and ending with several student/faculty anecdotes that had us in stitches—all delivered in a real "Down East" accent that made you remember our best days in Maine. And a letter from Laura Tapia Aitken, telling of her regret at not being able to attend, mentioned her happy days at Colby and how much it has always meant to her.

Many attended the full Reunion Weekend, and a few participated in an event here or there as suited their schedules. Everyone felt welcome and delighted to see each other. Fifty years melted away, and we continued our friendships from where we left off at graduation.

We all visited the extensive wood-working shops and forges on Alan Hume's property on Messalonskee Lake, which Dr. Hume generously makes available for use by Colby students. We enjoyed meeting Dr. Hume and hearing his explanation of the equipment. We were impressed especially by the length and lightness of the fabric of the Colby sculls, which are stored at the Colby-Hume Center for practice and competition by the student crews.

Without taking actual count, the three who I believe traveled the farthest to



Woody Tarlow, Helen Strauss and Collett Pagnelli.

attend the reunion were Bobbie Holt Sachs from Seattle, Kaye Faxon Anderson from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Muriel Marker Gould from Firenze, Italy.

We had quite a few in attendance at the meetings, many joined by spouses. Regrets were expressed about each one who was not present. If you weren't there, you can be assured that your name was mentioned by someone along with the wish that you had been able to join us.

In attendance were: Mort and Rae Gale Backer, Ralph and Adele Grindrod Bates, Evelyn Sterry Belanger, Dorothy Chellman Bonneau, Beverly Booth, Marilyn Bryant, Shirley (Martin '46) and Chuck Dudley, Margery Owen Fallon, Muriel Marker Gould, Hope and Arnold Grossman, Betty Lohnes Grudin, Ted and Polly Callard Guild, Frank and Marguerite Broderson Gustafson, Kaye Matteo Hancock, Doris Taylor Huber, Bill and Doris Blanchard Hutcheson, Roslyn Kramer, Doris and George Lewald, Rita McCabe, Michael Nawfel and his wife, Naomi Collett Paganelli, Helen and Kenneth Quimby, Mildred and Ronald Roy, Mary and Doug Smith, Joan St. James, Helen Strauss, Rene and Sherwood Tarlow, Robert and Hazel Brewer Warren, Frances Dow Wells, Doris and Maurice Whitten, Virginia Briggs Zulieve. Members from other classes who joined us were Bruce and Emily Holbrook Pelissier '46, Helen Watson Boldi '44 and Barbara White Haddad '44.

—Dorothy "Dee" Sanford McCunn

## NEWSMAKERS

George Lewald '45, recently retired senior partner of the Boston-based law firm Ropes and Gray, won a three-year term as selectman in Hanover, Mass.

## MILEPOSTS

**Deaths:** John A. Dodd '45 in Milford, Conn. . . . Arthur Maye '45 in Asheville, N.C., at 79. . . . Benjamin C. Bubar '46 in Waterville, Maine, at 77. . . . Philip M. Caminiti '48 in Waltham, Mass., at 75.



George Lewald '45

Correspondent:  
David and Dorothy Marson

**48** So little news arrived that we had nothing to put in the April issue. Please drop us a note and let's hear what is going on and

how you feel about issues at the College or anywhere else for that matter. . . . **Natalie Pretat Arnold** filled out our October questionnaire. She lives in Foster, R.I., where both she and her husband, Franklin, are retired. They have four married children and (at the time) nine and a half grandchildren. She also has a dog and a cat. Natalie, who says she is "disturbed by man's inhumanity to man," has been a volunteer at Harvard Health and has attended two Elderhostels, which she says are "really great." . . . **Ruth Rogers Doering** writes from Schenectady, N.Y. She is an instructor in computers and accounting at a business school and a part-time tax instructor and preparer. She writes that the jobs are fun—teaching subjects she likes and dealing with people. Ruth says her work also leaves her time to spend what she earns on travel. She added that her youngest daughter (of three) completed her Ph.D. in math at the University of Wyoming in May and now has

a job teaching at a small liberal arts college, just as she had hoped. Ruth has traveled extensively in New Mexico and the Dakotas and into Saskatchewan, the Gaspé and Hudson Bay, and she planned to go to Spain in June and Labrador in August. She writes that life seems so full with working, traveling and church activities that she has not addressed recent Colby issues but has concentrated on local and social issues at state and national levels. She went to her 50th high school reunion at Rumford, Maine, in '94, the first time she had been back since she left for Colby. . . . In December we received our annual newsletter from **Aaron Sandler**, who is now retired and living in Sarasota, Fla. He was going to have lunch with Carl "Gumbo" Wright '47 the following day and also was hoping to visit Lenny Warshaver '49 in Palm Beach. . . . This winter **Carol Silverstein Stoll Baker** accompanied us to Wellesley College to hear Doris Kearns Goodwin '64 speak to the Boston

the Alps and one in Germany with son Bob and family. Later we flew to L.A. to see another son in his new home and in August planned to have a week with all our children and grandchildren on Lake George, N.Y. ♦

## Waller's World

**M**ark Twain would've loved Ed Waller '49.

Waller's sitting in an airport between planes reading his *Colby* magazine when recently declared presidential candidate Senator Robert Dole swerves over.

"What can you tell me about Colby?" the senator asked. "I know you gave a damn fine commencement talk at Colby," Waller replied, "following Bill Cosby and before George Bush. I grew up with Bush," Waller goes on, explaining how Bush was the youngest commissioned Navy pilot during World War II and Waller, a pilot instructor and test pilot, was the youngest commissioned in the Air Corps.

Next thing you know, Waller's in a sailboat off Newport, R.I., with John Chaffee, former governor and senator of Rhode Island, the sails are caught in the spreaders, and they're "hearing down on this damn boat." The Coast Guard comes up "with guns drawn" demanding they get away—that's the president over there. "He knows me," said Waller. "Go back and tell him it's Ed Waller." There's signaling back and forth. "What're they saying?" Waller asked. The Coast Guard tells him Bush's answer: "Ed, stick to flying."

Waller's a ring-tailed roarer straight out of the hyperbolic tall-tale tradition, complete with gargantuan enjoyment of all varmints, complications and digressions.

"Passion makes you live," said Waller, who says he flew up to Colby after the war to see about getting admitted in March 1947. He



saw a shed on campus with some stuff stored in it and told Dean George Nickerson '24, "I'll take these things out, fix it up, and you can let thirty more people in." The dean said, "Room, board and fifty dollars. How's it sound?"

Waller, an economics major, was president of the International Relations Club and on the golf team, and he's still on the Colby admissions team. A charter member of the Colby Eight and member of the Glee Club, he still plays a mean gutbucket at local gigs in his hometown of Columbus, Ohio. His father was a geneticist who wanted him to be a doctor, and his mother was a concert pianist, so, says Waller, he "just naturally grew up with the arts and sciences." Even when he was out on a North Sea oil rig, he recalls, savoring the irony, he corresponded with President Seelye Bixler, who always said, "To nurture the intellect. That's why we're here."

Like his stories, Ed Waller has leapt with gusto from place to place, from traffic manager with Eastern Airlines to deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force to district sales manager for Raytheon Co. in Pennsylvania to marine contracting to marketing for an engineering company to sales executive with Waller-McClendon Corp., his own company.

He's hard to catch up to even now, being late for a golf date. But not too late for one more story about Dole, who, Waller says, came over to introduce his wife. Elizabeth Dole, the senator let it be known, went to Harvard Law School. "I also went to Harvard. I guess I have the best of both worlds," replied Waller, who earned an M.P.A. in 1953. "Experience and hard work are the most important things. On that scale," he said, "I'd give them a twelve, Colby an eleven and Harvard a ten!"

Waller explodes with delight. "You can't beat Colby with a stick," he said.



Colby Club. We were joined by Warren Finegan '51 and enjoyed a fascinating evening. . . . We received an interesting letter from Peg Clark Atkins. She has to be Colby's most enduring class agent, and she has done an outstanding job. She writes that our class has reached an Alumni Fund participation rate of 68 percent, which is surpassed by only a few classes. She mentioned that she had heard from Barbara Keith Herrington and "Chick" Bailey. She recently saw Shirley Smith Chellquist, who told her that she and Carl are planning to move to North Carolina. She also heard from Millie Schnebbe Riordan and Bud and Bobo Brewer Folino. Essentially all mentioned are well, some have exciting plans for the future and many continue to stay

in touch with Peg. . . . Helen Knox Elliott wrote that thanks to her training as an English major she had two poems published by The National Library of Poetry. Helen and her husband, Charles, are relocating to a retirement community near Durham and Chapel Hill, N.C. . . . Recently, David visited Bob Lee '51 at Bob's business, Hotwatt, toured the plant and saw their main line of heating elements being produced—a very interesting afternoon. David retired, at long last, on January 13 but still works consulting and traveling for the company. We expect that he will reduce his work schedule very soon since the boat is in the water and ready to sail. We spend a good part of the summer in Falmouth on Cape

Cod and would welcome a visit from a classmate. We keep *Hero*, a dark blue sloop, in slip #20 at Falmouth Marine on the west side of the harbor. If we are not out cruising we promise you a warm reception. ♦

Correspondent:  
Robert M. Tonge Sr.

**49** I'm saddened to report the deaths of several classmates: Jeanne Morrison Hall, Wilbur P. Bastien, Avard J. Holt and Thomas W. Samuelsen. . . . Ralph Braudy '44 writes from Hyannis, Mass., to say he saw a picture of David Lynch and asked if this was the same David Lynch originally from the Class of 1946 whose home-

town was Concord, Mass., and who had a sister, Connie. (It is.) Ralph's telephone: 508-775-1505. Give him a call. . . . Martha Bennett Headley, RR #1, Box 198, Alton, NH 03809, is now retired. Marty left New Hampshire in September for a three-month trip as far west as Nevada in their cruise air motor home. She says that's traveling like a turtle, with your house on your back available for food and rest at any time. She was amazed by the breathtaking scenery in Arizona. She winters now in South Carolina but is in New Hampshire when it's warm. She has eight grandchildren, but her old roommate, Ann Jennings Taussig, can beat that. . . . We continue to ask for new for our '49ers. Be sure to fill out the questionnaire. ♦

## Should College Share List?

Colby is reevaluating its policies regarding alumni mailing lists and would like alumni input, says Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Randy Helm.

The policies are being reevaluated in light of an "explosion" of marketing opportunities ranging from discount credit cards to electronic mail services, Helm says. In order to participate in these programs, the College would provide alumni mailing lists to vendors promoting them. Historically, Helm says, Colby has been very protective of information about alumni. "We've turned down lots of opportunities because we didn't want our alumni list floating around out there," he said. "However, there may be some of these opportunities that alumni would be interested in, and we don't want to make that decision for them."

Collaborative marketing projects that would involve distributing alumni lists to outside vendors include travel programs organized specifically for Colby alumni, affinity credit cards and long-distance telephone debit cards with the Colby insignia. Helm says he is not advocating these programs but would make them available if enough alumni show interest. "There are some services people might like; on the other hand, these are not without a cost to the College," Helm said. "In many cases, collaborative programs with outside vendors would require more College staff time."

Currently, alumni lists are used for reunion planning, regional club announcements, annual fund solicitations and mailings of College publications. Lists are not provided for commercial purposes except in collaboration with publishers of alumni directories. "Essentially, this is an issue of privacy versus marketing," Helm said. "If enough alumni want us to revisit this policy, we will. If not, we will continue to jealously guard information about our alumni."

Helm encouraged alumni to return the response card in this issue of *Colby* to help the College reevaluate its policy regarding alumni mailing lists. ♦

## What's New?

Share your news and views with your classmates! Please write in the blank and send this form to the Alumni Office for forwarding to your class correspondent.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a new address? ☐

# The Fifties

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### 1958

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### 1959

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South Orange, NJ 07079  
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Correspondent:  
Nancy Ricker Sears

**50** Connie and Fred Allen, who boast 10 grandchildren, live in Denysville, Maine, and are enjoying the pleasures of retirement. Fred was superintendent of schools and maintains his interest in education and reading but finds time to relax at golf, hunting or fishing in Maine's lakes and streams. . . . Mary (Bauman '49) and Bud Gates also have 10 grandchildren. They raised seven children and keep busy with Bud's consulting work and Mary's work running estate sales. The Gateses spend August in New Hampshire and February in Florida, thus escaping the worst of summer and winter in White Plains, N.Y. . . . **Dave Armstrong**, whose prowess as sled-dog racer has been reported in this column, writes that he came in 10th in the 1995 Race to the Sky. Dave recalls the joy of a firstborn son when he and Alice were at Colby. . . . **Dorothy Goodridge Donovan** considers returning to New England as she restructures her life following the death of her husband last year. She is currently retired in Vienna, Va. . . . **Dick and Mary Lou Kilkenny Borah** are retired in New London, N.H., where they keep fit with tennis and golf. Dick enjoys reading and discussing his-

tory and current affairs; Mary Lou does volunteer work with the homeless. . . . **Don Jacobs** writes of returning to the Colby campus often in the '50s and '70s for homecomings, lectures and athletic events and says, "Colby is still one of the best." Don, who is a former headmaster of Kents Hill School, is retired in West Danville, Vt., with his wife, Marjorie. He still does some teaching in the local schools and enjoys golf, theater and sports. Don and Marjorie live in Florida six months out of the year. . . . **Charlie Garland** writes from Wilmington, Del., where he was a research chemist with DuPont. Now retired, he currently is interested in woodworking, genealogy and travel. Charlie remembers trips on the Blue Beetle to the chemistry building in town and trips to Onie's. . . . **Jean Chickering Nardozi** recalls the brutally strong wind that blew across a treeless campus during the early years of Mayflower Hill and has loved seeing the many changes at subsequent reunions. Jean and Bob '49 had 43 wonderfully happy years together before his death in 1993. She has three sons and three grandchildren. . . . **Sybil Green Reich** has retired after 15 years of teaching English and Latin. Her love of learning and her love of theater and opera, which were strong when she was at Colby, have continued all her life. In New Jersey and in Florida she teaches courses in literature; her husband, who is a retired writer and editor of *Business Week*, leads discussion groups on world affairs. . . . **Connie Foxcroft Perrigo** taught kindergarten for 27 years and now serves as early childhood coordinator for the town of Essex, Mass., in addition to volunteering at a homeless shelter. Somehow she also finds time to quilt, read, ride a bike, travel and enjoy her grand-

children! . . . **Charlotte "Stubby" Crandall Graves** keeps busy volunteering at the local hospital and at the library as treasurer. She recalls the wonderful life-long friendships that started at Colby and has been back for several reunions. Other memories: the train rides from Boston to Waterville, afternoon teas at the Bixlers', Arbor Days, Varsity Shows and **Kenny Jacobson's** piano playing. . . . **Dick and Barbara Barrow Pullen**, who met at Colby during Freshman Week, remember the rigors of the two-campus life and feel aware of having a place in that unique phase in the history of the College. They are avid skiers, having skied in 62 different areas in the United States, Canada and Europe. Dick says it all started with **Johnny Harriman's** ski classes on the chapel lawn. . . . **Margaret Rodgers Jones** writes: "Whenever I am on campus now I think of Arbor Days when we were there; of Drs. Bixler and Johnson and all the digging and planting—and try to imagine which trees were our work. Good days, those." . . . **Ginny Davis Pearce**, who with Charlie '49 lives in Grantham, N.H., will be taking over this column. If you haven't seen your name here after answering our questionnaire, it's due to lack of space. Be assured that I will turn over all my files to her. Please keep her mailbox full of your exciting adventures. Many thanks for your contributions over the years! ♦

Correspondent:  
Barbara Jefferson Walker

**51** What are you going to do that you have not done yet? Do you still wear the same size clothes that you wore on graduation day? Think on these things and begin to make plans now to attend our

# '95 reunion

## Class of 1950

The 45th reunion of the Class of 1950 was a wonderful event, with classmates returning in record numbers. The campus looked beautiful, the weather was gorgeous and the hospitality of the Colby staff was superb. We all looked exactly the same, except that by some quirk of the aging process (probably gender driven) the men's hair had primarily turned into a distinguished gray while many of the women turned into blondes.

The reunion committee—Nelson Everts, Charlotte "Stubby" Crandall Graves, Barbara Miller Green, Nancy Ricker Sears and Priscilla Tracey Tanguay—planned activities such as breakfasts and evening receptions at class headquarters in Grossman to facilitate the coming-together process. We talked and talked and talked, starting Friday night and continuing until departure, reminiscing and bridging the years since graduation. Our spouses were great, joining in and making friendships of their own.

We all looked colorful marching in the Parade of Classes wearing sensational T-shirts designed by class artist Bob Donahue. Bob also loaned some of his artwork for display at our banquet, adding luster to this event. On a Saturday afternoon bus tour of Waterville we loudly cheered Foss Hall (now an office building) and mourned the passing of Onie's.

Banquet participants, numbering close to 80, were treated to an informative update on the College by Arnold Yasinski, administrative vice president, and then President Priscilla Tracey Tanguay introduced the new class officers: Jack Alex, president, and Virginia Davis Pearce, secretary-treasurer. Arthur O'Halloran, who will continue as vice president and class agent, was unable to be present. Songs of the '40s came next, provided by Benjamin Sears Jr. '52 and Bradford Conner, whose performances have received rave reviews in Boston area papers. Ben and Brad joined us later in the evening at Grossman, where some special requests were heard, and we all joined in a sing-along. What we lacked in voice we made up for in volume. President Cotter also visited us at Grossman and spoke informally.

A highlight of the reunion was the arrival of Barbara Starr Wolf, who traveled the long distance from her home in Brazil. A successful businesswoman, Barbara brought with her interesting tidbits of her



Gloria Gordon Goldman, Sybil Green Reichel, Barbara Starr Wolf and Dale Avery Benson.

life and quantities of snapshots of our college days that were displayed at Grossman to the pleasure of us all. Sybil Green Reichel brought memorabilia from "Bottoms Up!", and other photos were sent by Jane Merrill Thomas, Mary Jordan Megargee, Stubby Crandall Graves and Barbara Miller Green.

The traditional Boardman Memorial Service honoring the memory of alumni who died during the previous year was conducted by Rabbi Raymond Krinsky and Father John Marquis, providing quiet closure to an active, nostalgic weekend.

We said goodbyes during the morning following breakfast at Grossman, then reluctantly piled into cars, some heading home, some off to further vacationing, but all in agreement that this had been a super reunion, to be surpassed only by our 50th in just five short years. Get ready!

If you weren't able to make it, you also missed seeing: Dick and Ruth Armknecht, Bob and Daly Avery Benson, Dot and Frank Blondin, Dick and Mary Lou Kilkenny Borah, Dick and Nancy Ardiffe Boulter, Ruth and Ernie Carpenter, Allie Jennings Castelli and Bob Bundgaard, Arthur and Betty Jacobs Christopoulos, Carolyn McLean Coburn, Pauline McIntyre Cohen, Mary Anne Seward Crafts, Barbara and Phil Dine, Oral and Bob Donahue, Elinor and Bud Everts, Ginny Hill Field '48, Gerry Frank, Marilyn and Charles Garland, Mary (Bauman '49) and Al Gates, Gloria Gordon Goldman, Jim Graves, Ray Green, Dick and Connie Leonard Hayes, Nancy Hill (Kevin Hill's wife), Paul Hinton, Bob Joly, Mary Alice (Campbell '47) and Ray Kozen, Bev Deschenes Libby, Bill and Dudie Jeanings Maley, Nancy Bradbury McKenzie, Betty and Hal Mercer, Bob and Nancy Wearre Merriman, Jean Chickering Nardozi, Nell Macdougall Parks '49, Charlie Pearce, Connie Foxcroft Perrigo, Dick and Barbara Barrow Pullen, Mort and Sybil Green Reichel, Bob and Rona Kopans Rosenthal, Kay Johnston Rukznis, Ben and Priscilla Tracey Tanguay, Shirley and Bill Tippens, Nancy and Lu Veilleux, Francis Whitehill '48, Bev Holt Wiegand, George and Harriet Sargent Wiswell and Laurie Thompson York '48.

Reunion 1995 memorabilia is still available. Please call the Alumni Relations Office if you would like to purchase a Class of '50 T-shirt.

—Priscilla Tracey Tanguay

45th class reunion on June 6-9, 1996. Who knows, you just might win one of the "Just for Fun" awards or become part of some lively, light-hearted exchanges. . . . Joyce Hutchins, Wells, Maine, was "sparked by a bright red questionnaire" and sent in a long letter reviewing her life and fascinating career path since graduation. Rheumatoid arthritis has been a major challenge for her. She is currently executive director of Maine Prevention of Blindness programs. Colby, she says, taught her to "think independently" and "to stand for that in which I believe." She remembers

Pop Newman, the Comparettis, the Gordon Smiths, Dean Mariner, Professor Luella Norwood and Dean Ninetta Runnals. Joyce started to study voice at age 62, made 300 jars of jam from last year's garden and watched the woodchucks enjoy her vegetables. . . . George and Priscilla Ford Haselton are now in Westmoreland, N.H., and busy working on an old house. George cites Professor Don Koons as his inspiration to become a geologist. Joanna Johnstone lives nearby and has get-togethers with Priscilla. . . . Shirley Raynor Ingraham, Clearwater, Fla., is on the board

of directors, secretary and author of an employee handbook for a daycare center. Shirley thinks that the addition of so many stimuli in today's daycare programs may rival the benefits of home care. A memory she has of Colby is her introduction to English muffins and corn fritters. . . . Maxine Rosenberg Rolland, Tampa, Fla., is a customer service rep for General Screen Printing. She rollerblades—for three miles at a time! . . . Dan Hall, Reading Mass., retired from high school teaching, now works as a counselor at a homeless shelter. The memory of Colby is the sulfur

smell from Boardman Hall. He thanks Professor Fullam for the beginning of his interest in history. . . . Harland Eastman, Springvale, Maine, has just released his fifth volume of local history. . . . Alyce Moskowitz Domenitz summers in Scarsdale, N.Y., where she volunteers with the League of Women Voters, Association for the Education of Young Children and Recording for the Blind. She winters in Florida, where she enjoys tennis and houseguests. Her memories of Colby include the smell of Foss Hall, wonderful blizzards, late nights cramming for exams, writ-



ing papers, playing cards and Professor Eddie Joe Colgan. . . . I received a surprise telephone call from Jack Deering '55 to tell me that friends of his in Wells, Maine, had met a Colby grad while on an Elderhostel to Antarctica. It was me! He traced me down for the call through the Alumni Office. The moral of this story is that even at the bottom of the world we are representatives of Colby College. Let's be good ones! . . . Frank Gavel, Wilton, Conn., has retired as a senior high school administrator. Among his Colby memories are the smell of the lumber mills in Winthrop, Maine, washing pots and pans, peeling a hundred pounds of potatoes every night at the Templeton Hotel, where Jim Keefe was his boss. And he remembers the strict but compassionate supervision of Red O'Halloran '50 as a dorm proctor in South College. Frank asks his classmates, "when you attended grammar school, did you bring your lunch or ride your bicycle?" Come to reunion and hear the award-winning answers to this and other Just for Fun questions. Plans are already underway, and class agent Ernie Fortin personally guarantees that you will have a good time. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey**

**53** I thank classmates who answered the questionnaire; it certainly makes my job easier. And I apologize for missing a column, especially when I received so many compliments for my past efforts. I was involved in a car accident in late November, through no fault of mine, thank goodness, but I spent most of my spare time looking for a replacement vehicle. . . . Marjorie Smith Fincher, in Cheyenne, Wyo., has been secretary for the health facilities and licensing program, Wyoming Department of Health, for 15 years. Her husband, John, has retired. She has five grandchildren in California, one unmarried son in Colorado and a 5-year-old poodle at home. She says she sings in the church choir and enjoys concerts when they

## NEWSMAKERS

Caroline Wilkins McDonough '52 was featured in a *Greenwich Time* article when she served as a judge in the annual Greenwich Shakespeare Competition. She is president and artistic advisor of Cameo Theatre in Old Greenwich, Conn. . . . Elaine Zervas Stamas '53 and her husband, Stephen, chairman of the board of the New York Philharmonic, were the subject of a *New York Times* article recognizing the couple's love and stewardship of symphony orchestras. . . . Donald E. Megathlin '59 was selected as executive vice president of the Brockton, Mass., 21st Century Corporation, a private non-profit entity established by the Massachusetts legislature to bring together political and business interests and to foster economic development, job creation, business retention, land development and industrial expansion.



Elaine Zervas Stamas '53 and husband Stephen

## MILEPOSTS

**Deaths:** Ralph H. Field '50 in Fairfield, Maine, at 72. . . . Albert Letalien '50 in Portland, Maine. . . . Arthur E. Hanken '51 in Bedford, Mass., at 77. . . . James E. Bernard '53 in Lynn, Mass., at 64. . . . Francis R. Kiernan '53 in Manlius, N.Y., at 64. . . . Barbara Miller Kolade '55 in Washington, D.C., at 62. . . . Anne Stuart Mossel '56 in Chadds Ford, Pa.

come to Cheyenne. What she really was looking forward to was retirement in June, so she can enjoy her home and garden and perhaps do some volunteer work. Travel is limited because John is disabled, but they hope to fill up their guest quarters and enjoy time at their acres outside of the city. . . . As of March, Bob Dow retired but still plans travel and consulting (his title is pastoral and marriage and family theologian). He recently returned from a 5,000-mile southern trip. With his wife, Eleanor (Hiltz '56), he has four grown children, two married with four grandchildren and two bachelors. . . . Martha Friedlaender sent me a "retirement update." Recently she went to a board meeting for a social work organization in Washington, D.C., and spent an evening with Mary Devan, who gave her a photo album from the "olddays," mostly the Palmer House group—"wonderful memories"—which she will bring to the next re-

union. Besides her social work affiliation, she finds time to do library staff training and stay politically active. Her brother lives close by, so she enjoys his grandchildren. She keeps regular contact with Carolyn English Caci and Tommy Thompson Staples. . . . Joyce Maguire Demers now works for the town of Methuen, Mass., in the office of principle accounts and benefits administration. She has four children, Kevin, Melissa, Sara and Jack. Her husband passed away in 1969. Since then her daughter Sara moved in for more than two years with her three young children. Sara moved out last January, and son Jack came back from Nevada to move right in. Someday, Joyce says, "It will be my turn." Her best news is that she became a great-grandmother in January 1994 to Nicholas Pratley Kryzynski. Joyce is looking forward to the next reunion and in the meantime keeps in phone contact with Nancy Pratley Wathen regularly.

She also talked with Mary Scott Jahn, who is living the good life in the Florida sun. . . . Also in Florida, Bob Carr, in Ocala, sent news of his family and information about his company, Management Functions, Inc. Bob does risk management consulting. He calls his wife "Grandma Superior." Their family is spread all around the country: Robert in Missouri with three boys; Rick in the Dallas, Texas, area with a boy and a girl; John in Gainesville, Fla., with three boys and a girl; and Emily near Kansas City with two boys. As for change in his life, he says, "I'm older," but he likes where he is at this point. . . . Robert Guterman also is in the insurance field, in Newton, Mass. His wife, Myrna, is a special needs teacher, his son, David, is a research director in Connecticut and his daughter, Anne, is in human resources for TAB Community Newspapers. They have a new granddaughter, Ariel. . . . Nelson Beveridge forwarded a letter from George Pirie with pictures of him and Colette at Volcanoes National Park. The wandering Pories have made trips to Florida, Colorado (where they shared the New Year with Chuck and Joyce Witham Spencer), California and Hawaii in January. Ed Laverty '51 contacted George from Kona, Hawaii (news that Ed Fraktman sent me). Last summer George and Colette took themselves to a challenge hike, which they named "the hike to hell" after hours of difficult terrain. George's son Gordon now lives in Tennessee; Suzy and George Jr. are in California, Wendy is in Georgia, Harry is in North Carolina and Jeannie is in Arkansas. Their eighth grandchild just celebrated his first birthday. . . . I have to report three deaths in our class: William Riordan Jr., Bob Kiernan and a friend and neighbor of mine, Jimmy Bernard. ♦

Correspondents:  
**Bill and Penny Thresher Edson**

**54** Many thanks for the fine response to our questionnaire. We can't fit all the news into this column,

but in the next issue you'll be hearing from Edwin Eisen, Sue Johnson, Don Grout, Dick Leerburger, Judy Thompson Lowe, Jack King and Barbara Armstrong Mickelson. . . . Ted Turchon writes from his home in Orlando, Fla., where he lives with his wife. His family includes a son in the U.S. Navy, a daughter who is married to a master sergeant in the U.S. Army and three grandchildren. Following graduation from Colby, he joined the Army and "was lucky to be stationed near Tokyo—great people, super view, great time." Since then he has worked in sales/sales management on the East Coast and, for the past 15 years, in central Florida. . . . Art Eddy and his wife, Anne, celebrated their first wedding anniversary this past September with a three-week Amtrak trip to Washington and Oregon and back to Washington, D.C. This included a nine-day driving tour through Oregon and northern California. Ten days

in Maine and on Cape Cod completed their celebration. According to Art, they "play lots of golf, walk a fair amount, have become addicted to the Mystery series on PBS and A&E and love retirement." Art retired in 1992 after teaching math for 34 years, the last 29 years at Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn. He also plays a great deal of tennis. Last June, Art's daughter Sarawas appointed director of alumni relations for Bowdoin College. His first grandson was born in January to his daughter Joanna and her husband, who are involved in theatrical work in the Washington, D.C., area. Art's son Clark is a bar manager at a local inn in Connecticut, and son Josh, his wife and little girl live in California, where Josh is involved with maintenance of oil refineries in the L.A. area. . . . Nancy Moyer Conover's Christmas letter was interesting as always. She said, "this is the year I bought a bike, went on my first Elderhostel trip,

and have, on loan, my daughter's old computer. These three should see me into the 21st century. They satisfy, perhaps, the physical, wanderlust and mental aspects of me. However, the jury is still out on the computer since it has just entered my life." Nancy's Elderhostel naturalist program in Costa Rica included the sightings of 157 species of birds, monkeys teaching their young, the rumblings of a volcano, a white-water rafting trip and many new friends. Her advice "to those who have not yet tried Elderhostel, do so." She has enjoyed several bike trips in the Virginia-Washington, D.C., area. In March of this year, Nancy was to leave on a 10-day trip to Prague, Czech Republic. Such fascinating travels! . . . Abbott Rice included us on his winter family newsletter list. Unfortunately, 1994 ended on a less than happy note for Abbott. On December 4, he was washing his Suburban wagon when he slipped and fell, breaking his hip. The

next day he had a total hip replacement. Do hope your recovery has been complete! Abbott is the director of placement at Northern Essex Community College in Massachusetts. He and his wife, Annie, took their camper on several trips around New England, which included a stop at our 40th reunion in June. Their family consists of four children, including Beverly '85. . . . Peter Fishbin responded to our questionnaire from his home in Great Neck, N.Y., where he lives with his wife, Terry. Bill and I were interested to note that her maiden name is Edson. Could be a relative? Peter is owner/partner of Harris-Fishbin Corporation, General Contractor. He sees Arthur Rothenberg quarterly, since "Art" is his accountant. Peter attended our 40th reunion but was not listed as having done so. Huge apologies for the oversight! . . . Keep the news coming—it's great to hear from each of you! ♦

## Charting Hawaii's Past . . . and Future

Since 1976, a 60-foot double-hull replica of canoes used 1,500 years ago by the original Polynesian immigrants to the Hawaiian Islands has retraced migration patterns in the Pacific—navigating, as the Polynesians did, only by the sun, stars, winds and currents. The *Hokule'a's* 16 voyages have to do with education as much as voyaging, says Myron "Pinky" Thompson '50, president since 1979 of the Polynesian Voyaging Society in Honolulu, a private organization that sponsors the trips.



Thompson, whose son Nainoa has been navigator of the *Hokule'a* for 15 years—and is the first Hawaiian in more than 500 years to practice the ancient art of celestial navigation—says the voyages have served a rapidly reviving Hawaiian culture and generated a strong sense of pride in people throughout the Pacific.

"One of the things I see is the universality of success. Certain processes are involved in being successful that are common to all cultures. They do their homework, then go after it," Thompson said, comparing the original voyages to the Hawaiian Islands to today's space travel.

Voyaging is a metaphor for developing leadership as well as for learning, says Thompson, and in 1992 he led PVS in moving voyaging into the classroom. Students tracked *Hokule'a* on nautical charts while studying the Polynesian voyagers' achievements and the geography, oceanography and meteorology of the Pacific. The long-range goal of

PVS, Thompson says, is to train students to be leaders who will think critically about personal identity, human survival and environmental issues affecting the land, sea and people of Hawaii.

"My life has been dominated by one or another of these ideas," said Thompson, who last December retired as a trustee of the Bishop Estate, the multi-billion-dollar trust established in 1884 to provide funds for the education of Hawaiian and part-Hawaiian children. During his 20-year tenure, Thompson, who is three-fourths Hawaiian, was instrumental in making early childhood development the focus of the trust's \$160-million-a-year income.

"I look at education as a developmental process," said Thompson, a sociology major at Colby with an M.A. in social work from the University of Hawaii. He also serves as chair of the board of Papa Ola Lokahi, a private nonprofit organization founded to improve the overall health of native Hawaiians, and he is heavily involved in Healthy Start, an early-intervention program for families at high risk of child abuse. The program promotes positive parenting skills and optimal child development from the time a mother enters a hospital to give birth.

"I'm finding it very satisfying to do these things," Thompson said. Helping his daughter and two sons build homes within a half mile of each other also is "fun work. And being around younger people keeps the mind going."

The Polynesian Voyaging Society was co-founded by a Caucasian anthropologist from California who designed a replica of an ancient canoe in the mid-1960s. Thompson says PVS's strength comes from its multiethnic makeup.

"What I look for is the quality of the guy, not ethnicity—for the ability to learn and to work with other people. I look at what he can contribute," Thompson said. He added, "It's great to be part of the human race."

# '95 reunion

## Class of 1955

It was a very special weekend, from the boat ride in Casco Bay to the last cup of coffee at Sunday's brunch. What a terrific class we have, we '55ers.

Ann Burnham Deering had a plan to make our 40th reunion one of the best, and for those who attended one or all of the planned events, we know she succeeded. Did we need name tags? Yes, at first, as we gathered in Portland to board the Bay Lady—but for the most part, we've all managed the 40 years with style and grace and, most especially, humor! The weather cleared as we came back to port, and many enjoyed the night life, browsing the specialty shops and the comfort of the Regency Hotel that night. Judy Orne Shorey commented that her smile hurt; we laughed, relaxed and just enjoyed.

The Alumni Golf Tournament was great; the Waterville Country Club was the setting, and the winners were Oren Shiro '42, Judy Shorey, Jane Whipple Coddington and Jean Van Curan Pugh. Dave Palmer '57 has tried to get Larry '56 and Jean Pugh on the course many times and at last succeeded this year. They even played an extra nine holes.

Lee Fernandez has donated Winslow Homer engravings to the stunning Colby Museum of Art. Many attended the opening reception for the exhibit *Winslow Homer: Wood Engravings Portray America, 1854-1874*.

Two members of our class were honored at the All Class Awards Banquet. David and Ruth McDonald Roberts received Colby Bricks for their years of service and dedication to the College. Sid Farr also received special recognition on his retirement.

Dancing to the music by long-time favorite Al Corey followed the elegant dinner at the Fieldhouse. Many of us reminisced at the old Zete House, now Pierce, our class headquarters. Dorm living was a challenge, but we survived. Dave and Ruth Roberts enlarged pictures from our 1951-1955 years—it was fun to try to place familiar faces. (Sid and I chaired chapel ushers—I'd forgotten that.)

Through the efforts of Judy Holtz Levow's daughter-in-law, the class proudly wore blue and white mule T-shirts ('55 and feeling alive) in the parade of classes. (Some '55 shirts are still available. Please call



Nancy Greenberger Schmidt, Jean Hawes Anderson and Ginny Coggins Eilertson.

the Alumni Relations Office if you would like to purchase one.) Thanks to our dynamic duo Selden and Susan Biven Staples, fund-raising efforts paid off as they presented President Cotter with a check for \$374,339 in annual and capital gifts. As of Reunion Weekend, 93 classmates had donated to the Alumni Fund class gift, giving us a 44 percent participation rate. Special thanks to Jane Coddington and Jean Pugh for their generous gifts to the College.

After the class picture was taken, we lined up for the traditional lobster bake on an absolutely jazzing Maine summer day—and again great stories and laughter, particularly if you sat near Archie Anderson and Dino Sirakides.

At our dinner at Millett Alumni House, Margaret Grant Ludwig spoke of our classmates whose memory we honor. Walter

Zukowski, Marjorie Bither, Dot and Archille Biron, Marge and Bob Pullen, Betty and Don Koons, Ann and Mark Benbow and Ruth and George Nickerson joined us as 92 classmates and friends enjoyed another of Colby's fine dinners. Lou Zambello, master of ceremonies extraordinaire, was priceless in his remarks. His humor and his sensitivity brought tears of laughter and respect. The class gave recently retired Sid Farr a gold bag inscribed "Mr. Colby"—a term of endearment he has truly earned. Joe Perham regaled us with his wonderful Maine stories cleverly interwoven with hilarious asides and memories of his Colby days and classmates. When you next see Dick Bartlett, ask him to tell you of his adventure when locked out of his dorm room at 2 a.m.—what a funny guy!

Karl and I were so pleased to have most everyone come for brunch on Sunday. The sun didn't shine, but there was no lack of warmth and camaraderie as we concluded the best reunion so far. We missed those of you who were unable to join us; we encourage you to join us in five years. The enthusiasm was so high that Jean Hahlbohm Hampton has most of her committee lined up for our 45th in the year 2000. The experience of friendship, laughter and memories of 1951-1955 will lighten your heart and bring smiles of contentment to last a long time. Our 40th was truly special.

—Jane Millett Dornish

Correspondent:  
Ann Dillingham Ingraham

**55** Susan Franklin Chapman writes from Columbia, Md., that she is a reference librarian at the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, and her husband, Bob, is an astronomer. They have a married daughter in Florida and a son working on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She notes no big changes in the last few years and continues to travel and enjoy their empty nest. . . . Jennie Davis Brown is a project special-

ist in the office of the Essex County prosecutor in Newark, N.J., which involves creating activities, programs and benefits for the children and teens in the county. She and attorney husband Raymond have four adult children and six grandchildren (2-19). Daughter Diedre is an architect with the New Jersey PAC; son Cliff is a medical doctor; stepson Raymond is an attorney with his father; and stepdaughter Debbie is the admissions director at Rutgers. Besides working with issues of criminal reduction initiating prevention activities for kids at high

risk, Jennie says she "just loves being a grandmother. Never thought it could bring such joy." . . . Marilyn Faddis Butler writes from her retirement home in Beverly Hills, Fla. She is retired from teaching French and Spanish in Brookfield, Conn., and her husband, Harold, has retired from social studies teaching in Bridgeport. They have a daughter studying for a nursing degree and a son with an M.B.A. working for Prudential in Verona, N.J. Marilyn says she enjoys tennis, golf, cycling, walking, aerobics, bridge and the spectacular weather and scenery. . . . Joanne Bailey An-

derson notes that her children are all married. Since her father (for whom she had been caring) died last August, she has joined a reading group and has begun oil painting. She says that in China, Maine, the residents are fortunate to have a "fine artist offering lessons." . . . Andy Boissevain wrote that he retired in November and in July planned to move to Sequim, Wash., which is on the northern shore of the Olympic Peninsula—called the "banana belt" because the weather is very nice and only gets 12 inches of rainfall a year compared to 49 inches in Seattle. He is looking forward to retire-



ment, with a trek into the Grand Canyon planned with his son, Mark, for April and "skiing in March." He and Judy do all the neat things together, which he says makes "me a very lucky guy." Andy adds, "maybe now I can come to reunions. We bought a small RV, [and] since we have traveled extensively in Europe, we need to explore America." His present job has taken him extensively to the Far East. ♦

Correspondent:  
Eleanor Edmunds Grout

**56** Colby sent word of the death of classmate **Frederick Arthur Greig**. I know you join me in expressing the class's condolences to his family. . . . **Dick Davis** wrote to say thanks for keeping in touch. Dick's family has kept the Colby tradition alive. His daughter, Amy Love Davis '91, is following her parents not only as a Colby grad but into a teaching career. Dick and his wife, Constance, both teachers, are now retired and live in West Suffield, Conn. They also have a son, Joshua, who is a senior at Gordon College. . . . It was good to hear from **Franklin Huntress**, now on this side of the Atlantic. He is now in Marblehead, Mass., and suffering culture shock back in America's fast lane after a period of four years in the diocese and

church in Lincoln, England. Frank always gives so much thought to his questionnaire answers, I'd like to share a few with you. Asked his definition of success, he answers, "when others reap from your ideas and work." For artistic pursuits Frank enjoys choral glee clubs and appreciates art in general and says that the ability to pass on one's opinions and interpretations when confronted by a masterpiece from any generation adds pleasure, too. He realizes that in the sixth (or seventh) decade of life one's outlook demands to be new, molded on past experiences: "This time of life could be a new awareness not known to this point." Thanks for the thoughts, Franklin. . . . Mac '54 and **Eleanor Edmunds Grout**'s third daughter, Tricia, is expecting her first child any minute. You can guess what I'll be doing in the next letter. Sorry there is no more news. Please drop me a line and answer with only a few lines when you get your questionnaires. Thanks and remember reunion in 1996 is just a few short months from now. ♦

Correspondent:  
Margaret Smith Henry

**58** Now that the alumni magazine appears four times a year, there is a greater lapse of time between your replies to my questionnaire and

your appearance in print. I will try to get as many of you in as possible. . . . **Carol Heeks Brice** writes from Fairbanks, Alaska, where she is the owner and trainer for Family Training Association, a parent education/consultation business. Carol, an R.N., has a master's in education and is a certified family life educator. She and her husband, Luther, have five children, four of whom are married, and four grandchildren. She wants to know if anyone lives in Fairbanks or in Alaska. Does anyone want to come? . . . **Nathan Adams** is now retired as senior staff editor for *Reader's Digest*. He and wife Anneliese, who is with the Austrian Information Service at the Austrian Embassy in Washington, D.C., have no children but do have two ill-behaved and noisy dachshunds. Although Nate is retired, he remains on the *Digest* masthead as "roving editor" and continues to contribute articles on international terrorism and organized crime. He poses interesting questions: "How does it feel to be only five years away from reduced bus fares for seniors? And to be told by your tailor that you need suspenders?" Nate enjoys trout fishing in solitude and is wondering if he should write a book about it all—and whether he can find the time to do so. . . . **Gail Crosby Davis** is semi-retired but still managing property; however, she and husband Dick now manage the managers. Gail and Dick have a daughter, a veterinarian in San Diego, and a son, a TV editor in Burbank, Calif. As class agent, Gail said she would be "so proud of our class if we could exceed 50 percent of the class contribution without all those phone calls, cards and letters." Let's try, shall we? . . . Another retiree is **Helen Payson Seager**, associate professor emerita at the University of Pittsburgh. Helen knows that everyone has challenges/troubles in life and is asking how your education at Colby helped you to meet these challenges and/or weather these troubles, if it helped at all. . . . **Bob Saltz** is absolutely not retired as senior vice president and principal for Advanced Manufacturing Research in Boston. He and

his wife, Lynne, have moved into a new four-level townhouse in Salem, Mass. . . . **Anne Kimsey Brakman** is a New York State disability analyst in Albany and lives with her husband, Hallett, in Chatham, where he is the owner of Brook Cove Marine. They have three married children and love to travel, especially to Arizona. . . . Also not yet retired is **Clark Jones**, who is sales rep and owner of Clark S. Jones Associates in Seal Beach, Calif. He spends his spare time cooking! . . . **Dick Campbell** has retired as vice president and group president of Textron, Inc., and is now self-employed for Seacoast Consulting in York, Maine. He and his wife, Carolyn, have been married for 32 years and have four children ranging in age from 15 to 30. His new lifestyle affords him the opportunity to spend quality time with his wife and last at-home daughter after 35 years of corporate travel. . . . In Centerville, Mass., **Bob Hesse** considers himself definitely retired—from selling with Procter and Gamble—into "total hedonism!" He and his wife, Gail, are active with their three sons and their families. . . . **Marilyn Clark** and husband Don have three children, the married two producing eight grandchildren. Marilyn is treasurer at her church in Gray, Maine, and has done several watercolors that have sold at art shows. . . . **Dick Vogt** has retired from one full-time job to another more than full-time job. He and his wife, Susan (Macomber '60), are the owner/hosts of Windyledge Bed & Breakfast in Hopkinton, N.H. In about two years, however, the Vogts will close the B&B, buy a motorhome and travel full time. . . . **Carolyn O'Brien Cooper** writes from Lake Forest, Calif., that she is an elementary teacher almost ready to retire to her next passage as travel agent. She has been active with Earthwatch and gave a presentation at California State on her science expedition to Mammoth Cave in Kentucky. . . . I'll probably put together a class letter to include all the people who so kindly responded to my questionnaire and the ones sent by the Alumni Office. We'll be in touch. ♦

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# The Sixties

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Kay White

**60** Rosemary Athearn Smith wrote a long and informative letter about her busy life as the pastor of the Monticello, N.Y., United Methodist Church, a schedule that includes participation in community affairs through the local Human Rights Commission, the Federation for the Homeless and the Clergy Association. Rosemary graduated from Drew University Theological School and was ordained in 1987. She and her husband really enjoy their grandchildren, who, according to Rosemary, "help us keep a youthful and optimistic outlook on life." Just what we all need. . . . This is my last column as your class secretary, and I want to thank you all for helping write the column by sending lots of news. I look forward to representing you as our class president for the next five years. . . . I have just finished the booklet of information that you all sent me for the reunion, and it was a very interesting project. For those of you who didn't get to the reunion and would like a copy, please send \$2 to cover postage and handling to the Alumni Office, Colby College, Waterville, ME 04901. Hope you're having a great summer, and keep your news coming to your new class secretary, Carolyn Webster Lockhart. ♦

Correspondent:  
Penny Dietz Sullivan

**61** Planning has already started for our 35th reunion (June 6-9, 1996). Many have expressed interest in a few days at Samoset before the weekend—dates would be June 4 and 5. Another idea being explored: have our rooms at Colby available several days early and schedule fun things like picnics and golf before everyone else gets there. Let anyone on the committee know how you feel about those two ideas, and we'll keep you posted as we get closer. At the first meeting of the reunion committee in Boston on April 9 were Dave Bergquist, Bob Burke, Denny Dionne, Ned Gow, Claire Lyons, Scotty MacLeod Folger, Bev Lapham and David Ziskind. Also on the committee are Gordon Cummings, Dick Fields, Richard Gibbs, Gordon Prud'Hommeaux, John Kelly, Sally Thompson Solari and Penny Sullivan. We are still looking for additional members, so if you would like to volunteer, please call David Ziskind at 212-477-1900. If you have any suggestions, want to serve as a class officer or be my replacement as class correspondent between the 35th and the 40th, contact one of the committee members (or me). . . . Ernie Trowbridge is flying for North American Airlines, doing Club Med charter flights and El Al feeder flights, and promises to be at reunion if he can. . . . Carla Possinger Short, unable to be on the committee, will try to be at the reunion. Her daughter, Andrea, graduated from Davidson

College this May and was looking for a job (political science) in D.C. . . . Sally Thompson Solari was in the home stretch of getting her master's in social work from Fordham in May, carrying 14 academic credits as well as working three days a week doing in-patient psychiatric work in the county hospital. She has three married sons, two grandchildren and a wonderful daughter at Catholic University in D.C. . . . Bill Wahtola, who has been a successful heating and plumbing contractor in Hyannis for over 20 years, also promised to try to be at the reunion. Although he was not at Colby all four years, he wrote the greatest letter about what the College had meant to him. He closed with a quote from Simon and Garfunkel that we all can subscribe to at the 35th: "though there have been changes upon changes, we are more or less the same." He also informed me that Dawn Mitchell had died. Many of us will remember her fondly. Bill and his wife, Lorraine, see Brad Steere and his wife, Dorothy, on a regular basis. They got together thanks to Steve Chase, who reports that he and Frank D'Ercole have been having fun trying to find John Hooper. . . . Mary Sawyer Durgin reports that she heard from Janice Dukeshire Halliwell, and she as well as Carla and Sally plan to be at the 35th. Mary was recently promoted to chief of the collection division at the IRS office (and I'm writing this on 4/15!) in Sacramento, Calif. She has about 250 people working for her there. Her son, Kevin, is in Boston attending Merrimack College. . . . Steve Dellaquila checked in from Clinton, Conn. He has opened a construction company in Charlotte, N.C., and is considering moving there. He and his wife, Donna, have two daughters, both recently married. . . . Janet Has-

kins Mandaville tells of the experience of moving from many years of marriage to solo living, including clearing the family manor of 27 years of five people's stuff. They had a unique family reunion and celebrated one weekend with birthdays, Christmas stockings and Fourth of July fireworks. (The neighbors caught on to what was happening and showed up in Halloween costumes carrying Easter baskets.) Janet has been spending lots of time in Australia and has taken up home brewing. . . . **Sandy Nolet Eielson** is happy to be tuition free finally and having son Kris working in Massachusetts and daughter Kerry working for *The New York Times* in Paris, France. She is engaged to marry her high school and college sweetheart of 34 years ago, Dean Quinlan. . . . **Kent Davidson** reports from Los Alamitos, Calif., that he teaches marketing at UCLA and serves as vice presi-

dent at Pacific Precision Metals, a supplier to Fleetwood Motorhomes. He has two kids in college at UC Riverside and UC San Diego. . . . You can reach me on the Internet: penny@opnsys.com. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Judith Hoagland Bristol**

**62** **Tony Kramer** is a mortgage banker living in Burr Ridge, Ill. He and wife Linda have two children—Stephanie and Stephen—ages 7 and 6. His company is involved with the Quail West Golf and Country Club in Naples, Fla., so he had lots of trips to Florida this winter. He and Linda are also active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and do patrols on Lake Michigan. Tony serves as a Colby overseer and visited the Performing Arts Department last year—a “marvelous department,” he

says, “with a very impressive faculty and students.” . . . **Linda Nicholson Goodman** is a school psychologist and consultant to the city of New London, Conn.—place where I “wuz raised,” as they say in Texas. Linda and her husband, Dave, who is president of his own electronics firm, live in Oakdale in a lovely home “in the country.” Their sons include Jay, 31, a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in environmental science who is currently teaching at the American University in Armenia (and getting married in September); Jim, 29, with a law degree from the University of San Francisco, who is working for Sensor Applications in Connecticut; and Bill '91, 26, who is a product manager for Kid Magic in San Francisco. Linda got together with **Anne Ticknor McNeece** and husband Rob. Anne also has sons and is a supervisor of special needs teachers. So both Linda and Anne

work with adolescents who have “tough life adjustment decisions” to make and who struggle to get through school. . . . **Brenda Philipps Gibbons** is in real estate sales in Marion, Mass. Brenda has remarried, and she and her husband, Bob, have four children between them. Brenda's are Doug, 30, who works in sports TV in Berkeley, Calif., and Susan, 28, who works at MTV in New York City. Bob's family includes Robbie, an attorney in NYC, and Lisa, who also works in NYC. Brenda and Bob's first grandchild, Devon, was born in January. Brenda mentioned a birthday celebration for Doug this year with her sister, Joan Philipps Thompson '64 and her husband, Steve '63, and their two boys and one wife. Joan Thompson has a new series of books for children ages 8 through 12 called *Lucy Russell*. . . . *Centerstage*. Brenda also said that she still sings with the choral society and is very

## '95 reunion

Many thanks and congratulations to Russ Zych for serving as class president for the past five years, for organizing a most successful 35th reunion, and for arranging perfect Maine weather up to the moment of departure (almost); to Ralph Nelson for serving as v.p.; to Bev Jackson Glocker for representing us on the Alumni Council; to Mike Silverberg for taking on the difficult job of class agent and getting us to commit \$132,000 to the Alumni Fund and the capital campaign; and to Kay White for wittily keeping us all up-to-date and well informed. You not only all came back, you have left very large shoes to fill.

Reunion Weekend began at Samoset Resort in Rockland, Maine. Those who arrived early enough to make the trip to the Outward Bound School on Hurricane Island reported that it was well worth the effort. The rest of us arrived on Thursday in time for drinks, dinner and good conversation. It was good to see Bob “Bo” Haggett there. Regrettably, another commitment prevented him from attending the rest of the weekend. Jock and Pat Walker Knowles were there and even managed to make an 8 a.m. tee time at the Alumni Golf Tournament in Waterville on Friday morning—and a second-place finish.

On Friday evening before the awards banquet, we held a class reception to which we had invited faculty and staff from our generation. Those who came included the Reumans, Peter Ré, Walter Zukowski, John and Mary Joseph and the Striders, who were our special guests for the weekend. President Strider kindly agreed to be our guest speaker at the class dinner, which was also attended by Colin MacKay.

Karen Stiegler Aldrich, Connie Maheu Armstrong and Kay Woodward Blanchard all returned and were glad they had come. Sue Chamberlin Trauger, who works for the L.A. County Museum of Art and lives in Pasadena, deserves the distance award. Carlene Daisy Kelleher, George '58 and Wendy McWilliam Denneen, Carol York Fortier, Don Freedman, Art '59 and Louise Robb Goldschmidt, Chet Lewis, Laurie Waugh Harris, Doug '58 and Judy Ingram Hatfield, Bonnie (Brown '63) and Barry Potter and Jane Holden Huerta were also there. Marion Porter Potter and Joanne Price Rockett, both in real estate, compared their respective slow markets.

## Class of 1960

Bob Littlefield, still teaching physics in Maine, and Ron Littlefield, working at the Goddard Space Center in Maryland, carried the class banner in the parade of classes. Also there were Charlotte Wood MacPhetres, Ann Monro, Claudia Lawrence Rogers, Ron Weber, Janet Grout Williams, Dave Wiggins '62 and Sally Walker Simpson. Gail Harden Schade has become an avid biker and left the morning after the dinner on a 150-mile-plus trip sponsored by the American Lung Association. Maren Stoll Sherman-Trembley's home became an annex to The Heights for several returnees, although they missed the character-building aspects of dorm living. Eunie Bucholz Spooner has recently moved into a new home—which she helped design to accommodate her wheelchair—complete with a computer room where she hopes to expand her computer club activities for children. Finally, our thoughts and best wishes for a complete recovery go to Judy Miller Heekin.

Reunion 1995 T-shirts are still available, so please call the Alumni Relations Office if you would like to purchase a Class of '60 shirt. For those of you who did not receive the Class of 1960 Reunion Book, which has more information in it than there is space to include here, a copy can be obtained from Colby. Kay did a great job in compiling it from her last questionnaire plus a recent one.

Here are some collective thoughts shared by those who came back. It was a great weekend, and we all wished that more of you had been there; the campus has never looked better, and the trees are beautiful (and big); it is an experience to come together as adults, with and without spouses, and realize that we are a friendly, informed, caring and interesting group. Many of our classmates have survived turmoil, accidents, divorce, illness, death of a spouse or a child, yet still found a way to come together to laugh, renew old friendships and make new ones. We also decided that dorm beds are for the young!

I look forward to being your class correspondent now that Ted and I have tied up at the pier and debarked. Please keep in touch, because your news is what will make these columns and newsletters interesting. Our fax number is 603-526-8021 and e-mail is Tclockhart@aol.com.

—Carolyn Webster Lockhart



involved in the town's cultural life. She and Bob love to sail and not only sailed in the Opera House Cup in Nantucket last summer but also spent two weeks in the Keys. They also sail with Steve and Mary Ballantyne Gentle in Edgartown each summer. Brenda mentioned Sid Farr's retirement and Mr. "G" Gillespie's passing and remembers the "cocoa and Fig Newtons." Kind of sad to see our class's Colby connections getting less and less. . . . Dave Jacobson, an anthropologist teaching at Brandeis in Massachusetts, and wife Lois, a vice president in marketing, traveled to California last summer and Florida this winter and planned trips to California and Europe this summer. The Jacobsons have five children, the youngest graduating from college last year. With a colleague, Dave has published a book, *Spying Without Spies* (Praeger), a project he says was an interesting departure from his usual work. He appreciates "Colby's reputation as a great place." . . . Sandra Keef Hunter is a real estate sales person in East Hampton, N.Y. Her husband, Steven, is a creative director in advertising. Sandra is becoming

a naturalist, has participated in bird and waterfowl counts and says that her data is becoming "accepted and trusted." She recently completed a marine shell collection of Eastern Long Island shells for the South Fork Natural History Museum. . . . Ed Kyle still serves on the Alumni Council, which means he gets to visit Colby twice a year. Ed is a civil engineer with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. His wife, Penny, is an elementary teacher in Concord, N.H. Their son Ted graduated from Middlebury in 1992 and, says Dad, "is happily seeking his fortune on the slopes in Jackson Hole, Wyo." Ed joined Bill Chase and three other folks in a 10-day hiking trip to Switzerland in September, and in March he skied Killington (Vt.) with Allie Weller. Ed and I want to remind you all to start planning now for our 35th. We do expect everyone to be there. ♦

Correspondent:  
Barbara Haines Chase

**63** Lady Winter dealt gently with New England this year, but Bill and I

went to Telluride, Colo., to cross-country and downhill ski for a week, so we had a real taste of snow. While there, Dian Emerson Sparling drove eight hours from her home in Ft. Collins to ski the high country with us in the glorious warm sunshine. No kidding! Dian is a midwife practitioner and somehow finds time for amazing outdoor adventures such as skiing the Tenth Mountain Trail and scuba diving in Belize. Often her two college-age sons accompany her. . . . Marcia Achilles McComb is manager of accounts receivable for a large radiology group in Maryland but has plans for finding a less stressful and more rewarding job in the near future. Sounds like a healthy plan. She and her husband, Don, who is a chemistry teacher in both high school and college, are involved in several aspects of volunteer support at the Holocaust Museum. . . . From his farm in Norridgewock, Maine, Warren Balgooyen writes that there are "no changes [in my life]." Warren is a freelance naturalist in the spring and summer, runs a landscaping business, raises golden shiners in five fish ponds, which he sells as bait wholesale and re-

tail, makes maple syrup, does carpentry work (he's built three cabins), has a portable saw mill and makes his own lumber and raises Christmas trees. Sounds like there is very little time to make any changes! Warren's wife, Helen, is head nurse at Colby. . . . Julie Dodge Burnham writes from Warner, N.H., where she is a guidance counselor. Julie is gradually restoring an 1800s cape and renovating a summer place on Lake Winnepesaukee. . . . When Ivan Freed last wrote a year ago, he was considering leaving the stresses of owning his own business. Today he writes that he is unemployed and happily skiing every week, collecting baseball cards and perennials, chucking years of collected debris from his cellar and visiting his grown children with his wife, Shirley. He can still hit a 20-foot jumpshot. How much better can life be? . . . Sue Pelson Gillum reports that she is a landlubber now, having moved from her boat to the shore at Jensen Beach, Fla. She rooms with two exotic cats and is employed as team leader of an ESOL department of a local school system. Sue is the proud owner of a 1984 custom Corvette, which she enters

## Fishing for Answers

As Maine struggles with the uncertainty of commercial fishing due to the depletion of stocks in the Gulf of Maine, many are looking to Linda Pushee Mercer '69 for answers.

The director of the Bureau of Marine Sciences at the Maine Department of Marine Resources, Mercer heads the department's research and science programs that identify problems and find solutions to over-fishing of Maine's waters. Her staff of 38 researchers and scientists (reduced from 50 due to budget cuts) hope to keep commercial fishing viable in Maine.

"We are coming close to reaching the limit in terms of what can be fished and what species are available," said Mercer, who filled the director's position—vacant for three years—in January. "It's going to be a difficult struggle for [everyone involved], with having to tighten restrictions on the type of fish caught and cut back on the harvests . . . and yet [the fishermen] realize the harvest is down and action needs to be taken."



Mercer says she began to figure out what she wanted to do with her life in January of her senior year at Colby. A biology major, she interned at the Smithsonian Institution for her final Jan Plan, working with an ichthyologist—a fish specialist—dissecting tuna. Although she says that after the internship she still was unsure about her career plans, she decided to pursue marine sciences. A year after graduation she went to The College of William & Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science, where she earned a master's and eventually a doctorate.

After taking time off to raise a family—she and her husband, Jim Mercer, have a son, Matt, and a daughter, Emily—Mercer went to the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, where she worked for 12 years as a biologist and later as a research supervisor. Wishing to return to New England, she applied for and landed the job with Maine's marine sciences department.

Mercer's Maine staff currently is analyzing the growth and health of the herring population to manage the fishing of that species wisely. Her team of workers also are researching sea urchins, and they hope to begin work on the sea cucumber, both of which became popular catches as other Gulf of Maine resources, like lobster, shrimp and cod, became depleted.

"I love the job. I guess it's kind of what you'd dream about doing," said Mercer, who also recognizes the challenges and obstacles that lie ahead. "The resources are not going to bounce back overnight. It's going to be a long process."

competitively in shows. She is planning a trip to the Far East: Hong Kong, Shanghai and the Great Wall of China. . . . Another classmate who has made the move to a more flexible job is **Ann "Booty" Bruno Hocking**. A year ago Booty left her position as a vice president at Fleet Bank and became a realtor, a job she loves. She and her husband, David, a stockbroker, have just built a new house in Durham, Conn. Booty is acquiring an interest in antiques and enjoys quilting and other handicrafts. Booty and David spend each summer at Lake Winnepesaukee, enjoying the peace and quiet of the woods. . . . **Peter French** works at Alcan Ingot in Aurora, Ohio, where he lives with his wife, Muriel, and is parent to four children. Peter neglected to turn over the questionnaire so his news is sparse, or maybe he's just a man of few words! . . . Bill and I have a house on the market and one being built. This situation causes us some sleepless nights, but what is life without a few risks? Our older daughter married in July in Washington, D.C. I am thankful for the technology of electric air cooling! . . . Thank you for your letters and your greetings. It is such fun getting mail from old friends. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Sara Shaw Rhodes**

**64** **Charles Fallon**, financial advisor in Rochester, N.Y., has completed a four-year stint as first executive director of the New York State Middle School Association. His wife, Barbara, is one of three U.S. school administrators to receive a Fulbright Exchange Scholarship, and Charles was looking forward to visiting her in England for her 50th. He says both sons are getting great grades, one at Skidmore and the other in high school. . . . **Jean Martin Fowler** now has six grandsons. She and her husband still love sailing, the British Virgin Islands being their favorite spot. . . . **Dick Friary** called in April to say that two classmates were in *The New York Times* on the same day: **Doris Kearns Goodwin** won the Pulitzer Prize for history, and

## NEWSMAKERS

A Worcester (Mass.) *Sunday Telegram* article on the \$4-billion commercial printing business of producing company annual reports featured **Ralph A. Kimball Jr. '63**, vice president of sales for LaVigne Press, one of the Worcester area's largest producers of annual reports. . . . **Doris Kearns Goodwin '64** was awarded the 1995 Pulitzer Prize for history for her book *No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front During World War II*. . . . Biology professor and science fiction author **Thomas A. Easton '66** conducted an interactive workshop on science fiction and fantasy on Mass Learn Pike, the educational satellite broadcast network that delivers distance learning to K-12 Massachusetts students. . . . In Portland, Maine, **Lee Urban '68** and a partner opened Urban & Plimpton, a company offering dispute resolution services. . . . **Thomas D. McBrierty '69**, who headed New England Telephone operations in Maine from 1987 to 1992, was named commissioner of Maine's department of economic and community development.



Thomas D. McBrierty '69

## MILEPOSTS

**Deaths:** **Carole Richardson Merson '60** in East Falmouth, Mass., at 56. . . . **George Roden Jr. '60** in Hartford, Conn., at 56. . . . **James N. Valhouli '64** in Exeter, N.H., at 53.

Ambassador **Bob Gelbard** was cited extensively with regard to the drug trade in Mexico. Dick also reported that he has created a clinically safe and effective drug for the treatment of psoriasis and that he is writing a book on skate sailing. . . . **Jack Friberg**, a lawyer in Manchester, N.H., has two sons: John graduated from Colgate and from Boston College Law School this year, and Gregory graduated from Middlebury this year and plans to attend New York Medical College. . . . **Art Fulman** was elected to the board of selectmen of Concord, Mass., and likes dealing with public policy issues. However, he says, "the process is often frustrating and very slow. Clearly, public anger is not limited to our national leaders." He and his wife biked in the Tam River Valley in France last summer and will tour Maine and Vermont this year. . . . **Jan Stoddard Gagnon's** husband is currently on various international assignments, so she will

occupy her time studying for her Ph.D. in adult clinical psychology at West Virginia University. Her first two grandbabies were due this summer. . . . **John Gow** is still teaching and has his first grandchild. He and his wife spend summers on Moosehead Lake. . . . **Joan Thiel Hadley** has a wonderful new daughter-in-law. . . . **Kitty Hartford** tells of a "rock party" held by her sister, Paula Chapin Hartford '66. All family members and friends were asked to bring a large rock—with which they built a stone wall along her driveway! Kitty's family, all five generations, gather at her mother's house in Boothbay Harbor for all traditional holidays and milestone occasions. . . . **Barbie Cist** Howson sent me a great picture of her family. (Feel free to send me any family photos for the next reunion!) Barb and husband Red, with their youngest daughter, were on their way to New Orleans last Easter to visit **Suzy Noyes Mague**, who promised to

show them the swamp, "her latest passion." . . . **Colleen Khoury**, off to Italy this summer, says she and David have been in a book group for six years and have read a host of wonderful books. . . . **Nancy Saylor Kimball** has two daughters in college, one at Bates and one at Wheaton in Illinois. Both studied in France last year, so Nancy and Bob met them and toured southern France for two weeks, visiting places Nancy had been to in the '60s, then London, then Wales and finally Paris. Back home they had a young Polish woman staying with them during her internship at an HMO. . . . **Ken Levy**, president of Eastern Numismatics, Inc., used the best stamps on his envelope! He reports, "returned to Maine for the first time since graduation, vacationed in Bar Harbor (yuck!) and Kennebunkport (heaven on earth). Planning to go again this May." . . . As a professional working in the environmental field for 25 years, **Bruce Lippincott** has found that *Free Market Environmentalism* by Terry L. Anderson and Donald R. Leal "offers a very different perspective about paying to rectify environmental problems or avoid them in the future. Federal subsidies, pork barrel projects and compliance fines are de-emphasized and free market economics are proposed. . . . I found this interesting and certainly thought provoking." . . . **Jack Lockwood**, who travels a lot from home base in Hawaii, went to Delaware for his father's 90th birthday in April and to Papua New Guinea, in May. . . . **Marcia Phillips Sheldon** says she enjoys teaching in an intermediate school, "a simple, but meaningful, life." She sees **Steve Schoeman** from time to time. **Ken and Ann Schmidt Nye** were expected for a visit, she writes, "and I talked to **CeCe Sewall Potter** last summer. Colby friends are like family." ♦

Correspondent:  
**Richard W. Bankart**

**65** Retirements! **Dan Durgin** retired as superintendent of schools in Kittery, Maine, in June 1994 and, with wife Judy, enjoyed the winter

'95  
reunion

## Class of 1965

The campus never looked better! The buildings were gleaming, and the trees gave our campus a true New England look. No longer can you see Scott Paper from the library steps or the campus from I-95.

On Thursday night, about 16 of us gathered at the Snow Squall restaurant in South Portland for a reception and dinner hosted by Tim and Adora Clark Hill. Plans changed during dinner as the planned boat excursion on Casco Bay on Friday became a picnic at the picturesque Two Lights State Park on the coast. Bill and Shirlee Clark Neil, Sunny Grigg Coady, Ruth and Harold Kowal, Rick and Nancy Winslow Harwood, Louise MacCubrey Robbins, Bob Rogers, Kay Parker Gordon, Gloria and John Tewhey, John Cornell, Marcia Harding Anderson and others were spotted. Eliot Terborgh and Rand Antik, who had arrived too late for dinner, joined us for the Friday picnic.

On Saturday, Marty Dodge led a dozen of us in a morning nature walk through the Colby preserve. Colby professor Tom Morriane presented an update of his "Colby in Perspective: 1970 As a Turning Point." Since this was 1970's 25th reunion, attendance was good and audience participation lively.

May-Lis and Jay Gronlund returned with their son Peter. Their daughter Melissa, making a college tour, joined us and took the opportunity to talk with Nancy Ryen Morriane in Colby's Admissions Department. Yes, Caesar Seferian was there (without the Porsche) and so were reunion T-shirt designer Chris Brown and his wife, Susan. (Reunion 1995 T-shirts are still available, so please call the

Alumni Relations Office if you would like to purchase a Class of '65 shirt.) Also there were lanky Lew Krinsky and his wife, Ellen, Charlie '63 and Pam Plumb Carey, Laura and Mike Gilman, Bob and Judy Egges Dalton, David and Louise Melanson Belknap, Nancy and Arnie Repetto, Nick Locsin, Richard and Margo Beach Long, Bill and Fran Holmes Varney, Arthur Schwartz, Norman and Joss Coyle Bierman, Linda Stearns and Terry and John Bragg. There were unconfirmed sightings of John Morris and Ned Baxter.

Class agent Harold Kowal presented the reunion check of \$144,508 during the parade of classes festivities before the traditional lobster bake. Outgoing class president Rick Davis and his wife, Gail, had to return for a wedding and left the Saturday evening class dinner in the able hands of v.p. Ginger Goddard Barnes, who introduced our new president, Bud Marvin, and new v.p. Tim Hill. Tim also becomes our representative to the Alumni Council, replacing Patti Raymond Thomas, who attended with her husband, Tom '63. As our class dinner in a banquet room off the old "pit" in the library broke up, many classmates made it over to the new Spa, where the '90s had a live band. Our Sunday brunch was in the "new" Spa.

We had a wonderful time, but we missed you! Some things change: five gourmet coffees are available at the new Spa, Rummels is now Gifford's (but cones were 25 cents on Saturday!), the Two Penny Bridge is closed (but you can sneak through the fence). And some things don't: the pay phone on second floor Averill still has an "out of order" sign on it! Hail, Colby, Hail!

—Richard W. Bankart

in Bermuda. Dan does volunteer work with Rotary International and other civic organizations and restores antique cars. . . . Tim Hill has retired after 23 years as teacher/administrator in the Yarmouth, Maine, schools and joins his wife, Adora (Clark), working at LL Bean. Look for Tim in the men's department and Adora in women's: "Great job—great company and wonderful pace of life—allows us more time to devote to our avocations." . . . Still working but looking at retirement property in the desert is Tom Donahue. Tom and his mighty steed, Bubbles, can be spotted in the Santa Monica mountains when Tom is away from his teacher/administrator duties at the Harvard-Westlake School in N. Hollywood, Calif. Tom is spending the summer in archaeological work with Pueblo Indian groups in the Rio Grande Valley. . . . Marty Dodge continues as professor of conservation at Finger Lakes Community College in Canandaigua, N.Y. His course work has led to travel in the Costa Rican rain forest, Alaskan wilderness and, last January, the Everglades. He's a consulting forester who designs and constructs inter-

pretive nature trails and is a competitor in professional timber sports. . . . Elfie Hinterkopf, Ph.D., was selected to present a workshop on integrating spirituality in counseling for the American Counseling Association conference in Denver last April and for another conference in Germany as you read this. . . . Kay Parker Gordon writes from her new apartment in Delaware, Ohio, where she is director of the Delaware County Board of Elections. She's in constant motion visiting family in Boston, St. Louis and Vermont. She occasionally sees Karen Jaffe Brown and her husband in New Concord, Ohio. . . . Bob Gordon, a Spanish teacher at Columbus Academy in Ohio, reports that he is "organizing a Columbus chapter of Gay Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network. Our main goal is to make schools safe for all students by fighting homophobia. Exciting work!" Bob and his partner, Jack, report a "fantastic trip to Japan last summer." Bob saw Randy Holden directing an opera at the U of Louisville. . . . Callie Kelley Gothard moved to Cape Neddick, Maine, during the winter of 1993

after earning a master's from the U of Illinois and is now the emergency department manager at York Hospital. Callie enjoys long distance bicycle trips, including one in Alaska in 1990. She regrets missing our 30th as she'll be at her daughter's college graduation. . . . Rod Gould, an attorney, spends his professional time "chasing the PLO for damages resulting from the seizure of the *Achille Lauro*." He also reports a skiing vacation last winter in Vail—"hardly a bone or muscle which does not ache—a sure sign of old age!" . . . Dave Hatch teaches Spanish at Burlington, Mass., High. Dave volunteers his time for the Cystic Fibrosis Fund and enjoys skiing, boating and travel. . . . I'm off to Crete and Rhodes as you read this. . . . We had fun at the 30th. Thanks to the reunion committee for an outstanding job! ♦

Correspondent:  
Robert Gracia

**67** The mailbox is jammed every day. Special thanks to those whose names begin with "B thru

J"! . . . Marcella "Sally" Ray Bennett is a high school guidance counselor in South Kingstown, R.I., and her husband, Charles, teaches high school history in Scituate, R.I. Daughter Kirsti Morin teaches Western Civ at the American School of Kuwait, and twin sons Michael and Matthew Morin, both history majors, graduated from college in May. Sally has been very involved in staff development and completed another M.Ed. from Providence in secondary administration. . . . Margaret Ann Cook is an adjunct professor of art at Springfield College. She has two daughters, Alexandra, a junior at Smith, who is majoring in music and is principal flutist and president of the Smith College Orchestra, and Amy, a sophomore at Williston-Norhampton school, who recently played Emily in *Our Town*. All of us in education would agree with her comment that "The journey is the Teacher. Pay attention!" . . . After graduating from nursing school in 1990, Roberta "Sookie" Stockwell Danielson is a staff nurse at the V.A. Hospital in Togus, Maine. Herson, Todd, is a grad student in civil engineering at UTexas-Austin, and her daugh-



ter, Heather, is at the Rochester Institute of Technology in the Early American craftsman program. The discovery process after divorcing in 1991 has included buying a house, which she shares with her new boyfriend, Carl Weymouth, a dog and five cats, and participating in a mission trip to Puerto Rico. . . . **Steve Dock** has been recommended for promotion to associate professor in the department of foreign languages and literatures at East Carolina University. He has written a chapter on authentic costuming in Moliere's plays for a Modern Language Association publication. His wife, Carolyn Wilson, is an internal medicine physician who has her own practice in Greenville, S.C. They and their Great Dane, Gillie, have recently purchased a vacation home on the coast of Maine, which they call "Pied-à-Terre sur Mer." Each summer they enjoy a visit with Anne and Dick Hunnewell in Plymouth, N.H. . . . Last Christmas **Irv Faunce** proposed to Jan Collins, a chemistry and biology teacher at Biddeford High, and they planned to be married on the rocks at Cape Porpoise this month! Irv's the executive director and CEO of River Ridge, a brain injury rehabilitation center in Kennebunk, Maine. He's also very proud of his children: Kelly, a nurse at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center; Karen '90, a teacher in Fairlee, Vt.; Kasey, a freshman at UMaine-Orono; and Thomas, a seventh grader at Gardiner (Maine) Middle School. . . . **Alice Hubert Gardner** is a psychotherapist in Beverly, Mass. She has completed an advanced training with Harville Hendrix, the author of *Getting the Love You Want: A Guide for Couples*, and loves helping couples communicate, deal with frustration and anger and feel the passion again! Alice's husband, David, is a civil engineer. Their son, Andrew, graduated from Middlebury in June, and their daughter, Sarah, has one more year at UMass. . . . After years of study, **Marty Gliserman**, a professor of English at Rutgers, has completed his training as a psychoanalyst. He combined this study with his love of literature to write *The Body of the Text: Psychoanalysis, Language and the Novel*, which will be published

by University Press of Florida later this year. Marty, his 9-year-old son, Nicholas, and Marilyn Rye spend much of the summer in Maine. . . . **Jean Ridington Goldfine** is a social worker in home health care in Belfast, Maine. She has made several recent trips to Europe, focusing on Classical Greek and Roman ruins, and had just returned from Sicily, where she enjoyed seeing well-preserved fifth century B.C. Greek temples by the sea. . . . After 10 years in the Fortune 500 corporate world, **Bud Graff**, who lives in Norfolk, Mass., left last year to work in a start-up marketing services company. The Point Group has 10 employees and focuses on helping clients find business in new markets. He reports that last year was very successful and that he's up to his ears in Internet. His oldest daughter, a senior at Washington & Lee University, is looking at federal law enforcement as a career, and his youngest daughter is working in retailing and adjusting to the fact that the customer is always right. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Marv Jo Calabrese Baur**

**68** Thanks for all the news, classmates. I'll have to save some for the next column. Nancy Short Hall finds her work as technology aide at the Middle School in Colchester, Vt., challenging. She continues her long involvement as a Girl Scout leader, and she and husband Wayne greatly enjoy square dancing two or three times a week—a terrific method of stress management and exercise, says Nancy, and also a wonderful way to make friends at various conventions they attend. They have a son, David, who's a junior business major at UMaine-Orono and a very busy, bright daughter, Kristin, a high school junior. . . . **Dr. Bruce McDonald**, a surgeon in Austin, Texas, describes his major lifestyle change since he and his partner merged with another medical-surgical group: more free time for relaxation, which he's putting to good use. He's enjoyed skiing in Vail, windsurfing on the coast and a dive trip to Mexico, two weeks in

Europe in June and visits to San Diego, Canada and New England. Bruce continues to do photography, has won some awards and had some pictures published. . . . In July 1994, **Patricia Davis Murphy**, Ph.D., took a new position as director of lab operations with a start-up biotechnology company in Gaithersburg, Md., Oncor Med, which specializes in DNA-based cancer testing. In her work, she oversees the diagnostic lab, technology transfer, customer service and risk assessment. She finds it great fun to be in on the ground floor of such an exciting field. Son Michael (Colby '95) spent six months in Ireland with the Colby in Cork program. She and husband Donal visited him in March 1994 (and discovered "Water-ville" in County Kerry). Pat is greatly pleased to see daughter Lori following in her footsteps. She's a junior at Brown majoring in molecular biology. . . . **Carol Jones O'Brien** and her husband, Dennis, are both psychotherapists in private practice in the Washington, D.C., suburbs. They have two children: Caitlin, 7, a second grader who's a great figure skater and has a green belt in karate, and Andrew, 6, a kindergartener who likes hockey and swimming. "We're managing to keep our acts together . . . I think!" says Carol. . . . **Richard Moriarty**, M.D., who's chairman of the department of pediatrics at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., was recently appointed program director for the first-ever joint Army-Navy pediatric residency training program. He also passed his certification exam in pediatric infectious diseases—and says, "It is a real trip studying for such an exam at age 48!" Rick and wife Patty, a speech pathologist, have a daughter and son: Colleen, 18, who just graduated from high school (and was offered admission at Colby), and Richie, 15, a freshman and budding thespian and comedian. Rick sends his best to the rest of the class. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Diane E. Kindler**

**69** The best part of being class correspondent is that through your re-

sponses to questionnaires I get a sense of what diverse and interesting paths we've taken since leaving Colby. The worst part, of course, is the deadline every few months, which precipitates flashbacks to my knocking off papers on my trusty Smith-Corona at the last possible moment. . . . **Kerry Hayes** is a still photographer who has worked on films such as *Legends of the Fall* and *Nobody's Fool*. Kerry lives in Toronto, Ont., with his wife, Maggie, and three children, Ali, Zoe and Piper. . . . **Michael and Peggy Philson Foose** live in Virginia with Tara, 10, and Michael, 7. Michael (the elder), a geologist, has traveled recently to Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia, Morocco and Mali among other interesting places. . . . **Warren Heller**, an attorney in Milford, Mass., is the first male president of the board of directors of his local visiting nurse association and the proud "father" of his nicely named dog, Colby. . . . **Dave Demers** is the father of three daughters, Emily, 20, Jeannie, 19, and Katie, 16. Dave is a teacher and writes that he loved coaching high school varsity girls' soccer last year. . . . **Susan (Doten '70) and Larry Greenberg** live in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., with their two teenage sons. Larry, an international economist, vacationed in London with his family earlier this year. . . . I had the opportunity to speak with **Laurie Killoch Wiggins**, who describes the year following our reunion as "just as crazy" as the year before. **Laurie, Ines Ruelius Altemose**, their husbands and **Paul Wielan** got together in New York City to see the Cirque du Soleil, which Laurie describes as magnificent. . . . Responses to my question of what flashes to mind when you hear of Colby included the library clock and fraternity parties (Michael Foose), the beautiful campus and Maine winters (Larry Greenberg), the smell of both spring (Warren Heller) and beer (**Rick Frantz**) and finding (future) wife Cheryl Moriarty '70's lost contact lens outside Dana Hall on their first date (**Bud Higgins**). Our memories are rich and wonderfully varied. Please stay in touch. ♦

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### Correspondent:

**Nancy Hammar Austin**

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**71** From the most recent class survey I have the following news. **Steve Dane** and his wife, Jody, recently moved to a 1707 vintage home located in the heart of Marblehead's historic district. After completing major renovations, Steve writes, "we don't own this home, it owns us." . . . **Nancy Neckes Dumart** was recently promoted to the position of assistant area director of the Middlesex West Area Office, Department of Mental Retardation (where Joan Katz '70 is the area director). Her spouse, Bruce '72, is a stockbroker with Dean Witter in Worcester. They have two children, Caleb, a freshman at Franklin Pierce College, and Clark, a busy 3 year old. . . . **Rocky Clark**, a landscape designer on Cape Cod, has taken the opportunity to travel more than 3,000 miles in search of great gardens. He writes that he was inspired by seeing for the first time some remarkable Southern gardens filled with palm trees, fountains and bougainvillea. Rocky has four children: Carolyn, 17, Tim, 14, Keith, 12, and Anna, 9. He writes, "they are an important part of my life and I marvel at what good, involved and independent people they are." . . . **Tom Ellis** now lives in Longmont, Colo., and is engaged to Kris Haynes. Together they own and operate a vintage race car restoration business. They are raising

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a 6-year-old boy, Tatsuo. . . .

**Mark Chamberlain** is a South Berwick, Maine, police officer. He and his wife, Deborah, a nurse, have two children, Matthew, 9, and Justin, 7. Mark plans to further his education by attending law school. . . . Professor **Bill Simons** sent a complete and impressive update on his life since his assistant professorship days. He's now a full professor in the history department at SUNY in Oneonta, N.Y. His work, which includes several published articles, book reviews and lectures as well as participation at conferences, deals with American social history, ethnic studies and sports history. A noted speaker on the subject of baseball, Bill is to speak at the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass., in August. In 1992 he received the Meckler Award for Baseball Writing and Research. The New York State Father's Rights Association awarded him Father of the Year in 1990. . . . **Charlie Colgan**, associate professor of public policy at the Muskie Institute, University of Southern Maine, reports that **Howie Yates** was a member of the Leadership Maine class that Charlie directed for the Maine Development Foundation. Howie is VP at Bath Iron Works. . . . **Ann Bryant** is practicing immigration law in Washington, D.C., and finds her position as adjunct law professor at Georgetown the newest and most exciting challenge in her busy life (except for rediscovering skiing after 20 years!). She's married to Roy Wiscaver, an economist with the U.S. Treasury Department. They have an 8-year-old son, Taylor, and a 4-year-old daughter, Meredith. . . . Please return your questionnaire to me as soon as you receive it so that I have some interesting and new news for the next issue. Thanks for your support and en-

couragement and, as always, Be Brave. ♦

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### Correspondent:

**Shelley Bieringer Rau**

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**74** Many thanks to those of you who responded to the most recent mailing. It may be a while before you read about yourselves—I'm still working on the volumes I received last summer and fall! . . . **Michael McNamara** is an attorney in Point Pleasant, N.J., and his wife, Joyce, teaches French and Spanish. Their family includes two sons, John and Andrew, and a goldfish, Sunshine. Mike is active in St. Dominic Church, the Diocese of Trenton and the Bar Association. He wishes he were sitting in front of a Maine lake reading a good book, and he wishes he weren't aging. He probably has lots of company for that wish! . . . **S. Ann Earon** married Robert James Meli in March. They are living in Kendall Park, N.J., where Ann is group vice president of Infotech Consulting, Inc. Robert is a chief engineer with Johnson & Johnson. . . . **Maryann Sartucci Andrews** writes from Lakewood, Colo., where she is staff development officer for the Jefferson County Public Library System. Her husband, John, is a telecommunications engineer with USWest Communications. They have no kids but do have a 100-pound Bernese mountain dog, Hansel. Maryann is busy with work, collecting Lladro and nativity figures, traveling to national parks—and trying to get rid of 20 lbs. She feels not old . . . but not young either. She wishes she were pursuing a master's degree and also taking more time to do nothing. (I'm not sure those two things go together, Maryann.) . . . **Spencer Wright** currently is living in

'95  
reunion

## Class of 1970

Twenty-five years and still kickin'! That was the theme for the Class of 1970's 25th reunion and the absolutely fantastic T-shirts Chip and Judy Kelly Lord had designed for us. (Adult Reunion 1995 Class of '70 shirts are still available, so please call the Alumni Relations Office if you would like to purchase one.) And just like the Colby mule, we kicked up our heels all weekend. The weather was perfect, and there were no permanent injuries of which we are aware. The campus is the same yet different. There are more buildings, the trees are taller, and the "new dorms," which served as our reunion headquarters, are now known as Hillside and have stairs that have grown much steeper over the years and bathroom facilities for only one gender per floor.

The weekend started off on Thursday evening with some 20-30 classmates attending a reception and barbecue dinner at the Woodlands Country Club in Falmouth (Maine, that is). This was just a warm-up for the next day. On Friday morning, Phil Wysor, Peter Gilfoy, Ben Kravitz and Steve Anderson '69 (class president Debbie Williams Anderson's husband) played the championship Woodlands golf course. At the turn they received a special telegram from Phil Norfleet from San Diego. Thanks to Barbara Skeats MacLeod and Molly Carroll Ray for making the events at the Woodlands happen.

On Friday afternoon a large contingent took a leisurely cruise on Casco Bay. Actually, it was two cruises—the first lasted about two minutes as Ray and Cheryl Dineen Soon were spotted running down the dock too far away to make the leap. With the Soons safely on board, the second cruise lasted quite a bit longer. We thank Lee Doggett for the informative narration about the Casco Bay estuary projects. Some seals were spotted, as were Bob Falsani and John Fochs '71—in the parking lot! Rumor has it that Gary Hobbs is still looking for them.

The festivities moved to campus on Friday night. Standing around drinking beer and exchanging stories about our lives and kids brought back memories. What, Colby used to have fraternities? Can anyone define parietal rules?

Our reunion activities on Saturday began with the parade of classes and the presentation of a check for over \$61,000 to the College from the Class of 1970. This represents more than twice as much as our class gave the College last year. Congratulations to Buz Brown and his crew for a job well done.

After the class cookout by Johnson Pond, our afternoon revolved around athletics and academics—just like when we were in school! The softball game was fun. Will we have enough able bodies to do it again in five years? The seminar "Colby in Perspective: 1970 As a Turning Point" was informative and exciting. Professor Tom Morriore '65 opened a dialogue with all in attendance and reinforced what we all know: that those trying times we all lived through and participated in were important then and have had an impact that keeps them important still today.

Starting with the "vegetable invocation" provided by The Rev. Peter Foss, the highlight of the weekend was the class dinner on Saturday night. The slide show and accompanying narration was a lot of fun and proved to one and all that Debbie Hawks Kelley is, without a doubt, the bravest member of our class. The trivia contest tested aging memories, and then there were the awards. Anne Peterson and Phil Wysor, looking like they just stepped out of "Faces and Places," were the classmates who changed the least, with Todd Smith a close runner-up. Norma Rivero de Bierneyer, who traveled to and from Venezuela, was edged out by Cheryl Dineen Soon, who never had to leave the country

(even though she came from Hawaii) as the classmate who traveled farthest to attend the reunion. Debbie Williams Anderson won the award for most children attending Colby (two), and Paul Roud had the youngest child, a 2 year old. The most appropriate award, the Benedict Arnold award—for deserting the Class of 1970—went to Colby Brick recipient Sari Abul-Jubein '69. Andy Starkis did a great job as emcee. We laughed loud and long at Doug Smith's stories of "Doggie" Dore and Debbie (not Anderson) Williams's account of the Benjamin Butler spoons.

Other classmates attending the reunion included: Bruce Abrams, Bill Aldrich, Debbie Anderson, Debbie Williams Anderson, Greg Andrews, Chicki Barnes, Mike Baskin, Chris Beerits, Wayne Blanchard, Peter Bogle, Liz Belding Borchers, Waneta Adams Browne, Jeff Carty and Sandra Haimila, Susan Maxfield Christopher, Lee Clarke, Steve and Laura Struckhoff Cline, Nancy Costello, Sue Costello, Robin Armitage Cote, Ron Di Orio, Walter Effron, Martha Alden Ellis, John Fochs '71, Linda Marsh Foss, Sharon Eschenbeck Friedler, Lynne Stone Gallagher, Peter Gilfoy, Andy Gilson, Sue Doten Greenberg, Marlene Goldman, Linda Gulbrandsen Goldsmith, Pat Gerroir, Alison Harvey, Andy and Sandy Holler Hayashi, Barry Hurwitz, Carol Lewis Jennings, Debbie Sugarmann Jodziewicz, Ken and Brenda Hess Jordan, Joanie Katz, Paula Crowley Kaveney, Gail Cuatto Kilgour, Martha Belden Kleinerman, Chip and Judy Kelly Lord, Peter Lowell, Judith Smith Lucarelli, Karen Knapp Lyons, Sarah Vose Mackenzie, Barbara Skeats MacLeod, Steve '71 and Debbie Fitton Mansfield, Jacky Dingwall McClean, Ann McEwen, Cynthia Wallace McKee, Elinor Bartel Miller, Kathe Cahn Morse, Nicki Pach, Jeff Parness, Jim and Eileen Boerner Patch, Lorraine Gill-Pazaris, Kit Wells Poland, Jeanne Tarrant Polese, Anne Pomroy, Molly Carroll Ray, Kathy Hill Revett, Paul Roud, Alice Ryen, Sherry Anderson Scherer, Hazel Parker Smith, John Sobel, Peter Spindler and Nancy Costello, Bev Foster Stevens, Lynne Stinchfield, Beth Ryerson Stinson, Libby Brown Strough, Sarah Owen Tabor, Dan Timmons, Maureen Vaughn Ulevich, Buzzy Files Vigue, Donna Sundeen Wheeler, Jane Stinchfield Willett, Donna Mason Williams, Chip Wood, Mark Zaccaria.

A special thanks to outgoing class president Debbie Williams Anderson and her committee for a job well done, and an extra-special thanks to Marlene Goldman and Donna Mason Williams for putting together our 25th reunion yearbook. Class officers for the next five years are Joanie Katz, president, Phil Wysor, vice president and Alumni Council representative, and Steve Cline, secretary/treasurer.

Among those unable to attend was aspiring screenwriter Cathy Pagano. Did you ever wonder if she's thought of casting classmates for upcoming roles? How about a remake of the Wizard of Oz but updated to the 1990s? Imagine Elaine Treworgy Jacques as a modern day Dorothy, Ed Bough as the scarecrow, Ben Bradlee as the lion and Chris Woessner as the tin man. Can't you just picture Frank Danieli as the wizard and Cheryl Moriarty Higgins as the good witch? I could make my screen debut as a bearded cross dresser in the dual role of Elvira Gulch and the wicked witch (eat your heart out Ru Paul!). It could happen, you know.

If you don't want to see more "did you ever wonder" reporting, please send me information so that we can have a class column in every issue of the magazine.

—Steve Cline

Sydney, Australia, on a two-year assignment with Interleaf, a firm selling high-end electronic publishing and document management software. He's active in music, of course, singing with the Sydney Philharmonia Choir. He performed the Britten *War Requiem*, conducted by Edo de Waart, and toured Verdi's *Requiem* with Luciano Pavarotti as soloist. He's enjoying the beers and wines of Australia and was looking forward to scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef. . . . **Diana Waterous Centorino** is also a singer, busy with Nova Singers, Inc., in South Florida. She lives in Ft. Lauderdale with her husband, Joseph. Both are attorneys. They have three children, Michael, 13, Victoria, 11, and Scott, 5, and a dog, cat and parakeet. The pets represent the "food chain." . . . **Robin Hamill** is now living in Charlottesville, Va. She is continuing to work as an M.D. specializing in anesthesia and critical care. Her family includes John, 13, Laura, 11, and Jamie, 6. They have two black labs, a cat and some roaches, ants and houseflies. She spoke at the American Association for Respiratory Care in Cancun last October. She wishes she were lazing on her 80-foot yacht and that she were not cooking, cleaning, plumbing, etc. . . . **Carter '73** and **Rachel Hyman Zervas** are living in Lansdowne, Pa. Rachel is a speech therapist and Carter an artist. They have a daughter, Claudia, 6, and two cats and a dog. Rachel finds working at a school for deaf children to be challenging and exciting. They attended Carter's 25th high school reunion last summer and came away feeling definitely middle-aged after dancing all night. . . . An old friend, **Larry Komins**, sent a long, newsy letter from Portland, Ore., where he is a professor of Japanese language and literature. His family includes his wife, Toshimi Tanaka, Leo, 6, and Maya, 3. He keeps busy with Kabuki theater and classical Japanese dance. Larry has not been back to Maine since graduation day 1974 (Larry, how can you stand it?) but has traveled frequently to Japan for work and to visit family. He writes that both

## NEWSMAKERS

In this spring's America's Cup races, **Tom Whidden '70** once again called race tactics in the cockpit of Dennis Conner's *Stars & Stripes*. . . . *People* magazine featured **Charles "Chip" Altholz '71**, co-inventor of The Timis LifeClock, a digital clock that counts down the amount of time left on mortgage and tuition payments—as well as how long an individual has left on Earth. . . . **Michael Roy '74**, town manager of Vassalboro, Maine, for the last 11 years, has created a newsletter for the Vassalboro community to provide updates on local events and future plans. . . . Boston painter **Ann Bicknell Christensen '74** served as the juror for the North River Arts Society show in Marshfield Hills Village, Mass. . . . **Karen Heck '74**, co-chair of Maine Choice Coalition, selected the pro-choice members of an eight-person panel that will represent both sides of the abortion issue and create a plan for decreasing the tensions between protestors and clients at abortion clinics. . . . **Michael Cantara '75**, former mayor of Biddeford, Maine, and now York County district attorney, has been elected to the High Court of Association Canado-Americaine, the Franco-American fraternal benefit society. He joins 18 other men and women from New England and Eastern Canada on the board of directors. . . . Drawings and sculptures by **Chris Duncan '75** were on display at the Canajoharie Library and Art Gallery in Amsterdam, N.Y. . . . **Joyce Smith '75** joined FP Production, a new theatrical company in Waterville, Maine, that will expand the variety of shows presented locally. . . . **David Arsenault '76**, head coach of the men's basketball team at Grinnell College, was featured in Iowa newspapers for the run-and-gun style of play that moved his team near the top among the nation's scoring leaders. . . . Attorney **Jane Linge McDonough '78** joined the district attorney's staff in Suffolk County, Mass. . . . **Brian Hoffman '79** joined the international law firm of McDermitt, Will & Emery as partner in its corporate department in New York.

## MILEPOSTS

**Births:** A daughter, Genevieve Moore, to Louis and Cynthia Piggott Bacon '79. . . . A daughter, Courtney Rose, to Carol and Bob Keefe '77.

children are bilingual. . . . I'm about out of space. Hope this summer has found each of you healthy and happy! ♦

Correspondent:  
**Susan Gearhart Wuest**

**75** As this is my 23rd (!) and final column, I am including everyone whom I heard from recently. Hope I haven't forgotten anybody. . . . In her home in Auburn, Maine, **Patricia Clark Estes** has opened a polarity therapy practice, Wood-

bury Hill Polarity. Patti describes polarity therapy as "a very soothing form of gentle body work, as well as a natural health care system." She and husband Skip have one daughter and three sons between the ages of 11 and 19 and are homeschooling their 14 year old. . . . **Barbara Miller Deuschle** continues to homeschool their 9-year-old son, Chris. This year Barb hopes to be able to adopt their foster child, Sky, who has been in their care for two years. . . . **Herrick "Rick" Drake** writes that his career move to College Savings Bank has gone well and that

he is still playing hockey in the over-30s league (which includes Paul Eichelroth '83), though Rick thinks that he might need to move up to "over-40s" before long. . . . Out in Scottsdale, Ariz., **Jeffrey Frankel** is the vice president of legal and international departments of MicroAge, Inc. He feels that he is having 10 years' worth of accomplishments in one year: marrying last April, inheriting an 8-year-old son and planning to finish his M.B.A. in January 1996! . . . **Pamela Simpkins** Gotther and family moved to Ridgefield, Conn., last February. Pam and husband Van are parents to Kate, 5, and Emma, 1, whom they adopted when she was six weeks old. When Pam wrote me, they had just moved and she was looking forward to emptying all those boxes! . . . In Highland, N.Y., **Robin Urner Whitebay** was very happily remarried in March and is now part-time stepmom of Courtney, 9, and Mathew, 5. She and husband Philip honeymooned in Costa Rica, where "the beaches, jungles, and active volcanoes all combined for a wonderful adventure." Robin feels fortunate to be one of the lucky few in the mid-Hudson Valley still employed by IBM, where she is business relationship manager. . . . **Sim-Kuen Chan Gregory** is kept busy and challenged as a full-time homeschooling mom and wife. Their oldest daughter, V. Mei-Ning, just finished her first year at Wheaton College (Illinois) Conservatory, majoring in piano performance as well as in wind ensemble. The other three children, Peter, 14, S. Mei-Shen, 12, and David, 9, play musical instruments. Sim has rediscovered the love of learning through tutoring Peter and homeschooling the two younger ones. . . . **Mary Bastron Harper** gave up practicing law to become "chief chauffeur and domestic engineer" in August 1994, when they built a new house that took almost a year to complete. Husband Mike '76 is a neurologist at the Mayo Clinic. Mary enjoyed playing USTA tennis and competing last year for a local athletic club, and then took up golf last summer because it is Mike's favorite summer activity. She only wishes that the ball were a little bigger! Their three chil-



dren, Nick, 12, Sarah, 10, and Caitlin, 4, are very involved in athletics and music. . . . Yours truly and family visited Washington, D.C., over Easter break. A beautiful city to visit, though a very crowded week with busloads of school groups. We met up with Major Peter B. Coz in Alexandria, Va., where he is now living and where we even managed to fit in a trip to the local ice rink. Pete had just closed on a house, which he is now busy renovating in his spare time. . . . I have really enjoyed being your class correspondent for the past five years. Hearing from all of you nice people who kept me supplied with news brought back so many memories of Colby and helped me relive my youth! It's been fun. Thanks! ♦

Correspondent:  
Noël Barry Stella

**76** One of the best stories I've heard in a long while came from Jen-

ny Frutchy Ford last summer. It seems that, on the very day of her 40th birthday, she was carded. Even after looking closely, the checkout person at Star Market didn't believe Jenny. What's the address of that store again? Jenny's children are 5 and 7 and have joined Jenny in her love of skiing and swimming. Jenny rows a single scull on the Charles River and is an active volunteer in the public schools. Ed Ford has been back and forth to Jakarta with Harvard's Center for International Development this year. Jenny reported that Pam Came is in Buenos Aires. . . . Scott Butchart was married last August to Christine Fritz in Chestnut Hill, Mass. Among the guests was Lynn Thommen. Scott has been in the trenches teaching French and Spanish for the last 10 years at Brookline High School. . . . Among the respondents to the fall questionnaire was Nancy Anderson, who wrote that she and Graham Kislingbury are the parents of two girls, Anna, 4, and

Lisa, 8. Nancy is a graphic artist by profession but currently is parenting full time—joining lots of our classmates as a volunteer in our children's schools and our communities. . . . Candace Campbell, of Great Falls, Va., is the executive director of the American Preventive Medical Association. She wrote that the APMA is the advocacy organization for doctors and others who use alternative/nutritional therapies. Her organization recently helped pass the dietary supplement bill, which dramatically affects the way the FDA regulates vitamins, herbs, etc. Her oldest son graduated from college in May and plans to become a chiropractor. Son Graham is entering college in September. . . . I also received a note from Ann Beadle, who lives in New Hampshire with her husband, Gary Millen '74, and 13-year-old daughter, Meredith. Ann's life has become even more challenging with her promotion to chief information officer at UNUM in Portland, Maine. Ann wrote that her

family joined Julie Cassidy and her daughter, Cara Mia, for a hike up Mt. Chocoma last summer. . . . Karen Smith Clark went back to school full time to become a nurse-midwife. She is juggling school with parenting Sarah, 9, Molly, 4, and (canine) Abby, 1. Karen and her husband, Fred, reside in North Reading, Mass. . . . Speaking of obstetrics, Peter Labombarde shared the joyful announcement that he and Irene are the proud parents of twins. Evan and Jocelyn were born in October 1994 and join their sister, Katherine, at home in Nashua. Peter's final comment is poignant: "We look forward to our next trip to Colby, which will probably be for our 20th—to think we came to the 15th with a dog, and a few years later we have three kids. . . . Life is odd, and so wonderful." . . . Becca Guild wrote that she and her family recently returned from visiting family and friends in Switzerland and Germany. Becca and her husband, Kevin Jenness, have two children, Charles and Louisa.

## '95 reunion

With the wonderful weather arranged by Colby's director of alumni relations and fellow classmate Susan Conant Cook as well as the hard work by the reunion committee, the Class of '75 was treated to a spectacular Maine weekend for their 20th reunion. More than 70 members of the class plus spouses, children and guests renewed old friendships. After parading to the football field in the T-shirts designed by Janet Hansen—the College has a supply of adult and youth Reunion 1995 T-shirts still available, so please call the Alumni Relations Office if you would like to purchase one—classmates applauded class agent (and chief arm twister) Susan Staples-Smith as she helped kick off the College's new capital campaign by presenting President Corter with the third largest check from all of the reunion classes.

Lunch on the Foss-Woodman lawn (complete with make-your-own-sundaes) also featured faculty emeriti Peter Ré, Archille Biron, Bob Kany, Ed Turner and Miriam Bennett and former President and Mrs. Strider. The afternoon included guided tours of the new Winslow Homer and Oriental carpet exhibits at Bixler, a congregation of beer coolers and cocktails on the front lawn of Foss, sports activities (including the famed Jim Cousins-Don Buckley tennis match) and general catching up on memories.

Paul Hatton orchestrated an impressive turnout by the DKE contingent, who together managed a quiet reminiscence from a familiar vantage point. Likewise, the old Basement Woodman crowd reconvened atop the water tower. Diane Billington Stronach ably



Don Buckley, Dave White and his wife, Sharon, and Cindy Hadden Rother.

## Class of 1975

kept reunion headquarters staffed and provisioned while also providing before-and-after pictures using Polaroid candids mounted against vintage "Faces and Places" photos.

The class dinner featured talks from faculty guests Miriam Bennett, Jim Meehan and Charles Bassett. Because outgoing president Gene DeLorenzo was unable to attend, incoming class president Boyd "Byrd" Allen emceed the dinner. He also revisited last reunion's award winners. The California contingent of Libby Piper Deschenes and Kevin "Onions" Manion tied for distance traveled, since Maj. Peter Coz is pulling a staff assignment in the Washington, D.C., area. Otherwise, the former winners maintained their standings: John Allan still has his old truck running, Doug Schwarz is rumored to still have his pet snake, and Binky Cammack Closmore broke her own

record by having another child, raising the total to six. Dancing and hanging out with classmates rounded out the evening.

Eleanor "Woofie" Fleming Amidon takes over as class vice president and Alumni Council representative from John Orefice, and Nan Weidmann Anderson will follow up on the excellent work of Susan Gearhart Wuest as class correspondent. The new class officers, along with the promised help of Rick Drake, will form the nucleus of the next reunion planning committee. So be there for the 25th and be part of the reunion that closes out the century. In the meantime, keep the news coming in to Nan.

—Boyd Allen

... We heard from **David Kavanaugh** recently. He and his wife, Noreen, have three young sons and reside in Needham, Mass. David is a tax lawyer. Thanks for writing, David! ... **Andy Glee-man** also took time to write. He informed us that he and his wife, Beth, have a son and a daughter now and still reside in Fairfield, Conn. ... **Kim Koza Harris** figures that she hasn't written to us for at least 10 years. Kim and her husband, Michael, are both teachers at Central College in Pella, Iowa. Their family includes two boys: Lech, 10, and Will, 4. In the years since we last saw Kim, she completed her Ph.D. in English at Indiana University and then taught at Rollins College before relocating to a "samer life" in Iowa. The Harris family has taken advantage of Central College's study-abroad program in Mexico and hopes to travel to China soon. ... In the space in the questionnaire where one indicates the occupation of one's spouse, **Mark Helms** wrote "optometrist/wife extraordinaire." We all knew that Mark is a perceptive guy! ... The College informs me that it is time to begin

planning our 20th reunion, to be held in June 1996. Our class officers will be contacting many of you to ask for help. Please write or call if you have ideas for the reunion. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Leslie A. Ramsay**

**77 Meredith Bean Eley** let me know of the birth of her second baby boy, Benjamin Bean Eley, born August 21, 1994. His older brother, Samuel, whom I remember at our 15th, is now 2 1/2. Their father, Donald, is an assistant professor at Maine Maritime Academy. ... **Deborah J. Cohen**, now a Spanish professor, writes: "I finally landed a tenure-track job. I'm in my second year at Slippery Rock U., Pa., and I really enjoy it here. ... I have two articles being published ... both are the result of my ongoing research on popular theater in Honduras." Deb is breaking away to Australia and New Zealand next summer. ... And Chas Cowing, I am sorry we misspelled your son's name, Grayson Muller Cowing. You print

very well. It was my error. ... **Priscilla Bondy Dube** writes that Cary was 4 in April and Simeon 2 in October. Tempus fugit! The busy attorney writes: "seems like all we do is work, cook/clean, etc., play with the kids and go back to work—it's too hectic but mostly fun. I wouldn't trade it for anything." ... **Nancy E. Epstein** lives in Austin, Texas, where she is a state legislative advocate—health care, agriculture, food and nutrition. At this "mid-life" juncture, she is deciding whether to go or not to go to naturopathic medical school in the Northwest—Portland or Seattle. She'll let us know. ... **Mark E. Fishbon**, another busy attorney, has two daughters, Talia, 5, and Ann, 3. He writes comically of his wife as a "budget analyst" and of the younger Colby graduates in his neighborhood, with emphasis on the new law clerk ("younger than me, again") working for his firm. ... **Terry C. Fieldheim** is doing something I had never heard of up until now. He writes: "I went back to school and received a degree from Ohio State U. in perfusion. Now what is a perfusionist?

It is a person that runs a heart lung machine during open heart and heart transplant operations. During the operation I become the person's heart lungs." Now that is pretty good medical writing. His wife, Nancy, manages the geology department at Brown University, and Nicole, 11, and Zachary, 9, are in elementary school. ... **Stephen A. Ford** and his wife, Beth, live in State College, Pa., where he is professor of farm management at Penn State and where she is finishing her Ph.D. in agricultural economics. Their first daughter, Emily Blythe Ford, is 15 months old. They write: "All we do is work and raise our child. We hope to move back to the South someday." ... **Peter L. Garra-bone** works for the U.S. Pharmaceutical Group of Pfizer, Inc. in New York City. His wife, Jane, a chiropractor, mothers their two boys, Peter III, 4, and Tommy, 2—"Kids keep us very busy"—and over the past two years the couple has built a new home in northern New Jersey. ... **H. Jeffrey Gottesfeld** has been very good keeping me in touch with how one can sound like a good lawyer,

## Dean of Choice

**Charles Terrell '70** has two passions: his job and his other job. An associate dean for student affairs for the Boston University Medical Center, Terrell is also a nationally known consultant and lecturer on student financial management, minority recruitment and admissions issues.

Whether he's consulting for the Department of Health and Human Services or lecturing at the National Association of Medical Minority Educators, Terrell passionately spreads his message that college allows people to reach their full potential.

"I think I'm a great role model for what's possible in higher education, and I'm able to communicate that to groups and people who need to know that [access] is possible. When I go out and talk to different groups I tell my story, saying, 'If I can do it so can you,'" said Terrell, who was raised in modest means in Washington, D.C.

A doctoral candidate at Nova Southeastern University, Terrell says he remains at BU because it gives him the flexibility to continue consulting.

"I love what I do," said Terrell, who graduated from Colby with a degree in history and received a master's from BU in African-American studies. "I'm free to [help others] in accessing higher



education. I know that I make a difference with the students I help here at BU, and I know I make a difference with [students and parents] when presenting the possibilities of higher education."

In his multifaceted BU position, Terrell is responsible for the administration of the Office of Student Financial Management, and he sits on the admissions committee of the medical school reading through many of the 11,000 applications and interviewing some of the 1,200 candidates for 90 available spaces. He is the spokesperson for the Office of Student Financial Planning and Development, and he works with the Office of Minority Affairs developing ways to help under-represented groups get opportunities to attend medical school. He is collaborating with BU's undergraduate African-American studies program to reinvigorate the department. Recently Terrell developed the office of residency planning and practice management services for the Primary Care Initiative to get more medical students to enter the primary care field (a difficult task since these physicians don't make as much money as specialists).

As a Colby alumnus Terrell is perhaps best known for his orchestration of the Lorimer Chapel takeover in 1970, though he says he wants to move forward and use the experience for positive purposes.

"I worked so hard to change things at Colby because I loved it," he said. "There's a photograph [of the takeover] that I have hanging in my office to remind myself of how angry I used to get at figures of authority. When people come into my office and get upset, I can glance over at it. I have a better sense of understanding. ... When things don't go well for students I can understand."

creatively. Jeff writes: "Leslie—FYI, we got the film deal—it is with the same folks who made *Circle of Friends*!—out now. Cherie and I are writing screenplay together." ... **Emily C. Graham** writes about her new daughter, Marisa, born September 1993, the baby girl she adopted from Guatemala. ... **Christine McKeown Burry** writes of her graduation from the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., earning a hard-wrought master's degree in national security studies, and of Bill's and her celebration sail to Nova Scotia. ... **Amy Schenck Frankel** is going through a career change and has moved from cosmetics marketing to being a partner in producing corporate film and video for broadcast advertising. She loves to rollerblade, ice skate and do yoga with her son, Drew Frankel, 8. ... Last but not least (and out of my self-devised alphabetical order), **Nancy P. Garnett Thomas** is an assistant professor of culinary arts at Johnson and Wales University, R.I. Her husband, Donald, is a heavy steel fabricator, and she writes that she is "enjoying a second childhood raising my two kids," likening the challenge to playing Power Rangers with a 40-year-old body! ... Thank you all for jotting me a Q on your spring break, have a very relaxing, seemingly endless summer vacation, and we'll see you in the fall. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Nicholas Levintow**

**78** Help! It took a while, but I finally realized that the "Contract with America" is really a contract out on my job and on thousands of other feds doing regulatory enforcement. There are several legislative initiatives floating around Capitol Hill right now that would abolish enforcement of OSHA, the job safety and health law, as we know it. Maybe somebody thinks this is a good idea, but they probably never had a refinery blow up in their hometown or lost a relative in an industrial incident. If you have any thoughts on this, please write me, or better yet, your congressional representative.

... **Jim Bull** writes from Menlo Park, Calif., that he knows he's getting old now that his 11-year-old daughter, Katie, swipes his Green Day and Pearl Jam CDs. I have to admit my kids are not at that stage yet, although every time we get a babysitter, I end up having to rewind my copy of *Eraserhead*. Jim and wife Erin are college textbook editors and also have an 8-year-old son, Sam. ... **Hanna McCrum Henderson** moved out to the Phoenix area two years ago. Although she enjoys the Southwest, she returns to the Blue Hill area of Maine every summer with husband Kris and daughters Morgan, Whitney and Emma-Claire. Hanna reports that she caught up with **Chris Bradley** and **Leigh Morse** last summer. ... New Jersey is a "nice place to live," writes **Betsey Judd Butler**, who lives in West Windsor. Betsey and Rich are kept busy by Claire and Brett as well as by too many activities and volunteering commitments to count. I share Betsey's views on the state, especially the South Jersey area, where we get away every summer. ... My predecessor as class correspondent, **Susan Gernert Adams**, is still producing television news in New York for NBC's *Dateline*. Susan broke the record for most interesting travels last year with a trip to Munich, Vienna, Budapest and Prague. She ran into **John and Pam Cleaves Devine**, **Jack and Lisa Mathey Landry**, Dean of Faculty **Bob McArthur** and Professor **Charlie Bassett** at a recent Colby fund raiser at the United Nations. ... **Lucinda Kearns Hepp** recently made the career change to full-time mom from the "super mom, career woman rat race" and reports she is very happy. Lucinda and Rick are planning to celebrate their 10th anniversary with a little hiking in the White Mountains. Lucinda, Rick, and 4-year-old Elizabeth live in Shrewsbury, Mass., and would love to hear from Colby alums. ... The next time you are sitting in the ballpark munching a hot dog, look down—you may be sitting on a product of the Hussey Seating Co. **Tim Hussey** is the chief operating officer of the company and reports that demand is up, especially in the Far East. Tim also notes that he heard from old

roomie **Les Morgan**, who is still in Bangladesh doing medical missionary work. ... Finally, I want to thank everyone, including the Alumni Office, for the new arrangement on class surveys, which is keeping me well stocked. One small quibble, though: now that the survey/questionnaire has been reduced to one page, that's all anyone writes. Please flip it over and keep writing, even if it's only malicious rumors and gossip. After all, that's what keeps me going in this job! ♦

Correspondent:  
**Robert Kinney**

**79** Cal Cooper, wife Carol, kids David, 5, and Meghan, 3, along with assorted dogs and cats, are living the good life in Frankfort, Maine. Cal teaches grade four and is a pumpkin and Christmas tree farmer to boot. ... **Laurie Borden Ahern**, husband Daniel, son Colin, 8, and daughter Haley, 4, reside in Middlebury, Vt., where "Bordeaux" works in administration for the Porter Medical Center. ... **Mark Dalton**, wife Cami and children Anna, 5, William, 2, and Kathryn, 1, live in America's last frontier, Alaska, where Mark is director of environmental services for HDR Engineering in Anchorage. He notes that children dominate their lives (along with the occasional moose!). ... The Reverend **Eric Duff** was married in June 1994 to Betty, and—in addition to his duties as pastor of St. Albans Episcopal Church in Arcola, Calif.—inherited three children, Joe, 20 and April and Mac, both 18. Eric also has another "flock" to deal with—two dogs, three cats, four cockatiels and one parrot! ... **Leslie Chanler Brooks** sent me a beautiful picture of her 15-month-old son, William Tucker Stuyvesant Brooks. Leslie, husband Doug and son reside in Locust, N.J. ... **Barry Horwitz** and wife Liz (Yanagihara '80) live in Newton, Mass., with their kids, Michael, 10, and Alison, 7. The family recently took a fantastic ski vacation to Utah. Barry is vice president for marketing for Bradlees, Inc. ... **Felicia Johnson** has

a new address, Tolland, Conn., right outside of Hartford. She and husband **Jude Boucher** have a 20-month-old son, Solomon. Felicia is currently on leave from her teaching job in the Hartford school system. ... **Mary Zukowski Hurd** and husband reside in Freeport, Maine, with their youngsters, Matthew, 4, and Rebecca, six months. Mary is an office manager and David is in computer sales and support. ... **Elizabeth Bailey Hodgdon** is an adaptive skiing coordinator for Maine Handicapped Skiing (MHS) at Sunday River in Bethel. She writes that Sunday River and MHS have developed a program in cross-country skiing for people with disabilities—using kicksleds, pulkas and sit skis! Husband Matthew is a park ranger. ... **Betsy Bucklin Gray**, husband Peter, Emily, 6, and Maggie, 4 1/2, just moved into their first house (c. 1859) on a quiet country road in Mendon, Vt. Betsy invites the entire class to come visit (and says thanks for your support of the Alumni Fund!). ... **Geoff Emanuel** is a newlywed (July 1994, to Laurie) and now lives in Simsbury, Conn. He says he is very happy and that he still sails frequently with Bob Kellogg in Maine. ... **Kyle Harrow** is a Ph.D. candidate at the U of Toronto, pursuing a degree in exercise and behavioral science. Kyle says husband **Rich Kantor** is very tolerant of this latest excursion into academia, and she notes that **Angela Mickalide** has provided her useful counsel on the quest for "Dr. Harrow." ... **Cindy Flandreau Helfrich** completed her first marathon in March (husband Jim's fourth), but it wasn't enough to allow them to outrun the terrible rains in northern California. Cindy reported that they were getting a bit moldy. Cindy and Jim have three wonderful children, Jack, 6, Carly, 4, and Ted, 3. ... The mysterious **Kathy Bleakney Pawley** and family live in Troutville, Va. (near Roanoke). Kathy is an attorney with the Social Security Administration down in them parts and had lots of news about other classmates that she promised to send me, so stay tuned! Please write! ♦

# The Eighties

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**80** Several items of interest from some of the attorneys in our midst. **Sonia Turcotte Fois** was named partner in the firm of Arnold and Porter in Washington, D.C. She is a member of the firm's legislative practice. Promotions must run in the Fois family; around the same time, her husband, Andrew, was appointed by President Clinton to be one of the top aides to Attorney General Janet Reno. At this writing, the Fois were looking forward to welcoming a third member of the family. . . . **Leslie Mitchell** became a partner in the New York City firm of Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto. Leslie's specialty is patents and trademarks. . . . Medfield, Mass., resident **Tom Dailey** is accumulating lots of travel miles to Vermont in his job as NYNEX's general counsel for the NYNEX-Vermont business unit. Despite the rigorous work schedule, he's happy to report that he's found time to play tennis consistently again. Tom and his wife, Maria (Macedo '79), are the parents of Andrew, 4, and were expecting another child as of this writing. . . . **Liz Nelb Gearan**, mom to Billy, 6, and Kelly, 3, is still on the job at Genesys Software Systems in Methuen, Mass., where she works in software development. . . . **Alice Domar**, a Boston psychologist, signed with Henry Holt Publishing to publish her first book, *Healing Mind, Healthy Woman*, a mind/body

book for women's health issues. Alice and her husband, David, have been honing their parenting skills with a basset hound puppy named Lucy, aka the "wild one." "Sleeping late in the morning is a thing of the past," Alice notes mournfully. . . . **Diane Farrell Guthmann's** cryptic comments, "new baby, new job, new house," sum up what's been happening with her over the past year. Diane and her husband, Grey, live in San Jose, Calif., and Diane works in marketing communications. . . . **Lori Azzarito Dubreuil** is an editor and living in Springfield, Vt., with husband Craig, Alex, 8, and Hanna, 5. They're hoping to get started on some house remodeling this year. . . . **Jane Dibden Schwab** is still serving as a clerkwoman in the Waterville area and is in her second year of teaching English as a Second Language through the Waterville Adult Education Department. This year she started a statewide networking organization for ESL teachers of adults and has been driving all over Maine to attend conferences and present workshops. Jane and her husband, David, welcomed their daughter, Jasmine, in January. Jasmine joins Amy, 2, Lisa, 5, and Jane's stepchildren, Wendy, 13, and Matt, 15. She and David are homeschooling the children in their log cabin in Oakland. . . . **Penny Janzen Winn**, husband Kevin and Conner, 5, Sarah, 3, and Matthew, 1, have moved from Dorchester, Mass., to the greener pastures of Pembroke. Penny loves their new abode although it means coping with an extended commute into Boston, where she and I team up to edit the employee newsletter for International Data Group. . . . Thanks so much to all of you who have made my job as class correspondent so easy—and enjoyable!—over the past five years. It's been

wonderful hearing from everyone, and I hope you'll continue to keep those cards, letters and questionnaires coming to the mailbox of my successor, John Veilleux. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Beth Pniewski Wilson**

**81** Adam and Lynn Bruen Winter have a new addition to their family. Meaghan Eileen joined big brother Ethan, 3, last February. They live in Northboro, Mass. . . . **Jodie Hewey Murphy** and her husband, Richard, live in North Chelmsford, Mass. They have two sons, Sean and Christopher. Jodie and Richard are both software engineers. . . . **Patrick Devivo** is living in Melrose, Mass. . . . **Saranna Robinson Thornton** is an assistant professor of economics at Colby. She and her husband, Michael, and son Paul live in Mary Low, where she is a faculty resident. Saranna says it is ironic that she ended up back at Colby and back in the dorms, but they eat in Dana because they like the food better there. She says the commute to the office is great, and there is no grocery shopping, cooking or dishes to do. She has also coached women's rugby. . . . **Rick Forster** and his wife, Maureen Bird, live in Holliston, Mass. Rick and Maureen have two sons, Tyler and Daniel. Rick is an assistant professor of medicine at University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester. He is also the associated director of the Medicine Housestaff Program. . . . **Daphne Kaplan Hardcastle** is an education evaluation specialist at the U.S. Department of Education. She and her husband, Tom, and their three daughters, Melanie, Julia and Natalie, live in Alexandria, Va. Daphne says she gets together with Lynn Quincy



'95  
reunion

## Class of 1980

The Class of 1980 was reunited, at least partially, in a weekend bacchanal of eating, drinking and oratory reminiscent of many past celebrations on Mayflower Hill (well, sort of). Although we sorely missed those who did not make it, we had a pretty good turnout, particularly if you include the many attendees in utero.

Aside from the many opportunities given to parents to chase their children across the campus's vast green expanses, highlights of the weekend included a boating party on Henry Kennedy's boat, a cookout at the Gould Music Shell field and a dinner in the Student Union's new pub. I understand that only a small group made it to the boat, but they had enough fun for everyone else. The cookout was pretty laid back, with the best entrance being made by an impressive contingent of KDRs, whose unplanned meeting at the road's edge resulted in their ambling across the field in a loose formation, shoulder-to-shoulder, like something out of an old Western.

The class dinner on Saturday night was the formal climax of the weekend. Bev Nalbandian Madden presided over the evening with her usual unassuming grace. Drinks before dinner were followed by a new drinking game at dinner in which all of the expecting mothers ordered double shots of milk for those who also were drinking for two.

Thus fortified, we were addressed in turn by President Bill Cotter, whose remarks noted the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II; dean and coach Mark Serdjian '73, who recalled some of the events of our years at Colby (despite the absence of his inspiration, Elliott Pratt); and Professor Sandy Maisel, who took some tough questions from a politically astute crowd.

Well-deserved praise and gratitude were heaped upon the follow-

ing members of the class who have performed years of excellent and selfless work on behalf of their classmates: Bev Madden, president; Joanne Shannon O'Donnell, vice president; Patty Valavanis Smith, class correspondent; and members of the reunion planning committee: Cynthia Auman (who produced the reunion tape with Bev), James Coull, Linda Davis, Lynn Collins Francis, Andrew Goode, Lisa Paskalides Grimmig, Anne Hussey, Elizabeth Martin Hutchinson, William Jackson, Steven Kirstein, Mimi Brodsky Kress, Joanne Shannon O'Donnell, Elliott Pratt, Nancy Reed, Carol Sly (Alumni Council representative and designer of the reunion T-shirt), Patty Valavanis Smith, Joanne Lynch Thorndike (who put together the reunion handbook), Diana Herrmann and Leslie Mitchell (class agent). As a result of the generosity of these and many other class members, our class gift to the College totaled \$84,509.

And because nature (and some things unnatural) abhors a vacuum, new class officers were announced, as follows: president, Elliott Pratt; Alumni Council representative and vice president, Anne Hussey; class correspondent, John Veilleux. These people are now your representatives, for better or for worse, so let them (us) know what you think.

Notable awards also went to Sara Crisp (most changed) and to Anne Hussey (best knee scars). Finally, Bill Jackson was the winner of the coveted Pink Flamingo. Road trips to the Jackson residence are encouraged to ensure that the noble bird is properly displayed (and to confirm that, as Bill reported, it matches the rest of the decor).

A supply of Reunion 1995 memorabilia is still available. Please call the Alumni Relations Office if you would like to purchase a Class of '80 T-shirt.

—John Veilleux

Albert at lunchtime since they work a few miles from each other. . . . Tony '80 and Mickey Mullen Cunningham are busy raising their two daughters, Flannery and Maddie, in Minnesota, where Tony teaches at St. John's. Mickey found time to teach an after-school arts program last fall with a course on self-portraits for fourth and fifth graders. She is planning on teaching more courses, and they plan to be in Spiddal, Ireland, on the west coast near Galway, heading up the St. John's program there in the fall of 1995. . . . As for your class secretary, my husband, Phil, and I are up to it again! We just bought our fourth house (aka fixer-upper) in 10 years. It's another antique that just cried out to us. It has 11 fireplaces, an indoor well and lots of unspoiled charm, so we're spending weekends peeling, painting, raking and pruning! We're still in the lovely town of Harvard about 35 miles northwest of Boston and hoping this is the end of the line in our history of house renovations. After eight years I am still working for West Publishing as an academic representative training law

students how to use our on-line database called WESTLAW. . . . Our 15th reunion is now less than a year away. If anyone has any suggestions about what events and activities we should have at our 15th, please drop me a line, call me or e-mail me (beth.wilson@mcimail). Also, the mail has gone dry lately, so please keep writing! ♦

Correspondent:  
Mimi Rasmussen

**82** Thad Burr has moved to Buenos Aires to open an insurance company for his employer, MetLife. . . . Terry Smith Brobst writes from Freeport, Maine, that she is a "severed" banker from the Fleet Financial Group, i.e., a victim of corporate downsizing, and after 10 years in banking is looking to explore new careers. Terry would also like to know how "Face" and "Tedious" are doing, as well as Ann and Peter. . . . Nancy Brown and Gregory Davis are living in Oakham, Mass., where Nancy is a senior research engineer for Norton

Company and Gregory is a carpenter and cabinetmaker. Nancy finished her Ph.D. in 1990 and lived in Bayreuth, Germany, for two and a half years before settling in Massachusetts in 1993. . . . Andrea Brantner's company is sending her back to the head office in New York after two and a half years in Japan. She was sad to leave Japan but happy to return—and now feels she must decide what to be when she grows up! . . . Duncan Alexander and his wife, Carolyn Salafia Alexander, moved a year ago to Bethesda, Md., where Carolyn took a new job. Duncan quit his job of 10 years to stay at home for a year with their adopted Korean twins, Claire and Mark. . . . Sandy Montt Carter thinks of her Colby friends and experiences often and says, "Hello to everyone!" After graduating from Wellesley, Sandy went from working for a software company to running the Cornell University Regional Office for New England, a public relations position involving fundraising. Sandy and husband Steve have three children, Brant, 7, Tucker, 5, and daughter Dionis, 1. Steve is an

antiques dealer specializing in antique clocks, and Sandy is now a mom and artist doing oil on canvas commission house portraits. . . . Stephen "Bub" Brown lives in Canton, Mass., with wife Sue and daughter Casey Marie, born 3/1/93. . . . Cathy Fracasse is moving eventually to S. Egremont, Mass., to a house designed by her sculptor husband, Allan Papsun. For now they are still in Roslindale, Mass. Cathy is a systems manager/investment compliance systems for Fidelity Investments. She hopes to use her master's in education (education media and technology) received from Boston University in 1993. . . . Diane Zavotsky announces the birth of her second daughter, Tess Diane McClenahan, 11/22/94. Sister Hayley is 3; dad is Daniel McClenahan. . . . Raymond George Jr. is in an exciting and growing orthodontia practice with his wife, Debra, and his father. Raymond and Debra have three children—Kelsey Ann, 5, Jenna-Rae, 3, Nicholas Williams, 2. George has recently been named to the board of directors of the Pawtucket Community Counseling Center.

... **Jennifer Maire Hagemann** and husband Henry are self-employed with their own marketing company. They have two girls—Kate, 8, and Leita, 4. ... **Susan Robertson Kuzia** sends news from Evans, Ga. Her husband, Stan '85, is a stockbroker with Robinson-Humphrey. Susan is a stay-at-home mom with a part-time business—Kuzia Creations. The biggest event in their lives was the addition of William Stanley, born 9/18/94. Big sister Virginia, 4, adores her little brother and is a big help. Life is definitely twice as exciting with two children.

... **Lesley Deyulio Defio** is a medical information specialist and also a figure skating instructor. Her husband, Joe, is vice president of Jenkins Music Co. They have two Pekinese dogs, Truffles and Spike. ... **Laura Higgins** sends news from an organic farm in Petrolia, Calif. Laura and her husband, Gair, live in a remote and unique community where their lifestyle is an occupation in itself! They have two sons—River, 5, and Arrow, 2—a dog, and numerous cats and chickens. Laura is very busy with widely varied community activities. They lack a computer and TV—but get many earthquakes. Laura and her family spent six weeks traveling lower Pacific Mexico by bus, which caused her some philosophical changes and convinced her that she is on a long road to fluency in Spanish.

... **Andrew Holtz** has moved to Brookline, Mass., where he is in restaurant management. ... In January, **James Haddow** became a partner at the Portland law firm where he works, Petrucelli & Martin. In March he was elected to a three-year term on the Limington, Maine, planning board. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Sally Lovegren Merchant**

**83** **Sue Desrochers Patterson** wrote that she and husband Kelvin (married in May 1994—"still newlyweds!") bought a condo in San Francisco in November 1994. I have their address in San Francisco so perhaps you San Franciscans can get together. ... **Will**

**Fredette** discovered five years ago that he loves computer programming, and he now develops software for BellSouth in Birmingham, Ala. He does stay grounded in his Renaissance classical roots with a steady diet of Homer and Shakespeare as well as German and Latin texts. Will and wife Martha live in Hoover, Ala., with daughters Mary, 5, and Grace, 2. Will can be reached on the Internet at: fredette@Scott.net. (Colby does have a World-Wide Web Home Page, Will, which can be accessed by the following address: <http://www.colby.edu>.)

... **Barbara Leonard** and **Dan Marra**, who have been living in Waterville for years, were married in October 1993 and were able to get away for two weeks to travel to Tuscany last fall. I know Barb and Dan are enjoying their gardening right now! ... **Phineas Gay** is president of Direct Results Group in Boston. He started the agency in November 1994, having left the direct marketing agency with which he had worked for 10 years. His agency specializes in direct marketing communications across all media to be applied to all forms of advertising. One of Phin's most exciting services: his Internet development team helps clients establish their own "web sites" on the Internet. Phin's address is: <http://www.directresults.com/group>. Phin says he's bumped into John Northrop, **Ken Emery**, **Jamie Town**, **Jim Hart '84**, **Dave Glass**, **Mark Tolette** and others. ... **Rob Highland** and his wife, **Kelly**, live with their daughter, **Emma Katherine**, 2, in Hickory, N.C. Rob is the newest member of a private practice OB-Gyn group. He and Kelly expect a new baby in September. ... In Rhode Island, **Sandy Demmler** is the owner of a commercial interior design firm that specializes in the design of health care environments. Her daughters are **Mia Danielle**, 11, and **Carleigh**, 7. ... **Donald Kennedy '58** is the superintendent for the Maynard Public Schools, where **Lisa Murry Donohue** works as high school guidance counselor and health education coordinator. Lisa lives with hubby Kevin and their children, **Andrew**, 5 1/2, and **Amanda**, 4, in Shrewsbury, Mass. Lisa

earned her CAGS in counseling psychology from Anna Maria College in May and is glad that her CAGS will validate her clinical ability and match her experience as an educator. ... **Kevin** and **Karen Nickerson Purcell** welcomed their newest baby, **Nick Arnold**, in April 1994. His sister **Kate** is 4. ... In Waitsfield, Vt., lives **Karla Hostettler** and her family of four cockatiels and two parakeets. She works as an international development consultant for the nonprofit organization Aid to Artisans. She just returned from Russia, where she met with over 50 artisans and small business owners to evaluate the impact of an Aid to Artisans project there. Karla has spent considerable time helping artisans around the world (recently, Ghana, Guatemala and Peru) to earn income by developing export businesses. ... Please take a minute to send me a note. I love to read your letters and answer questions about addresses when I have the info. Please send photos of yourself and any significant others so we can keep these for those "later," golden years when we want to look back lovingly. And if anyone has photos of our years at Colby that you'd like to send me for use in a scrapbook, it's none too soon to be thinking about our 15th reunion. A scrapbook filled with memorabilia would make a wonderful addition to being together. ... In February 1994, when I learned of the untimely death of **Jack Kleinman**, I sent his family a card of sympathy from all of us. Recently, Jack's sister **Jan** wrote to me to thank us for our note. Her family shared my sentiment that our friend Jack had died being challenged by something outdoors that he loved. We remember him with smiles and pray that we can live our lives today so that we have no regrets when our time comes. My best to you all. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Maura Cassidy**

**84** Lots of news to report, especially in the baby department! **Mia Rosner Roop** is working and living in Los Angeles on S. Bundy St. (in-

famous of late as Nicole Brown Simpson's address). She and her husband, **Larry '81**, have a son, **John Lawrence** (born 12/2/94), and two dogs. **Mia** is a distribution sales manager for Symantec Corp., a software company. **Larry** is an actor and has appeared in several films, including *JFK*, and on such television shows as *Unsolved Mysteries* and *Dangerous Curves*. ... **Sonia Kaloosdian Hale** writes that she and her husband had their first child, daughter **Alexandra Marie** (born 9/94), and that she will continue her graphic design firm on a part-time basis while renovating their new house in Wellesley, Mass. She would love to hear from anyone in the area—and especially misses those Phi Delt parties. ... **Deb Reinke** recently moved to Richmond, Va., after spending five years in Michigan completing her M.S. in natural resources and obtaining a teaching certificate in science. She is a science teacher in a middle school for gifted children. She and partner **Rose Deane** made a commitment of life and love to each other on the autumnal equinox 1994. Deb wonders how many other alumni(ae) feel afraid to share their lives in this magazine. ... **Jon** and **Sue Palmer Stone** recently had their second child, **Abigail Johnson** (born 12/17/94). Their first, **Roger**, is 3. Sue and family are now living in Newport Beach, Calif., though they still own their house in New Canaan, Conn., and hope to return eventually. Sue has taken time off from teaching French and Spanish to be a full-time mom. ... **Julie Stebbins Disa** is the director of financial aid services at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Joseph, her husband, is a plastic surgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She writes that her son, **Joseph Michael** (born 2/15/94), is a joy, and they are enjoying chasing after him. Julie finished her master's of science in June 1990. ... **Shelly Lent Gillwald** forgets what her title is—since she doesn't write it often—but thinks it is director of communications and development at Loudoun Hospital Center in Virginia. She and husband **Pete**, a landscape architect, have a full house with son **Karsten Rainer**

## NEWSMAKERS

**Peter Forman '80**, sheriff of Plymouth, Mass., was a prominent player in a *New York Times* story about construction of a controversial prison in the area. . . . **Tom Marlitt '80** cycled from San Francisco to Los Angeles in the California AIDS Ride II, a 525-mile, seven-day trip to raise money for the Jeffrey Goodman Special Care Clinic in Los Angeles, the largest HIV test site in the nation. . . . **Charles Gordy '81** joined Tufts University as associate director of planned giving. . . . **John Clevenger '81** joined Meridian Consulting Group in Westport, Conn., as senior consultant working with clients Valvoline and SmithKline Beecham. . . . **James B. Haddow '82** has become a partner in the firm of Petrucci & Martin in Portland, Maine. . . . **James O'Sullivan '82** has been appointed vice president and commercial broker at The Niles Co. in Boston, Mass. . . . **Dr. Robert Highland '83** received obstetrics and gynecology staff privileges at Catawba Memorial Hospital in Hickory, N.C. . . . **Carol McQuilling McMorris '83** joined Tilgham & Frost Real Estate Inc. in Wilton, Conn. . . . Maine state senator **Dana Hanley '84**, billed as "the senate's most conservative partisan" by the *Maine Sunday Telegram*, has been named chair of the appropriations committee and will be the architect of the state budget. . . . Renovations and restorations by **Will Cheever '85's** company, Yankee Restoration, are making news in Yarmouth, Maine. . . . **Crain's Chicago Business** announced the appointment of **Beth Healy '87** as associate editor for the newspaper's banking beat. . . . **Arthur Morrow '88** joined the law offices of Alfred J. Landeggar in Camarillo, Calif. . . . **Dr. Kevin Webb '88** is a new member of the staff of Kittery Optometric Associates in Kittery, Maine. . . . **Anestes G. Fotiadis '89** recently published *Colby College: A Venture of Faith*, a pictorial history of Colby from 1813 to the College's sesquicentennial in 1963. The book includes 200 black-and-white images dating back to the earliest days of the College.



Tom Marlitt '80

## MILEPOSTS

**Marriages:** **Charles Rousseau '83** to Barbara Henry in Mystic, Conn. . . . **Karen Lawes '87** to Timothy Webb in Seattle, Wash. . . . **Matthew Gove '87** to Bevin Dockray '88 in Charlestown, Mass. . . . **Toby Emerson '88** to Dana Kathleen Grogan in Andover, Mass. . . . **Gregory Chronis '88** to Jean Carpenter in Phoenix, Ariz. . . . **Suzanne Milauskus '89** to Paul Goldwin in Winchester, Mass.

**Births:** A son, Scott Austin, to Amy and **James Coull '80**. . . . A daughter, Kelsey Winslow, to **James '81** and **Laura Littlefield Bourne '81**. . . . A daughter, Eleanor, to **Scott Dow '83** and **Ashley Lasbury '83**. . . . A son, Colin Harrison, to **Dawne and Michael Page '84**. . . . A daughter, Tarrah Skye Tibbetts, to **Brian Tibbetts and Lisa Wormwood '84**. . . . A daughter, Margaret Horne Elliott, to **Glen and Carrie Rymer Elliott '85**. . . . A daughter, Tyler Elise, to **Eric and Jill Myerow Blinderman '86**. . . . A son, Connor, to **Jay '86** and **Imogen Mintzer Church '85**.

(born 3/20/93) and daughter **Anika Nicole** (born 7/13/94), along with a dog, Beam'r, and a teenage au pair. As far as free time, Shelly spends it chasing after kids, dogs or the au pair. Life sure has changed since her days at Sugarloaf, after the move to Virginia and a mortgage. She keeps in touch with **Wendy Glenn '85** and **Shannon Flynn**. So what is Shannon up to? . . . **Leslie and Nathan Emerson** are in Jackson, Wyo. He works as a ski instructor and in marketing for Jackson Hole Ski Corporation—and skis 150 days a year. Leslie is the executive director at Jackson Hole Land Trust. They are very proud of Tomba, Prince of the Teton, a yellow lab/retriever. And "Waldo" was changed to "Nato" (since Kato was taken?). Nato also coaches Little League and will travel to Finland to help train a Lapland Ski School. He sees other Jacksonites—**Jamie Mackintosh '82** and **Jonathan Selkowitz '88**. . . . **Wayne '85** and **Sandra Winship Eddy** are living in Cheshire, Conn., with two kids, Katharine, 2 1/2, and Jesse, 1. Sandy is working part time as a consulting manager at Digital Equipment and also volunteers as the vice president of Cheshire Newcomers Club. . . . **Bernd and Kaiya Vittands Hefele** and their three kids, Karl (born 5/3/90), Katrina (8/20/91) and Celen (3/7/94), are living in Hopatcong, N.J. Bernd is an attorney and just completed his M.B.A. at Columbia. Kaiya is a management consultant. They have just finished renovating their 100-year-old home on a lake. Kaiya writes that skiing with two kids in tow and one in a backpack is not what she imagined for herself while schussing down the slopes at Sugarloaf as an undergrad—though she wouldn't change it for the world! . . . **John Gagne** is now a doctor of dentistry, which he thinks may surprise some of you. He finally owns an Alfa Romeo, too. Some things take a while but are worth it. John and wife Susan live in Watertown, Conn., and he would love to hear from Dibs, Critter and Maddog and any other Johnson/Averillites from 1980-82. . . . The next missing alumnus we want to know about is **Eric Van Gestel**. ♦

Correspondent:

**Mary Alice Weller-Mayan**

**85** My last column. . . . **Anna Sandstrom** is currently working on her Ph.D. in Medieval/Renaissance French literature. . . . **Carol Simon** is the head women's basketball coach at Brandeis University in Boston. . . . **Nancy and Gregory Shefrin** were new parents as of June 26, 1994, when Zachary Lee was born. Greg is an assistant vice president at the Bank of New York. . . . **Matthew Steven Smith** is working as a teacher at Headlands Institute, a nonprofit field science school. School groups attend the institute for one-day to five-day programs and do outdoor projects. These include marine science, group challenges and all-day hikes. Headlands Institute is one of three campuses doing environmental education and is run by Yosemite National Institutes. Matthew lives in Sausalito, Calif. . . . **Faith Delaney** graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in May 1994. She is a staff attorney at G.W. & Wade, a financial planning company in Wellesley, Mass., where she works in estate and investment planning. . . . **Kathryn Clarke** and **Rick Anderson** have had another child, Brady Christopher Anderson, on July 27, 1994. His big sister, Emily, 3, is adjusting well now that she knows she is still the boss! . . . **Sarah Kellogg** has suffered through her first year in law school at Boston University. After five years in New Haven, she threw caution to the wind and left her job as risk manager for an HMO to attend law school. "I plan to pursue a career in health care law in some form or another, assuming I survive law school," says Sarah. Hang in there! . . . **Debbie Neumann** is a cardiology fellow at Lahey Clinic in Burlington, Mass. She has been working with **Paul Burns** for three years; one while doing residency at Boston City Hospital and now in a community hospital emergency room. . . . **Christine Rona Alban** had twin girls, Jennifer and Nicole, on September 8, 1994. Life has been crazy, she reports, but lots of

fun ever since. **Suzanne Krumm Yerdon** is the godmother to both girls. At the time Chris wrote, she was considering returning to work as a part-time consultant at Scudder, Stevens & Clark. . . . I recently heard from **Janet Lamoreau Cyr**, who is living in Oshkosh, Wis., with her husband, Tom. She is as vivacious and positive as ever. . . . **Tom Valinote's** address has been found! He is living in Los Angeles and has been on the TV shows *NYPD Blue* and *Babylon 5*. Last December he did a comedy show in Santa Monica, Calif., at the Upfront Theatre. Tom writes that he and his dog welcome visitors. . . . I still have lots of letters and questionnaires but no room to print it all. Don't worry, I will forward all the valuable news to our new class secretary, **Barbara Knox Autran**. She and her husband, Frederic, had a son, Dylan Alexandre, on February 27, 1994, and she will tell you all about him in her next

column. I have enjoyed keeping you updated about our class. May your lives be filled with much happiness. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Gretchen Bean Lurie**

**86** Many changes continue to shape our lives since those carefree days of burgers at the Spa, frisbee games by Johnson Pond or road trips to Three Dollar Dewey's in Portland. **Molly Couch** is a supervising teacher in the fifth grade at the Smith College Campus School. She is currently working towards a purple belt in tae kwon do and preparing for a July wedding to her fiancé, Sean Ward. . . . **Karen Jodoin** is teaching biology and coaching girls' varsity basketball at Thayer Academy in Braintree, Mass. She loves living in the Boston area and catching the Celtics games,

even if they had an off year! . . . **Nancy Norris Gould** left her work in the defense industry a year ago and is now a senior financial analyst for T.J. Maxx. The on-site day care provided at her office is a huge help with 2-year-old Sam and his new little sibling (who had not yet arrived at the time of this article). . . . **Joan-Beth Witkes Gow** completed her Ph.D. in biology at Clark University in May 1994 and is currently a postdoctoral fellow at the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology. She credits her background in science at Colby, particularly her experiences in Professor Champin's genetics class, with helping to get her through grad school. Joan-Beth and her husband, Neil, are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their first child. . . . **Nancy Goldberg** is an English instructor at Southern Maine Technical College in Portland. She and Vito Courtney were engaged in No-

vember 1994 and are planning for a May 1996 wedding in Gloucester, Mass. . . . **Joe and Susan Maxwell Reisert** are living as resident tutors at Harvard. Sue is involved with students studying women's issues, public service and religion. She also holds three other jobs, including director of the first-year community service programs, assistant to the assistant dean of the college for co-education and assistant minister at North Prospect Church in Cambridge, which she loves. She was hoping to be ordained this spring. . . . After working with foreigners for two years in Paris and five years in Seattle at Microsoft, **James Lebaron** decided to get a master's in teaching from Seattle University. He is now a very happy high school French teacher. He is still in contact with Jennie (Webster '89) and **Matt Hartley** (who had their first baby, James Gibson) and with several Colby friends from the Class of

## '95 reunion

Our 10th reunion was a tremendous success, with a huge turnout and lots of fun thanks to the hard work of a number of classmates, notably **Kelli Crump**, who worked long and hard for a year and a half planning the logistics of the infamous get together. Special activities for our class included a golf outing at the Waterville Country Club organized by **Stephen Reed**. We also enjoyed more spontaneous gatherings such as reminiscing on Friday night at You Know Whose Pub (remember those great pizzas!!) in downtown Waterville.

Classmates came from all corners of the country: **Tom Colt** made the journey (he decided at the last minute) from Oklahoma City. **Mark Hodin** came from Wisconsin. **Julie Sands Causey** hopped a plane from Minneapolis, and **Jim Gill** traveled across the pond—from England, that is! But the special guest star was **Tom Valinote**, who flew all the way from California at his expense (**John "Gin Pup" Collins** is very sorry about the misunderstanding).

The Class of '85 won't forget the scrumptious lobster bake and class dinner with the distinguished presence of President Cotter and Professor Jan Hogendorn. Professor Hogendorn spoke of changes at Colby—the new Harold Alfond Athletic Center, the trend among other liberal arts institutions to expand in size (Colby's incoming freshman class is expected to have 540 students!) and his desire to keep Colby's student population at its current level. President Cotter was presented with a memento key chain and a check for over \$75,000 contributed by members of our class.

The highlight of Saturday evening was at Strider Theater, where



Roy Hirshland.

the Gin Pup hosted his legendary "Late Night" show (move over Letterman!). We were able to look back on Gin Pup's first shows, with video footage of interviews with Seiler's Food Service employees—and who could forget **Angela Drennen Hansen** singing "It's Raining Men." She graced us with her talent again, singing "Cucuna Matata" (I apologize for spelling). We were all impressed by the footage of Tom Valinote's successful acting career in Los Angeles, which included excerpts from, among others, the hit series *NYPD Blue*. A special request was made and granted in the form of **Roy Hirshland** modeling Speedo biking shorts, topless! The audience was amazed when **Cici Bevin Gordon** was able to contact **Tom Clayton** on the phone, and we were able to hear about his latest adventures flying around southern Africa during his round-the-world trip. **Linc Peirce** was Gin Pup's last guest, and we were given the privilege of viewing a previously censored cartoon featuring the duel of the Colby Mule and Moose. Linc has moved on to greater things than *The Colby Echo*, and after a decade of hard work his cartoon strip is now being syndicated.

Some Reunion 1995 T-shirts are still available, so please call the Alumni Relations Office if you would like to purchase one. To all who could not make our reunion, do try to come to our next one. We missed lots of faces.

A special thanks to **Kate Lucier O'Neil**, **Cory Humphrey Serrano**, **Beth Towle**, **Julie Briggs**, **Steve Langlois**, **Shireen Shahawy Stinneford**, **Ann-Meg White** and **Rob Boone**.

—Mary Alice Weller-Mayan



1984. James is always eager to read this column upon the arrival of the magazine but wishes more people would share their news! ... **Brent and Jill Stasz Harris**, as well as Brad, 10, and Jake, 3, are excited about their move westward this summer. The Harris family will leave our nation's capital to become the Stanford U family. Brent finished his last year of an M.D./Ph.D. program at Georgetown and will be starting a residency in pathology, and after four years at an economic consulting firm in D.C., Jill will be in the M.B.A. program at Stanford. ... **Mark and Lori Moody Holmes** welcomed daughter Sarah Beth last November. Still functioning on very little sleep with a wee one at home, Lori returned to part-time work as a systems manager for Liberty Mutual near her home in Somersworth, N.H. ... **Michael Hipson** may live and work in the Lone Star State, but he claims he's still a Yankee at heart! The addition of Connor, now 16 months old, has given a new meaning to Michael and Gina's lives, and they claim their second child may not be far behind. On his business travels from New York, **Mark Needham** is a frequent visitor to the Hipsons. ... **Meena and Daniel Hewett** are both architects practicing and teaching in Boston. Despite busy schedules, they were able to make a wonderful visit to India recently. ... **Larry and Kelly McPhail Mendez** proudly announce the birth of daughter Kristin Layne, who arrived in January. The happy family lives outside of Dallas and welcomes any Colby classmates to stop for a visit. ... I've been back in my private school admissions role for over a year now and continue to keep busy as ever. I serve on the board of the nursery school my kids attend, chair a mothers' group at my church and teach Sunday school to 3- and 4-year-olds. Hunter will be 5 this fall and loves school, computers, sports and movies. Paige, our little Picasso, turned 3 in July and is excited about starting preschool and ballet lessons in September. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Sara Dickinson**

**88** I've bumped into **Hilary Seward** a few times on the streets of Boston—she's working as the marketing communications manager for Hunneman Real Estate. ... **Ayme Allison** has moved to a small town in Connecticut to work at the Gunner School. (**Drum Potter** went to high school here, according to Ayme.) She is the assistant dean of students and director of student activities. The hours are crazy, but she loves her job and doesn't miss the rat race of Boston at all. ... **Zach Abrams** took a leave from GE Capital and started business school at the Wharton School. He told me that **Paul Carmillo** is working at Biogen of Boston, **Brad Olson '90** is also attending Wharton, **Dave Caspar** is married and working in New York City and **Eric Zieff** got married in July and is getting a Ph.D. in psychology. ... **Steven and Ellen Krause Teplitz** bought a house in Washington, D.C., and have enjoyed the joys of fixing it up! ... **Mel Brown** is still the dean of girls and modern languages department chair at the St. Andrew's School in Middletown, Del. Mel took 12 students to Mexico to do a 10-day commitment service project last summer. They helped build a basketball/soccer court in a small community outside Tijuana. ... **Laura and Randy Catlin** have been enjoying living in Yarmouth after a year in Damariscotta, Maine. He writes, "I'm still working at 'the Yard' and will be going back to school to do an 18-month—one day a week—M.B.A. program at Northeastern. I've been working on a new destroyer design, and Laura is designing and selling ads for *Portland Magazine*." Randy is excited to see that the rowing program started by '87, '88 and '89 class members is still growing. ... **Monika Chas** has been living in Montclair, N.J., where she works in regulatory affairs in pharmaceuticals. She has had the thrill of 20 pieces of her artwork being displayed at a local gallery. Monika has been thinking of moving to Boston

and continues to work on her thesis for a master's in French literature. ... **Carol Ann Beach** is currently the head women's basketball coach at Connecticut College. ... **Jane Clark** writes that she is a social worker and substance abuse counselor for grades 4-12 in a school system near where she lives. Her husband is also a social worker for a psychiatric hospital. They've been enjoying married life and remodeling their house. ... Keep the news coming. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Deborah A. Greene**

**89** **Rosie Ahkami, M.D.**, is living in New York City and finishing her first year of residency in psychiatry at New York Hospital/Cornell University. ... **Maria Bonneville Berry** and husband James have their hands full up in Nashua, N.H., with their two boys, Jacob, 3, and Thomas, born last October. James is a chef, and Maria is working on a course in writing for children. ... **Andy '87 and Debbie Mann Johnson** recently moved to Ohio after Andy completed his Ph.D. in molecular and cellular biology. He's now doing cancer research at Ohio State, and Debbie is a medical secretary. ... **Suzanne Milauskas Goldwin** married a British chartered accountant last October and honeymooned in Hawaii. The wedding party included **Susan Keliher**, **Tracy Gionfriddo**, **Karen O'Shea '90** and **Jeff Schaefer '90**. Suzanne is now living in London and working for an art publisher. ... In NYC, **Brendan Cahill** is the director of client services for the William Doyle Galleries, which deals in rare books, maps, autographs and rare and fine wines. He hangs out with **Tom Cahill**, **Tucker Offutt**, **Kevin Oates '88** and **Jan Gisholt**. ... **Brian Connors** reports: "**Lyle 'The Wanderer' Muir** decided to make a pit stop in Quantico, Va., and just completed boot camp at the U.S. Marine Corps Officer Candidates School. The former certified physical fitness consultant said, 'The boot camp sounded like a good exercise program.' And **Steve 'Valedictorian'**

**Rand** is currently challenging his mind at Dartmouth's Tuck Business School. He lives off campus with dual grade school teacher and wife **Karen Faunce '90**. When asked his rationale for getting an M.B.A., Steve states, "I have mastered the art of proper grocery bagging and now it's on to the next level." Brian also writes that he and high school sweetheart **Michelle LaRocco** (**Bowdoin '89**, **Yale '92**) are getting married in March and will live in Bow, N.H., where they recently bought a house. ... **Rick Cahaly** is a project manager for an environmental consulting firm in Boston called TechLaw, Inc., which frequently sends him back to Maine to oversee work being done on hazardous waste sites. He is also doing some grad work in the environmental field at Tufts and reports that **Kerry and Greg Igo** had a son, **Timothy**, last October. They both work for Clean Harbors, Inc., and Greg has finished an M.B.A. from Babson. ... **Ingrid Kasaks-Moyer** has been working in the marketing department of L&F Products and is project manager for Diaparene Baby Wipes, Wet Ones and Lysol. Husband **Quinn** is the sales manager at Seely & Arnill, an aggregate company, which sells sand and gravel to construction companies. **Mike D'Agostino** manages to see the Moyers twice a year for skiing and golfing. On the way back from visiting relatives in Estonia and Latvia, **Ingrid** saw **Sarah Maddox-Rogers** during a stopover in London, where Sarah and husband **Peter** are having fun painting and furnishing a gorgeous house they bought. Sarah helps run the Saatchi gallery and is excited about being in the art world. ... **Sue Braton** and **Nick Childs '90** were married on New Year's Eve, 1993. Sue is in Columbia Business School, and the couple live in the NYC area. ... **Stacey Mitchell** is also in NYC, working as a lawyer for the district attorney's office after graduating from Tulane law school last year. ... **Julie Margolis** is back in New York after a transfer from her advertising agency. She had been in South America for a year. ... **Carolyn Harper** is living on the East Side of NYC and working in an art gallery. ♦

# The Nineties

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**90** One of the things I've enjoyed most is getting mail from people I didn't happen to know personally while we were at Colby. For example, **Kirsten Rossner**, who wrote that she graduated from Boston University with a master's degree in physical therapy and is now working in Charlottesville, Va., at a sports medicine center. She tells me that **John Woods** is also in the Charlottesville area

splitting his time between his third year of law school and teaching skiing at a nearby resort. After graduation, John plans to move his law practice to New Hampshire, where the ski conditions are even better. Kirsten also says that **Erika Sayewich '92** is in law school at the University of Virginia and that **Margaret Schwarze** is due to graduate from Harvard Medical School this spring and will be spending the months of April and May in Panama learning Spanish—and, as Kirsten says, "doing medical things." Kirsten saw **Niles '91** and **Sonja Wiberg Parker** over the Christmas holidays. Sonja graduated from Duke University with a master's in physical therapy and is now working at a hospital in Cooperstown, N.Y., where Niles is working on a master's in museum studies. **Suzanne Quill** graduated from Boston University law school in 1993 and is now practicing law in Boston. **Andrea Ciampa** graduated from Suffolk University law school in 1993 and is living in Pittsburgh, where her husband plays for the Penguins. Kirsten also knows that **Valerie Bryer Pettit** and her husband moved to Atlanta, Ga., in the fall of 1994 and that **Malcolm Hill** is living in Houston and finishing a Ph.D. in marine biology. Malcolm is married with one son. Thanks for all the news, Kirsten! ... **Andrew Eaton** sent word that he and **Paige Brennan** were married in May (their 6-year-old son, Justin, was the ring bearer). Andrew is working in Illinois as a personal fitness consultant at Multiplex Fitness Club. ... **Robyn Glaser** wrote from Sharon, Mass., where she was spending the summer studying for the bar exam before moving to New York. Robyn graduated with a dual J.D./M.B.A. degree and will be working in the corporate law department of the

law firm Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton, and Garrison in Manhattan this fall. ... **Chip Gavin** sent a post card from Washington, D.C., where he visited a bunch of Colby grads last winter. He writes that **Janet Boudreau**, **Scott Perley**, **Bill Aguiar** and **Kathy McKiernan** all seem well. I had dinner with Janet a while ago when she was in the Boston area for a visit—she had just been accepted into the M.B.A. program at Harvard and will be moving back to the Northeast this fall. ... **Jen Milsop '93** and **Jon Millard** bought a house this spring. Jen is still working for Sears but on a new assignment as a store manager, which makes for a much less hectic travel schedule. Jon is still working as a credit analyst in Michigan Corporate Banking and was looking forward to graduating from their relationship manager training program this summer. ... **John Guerreiro** has spent much of the past five years doing molecular genetic research at the Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit and received his master's degree in May. This fall, John will be starting work on an M.D. at Michigan State University and is trying for a position in their rural physician's program. He regrets that he won't be able to attend reunion—he'll spend half the summer in Alaska and half in Portugal. John's been in touch with **Ly Furrow '91**, who has just finished her master's degree in fisheries and wildlife at Michigan State University and will be joining John in his travels this summer. **Bruce Fougere '92**, who is enrolled in a computer program in Nova Scotia, stopped by to see John in Michigan. ... **Jon** and **Nori Sterling Gale** wrote an update on themselves and their son, **Tatum Monagan Gale**, who was born in December 1994. The two

were married in August 1993 after living in Seattle for two years and are now living in Portland, Maine, where Jon is in law school and Nori is working as a graphic designer. ♦

Correspondent:  
Portia Walker

**91** **Daniel Bowman** is a business planner at Sony Corp., has a new condo and will marry **Rebecca Spoerri '88** this summer or fall. ... **Mindy Rohman Burgess** received her master's in experimental psychology from Hollins College in 1992 and, along with husband **Steve**, is pursuing her Ph.D. at Florida State. ... **Tremaine Cooper** is an equestrian cross-country and jump builder and designer and sole proprietor for "Cross-Country Designs." He and his dog, **Campagnolo**, live mostly on the East Coast but spend part of the year in Seattle and over in England. ... **Beth Ackroyd**, currently living in Paterson, N.J., says teaching first grade is "quite an experience." She hopes to go back to school, possibly this fall. ... **Eric Adams** has quit his paralegal job in New York and is now pursuing his law degree at the University of Michigan. ... **Jennifer Wood Jencks** has taught at various private schools, run a marathon, graduated from Smith College's School for Social Work M.S.W. program in August 1994 and now is a social worker in a Rhode Island hospital while completing her thesis. And she married the person she had a crush on since the sixth grade! ... **Christina Thompson** and **Andy Bess** are living in High Wycombe outside of London; she's looking for work in London, and he is a chemist and sales/publicity manager for an environmental testing agency.

## Lacrosse Boss

After graduating from Colby, Katherine "Kay" Cowperthwait '91 went to California to experience something new. Four years later, she is head coach of the new Stanford University women's lacrosse program—a job she says she "stumbled into."

At 25, Cowperthwait has played lacrosse for 15 years—first at Greenwich Country Day School in Connecticut and then on Mayflower Hill. She was Colby's starting goalie

for four years but says she didn't think she'd play lacrosse in California until she heard about a women's club league. Cowperthwait started playing, met the coach of Stanford's women's club program and before long was helping to coach. She applied for the head coaching position in the spring of 1993 when the university granted women's lacrosse varsity status and was hired in July 1994.

"It was really a big risk, but I thought that I ought to at least try," said Cowperthwait, who lives in Menlo Park, Calif., with her partner Ann Vaughn. "I knew I had the experience, but it also was a relative risk for Stanford to hire me."

In their first varsity season, the Cowperthwait-led Cardinal compiled a 20-5 overall record (7-0 in the league) playing against California club teams. Next season she hopes to get more NCAA



sanctioned games on the schedule by playing Division I teams. There are 36 Division I women's lacrosse teams in the U.S.—mostly in the East.

"It's hard because only eight high schools in California have women's lacrosse teams so we don't have that feeder base," said Cowperthwait. "[The University of California] Berkeley women's club lacrosse may go varsity in the next two years but aside from that there are only club teams."

Cowperthwait's team will have to play more Division I teams to be considered for postseason tournament play next spring, competing against colleges in Colorado and Tennessee and other schools outside California. She admits that these circumstances may impede the success of her program, but she points to some advantages, too.

"Recruiting is going to be easy because Stanford is such an excellent educational opportunity," she said, "and I'm so lucky to be in a place where excellence and hard work are valued so much. There is a lot to aspire to around here. You get this belief that it's only a matter of time before you win a national title because you are constantly surrounded by it." Stanford has won 66 national championships in several sports.

"This seems like the place to be if you want to win a national title. That really motivates me to succeed," said Cowperthwait, who'd like to see her team ranked somewhere in the middle of the Division I pack within the next five years.

"I've definitely learned a lot over the years," she said. "I take seriously my position as a role model and coach. I know it's not all about lacrosse, but it's also about teamwork. Athletics is sort of a microcosm of the real world. I understand the value of that."

They hike, rock climb and travel whenever possible and—following their wedding this fall—will embark on a sailing honeymoon in Honduras. They told me that Lisa Twomey is teaching French and Spanish at St. Andrews School in Delaware; Juliette Varga and Mike Rooney are pursuing married life and their Ph.D.'s at U.N.H.; and Dave Moore, Merideth Master and Jared Cornell are all living in San Francisco. . . . Liz Helft married Don Darby '89 in August 1994; '91ers attending the wedding were Jessica Butler, Cathy Breen, Julie Daniele, Ashley Cornell, Caroline O'Malley, Patty Masters and Tree Sullivan. The Darbys spent their honeymoon in Bora Bora and are living in Menlo Park, Calif.; she teaches high school English in Palo Alto. . . . Twisty Gogolak, after being a bridesmaid in Cathy Breen's wedding last December along with Liz and Jessica, will be celebrating her marriage to Tom Dorion in the near future. . . . Lesley Eydenberg and

Dan Bouvier are also officially engaged. . . . Cherlyn Neely and Steve Gorin '92 are the proud parents of Mindy Amanda. Cherlyn is having fun being a mom but definitely plans to put her two tax law degrees to work in the future. . . . Rob '90 and Tricia O'Sullivan Hyland have just purchased and moved into their own house in Franklin, Mass. She's a human resource manager at Filene's, and he's a consultant for Anderson Consulting. . . . Sue Gouws is still in New York City working for Paine Webber as an equity research associate. She performed Mozart's Mass in C last spring (hey, Sue, me, too!) with one of the two choral groups she belongs to. . . . Heidi Meehan Grant is teaching eighth grade English at the John Jay Middle School in Katonah, N.Y., after receiving her master's degree from Teacher's College, Columbia University. She and husband Michael '90, who's working for the Katz Corp. in New York City, married in August 1992 and are

living in Mt. Kisco, N.Y. . . . Lisa Gould, a practicing attorney after passing the bar in '94, was married last June. . . . Annie DeMaria finished her seventh year of sailing schooners last fall and is now working with the Great Lake Merchant Marine. . . . Megan Finley is a member services manager for the National Council of State Housing Agencies, a trade association in D.C. lobbying for housing for low- to moderate-income people. She was to be a bridesmaid in Stacy King's June wedding to Justin Verge '90. . . . Catherine Giles is getting her master's and a C.A.G.S. in school psychology and will graduate in '96. She is doing research at Boston City Hospital and is keeping her skiing habit alive through teaching. (Her only major change is that now she likes cats!) . . . Corinne Hauser was married this June, with Caroline O'Malley as the maid of honor. . . . Reunion is less than a year away. Volunteers will be needed for various stages of this process. Your opinions do count! ♦

Correspondent:  
Katie Martin

**92** This is mostly an engagement/wedding/baby column. **Mi-Sun Cho** is engaged to her long-time high school boyfriend, with plans to marry this summer. . . . **Laura Armstrong** is busy making plans for her September wedding in Boulder. . . . **Krista Lundborg** is engaged and planning a September '96 wedding in Newport, R.I. . . . **Cathy Ryan** recently was engaged to Mike Kolakowski and planning a summer of '96 wedding. . . . **Margaret Russell** was proposed to in, of all places, Paris. Romantic! (She said yes.) . . . **Curc Beckwith** is living in San Francisco with his fiancée, Susanna Rhodes. . . . **Jen Kosek** is marrying Matthew Walker this September. . . . In August, **Sarah Hamilton** will marry Scott Barringer. . . . **Chris Ward** and Whitney Adams planned their July wedding for Cape Cod. . . .

Kelly Evans and Garin Arevian '91 are busy planning their wedding for Columbus Day weekend in Chatham. . . . Other weddings: Cathy Swaffar married David Douglas '91 last year. . . . Sarah Bramhall married Josh Reynolds in September '94. In attendance (in addition to myself) were Jeannette Riddle, Liz Cimino, Dave Moore, Chris and Angela Forman Toms, Pete Hocknell, Joe Savoie, Scott Alprin (best man), Theo Von Wallmenich, Laura Kuske, Michele Rowell, Andrew Finn and Josh Bubar '93. . . . Tricia Baldridge, a third grade teacher in Campton, N.H., was a bridesmaid in Michelle Fortier's wedding last October along with Karen Wu and Mary Beth Heiskell. Melissa Small (who is responsible for introducing Michelle to her husband, John Biscotti) did a reading at the service. Also in attendance were Farah Paradise, Yong Kwon, JC Klick and Mike Downes. . . . Lisa Miller married Todd O'Connor '91 in June. . . . Karen Larson wed Chris Flint this past April. . . . And the birth: Steve Gorin and Cherlyn Neely '91 welcomed their second child, Mindy Amanda, in December '94. . . . Older news: Suzanne Bober was between jobs, having experimented with architecture and Wall Street, and thinks grad school will be in the picture soon. . . . Lisa Churchill finished her M.S. in geology last December at the University of Michigan and

planned to return to Maine with hopes to work on Maine fossils and paleontology. . . . Last fall I headed north to Boston for the weekend of the Head of the Charles. Chris Frothingham and Meredith Johnson had one of the Good Beer Parties, and in attendance were Polly Sheridan, Ben Beatie, Kris Boynton, Curt Stevenson, Mark Longsjo and Poppyann Mastrovita '93 (who were getting ready for their November wedding), Suzanne Regnier, the clan from Michelle Fortier's wedding who stopped by afterwards and Amy Davis '91. My apologies to those I left out. At the Head of the Charles, I found Bryan Chase and Shannon Johnson '91 taking care of the Colby booth. Also there were Becky Graham, Jen Greenleaf, Andy Rhein, Matt Brown, the crew from Chris and Meredith's party and many more. . . . Kudos to Donna Burbank for sending the first update via e-mail. My address is kmartsmb@aol.com. ♦

Correspondent:  
Alicia S. Hidalgo

**94** Josh Eckel, assistant director of student activities at Colby last year, lived in Waterville with Ali Meyer and spent time with Jon Blau, who operates his own advertising and marketing business. Josh saw Greg Christopher in Jackson, Wyo., last Christmas vacation.

**Erin Crossland** joined Greg, who hopes to attend architecture school in the fall. Josh also has seen **Jen Morrow**, who lives in Belmont, Mass., and works as a lab technician at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. . . . **Daniella Araujo** is a psychiatric technician in the children's unit of the Jackson Brook Psychiatric Hospital in Portland, Maine, and plans to study clinical psychology in grad school this fall. . . . **Steve Doherty** is in grad school at UNH, working on a Ph.D. in chemistry. . . . **Julie Cyr** traveled cross-country with **Laura Keally** last summer. She lives in Brighton and works as a teacher of special needs children. . . . **Kate Diana** also traveled around the country—with her sister—and now lives in Boston, where she works as a corporate paralegal for Sullivan & Worcester. . . . **Carolyn Hart**, staff assistant with Bay Bank's Private Banking Group in Cambridge, lives in Somerville with **Rebekah Freeman**, who works at MIT as an assistant for government and community relations. They see **Heather Lounsbury**, who works in Boston (not Seattle!) for Gillette, doing research and development for the deodorant department. . . . **Marile Haylon** is a graphic designer with Bradford Advertising in Connecticut and had an ad published in the April *Yankee Magazine*. . . . **Chris Rogers** and **Andrea Bowman** are engaged and planning a summer '97 wedding. . . . New York news:

**Sara Ferry**, a management associate with Citibank, recently did some recruiting/interviewing. She wrote that she and **Kamin McClelland** attended a Colby party thrown by Candace Killmer '93 and Carrie Smith '93. Sara has heard from **Gretchen Stone**, who is working for a headhunter in Connecticut and studying physical therapy, and **Milly Noyes**, who is substitute teaching while waiting to hear from grad schools. . . . **Sean Hayes** is a capital markets equity analyst for Merrill Lynch and says his brother, **Jim '92**, is still in the Peace Corps in Ukraine. . . . **Laura Eanes** teaches math and coaches lacrosse and soccer at Blair Academy, a boarding school in New Jersey. Laura and Chris Abbott made a trip to Boston to see **Ethan Spencer** and **Ham Thompson**. . . . **Tara Estr** is an associate producer for NewsTalk, a new cable network in New York. She also plays soccer with the Metropolitan Women's Soccer League and is producing a film version of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer's Night Dream*. In May, Tara biked from San Francisco to LA in the California AIDS Bike-a-Thon. . . . **Katherine Bordwell** lives in Portland, Ore., and hopes to go abroad to teach English. . . . **Matthew Gaines** is an information consultant for UNICEF in Seattle. Having just returned from Croatia, he writes that he has a new perspective on how great America is! . . . **Kerry Enright** received an M.A. from

## '95 reunion

The Class of 1990 was out in full force for Reunion Weekend. Friday night was a mellow night—after checking in, a group of people hung out in the Spa, playing pool and catching up on the news.

Saturday morning we led the parade to the football field, where **Said Eastman** and **Janet Boudreau** presented a check for \$26,000 to President **Cotter** on behalf of our class. After the lobster bake lunch, most of us took some time to wander around campus and check out the new buildings or tour the athletic complex or art museum. A bunch of people played volleyball and frisbee in front of East and West Quads.

About 100 people showed up in time for our class dinner on Saturday night, where we were welcomed by **Said Eastman** and **Dan Spurgin**. Dan continued his tradition of capturing another Kodak moment by photographing us from the podium. After **John Robbins**

was called upon to share a mildly obscene joke with us all, Professor **Pete Moss** (history) spoke about some of the current issues on campus, most notably the grade-inflation phenomenon. Professor **Jane Moss** (French) also shared some news with our class—in several languages. After dinner, the classes of '80 and '85 joined us in the Page Commons Room for a Student Union party with The Blues Flames, a blues band.

It also seems that an impromptu game of beer die may have formed in the East Quad lounge on Saturday night after the party in the Student Union ended, although the details are unknown (who was God?). On Sunday morning we had coffeecake delivered to the dorm from **Bonnie's**, and most people got on the road for the return trip home fairly early.

Please call the Alumni Relations Office if you would like to purchase a Reunion 1995 Class of '90 cap. Some are still available.

—Laura Senior



the School of Education at Stanford and hopes to find a job in the bilingual education field. . . . After a few months living in a co-operative house in Boulder, Colo., David Holtzman planned a six-week hike in the Rockies and hoped to work on a farm. . . . Classmates abroad: Heather Eskey has taught at the Washington Institute of Languages in Kumamoto, Japan, since July '94 and will stay through December. . . .

Tori Esser works in Paris, France, as meetings coordinator for an international association of businesses in the food industry (in Madrid, Munich, Atlanta and Geneva). Tori has seen Ingrid Kristan, who was teaching in a

French school on a Fulbright scholarship. . . . Terry Meehan is back from Ireland, living in Somerville and doing medical research at Children's Hospital. . . . Heather Vincola, Christy Lynch and Kerry Sheehy share an apartment in Brookline, Mass., where a brunch St. Patrick's Day weekend brought together Missy Fraser, Marika Schwartzman, Colleen Brennan, Megan Harris, Tracy Larsen, Tracy Karsch, Ashley Short, Kristen Zier, Krista Nordgren (working for a publishing company in New York) and Babs Coulon, a research coordinator in the youth marketing department of Houston Effler, a Boston advertising firm. ♦

## NEWSMAKERS

David Carney '90 won a seat on the school committee in North Andover, Mass. . . . The Maine Associated Press Broadcasters Association awarded Dan Harris '93 an honorable mention in the enterprise category for a series of interviews about the election of Governor Angus King. . . . Vanessa Lloyd '93 received a master's of education degree and elementary teacher's certification from Boston University. . . . Under the auspices of WorldTeach, Amy Alderson '94 is teaching English to elementary school children in Costa Rica. . . . Marile Haylon '94 has been named associate art director at Bradford Advertising in New Haven, Conn. . . . In Washington, D.C., Laurie Silverman '94 is the new deputy press secretary for Senator Judd Gregg of New Hampshire. . . . Rob Underwood '94, contacted by Maine newspapers, reported on the devastating earthquakes last January in Japan, where he is teaching English at a high school.

## MILEPOSTS

Marriages: Mya-Lisa King '90 to Mark Condon in Northeast Harbor, Maine. . . . Carrie Lucas Linn '90 to Frederic Andre Robert Arnaud in Magnolia, Mass. . . . Margot Wood '90 to Matthew Owen in Greenwich, Conn.

# New Members Join Executive Committee

Director of Alumni Relations Susan Conant Cook '75 has announced the new members of the 1995-96 executive committee of the Alumni Council. The committee, which is appointed by the Council chair, reflects attempts this year to achieve a greater gender balance, Cook says. Executive committee members serve two year terms.

Ron Lupton '71 was elected chair of the Council. An attorney in a small practice in Bath, Maine, he has served as vice chair and Alumni Fund chair.

Joanne "Jan" Weddell Magyar '71 is the new vice chair of the Council. She has served as class representative to the Council and was an active member of the Admissions Committee. She is an optician with Huntington Eye Care Associates in Huntington, N.Y.

Libby Corydon-Apicella '74, new chair of the Communications Committee, has served as vice chair and chair of the Task Force on Communications. She is president of the New York Colby Club.

John Devine '78 is Alumni Fund chair. He has served as chair of the Council Nominating Committee, has been a class agent and was a member of the Alumni Fund Committee. A business department manager with Procter & Gamble, he is the '78 class president.

Susan Jacobson Nester '88 is the new chair of the Nominating Committee. She has served on the Council as a class representative. Nester is a producer for business and financial news at CNN.

New chair of the Awards Committee is David White '75. He has served on the Council as a class representative and has

been a class agent. He is an attorney in a small practice in Wellesley, Mass.

Anne Hussey '80 is the new chair of the Alumni on Campus Committee. She works in marketing at Hussey Manufacturing.

Lou Richardson McGinity '67 is the new chair of the Admissions Committee. A controller at Xerox, he has served on the Council as a class representative.

Diana Herrmann '80, vice president of Aquila Management and new chair of the Clubs Committee, has served as president of the New York Colby Club, as a class agent and as a reunion committee member.

Thomas Dailey '80, whose term is completed as co-chair of the Clubs Committee, will chair the Alumni Council Task Force on Clubs. He is an attorney with NYNEX in Boston.

Arthur Brennan '68, new chair of the Athletics Committee, has served as president of the Colby "C" Club, as class representative to the Council, as class president and as 25th reunion chair. He is a Superior Court justice in Maine.

Patricia Valavanis Smith '80 is president of "C" Club. She scored more than 1,000 points in basketball during her Colby career and had her number retired.

Leslie Mitchell '80 is the new chair of the Career Services Committee. She has served as president of the New York Colby Club, as a class agent and as a reunion committee member. She is an attorney with Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto in New York City.

Departing Council members include Al Carville '63, Solomon Hartman '67, Carol Sly '80, Cynthia "Cynnie" Auman '80, Judith Orne Shorey '55, William Marvin '65 and Thomas LaVigne '58.



## O B I T U A R I E S



### WILLIAM M. CHITTENDEN '19

William M. Chittenden '19, founder of the Chittenden Insurance Agency, died December 14, 1994, in Hamden, Conn., at 98. He was born in Clinton, Conn., where he attended Morgan High School. After serving in the Army in World War I, he joined the Risdon Manufacturing Co. in Naugatuck, Conn. In 1928 he founded the Chittenden Insurance Agency in Naugatuck, where he remained active until he moved to Hamden. He was a bank director and active in several local civic organizations. He leaves a son, three daughters, 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

### MIRA LOUISE DOLLEY '19

Mira Louise Dolley '19, a French teacher, died December 8, 1994, in Portland, Maine, at 97. She was born in Raymond, Maine, and attended Deering High School. She received a master's degree from Middlebury College and took additional courses at the Sorbonne, Harvard and the University of Southern California. After teaching for two years at Maine Central Institute, she moved to Deering High School, where her enthusiasm for young people and strong belief in the importance of the education of girls led to a 47-year career as a French teacher and dean of girls. In 1956 she was cited as an outstanding teacher of modern languages by the Modern Language Association. She served the College as president of the Alumnae Council, as president of the Southwestern Maine Alumnae Association and as a member of the Alumni Council. In 1937 she was elected a trustee of the College and in 1959 received a Colby Brick. She is survived by two nephews and a niece.

### PHYLLIS STURDIVANT SWEETSER '19

Phyllis Sturdivant Sweetser '19, a homemaker and librarian, died January 16 in Portland, Maine, at 96. She was born in West Roxbury, Mass., and graduated from Greely High School. At Colby she was president of Student Government and a member of Chi Omega sorority. With her husband she planted and ran commercial orchards and also was a librarian at Greely Institute and at Prince Memorial Library in Cumberland Center,

Maine. She served on many community organizations and served the College as class agent, class correspondent and member of the Alumni Council, for which she received a Colby Brick in 1972. She is survived by a son, a daughter, Elizabeth Sweetser Baxter '41, a sister, eight grandchildren, including Ledyard S. Baxter '67 and David S. Baxter '70, and 19 great-grandchildren.

### RUTH AUSTIN BLAKESLEE '23

Ruth Austin Blakeslee '23, a teacher and school principal, died February 5 in Sanford, Maine, at 93. She was born in Springfield, Mass., and attended local schools. She also attended Columbia University and Springfield College. She had a long career as a teacher and principal in the Springfield public school system before retiring in 1963. Two nieces survive her.

### THELMA RYDER BUSH '23

Thelma Ryder Bush '23, a teacher and homemaker, died October 29, 1994, in Springfield, Vt., at 92. She was born in Leeds, Maine, and attended Maine schools. A Latin major and member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority at the College, she taught Latin at Springfield High School before her marriage in 1928. She was an active member of several Springfield organizations. She is survived by a son and granddaughter.

### LOUISE M. TILLEY '23

Louise M. Tilley '23, a teacher, died December 3, 1994, in Woodman, N.J., at 94. She was born in Garfield Plantation, Maine. After teaching English at Presque Isle (Maine) High School, she moved to West Long Branch, N.J., where she continued teaching until her retirement in 1960. She served the College as a class agent.

### MARGARET TURNER HOWE '24

Margaret Turner Howe '24 died September 26, 1994, in Auburn, Maine, at 91. Born in Palermo, Maine, she attended Hebron Academy. At Colby she joined Phi Mu. Upon completing her Colby degree, she married Malcolm S. Howe in Stonington, Maine, and together they raised four children.

### DORIS HARDY HAWHEEL '25

Doris Hardy Haweeli '25, a teacher and dean, died April 8 in North Conway, N.H., at 92. She was born in North Vassalboro, Maine, the daughter of Theodore E. Hardy, Class of 1895. At Colby she was a member of Chi Omega sorority and a Phi Beta Kappa graduate. After graduate work in education at Harvard University, she taught Latin and French at Coburn Classical Institute, her alma mater, for 27 years and in the 1960s was dean of women at Worcester Junior College. She was active in Colby clubs, served on the Alumni Council and the Board of Trustees and was an alumni interviewer. In 1991 she received a Colby Brick. She is survived by her nieces, Elizabeth Hardy George '57 and Ellen B. Haweeli '69, two nephews, including John D. Hardy '63, and many grandnieces and grandnephews.

### FREDRICK C. WRIGHT '27

Fredrick C. Wright '27 died January 21 in Doylestown, Pa., at 88. A native of Leverett, Mass., he was the national sales manager for Dictaphone Corp. in Bridgeport, Conn., for five years before becoming regional sales manager of Telautograph Corp. in Los Angeles. He retired in 1973 after 20 years with the company. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, a son and daughter and six grandchildren.

### HELEN HIGHT BROWN '28

Helen Hight Brown '28, a retired teacher, died September 14, 1994, in Skowhegan, Maine, at 87. She was a native of Dexter, Maine, and graduated from Skowhegan High School. At Colby she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. For 35 years she taught English and Latin at the Skowhegan Junior High School. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, William S. Brown, one son, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

### PAULINE SINCLAIR STINCHFIELD '28

Pauline Sinclair Stinchfield '28 died January 23 at 89. She was the wife of Roger A. Stinchfield '26. Survivors include her son, Carleton P. Stinchfield '49, and a granddaughter.

## MURRAY B. MILLER '29

Murray B. Miller '29, an oral surgeon, died December 27, 1994, in Lake Worth, Fla., at 87. He attended Tufts University Dental School after leaving Colby and went on to a practice in dental surgery in White Plains, N.Y. He also served as a major in the Army during World War II on the maxillo-facial plastic surgery team. He is survived by his wife and a son, Richard O. Miller '61.

## PHILIP S. BITHER '30

Philip S. Bither '30, Colby professor of German, died May 10 in Waterville, Maine, at 85. He was born in Linneus, Maine, and graduated from Ricker Classical Institute. He taught for a year at Mount Hermon in Northfield, Mass., and also studied at the University of Giessen in Germany before joining the Colby faculty. He received his master's in modern languages from Harvard University in 1939. He served as executive secretary of Phi Beta Kappa for many years and was involved with the summer language school at Colby for 20 years. In 1970 he was awarded a Colby Brick. He retired in 1974. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Colby professor emerita Marjorie Bither, two sons, two brothers, including Hartley A. Bither '41, three sisters, two grandchildren and nieces and nephews, including Paul Bither '76.

## WAYNE E. ROBERTS '31

Wayne E. Roberts '31, a teacher and coach, died April 18 in South Portland, Maine, at 86. Born in North Berwick, Maine, he attended local schools and lettered in baseball, football and track in high school and at Colby. A successful minor league pitcher for several years, he was elected to the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame in 1977. For 35 years he held positions in the South Portland school system as high school English and science teacher and coach, as principal and as director of elementary curriculum. He earned a master's of education from Boston University in 1952 and served 11 years as superintendent of schools before he retired in 1966. Predeceased by his wife, Alice Linscott Roberts '31, he is survived by two sons, David Roberts '55 and John M. Roberts '60, a brother, five grandchildren, including Susan Roberts Dangel '86 and Linda Roberts Pagnano '88, and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

## JOHN H.J. WISNOSKI '31

John H.J. Wisnoski '31, a retired civil servant, died October 27, 1994, in Ware, Mass., at 86. He was born in Ware and educated at Ware High School. At Colby he earned his degree in French. In 1943 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served with an armored division in the Rome-Arno, North Apennines

and Po Valley campaigns and in Darmstadt, Germany, for which he received the American and European-Middle Eastern Theater ribbons. Until his retirement in 1967 he was a revenue officer for the Internal Revenue Service. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Agnes, a daughter, four brothers, two sisters and three grandchildren.

## RUTH ANDREWS YEOMANS '32

Ruth Andrews Yeomans '32 died October 19, 1994, in Lincoln, Maine, at 84. She was born in Drew Plantation, Maine. After graduating from Higgins Classical Institute, she attended both Colby and the University of Maine. She was for many years a member of the Drew Plantation school committee and also served as the town treasurer. For most of her life she worked the farm on which she was born. She is survived by a daughter, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## MARGARET FERNALD SMITH '33

Margaret Fernald Smith '33 died November 19, 1994, in Wilton, Maine, at 83. She was born in Freeport, Maine, and graduated from Brunswick High School. After Colby, where she majored in French, she worked as a payroll clerk at the H.E. Davis Shoe Co. until her marriage in 1939. She was a member of several local and national grange organizations. She is survived by her husband, Chester, a son and a brother.

## WILLIAM H. MILLETT '34

William H. Millett '34, a chemist, died January 9 in Winston-Salem, N.C., at 82. The son of Robert N. Millett, Class of 1893, he was born in Springfield, Vt., and attended local schools. At Colby he was editor of the *Echo*, president of Powder and Wig and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He earned an M.A. in chemistry at Princeton University and a Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania. From 1941 to 1969 he was assistant director of research and development at Union Carbide Corp. and from 1969 to 1977 was department manager at Houghton International. He also served in the Naval Reserve during World War II. He published many articles in the chemical metalworking field and was a member of several technical societies. Predeceased by his brother, Donald H. Millett '28, he is survived by his wife, Georgia, three daughters, a sister, Ruth Millett Maker '36, three grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

## THEOPHILE S. KRAWIEC '35

Theophile S. Krawiec '35, educator and author, died February 9 in Bethlehem, Pa., at 81.

A native of Central Falls, R.I., he received his M.S. in psychology from Brown University in 1937 and his Ph.D. from New York University in 1945. He taught psychology at Oregon State College and then at Skidmore College, where he was department chair from 1947 to 1970. A Fulbright Lecturer at Ibrahim University in Cairo, Egypt, in 1953-54, he also taught at Lehigh University and Meredith College after retiring from Skidmore. His several publications included *Beginning Psychology*, *The Psychologists and Systems and Theories of Psychology* (co-author). In 1971 the American Psychological Foundation awarded him its Distinguished Teaching Award for inspiring generations of college students. He was a generous supporter of College scholarship funds and served on the Alumni Council. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Stephanie, two sons, a brother, a sister and four grandchildren.

## HELEN CURTIS LOTHROP '36

Helen Curtis Lothrop '36, a homemaker, died December 6, 1993, in Winthrop, Maine, at 78. Raised in Portland, Maine, she attended Deering High School and, after Colby, Northeastern Business College. She worked as a clerk at Maine General Hospital, Maine Casket Co. and The Employer's Group before becoming a homemaker and mother of two daughters.

## PAUL K. PALMER '37

Paul K. Palmer '37 died January 19 in Dunedin, Fla., at 79. He was born in Nobleboro, Maine. After Colby, where he was a member of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity, he worked for five years for Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. as a salesman, then was employed by New England Telephone Company. He was general manager of Massachusetts Traffic when he retired in 1976. He served both Colby and his fraternity as co-chair of the building committee. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Walden Palmer '40, two daughters, three sons, including P. Kendall Palmer Jr. '64, his brother, Linwood E. Palmer Jr. '42, and 15 grandchildren.

## HENRY V. WILCOX '37

Henry V. Wilcox '37, a teacher, died January 16 in Big Pine, Calif., at 81. He was born in Belfast, Maine, where he graduated from Crosby High School. He received his master's of education from the University of Maine and taught in Maine high schools for 11 years before moving to New Hampshire in 1948. He taught at Bethlehem High School for eight years, then moved to California, where he taught math and sciences for 22 years at Big Pine High School before his retirement in 1978. He is survived by his wife, Adelane, two daughters, two grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

## WHITNEY WRIGHT '37

Whitney Wright '37, a retired Navy captain, died December 22, 1994, in Damariscotta, Maine, at 79. Born in Boston, Mass., he attended Hyde Park High School in Hyde Park, Mass. At Colby, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and president of the fraternity in his senior year, he excelled in football, track and hockey. He joined the Navy in 1938. At the outset of 32 years of service, he was a fighter pilot in World War II and flew numerous combat missions in the South Pacific, for which he was awarded the Navy Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medals with three stars and a Purple Heart. He was captain of the U.S.S. *Intrepid*. In 1964 he commanded the aircraft carrier U.S.S. *Midway* and in 1969 received the National Order of Vietnam for his service with a U.S. task force. He was a faculty member of the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I., before retiring in 1970 to Boothbay Harbor, Maine. In the 1970s he served Colby as a member of the Alumni Council. His first wife, Louise Weeks Wright '38, died in 1983. He is survived by his wife, A. Carol, a daughter, three stepdaughters, a sister and 11 grandchildren.

## EARL L. WADE '39

Earl L. Wade '39, a dentist, died November 29, 1994, in Calais, Maine, at 77. Born in Peniac, N.B., he attended the University of Missouri after graduation from Colby and did his residency in oral surgery at Kansas City General Hospital. He returned to Maine to practice in Bath and served as president of the Maine Dental Society. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Hamlin Wade '32, and two daughters, including Teri-Lee Wade '68.

## FREDERICK W. HOWARD '44

Frederick W. Howard '44, a public relations executive, died December 30, 1994, in Greenwich, Conn., at 74. A member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity at Colby, he interrupted his education to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. For his service on Okinawa he was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. He returned to Colby, graduating in 1946. In 1949 he received an advanced degree from Columbia University, then was employed as an executive in public relations in four major corporations in New York City. He retired in 1985. He is survived by a niece.

## JOHN R. POMEROY '44

John R. Pomeroy '44, a salesman, died February 13 in Brockton, Mass., at 74. Born in West

Bridgewater, Mass., he attended Pawling Preparatory School. He was captain of the Colby baseball team and later played on a semi-professional team in Massachusetts and in the Detroit Tigers organization. He was employed by Northeast Clark Lift Corporation in Rhode Island, where he was national salesman of the year on numerous occasions and sales manager at the time he retired. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, two sons, two daughters, a brother and nine grandchildren.

## AVARD J. HOLT '49

Avard J. Holt '49, a banker and real estate agent, died December 19, 1994, in Skowhegan, Maine, at 66. Born in Canaan, Maine, he graduated from Portland High School. He was employed for 28 years by the Lincoln Industrial Bank in Skowhegan. Later he worked as a real estate agent for the William Philbrick Insurance Company and as a broker for the Somerset Realty Company, both in Skowhegan. Survivors include his wife, Ellen, three sons, two daughters, his father and stepmother and eight grandchildren.

## THOMAS W. SAMUELSEN '49

Thomas W. Samuelson '49, a retired psychiatrist and Lutheran pastor, died in December 1994 in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, at 67. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he graduated from Poly Prep in Brooklyn. At Colby he obtained his degree in German, was the German Club secretary and president and was active in the Glee Club, the Outing Club and Kappa Delta Rho fraternity. He also held an M.A. from Columbia University, a B.D. from the Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pa., and an M.D. from the University of Munich, Germany. He completed his medical internship at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, Maine, and was a resident at Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine. He practiced psychiatry at Maine Medical Center, York County Counseling Services, Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Maine Youth Center before retiring in 1992. His wife, Anita, two daughters and a grandson survive him.

## RALPH H. FIELD '50

Ralph H. Field '50 died February 25 in Fairfield, Maine, at 72. Born in Bar Harbor, Maine, he was a graduate of Kents Hill School and served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific during World War II. He was employed by Keyes Fibre Co. in Fairfield for 37 years before retiring as senior vice president of manufacturing services. He was active in community affairs. Survivors include his wife, Virginia Hill Field '48, a son, Ralph F. Field '74, a daughter and two grandchildren.

## FRANCIS R. KIERNAN '53

Francis R. Kiernan '53, an executive in the industrial gas business, died January 30 in Manlius, N.Y., at 64. A football player and member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at Colby, he entered the Marines after graduation and served for two years, leaving active service as a first lieutenant. After receiving his M.B.A. from Columbia University, he worked in the industrial gas business for 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Ellen, two sons, two daughters and five grandchildren.

## JOAN CHIPMAN PHILLIPS '57

Joan Chipman Phillips '57 died November 25, 1994, in Savannah, Ga., at 59. She was born in Fort Worth, Texas, and attended Beaufort High School. At Colby she majored in biology and was a member of the Camera Club and the Outing Club. She worked as a medical technician at locations in Texas, Virginia and North Carolina. She is survived by her husband, Richard, three daughters, two brothers and two grandchildren.

## JAMES N. VALHOULI '64

James N. Valhouli '64, a teacher, died February 3 in Exeter, N.H., at 53. Born in Greece, he immigrated to the United States with his family in 1951 and grew up in Haverhill, Mass., where he attended high school. He earned his Colby B.A. in English and his master's and doctorate in English at the University of Wisconsin. He was an English professor at Bradford College for 11 years, then worked briefly as personnel coordinator of Davco before returning to the classroom in 1983 as an instructor in English at Phillips Academy in Exeter. An avid athlete who ran marathons, played and coached soccer and climbed Mt. McKinley, he drowned after falling through the ice while skating on the Exeter River. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, two sons, his mother and three brothers.

## PETER M. JOSEPH

Peter M. Joseph, a partner in Colby Vending and the Joseph Family Spa, died April 27 in Waterville, Maine, at 70. In 1985 the College dedicated the Joseph Family Spa as a tribute to the Joseph family for their operation of Colby's Spa from 1947 to 1985. A greatly respected friend, counselor and supporter to Colby students, staff and faculty, he was awarded a Colby Brick in 1981. Survivors include his wife, Barbara, two daughters, a son, three brothers and many nieces and nephews.



# Readers Write

## What's the Price of Freedom?

In response to President Cotter's article in support of tenure, I have several remarks.

One, President Cotter left out the price tag for his keepers of values. I would like to see a cost-analysis of tenure and its impact on the rising price tag of a Colby degree, a price that is prohibiting grads like me, the untenured, yet dedicated, hardworking professional, from sending children to their alma mater.

Next, he neglected to point out why college professors (or lawyers or bankers) should have the outrageous privilege of lifetime job security, for doing what they should be doing in the first place—performing to the best of their ability. Pshaw! on the lofty rhetoric that they are keepers of a college's values. A college has no more values than the society in which it sits. Ours are in short supply. When I attended Colby, students were selling and using drugs on campus, and the administration chose not to do anything about it or even admit they had a drug problem. The local headline I read after graduating said "Colby Has No Drug Problem." Not true. The elimination of fraternities involved questionable tactics on the part of the administration. I recall at least one older, outraged fraternity alumnus using the word "lied." It certainly appeared that way to me, despite the good intentions.

Tenure represents the banal pursuit of guaranteed money in a society in need of healing its materialism, not perpetuating it. Keeping up with the Joneses—the Bateses, the Bowdoin—*is* not ethical or value-based reasoning. Moral courage doesn't come in packs, as a rule. "Good business" should mean moral and value-based business. Often, it implies the opposite.

Tenure involves politics because it involves personalities. Lumping college teachers' rites of passage with lawyers and bankers is two-edged. Bankers and lawyers are no more immune from the corrupting influences of big money than any other group of people, professional or otherwise.

Finally, granting costly lifetime guarantees of job security to only select groups of dedicated professionals isn't free market thinking. It couldn't be defended on moral or ethical grounds, and it is dangerously elitist for a pluralistic (and violent) society with fringe elements beginning to strike out viciously against a government whose leaders themselves are in a questionable moral place.

Lisa Wormwood '81  
Yarmouth, Maine

## Two More Deserve the Spotlight

We were very pleased to see that the Performing Arts Department at Colby was ac-

knowledgeed in the latest issue of your magazine. The Periscope section had a paragraph titled "Only The Best" [that described theater awards recently won by three Colby students]. It is nice that these students were given recognition for their achievements.

Unfortunately, a mistake was made. The American College Theater Festival has many areas of competition, only one of which involved [the Colby production of] *American Buffalo*. Mike Daisey '95, Brent Felker '96 and Scott Cole '95 all were involved in the performance of *American Buffalo*, but they were also nominated as Irene Ryan candidates. For the third year in a row Colby students competed with many others to move on to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Not only the cast of *American Buffalo* but also Colby students Jason Spooner '95 and Katie Thompson '95 were nominated as Irene Ryan candidates. These last two had nothing to do with the production of *American Buffalo*, although many other students were involved in the various technical aspects. (The show was also entered for design and for lighting.)

*Colby* magazine is seen by many people, those who have gone to Colby as well as those who are merely considering attending the College. We feel that it is important to make a

good impression on all of these people. It is for this reason that we decided to alert you to the fact that an error was made. It is also important to give recognition where it is due. Thank you so much for mentioning *American Buffalo*. It is your acknowledgment that helps encourage students like us.

Kathleen Wood '96  
Betsy Clark '98

## Squash That Rumor

I was reading, as always with great interest, the latest edition of *Colby* when I came across page 37 and the title "Best Season Ever." I was pleased and happy that the team had done well. (I was on the 1989 team.)

However, while it may be the case that the team had the best record ever (I don't remember our record), I do know that we won the very same Barnaby Trophy in 1989 while at Yale—it was the first time Colby had ever accomplished this feat in squash.

Shaun Dakin '89  
Glendale, Ariz.

## Correction

An item in the Class of '71 news of the April *Colby* incorrectly stated Dr. William Anthony's place of work. Anthony is on the faculty of Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

# A Heart Bigger Than Texas

by J. Christian Davenport '96

## Final Period

Until now, all that most members of the Colby community knew about "Red" is that he worked in the Spa and smiled a lot. And while they may have surmised that his nickname refers to his bright red hair, most of them didn't even know his real name—Ernest Paradis. And they certainly didn't know that when "Red" is not at Colby, he runs a foster home for four mentally retarded and physically limited children out of his Waterville home with his wife, Barbara.

But anonymity is okay with Paradis. "I don't do this for attention," he said. "I do this because I've always liked to help people."

He has helped Joe (not his real name), at 17 the eldest of the four children in the Paradis home, for 10 years. Abandoned by his parents as a child, Joe became a ward of the state. Paradis recalls reading a newspaper article that said "they needed a home for this little fella. So I thought, 'We have a nice big home, why don't we take him in?'"

Nine months later, after being evaluated by the state, Frank became the newest member of the Paradis family. Since then the Paradis couple

has taken in and cared for three other children, ages 13, 14 and 17, all of whom are confined to wheelchairs. The couple has two grown children of their own who live elsewhere.

Paradis wakes at 5:30 a.m., three hours before coming to work at Colby, to get the children ready for school. All four of the foster children are in "mainstreaming" programs

a ramp into the house.

"It's a full-time undertaking," said Kevin Brown, a social worker at the Levinson Center in Bangor, an intermediate care facility for mentally retarded children. "If people decide to do this, they have to devote their lives to the child's care."

But the most important thing Paradis and his wife do for their foster children is

your own after a short while. They all love to be hugged and rocked. They just want to be loved and played with like regular kids, like all of us."

At a time in his life when many of his peers are thinking about retirement, Paradis, 61, is working as hard as ever. Last spring he and his wife took their first vacation away from the children in 10 years.

And yet with all he has done, after all the work and effort he has invested in them, and all the love he has given, Paradis feels guilty that he has not done enough. His dream, he says, is to build a park for special-needs children on his land with rides that would be wheelchair accessible. Since he hasn't taken the initiative yet, "I have a guilt trip about it," he said.

But Vikki Choate, a state social worker who has worked with the Paradis foster home for more than five years, feels Paradis and his wife are incredible providers. "Red's heart is bigger than Texas," she said. "These children require almost total care. It's a phenomenal responsibility, and they've met it every step of the way. Those children are literally members of the family. They are not 'foster kids.'" ♦

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in the Waterville public school system, where they are placed in normal classroom settings. Paradis and his wife care for the children's basic needs, washing and feeding them, brushing their teeth and putting them to bed. Paradis has made his home wheelchair accessible by building

love them. "They do as much for me as I do for them," said Paradis. "It's a real joy to work with them. And you can see it in their faces. When you show your love you can see them bubbling over. . . . They grow on you, and you fall in love with them as if they were

# MAINELY WEGMANS



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