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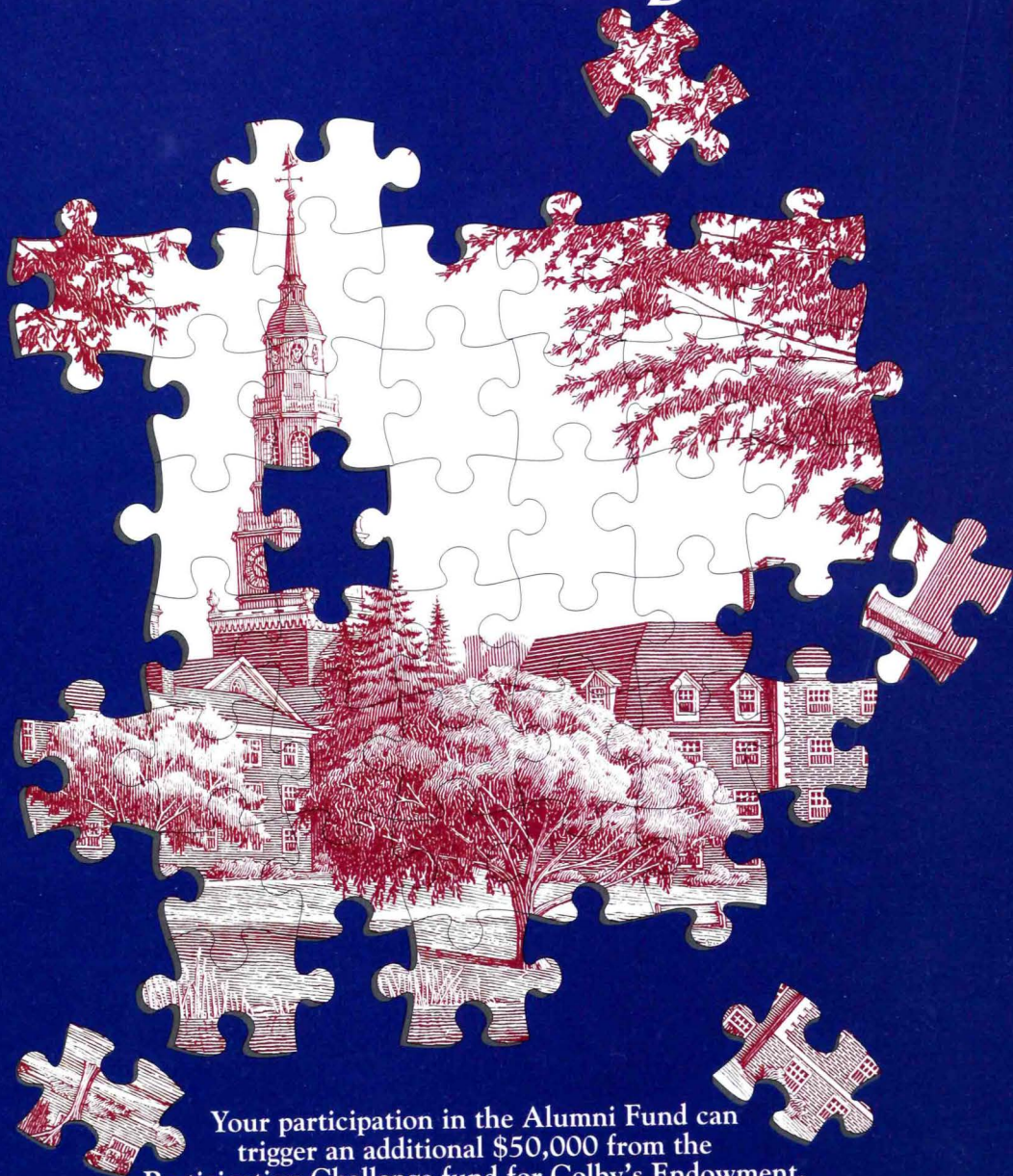
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The whimsical art of Michael Branca '96.

## The Choices We Make

Last spring, members of the *Colby* staff met for an entire day in my living room to talk about this magazine. Much of what we shared that day concerned our readers. We exchanged views about what we should be trying to accomplish by publishing this magazine and the factors that drive our decision making. In short, we talked about stories.

Ultimately, any magazine must return to the fundamental truth that readership is the main thing. While people may disagree about the relative "worth" of a particular story, we think most would agree that an unread publication serves no purpose. We do not assume for one moment that our readers will enjoy *Colby* simply because they attended school here, have children here or are tied to the College in some other way. If *Colby* is to be worth reading, it must be interesting, affinities aside. Which brings me back to our meeting last spring, smaller versions of which occur during the planning stages for each issue we produce. We ask ourselves, "Will people read it?"

The article about alumni volunteers that begins on page 12 was the result of alumni suggestions. We were told that although we occasionally feature financial contributors, less attention is given to dedicated Colby supporters whose gifts are measured in time and energy. But our rationale for preparing the article went beyond simply recognizing hard workers; the story had intrinsic interest. Had it fallen short of this second standard, we probably would have suggested an alternative way of honoring volunteers.

We also must try to interpret the tastes and attitudes of our readers when confronted by potentially controversial stories. This issue contains two articles that required serious reflection before we printed them. The first was Sally Baker's depiction of the community reaction and response to the slaying in late January of two nuns at a local convent. We suspected that most of our readers already knew most of the general facts involved because the crime was widely publicized in national media. What our readers probably didn't know, and what we thought they would like to know, was how the murders affected Waterville, and more specifically, Colby. After agonizing over whether our coverage would revive the pain caused by this terrible event, we decided that the story of the community's response was worth telling.

Marc Glass's profiles of Colby's pre-dawn employees created a similar dilemma when one of the subjects of the article, Eustis custodian Pete Johnson, died suddenly a few weeks before we went to press. Should we omit the segment devoted to Pete, scrap the entire piece, or run the article as originally conceived? We decided that, if for no other reason, Pete's endearing personality and dedication to Colby compelled us to print the segment about him. And, on a more personal level, we hoped that the article might serve to honor the memory of a friend we miss.

We hope we made the right calls in both instances. If you feel we didn't, we would like to know. The more you tell us about what you want in *Colby*, the better job we can do in delivering a publication that engages readers and advances Colby's mission.

Write. Call. Send e-mail. Drop us a postcard. We want to hear from you.



Kevin Cool  
Managing Editor, Colby

# Readers Write

## They're Good, We Must Admit

Thanks for a first-rate article, "The Sowing Road," written in a very readable style. Mr. [Parker] Beverage sounds like the perfect admissions director for Colby, promoting the terrific Maine students who enrich campus life so much. [He is] in the mold of Bill Bryan '48 [former dean of admissions at Colby] and dare I say, Bill Shaw and my husband, Bob Glover, at Bowdoin, men who valued diversity in the student body and who understood the bond between their colleges and the state. Colby and its student body are in very good hands.

Beryl Scott Glover '58  
Birmingham, Ala.

## Just for the Record

All records are made to be broken someday, and while I'm not glad that one of them was my father Eddie Roundy's football victories, I am happy for Coach [Tom] Austin and very proud of our Mules.

There is one fact to this accomplishment, however, that still brings great pride to me for my father's sake: He started coaching football at Colby in 1924 and stopped in the late 1930s—about 15 years. That means it took

nearly 60 years to better what he did in that short time. That, in itself, is a pretty good record.

As almost every Colby person knows, his gifts to the college didn't stop there. For another 15 years, until July 1954, his baseball and basketball teams brought glory to the athletic department, and his gentlemanly manner and conduct brought respect to him and the entire college community. I only wish his 30 years of service had received more credit in the recent *Colby College: A Venture of Faith*. Please pardon my obvious prejudice, but I am still very proud to be Eddie Roundy's daughter.

Dixie Roundy Beebe '46  
Sterling, Va.

## Didn't Go Down Easy

The picture of "Blueberry Ale" on the cover of the February 1996 issue of *Colby* and the accompanying article bring back distasteful (no pun intended) memories of the sea of beer and other alcohol products which washed over the college when I was a student there in the early 1960s. It was a disgraceful situation.

We encourage or should be encouraging students as well as the general population to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages. The

message which *Colby* sends is that it is fine to drink. After all, some of the alumni actually have gone into the business of producing beer.

Colby College prides itself on being a community of scholars. Pictures of beer bottles and an article about making a living making beer are not in keeping with Colby's educational image or mission.

Stephen Schoeman '64  
White Plains, N.J.

## Searching for Memories

I'm helping a friend research early women pilots, and she's especially interested in personal stories about Bernetta Miller, housemother at Louise Coburn Hall in the 1940s and '50s. I recall several interesting conversations with Miss Miller and considered her an especially kind and understanding woman with an extraordinary past. Her accounts of driving an ambulance during World War I and becoming one of the first women in the U.S. to receive a pilot's license are vividly etched in my brain. I'm hoping this message will prod a few more memories from others who will come forward with stories of their own. I'll be

delighted to hear from you, and my friend will be grateful as well.

Congratulations on the (not-so) new format! Reading about all the different aspects of Colby—from student life, to the faculty's creative efforts, to alumni who've gone on to apply their Colby educations to equally fascinating careers—makes for absorbing reading. It makes me grateful, once again, for my Colby experience some 40-plus years ago. And it also inspires me to save each issue to share with my 15-year-old granddaughter. Wouldn't I love to see her on Mayflower Hill!

Carolyn English Caci '53  
North Chelmsford, Mass.

Readers with access to e-mail can respond to Ms. Caci at [cacica@AOL.com](mailto:cacica@AOL.com).

## Corrections

The caption beneath the photo of April B. Armstrong in the February issue of *Colby* incorrectly listed her class year. She is a member of the Class of '97.

*Colby welcomes letters from readers. We reserve the right to edit for brevity and clarity. Please send correspondence to: Managing Editor, Colby, Office of Communications, Colby College, Waterville, ME 04901.*



# Periscope

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

## Carnegie Fellow

**Nicole Dannenberg '96** of Sunnyvale, Calif., has been selected as an International Peace Junior Fellow by the Carnegie Endowment. She was one of 11 chosen from some 150 applicants representing the nation's top colleges. She will be a research assistant for a senior fellow at Carnegie and will work on the journal *Foreign Policy*.

## Two Goldwaters

**Heide Girardin** of Jay, Maine, and **Lisa Tinanoff** of Unionville, Conn., both juniors, were chosen from a field of 1,200 candidates from more than 500 of the nation's colleges to receive Goldwater Scholarships. Among sister schools, only Wesleyan also can boast two such scholars. Amherst, Middlebury, Swarthmore, Tufts and Williams had one each.

## Colby Chemists Invade

A huge Colby contingent invaded the national meetings of the American Chemical Society in New Orleans in March when 15 students and eight faculty combined to make a whopping 27 presentations. Students included majors in both chemistry and biology. We're pretty sure that no small college has ever been this broadly represented at a national science meeting.

## Well, Well

Test wells in the basement of the new Olin Science Center are providing learning opportunities even before the facility opens—and some practical scientific application, too. When engineering consultants for the local sewerage district needed information on the water table to develop plans for a new sewer line in front of the

campus, they called on Geology Professor **Paul Doss** who, together with **Andrew Flint '96** (Catonsville, Md.), provided the data. Flint had been using the wells for his senior independent research project.

## Our Best Face

The dying sugar maples and the completion of the Olin building have accentuated the need for landscape improvements along the central mall in front of Miller Library. **Michael Van Valkenburgh**, chair of the Harvard School of Landscape Design, has been engaged to design a new mall plan that will include new terracing on the lower mall, new granite steps, a new stone searing wall in front of the library, lighting, and the replacement of trees with several different species. The work will be completed by this fall.

## Colby Pride

Perhaps you caught the wonderful piece on Acadia, written by **Michael Burke** (English), in February's *Yankee Magazine*. . . . President **Bill Cotter**'s essay supporting the tenure system, one of four pieces he has written on topics suggested by alumni, was reprinted in the January/February issue of *Academe*, the bulletin of the American Association of University Professors. . . . **Sally Baker** (communications director) wrote a piece for *Down East* magazine, reviewing a fascinating new chronicle, *Maine: The Pine Tree State from Prehistory to the Present*, published by the University of Maine Press. . . . The National Science Foundation has awarded Prof. **Sandy Maisel** (government) and Prof. **Walter Stone** of the University of Colorado a \$175,000 grant to do an in-depth study of the U.S. congressional candidates in the

1998 election. The grant will provide resources for several Colby students to assist in the research. . . . **Jane Moss** (women's studies and French) has been elected to the executive committee of the Modern Language Association's division on Francophone literatures and cultures and to the MLA delegate assembly. She also serves on the editorial board of the *American Review of Canadian Studies* and is managing editor of the journal *Quebec Studies*. . . . See **Tony Corrado** (government) quoted and heard everywhere on presidential campaign financing. . . .

**Michael Donihue '79** (economics) has been invited by the Australian government to present his work on economic forecasts and macroeconomic policy in the U.S. at the Treasury Department in Canberra, the Federal Reserve Bank in Sydney, the Queensland Treasury and the economics departments of Australia National University, Flanders University in Adelaide and Griffith University in Brisbane. . . . **Jim Fleming** (science and technology) has been asked by the Smithsonian Institution to help commemorate its 150th anniversary. He has organized a session at the American Geophysical Union meeting in Baltimore this month on Geophysics and the Smithsonian Institution, 1846-1996. . . . **Cate Talbot Ashton '80** (associate director of career services) has been elected the next chair of the American College Personnel Association's commission for career development. . . . **Fernando Gouvêa** (math and computer

science) and Colby have received a \$24,000 supplemental grant from the National Science Foundation in support of Fernando's project on the arithmetic of modular forms and of diagonal hypersurfaces. The latest award brings the grant total for this project to \$78,000.

## Town & Gown

**Paul Doss** (geology) has received a grant from the Maine Campus Compact to fund a course that incorporates service-learning into an advanced environmental geology curriculum. The course will focus on geological assessment of the greater Waterville area, which can then be used in development, zoning and planning issues facing the city. . . . The Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission has hailed **Don Allen** (geology) for his volunteer work in providing interpretive materials on the park's geological history. **Rowland Frazee** and the late **Edmund Muskie**, chair and vice chair of the commission, credited Allen for expanding the understanding of the park's geology for the benefit of both the commission and future visitors. . . . Colby and **Dex Whittinghill** (math and computer science) have received a \$23,600 grant from the Exxon Educational Foundation in support of a project titled Planning Regional Isolated Statisticians Meetings.

## Moosecellaneous

There will be 14 candidates for tenure next year, 10 more in 1998, only five in 1999 and four in the year 2000. . . . The Colby crew team has a new shell, thanks to the Holiday Inn Corporation and Kevin Mahaney of Bangor. The new, eight-oar machine will be named, appropriately, The Holiday Inn.

# New Digs On Campus

By Stephen Collins '74

Yet another ambitious building project has been kicked off on Mayflower Hill. In February, Colby announced plans to undertake a \$16-million, five-year program to build a new residence hall and upgrade existing dormitories and dining halls. Ground-breaking for the new building is planned for September on a site between the Hillside complex and Johnson Pond.

The overall project earmarks \$7.2 million for dorm renovations, \$6.5 million for new construction and \$2.5 million for upgrading the three existing dining halls. It is the most extensive facilities project undertaken by Colby since

the College moved from downtown Waterville to Mayflower Hill 50 years ago, and it comes on the heels of a \$10-million construction program that included the F.W. Olin Science Center (\$6.4 million) and related construction (\$900,000), the Paul Schupf Gallery for the Works of Alex Katz (\$1.5 million) being added to the Colby Museum of Art and the Pugh Center (\$1 million) addition to the Student Union.

The new residence hall will accommodate approximately 140 students and will replace beds lost when Colby renovates and upgrades living space in existing buildings. The improvements will begin this

## From the Hill



summer in the Hillside Complex, with all living spaces except the Heights scheduled to be upgraded between now and the year 2000.

President William R. Cotter told trustees at their January 20 meeting that Colby should have first-class residential accommodations, and he reviewed efforts to bring its academic and support facilities into top condition. Besides the Olin, Schupf and Pugh projects, Cotter said recent

improvement projects have included the expansion of Miller Library and satellite libraries; new science facilities in addition to the Olin building; new offices and classrooms in the Lovejoy annex; expansion and renovation of the Alford Athletic Center; and construction of the Lunder House.

Vice President for Administration W. Arnold Yasinski explained that components of buildings wear out after 40 or 50 years. The College has kept up well as academic buildings on Mayflower Hill reached that age; now it's time to address the residence hall situation, he says.

"More and more, stu-

## Life After Hoops

William Gates, the soft-spoken basketball player whose journey from inner-city Chicago to suburban prep school was chronicled in the award-winning film *Hoop Dreams*, told a Colby audience that urban black youths often see sports as their only option for success.

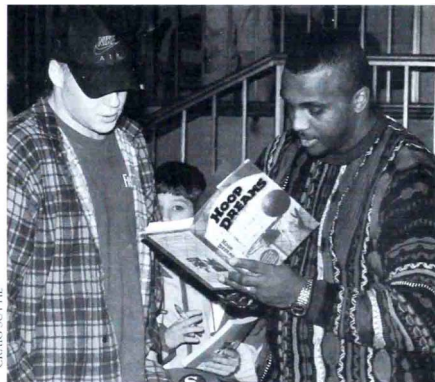
"They don't think about being doctors or lawyers because it seems too far away," said Gates, whose appearance attracted an overflow audience to the Page Commons Room. "Basketball is something they can imagine themselves doing, even though it's very intense and not many make it to the NBA."

Gates's pursuit of a career in professional basketball was derailed by a knee injury he suffered prior to his sophomore season at St. Joseph's High School, a mostly white private institution in suburban Chicago that lured him away from the Cabrini Green project where he grew up. *Hoop Dreams* followed Gates from his enrollment at St. Joseph's as a 14-year-old freshman to his recruitment by Marquette University. Gates says the education he received at St. Joseph's made his decision to attend worthwhile, but he criticized the school for its treatment of Arthur Agee, his co-star in the film. Agee, who, like Gates, left inner-city Chicago to attend St. Joseph's, returned to his public school after less

than a year at the prep school because of academic and financial problems. "My feeling is that if you take a kid out of his environment and bring him to a new place, don't send him back,"

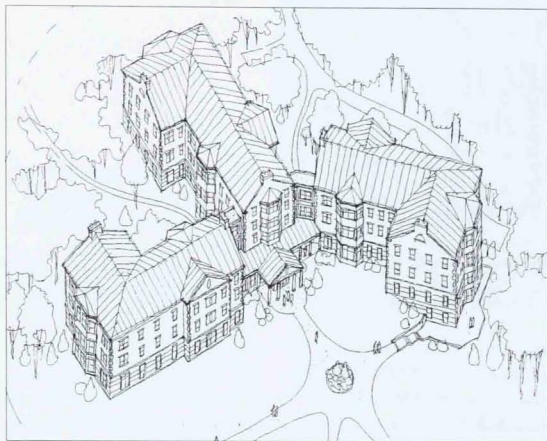
Gates said. "[Being forced to leave St. Joseph's] affected Arthur's self-esteem. He felt like he wasn't worth anything."

Gates now lives in Oak Park, Ill., with his wife and two children and travels throughout the country sharing his *Hoop Dreams* story. Agee plays for a professional basketball team in Winnipeg, Canada, and still dreams of making it to the NBA, Gates said. ♦



*Hoop Dreams* star William Gates meets students after his presentation.





Drawing of new residence hall to be built near Johnson Pond.

dents are looking for privacy," he said. "They want singles or single rooms within a suite, and they want more privacy in bathrooms." In addition, he says, students bring a lot more possessions, furniture and appliances to college than did previous generations and need more space.

Yasinski asked for opinions about where to locate the new residence hall via a questionnaire on Colby's World Wide Web site. The 500 respondents, mostly students, split evenly between those who liked the

site near Johnson Pond and those who wanted to see the new building up the hill between the Heights and the Hillside buildings.

Further site studies were underway this spring to design a building that would sit somewhere near where the present roadway runs between the Hillside complex and the pond. "It's important to make it look like the building doesn't own the pond," Yasinski said. The Boston architectural firm of CBT Inc. was selected from five finalists to draw up the designs. ♦

## Sidewalk Talk

### Very Attractive

Colby's admissions figures have begun to resemble the Dow Jones industrials. Every time it appears to have peaked, the total number of applications to the College breaks through another ceiling.

The latest new record is 4,600, an increase of 300 applications from last year's all-time high and a 60 percent gain since 1993.

"It's been a team effort. The entire Colby community has been involved, from admissions folks and alumni volunteers on the road, to physical plant and dining service workers, faculty, students and others on campus," said Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Parker Beverage. "We've all been enthusiastic representatives of a college that is truly on the move."

## Sobering Discussion

A Spotlight Event devoted to discussion about alcohol abuse on campus, conducted as part of a 10-month study by the Trustee Commission on Alcohol, elicited comments both for and against stricter regulation of drinking among students.

Beverly Nalbandian Madden '80, chair of the commission, said the forum was "one more important piece in what has been a very thorough process." Madden said she and other members of the commission—composed of trustees,

students—often freshmen—were hospitalized for alcohol poisoning and nearly died. "You have to deal with the problem of underage drinking," he said. "Until you do that, the other policies are a waste of time."

Saranna Robinson Thornton '81, assistant professor of economics and a faculty resident in Mary Low, attributes many of Colby's current alcohol-related problems to "a change in the sociological norm." According to Thornton, attitudes about drinking to excess are different from when she was a student. "If you got so drunk that you had to vomit, you were very uncool," she said. "People learned very quickly what their limit was and they didn't go beyond that. When I returned to Colby as a faculty member in 1989, I noticed a change in the norm. It appears to me that the new norm is that if you get drunk and vomit and then continue to drink that shows toughness. That's a very dangerous change."

Thornton says alcohol abuse degrades the quality of residential life on campus. She related personal experiences in which different groups of drunken students verbally assaulted female students in a dining hall and were found urinating in a garbage can outside her room. "I want to say that I think we have a real problem here; it's not minor, it's not insignificant. And it imposes a real cost on students and on faculty who live here. I would like to see some focus on changing the

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students, faculty and administrators—were impressed by the level of dialogue at the forum. "Students were very respectful of each other's opinions, and their comments were thoughtful and constructive," she said.

Students who favored tighter enforcement of alcohol policies offered compelling testimony about health risks, antisocial behaviors and property damage they say stem from drunkenness. Josh Fishkin '96 (Redding, Conn.), a member of hall staff, described incidents in which

sociological norm so that the cool thing to do is to drink responsibly."

Several students agreed that harsh measures were needed for irresponsible and inappropriate behavior related to drinking, but they said campus-wide rules about parties should be liberal enough to allow alcohol consumption without fear of sanction. Colby should encourage drinking in a social environment and not push students either off campus or into their rooms, where drinking tends to be more destructive and dangerous, they said.



MICHELLE TORRENS '96

Student Association President Tom Ryan '96 talks with trustee commission member Ron Lupton '71.

Brian Golden, a junior from Hillsdale, N.J., said that the vitality of social life at Colby could be damaged by a radical move to curb alcohol abuse. "Students need to feel that they have a comfortable academic and social atmosphere, and too much of a change one way or the other is going to skew that balance," he said. Eric Adams, a sophomore from

Lexington, Mass., said Colby needs to work toward "reducing the demand rather than removing the supply." He said educational programs, particularly for first-year students, would promote more awareness about alcohol abuse. Additional resources should be placed in establishing chem-free events, he said. "I think there is a great deal of dissatisfaction, especially among those students who consider themselves chem-free, with the fun and interest of chem-free events," he said.

Madden noted that while students differed in their opinions about how Colby should respond to alcohol abuse, there was no dispute that irresponsible drinking poses a problem for the College. "I didn't hear anybody say that there wasn't an issue with alcohol on campus. There seems to be a collective agreement that there is an overabundance of alcohol," she said.

Student fears that the commission would ban alcohol or take other radical steps to diminish consumption are unfounded, according to Madden. "We do not want to make Colby a dry campus; that has never been our intention," she said. "The desire of the commission is to create an environment where people can drink responsibly, and equally important, where there is respect for other members of the community. People shouldn't have to tolerate someone urinating in a pail or vomiting all over the place."

The commission will present its recommendations at the May meeting of the Board of Trustees. ♦

# HILL SIDES

## Just Like a Fairy Tale

When Performing Arts at Colby staged Stephen Sondheim's synthesized and updated fairy tale, *Into the Woods*, in February, it



was a fitting celebration of the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Strider Theater and of the dedication of Colby's performing arts team. Both *Into the Woods* and the theater's inaugural production in 1976, *Dido and Aeneas*, featured the collaborative artistic vision of

director Richard Sewell, choreographer Tina Wentzel and musical director Paul Machlin.

It was the ninth time Sewell and Machlin have teamed up to stage a major musical, and with more than 50 students involved, it may have been their most ambitious undertaking to date. The work paid off, though, and for two weeks in February, *Into the Woods* had the hottest tickets in town, with six performances sold out weeks in advance.

Wentzel's choreography included a backdrop of dancers who brought the woods to life. Machlin's pit orchestra accompanied a polished choral performance on stage, and Sewell's overall direction earned the show high marks. "An exceptional experience not to be missed," reported Catherine B. Page for the *Echo*.

## Spanish Symposium

Twenty scholars from around the country assembled at Colby April 12-14 to discuss issues of Hispanic culture and identity through literature, art, history and politics. The symposium, titled "The Written Body of Hispanic Culture," featured keynote speaker Professor Julio Ramos of the University of California at Berkeley, who presented his short documentary film "La Promesa."

All members of Colby's Spanish faculty moderated discussion groups during the two-day symposium. Participants included scholars from the universities of Massachusetts (Amherst) and Wisconsin (Madison); from Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Boston and New York universities; and from Bates, Carleton, Barnard, Bentley, Russell Sage, Vassar, Reed, Hamilton and Dartmouth colleges.

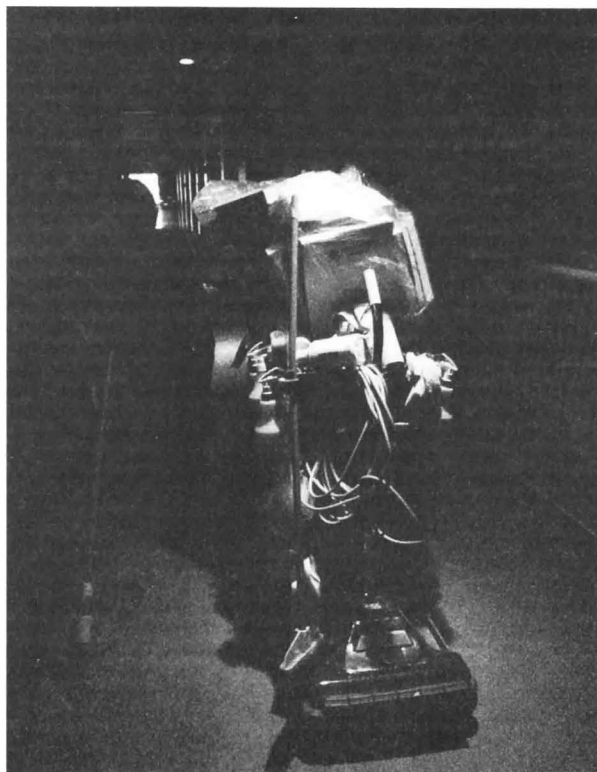
## Museum Collection Grows

Installation of a Sol LeWitt wall drawing, purchased recently by the Colby College Museum of Art for its permanent collection, began April 23. The installation coincided with an exhibition that opened May 1 of 56 LeWitt drawings and a lecture by New York art critic Phyllis Tuchman, "Sol LeWitt and Minimalism."

Tuchman describes LeWitt's career as "rich and varied," and it is one marked by continued innovation. While his three-dimensional structures gained him his first widespread public recognition, he is perhaps best known for his wall drawings, a concept he pioneered in 1968.



# While You Were Sleeping



## Text and Photos by Marc Glass

Long before sunrise, work is being done at Colby. Bread is baked, floors are scrubbed and trash is collected. The legions of pre-dawn workers at Colby see only a handful of students in the wee hours of the morning and might never meet a parent, but they hardly consider their jobs thankless. Despite working hours that defy circadian rhythms, they derive satisfaction from seeing a job well done and knowing Colby is improved by their effort.



If you attended Colby after 1973, you probably tasted Sandy LeClair's cookies. What you probably didn't know was that she was baking them while you slept off your past-midnight exam cram. LeClair, one of three bakers in Dana Commons, arrives every day at 3 a.m. to begin preparing Colby's daily supply of 82 bread loaves, 281 dinner rolls, 12 cakes and 1,106 cookies. There aren't many folks up at that hour around Colby except cooks, bakers and maintenance personnel. But often during exam weeks, book-weary students seeking a snack will drop by LeClair's kitchen, and—after having been treated—will stay for her company. "They're very pleasant about it so I find them muffins or bagels and we visit a bit," said LeClair.



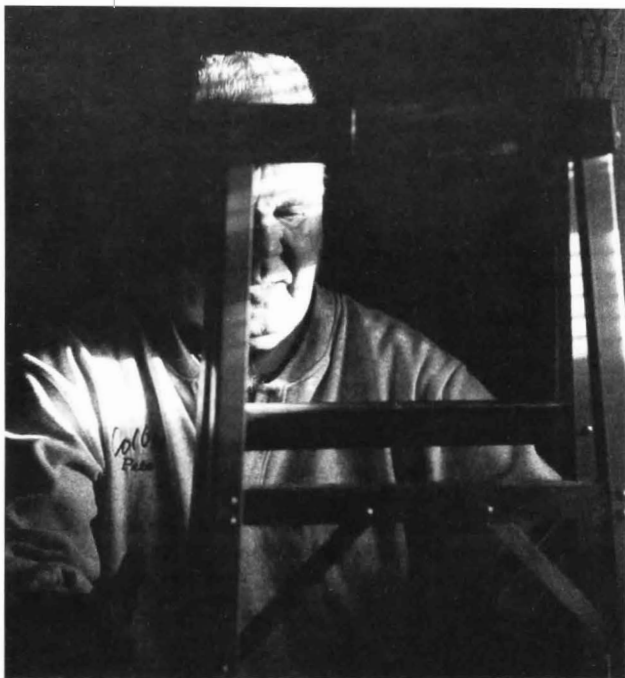
It's hard to imagine such hospitality in the middle of the night, but LeClair says that she enjoys working with her "friendly and helpful" colleagues and preparing recipes that regularly win student praise. "When I'm trying something new with brownies or waffles, I wonder, 'Will they like it? Will they let me know?'" she said. "Sometimes students will come out to the kitchen after eating something I baked to ask for the recipe. It's nice—that's when I know it was good."

Jason Kidwell '96, who says he's a "sucker" for LeClair's M&M cookies, takes a pragmatic approach to enjoying dessert. "I conclude every meal with cookies, a slice of chocolate creme pie or an eclair so I'm completely full. It's done in an attempt to avoid reaching for third helpings of the main course," he said.

When her shift at Colby is done, LeClair joins her husband, Mike, at their home-based oil delivery business in Benton to work as bookkeeper and receptionist. She works until 5 p.m. Then, many evenings during the week, she attends Order of the Eastern Star meetings as the recently elected district deputy. "People in the kitchen say, 'I don't know how you can do it,'" she said. "I just like to bake, that's all."







**E**ustis, Colby's main administration building, is nearly empty at 4:30 a.m. Computers, phones, fax machines and their operators doze while the building custodian wields his or her dustpan, mop and vacuum. Until early March, G. Peter Johnson ruled this domain. His death from a heart attack delivered Eustis denizens a difficult loss. When *Colby* followed Pete on his round in February, his daily battle to keep the building's tile and carpet free of salt and sand inverted a law of physics: what goes down must come up. Though it seems like a task for Sisyphus, Johnson found reward in a job well done.



"Folks in this building appreciate what you can do for them," he said. "I appreciate doing the work because there's a family aspect in this building that everyone from the top down has. It catches on."

Once the stairs and floors were grit-free, Johnson made the rounds to collect rubbish and recyclables. Allen LaPan, the supervisor in the student post office, passed by and couldn't resist the opportunity to razz his early morning comrade. "Quick! Take a picture. Catch him while he's actually doing some work!"

Johnson, shaking out a fresh plastic trash bag, didn't miss a beat. "Watch it there, mister. This bag's just about big enough for your head."

Like the dusting and vacuuming, the playful banter was an important part of Johnson's pre-dawn routine. Encouraged by LaPan's ribbing, a few others joined in. "Hey Pete, how come your partner's not doing your work for you today?" one asked. Johnson just shook his head and grinned. "Alan is such a prankster. He puts everybody in a good mood by jazzing 'em up. They're all good people around here."





At 7 a.m. the lights aren't on and the doors remain locked in the main foyer of the Harold Alfond Athletic Center, but several students are gathered outside the front doors waving to custodian Donna Dionne. Dionne, who begins work at 4:30 a.m., has been keeping the field house in pristine condition for the past 12 years. When she opens the doors she greets each student by name. "This is the most wonderful place. The students are so appreciative of the work we do in this building," Dionne said. "I just turned forty-two, but being surrounded by their energy and spirit makes me feel like twenty."

Dionne, whose daily cleaning responsibilities include the facility's floors, sinks, toilets, locker rooms and foyer doors and windows has only one complaint about the students: "What would possess anyone to put their lips all over the windows in the doors?" she asked.

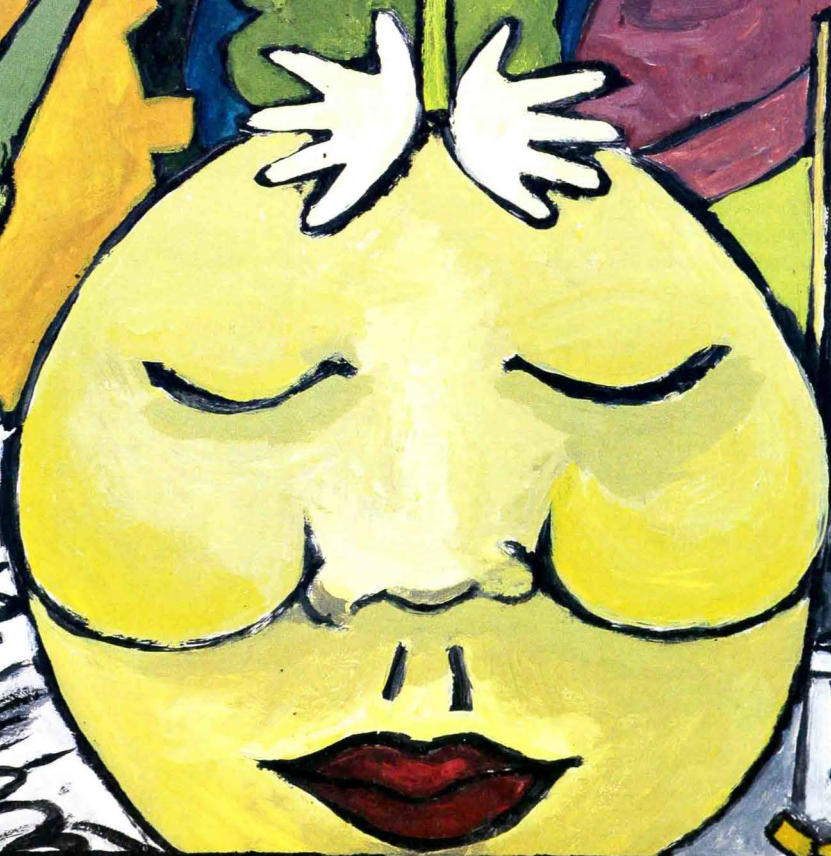
It's clear that Dionne, a self-described "psychotic cleaner," takes pride in her work and derives satisfaction from the steady stream of appreciative comments, especially those from Athletics Director Dick Whitmore and Dean of the College Earl Smith. "They always say that no matter how much sand and salt is put down on the roads and sidewalks during the winter, this place looks good," she said as she stopped to pick up a scrap of paper that missed the recycling bin. "They're sympathetic to what we do."

Dionne represents the third generation of family members to work at Colby. Her mother, Lorraine Chipman, was a custodian in Treworgy and Lovejoy, and her grandfather, Arthur Drouin, was a custodian in the Hillside Complex. Dionne, whose sister, Pam Dudley, now works in the stockroom, says she grew up around Colby and fondly remembers the visits to work with her mother. "While she worked, my sister and I would get sodas and visit with Mrs. Guilford, the house mother, who always liked having kids around," she said. "The College has been good to all of us."





# HELPER'S





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here am I going to find a job?" [Miranda] thought. "I've left my résumé everywhere—advertising agencies, banks, investment firms, temp agencies. Why am I being blown off like this? After all, I have a degree from Colby in sociology and women's studies. . . ."

Maybe it isn't deathless literature. Maybe it can't even rival the latest from Danielle Steel. But "Miranda's Adventures in New York" has fervent fans. Installments of Miranda's story, complete with cliffhangers, began appearing in the New York Colby Club newsletter last year, with each installment written by a different club member. At a meeting of the Alumni Council Communications Committee in New York last January, the first order of business for Valerie Miller '84 was a non-agenda item: did anyone have a copy of the latest Miranda chapter?

"I'm addicted," Miller said.

That's the idea. If club members are clamoring for more about Miranda they will probably read the entire newsletter. And if they read the newsletter they are more likely to participate in club events and to feel closer to the College.

Miranda is the brainchild of newsletter editor Art Klein '53, one of more than 2,000 Colby alumni volunteers who give time and service to the College. Many say staying involved with the Colby "family" is an important motivation. Colby, they say, deserves their support—financial and otherwise—and they are happy to serve as ambassadors for the College.

Alumni, along with some parents and other College friends, provide essential support to myriad departments, including Alumni Relations, Major Gifts, Annual Giving, Career Services, Off-Campus Studies, Admissions and Communications.

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"They are a very important cog in our machine," said Associate Dean of Admissions Judy Levine Brody '58. With invitations to college fairs and requests for one-on-one, off-campus interviews arriving "in droves," Brody says, there is no way the paid professional staff can be everywhere and do everything. "And," she added, "it isn't financially wise to send a staff member to a two-hour college fair in, say, Danbury, Connecticut, if we know we have plenty of alumni in the area who can represent us."

Brody maintains a database of alumni willing to interview prospective students and to attend college fairs to hand out literature and answer questions about Colby. She says new volunteers are always needed. "We never know from where requests will come for interviews," she said. "Just this week I had a request from Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and I couldn't fill it. Colby is getting more nationally known, so we're getting more requests." Brody says admissions volunteers may not hear from prospective students for several years or might get three calls in one year. "They have to be like the fire department: on call," she said.

Susan Conant Cook '75, Colby's director of alumni relations, and Demetra Giatas '88, the assistant director, coordinate the activities of hundreds of volunteers. In addition to the dozen or so board members of each major Colby club, Cook and Giatas work with volunteers from each of the 10 annual reunion classes, with the class officers, with the 100-member Alumni Council and with the 51 correspondents who contribute columns to *Colby* magazine. In addition, they help alumni representatives plan events for alumni, parents and prospective students across the country and internationally and they support ad hoc volunteers who, for instance, sponsor the Colby Book Prize in their towns.

"There are things [volunteers] can do that we can't do as well from here," Cook said. "If we'd like to have an event organized,

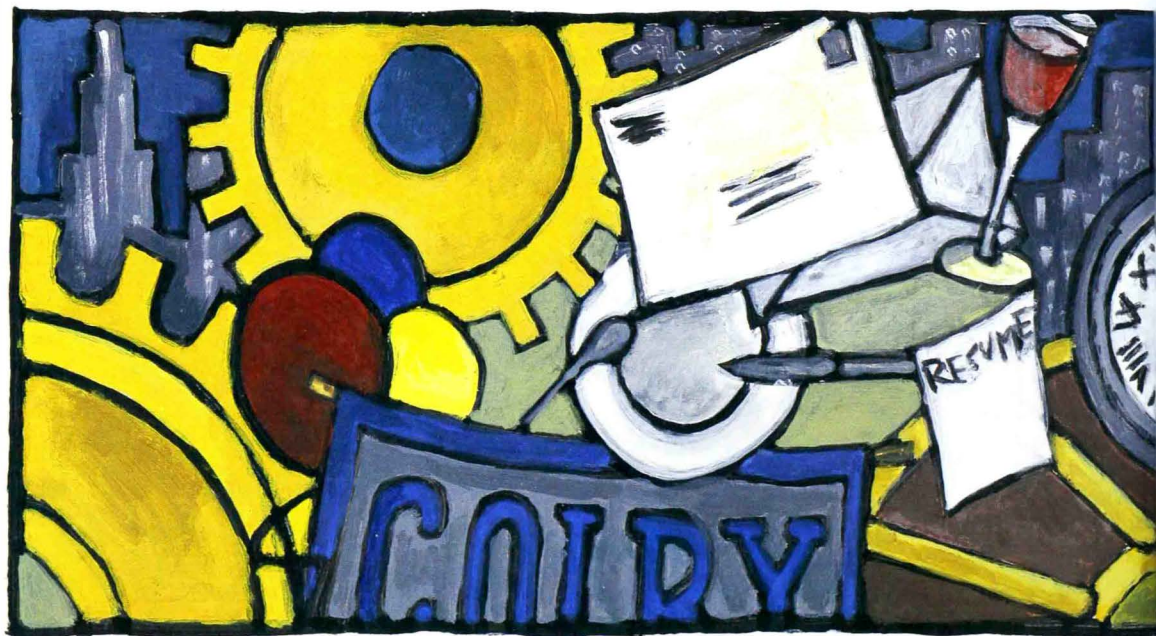
they know which restaurants in their area people wouldn't be caught dead in and which are hot. They can call people—who are often their friends—to invite them to the event and can follow up in ways we couldn't."

Cook says many alumni enjoy serving on their class reunion committees because they find it easy to call classmates. "And we never turn away a reunion volunteer," she said. "There's lots of room for involvement; this work can be done from anywhere in the country."

The Office of Off-Campus Study, under Associate Director Linda Cotter, recruits alumni to offer summer and Jan Plan internships to students and to provide housing for students during those times. Alumni-sponsored internships have given students the opportunity to sample a full gamut of professions, including medicine, law, television news production, scientific research, sports promotion and many others.

Cynthia Yasinski, director of career services, also relies on alumni to extend the reach of her small professional staff. The department's Career Connection database lists about 1,000 people, mostly alumni, who are willing to talk to students and recent graduates about career choices. Yasinski says the list is growing and expects it to double in the next few years.

A small group of alumni work within their companies to recruit employees from among Colby seniors, and a larger group regularly sends job postings to the College for the "Career Services Newsletter." In recent years several alumni panels have been held on campus and in conjunction with Colby clubs in large cities. Topics have included careers in teaching and in the sciences and what to 'do' with certain majors, such as philosophy and religion. Alumni invited to Colby Today weekend have volunteered to meet with individual students to discuss careers. Others take calls from students and recent graduates looking for jobs where the alumnus or alumna lives.





And many alumni offer to put students up when they are visiting for a job interview.

Steve Langlois '85, of the Bain and Co. strategic consulting firm in Boston, came to Colby in January 1995 to interview potential employees. Companies like Bain, he says, conduct interviews by asking students to work on case studies. "I might say, 'Assume you've been hired by a Colby alum who wants to start a restaurant in Waterville and wants to know whether it would be profitable. How would you think about that?'" Langlois said.

"It was clear that these students didn't have much experience with this kind of interview," Langlois said. "But there is an increasing interest in consulting, and most consulting firms interview this way."

Last fall Langlois returned to campus to participate in a panel discussion about jobs in consulting along with Kathryn O'Neil '87, a management consultant, and Matt Kearns '93, who works in environmental consulting in Maine. Following the panel, Langlois and O'Neil acted out a typical consulting firm interview for an audience of about 25 students.

When Langlois came back to recruit students this winter, they were better prepared. "We interviewed ten, brought three in for a second interview and offered one a job," he said. Now, he says, Colby is on the way to joining the core group of colleges and universities—including the Ivy League, Stanford, Amherst and Williams—to which Bain sends recruiters. "Colby students are trained in the liberal arts, they are smart and they know how to think analytically. They have everything we want," he said.

Many alumni volunteers report similar—though less dramatic—mutual benefits from serving the College. Not all of them can offer jobs to students or can spend the time that Langlois, who also is a member of the Alumni Fund Committee, a former class agent and an admissions interviewer, can give to

## And the Winners Are...



every year Colby honors those people whose contributions of time and effort have significantly enriched the College. The Ernest C. Marriner Distinguished Service Award is given to a member of the Colby family for exceptional commitment to Colby, demonstrated by lifelong dedication to the support of the College. Colby Brick Award recipients are members of the Colby family who have demonstrated outstanding loyalty to the College through consistent and dedicated service in its behalf. This year's winners are listed below.

Warren Finegan '51, a former trustee described by a colleague on the Alumni Council as a "trail blazer," is this year's recipient of the Marriner Distinguished Service Award. Finegan served as a trustee from 1980 to 1989 and was chair of the Alumni Council from 1976 to 1980. He also was president of the Boston Alumni Association and Boston Colby Club from 1971 to 1976 and is a former class secretary/treasurer. He won a Colby Brick Award in 1973. David Marson '48, a fellow trustee and Alumni Council member who nominated Finegan for the Marriner Award, said Finegan was "a pioneer in the relationship between the Alumni Council and the administration."

### Colby Brick Award winners are:

Regina Foley Haviland '61 served as an Alumni Fund agent and class agent from 1981 to 1991. She also has served as the director and president of the Hartford (Conn.) Alumni Club, was class vice president from 1981 to 1986 and has volunteered for both the Admissions and Career Services offices.

Jean O'Brien Perkins '46 has served on various alumni committees over the past 20 years. She has been a member of the Alumni Council, a class agent and a member of the 50th reunion planning committee.

Paula and Peter Lunder '56 both are members of the Colby Museum of Art Board of Governors. Peter has been a College overseer since 1982 and served as class vice president from 1991 to 1996. In addition, he has been heavily involved as an alumni volunteer in Colby's fund raising campaigns.

Lawrence Pugh '56 has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1982 and chair since 1991. He is a member of the Colby Museum of Art Board of Governors and served as co-chair of the Colby 2000 Campaign. Pugh received a Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1986 and an Alumni Council Special Recognition Award in 1987.

Jean Van Curan Pugh '55 is a long-time Colby supporter who has served as an admissions interviewer and is a member of Friends of Art.

Margaret "Meg" Fallon Wheeler '66 has been involved in a variety of College activities. She was a member of the Alumni Council Task Force on Council Structure, a member of the Reunion Gift Committee and a former class secretary/treasurer and was instrumental in organizing the 25th reunion for her class.





## Becoming a Volunteer

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here are many ways alumni can help Colby by volunteering, from playing host to large College-related events to offering a student a place to stay to discussing their careers with students over the telephone.

Everyone who writes, sends e-mail or calls the College with an offer to volunteer receives a response from the appropriate office or from another volunteer. "If anyone volunteers to do something for which there is no current need or opening, that name is passed along to the Alumni Council or to the nominating committee of the appropriate class," said Alumni Relations Director Susan Conant Cook '75.

Because Colby is committed to maintaining a lean administration in favor of spending its resources on faculty and students, potential volunteers sometimes won't receive a response to their inquiries for several weeks—longer, perhaps, if the offer is given verbally to someone traveling for the College who cannot pass it along to the appropriate office right away.

But the College depends on and values its volunteers, and alumni are urged to write or call the following offices for more information.

Office of Admissions  
Lunder House  
4800 Mayflower Hill  
Waterville, Maine 04901-8848  
207-872-3168  
admissions@colby.edu  
<http://www.colby.edu/admissions/>

Office of Career Services  
4140 Mayflower Hill  
Waterville, Maine 04901-8841  
207-872-3343  
career@colby.edu  
<http://www.colby.edu/career.serv/>

Office of Alumni Relations  
4310 Mayflower Hill  
Waterville, Maine 04901-8843  
207-872-3190  
alumni@colby.edu  
<http://www.colby.edu/alumni/>

Office of Off-Campus Study  
4500 Mayflower Hill  
Waterville, Maine 04901-8845  
207-872-3648  
staglia@colby.edu

Office of Annual Giving  
4320 Mayflower Hill  
Waterville, Maine 04901-8843  
207-872-3186  
annual@colby.edu



Colby. But they say that almost anyone who wants to get involved can secure a comfortable niche and will find the experience rewarding.

Lewis Krinsky '65 and his family have played host to three Colby students during Jan Plan in recent years, he is an admissions recruiter, he has organized a series of social events for Houston-area Colby, Bates and Bowdoin alumni, and he is always on call to gather Colbians when President Cotter or other College officials or faculty visit Texas. Krinsky also has volunteered for the Alumni Fund and served as a class officer and on the Alumni Council, among other things. But, says Krinsky, a stockbroker, "all of the activities I'm doing for Colby can be managed around a business schedule. I'm strapped for time right now; my schedule is full. But I can work recruiting in the evenings. It's not hard; there's no great personal sacrifice. The reward is the satisfaction of knowing that you've helped continue to build an institution that's worthy of the support you're giving it. There's no doubt Colby is worthy of it."

Fund raising is a task many people shy away from, but Annual Giving Director Nina Tilander can reel off a long-as-your-arm list of Colby alumni who have excelled as class agents.

"Colby does a terrific job in support of its volunteers," said class agent Ernie Fortin '51, whose class notched a 74 percent participation rate in last year's annual fund drive. The Annual Giving Office sends the agents regular newsletters with updates on the fund's progress and types, prints and applies postage to the solicitation letters written by agents. "Thank goodness," Fortin, a former New England Telephone executive, joked, "because the one thing I miss in retirement is having a secretary."

Fortin says the Colby work "goes in spasms" and is not a full-time commitment. "There are months when I don't make a single call," he said. "As we approach May and June I'll shut myself up in my bedroom—I don't have an office—and call classmates, sometimes for hours. Once the momentum gets



going you're just determined to get everyone. I know there are some classmates who are ill or who don't have any money to give. I call them just to see how they're doing."

Diana Herrmann '80, Cathy Woodward Gill '86 and Rebekah Mitchell '91 fit Colby club events into their busy lives. Herrmann, senior vice president of Aquila Management Group, is president of the New York club, which offers a packed calendar of social and service activities to members. The club sponsors two admissions-related events each year, one for students who have been accepted to Colby but who have not yet decided to matriculate and one for incoming Colby students in the summer before they arrive on Mayflower Hill. Each event also attracts many parents who are eager to speak to Colby alumni about the College. Additionally, the club sponsors career-development programs for Colby students and plays host to symposia by Colby faculty members and administrators. "The Colby planning report was discussed at one forum with trustees and administrators so alumni could participate in the process and give their reactions to the plan," Herrmann said.

Gill, the president of the Colby Club of Boston, is a lawyer and the mother of two young children. Like Herrmann, she is dedicated to various forms of volunteerism, despite her seeming lack of free time. "I've made a commitment not to let work dominate my whole life," Gill said. "I need time for my family, but it's important to me to do things outside of work that make a contribution." Gill also serves on the board of a local preschool's PTA and does pro bono legal work.

Mitchell is an account specialist at Phase Two Strategies in San Francisco, the president of the San Francisco Spinsters—a group of 22- to 35-year-old female college graduates who get together socially and for community service—and an unabashed Colby lover. She has organized two Colby events in the Bay Area in the past two years—a cocktail party at the Park 55 Hotel and an evening with much-beloved Professor Charlie Bassett.

"It's so easy," Mitchell said. "The Alumni Office sends out the invitations. I make a few calls, find a hotel, sign the contract. I try to keep the prices reasonable so everyone can attend."

All of the alumni volunteers interviewed for this article say that not only is Colby deserving of their efforts but that there are distinct benefits to serving the College. For Mitchell, who confesses to missing Mayflower Hill deeply, it's a chance to make connections with people she might not have known without the Colby tie. "At a [capital] campaign event in San Francisco this week I sat next to classmate Elin Baird, who works at Stanford. We talked the whole time," Mitchell said. "We hadn't known each other well at Colby; now we're exchanging e-mail."

Gill, Krinsky, Langlois and Fortin say Colby influenced their lives powerfully and for the better, and, though each cringed to repeat what they called a "cliché," each said volunteering was a concrete opportunity to give back to the College.

"I came from a poor family in Madison, Maine, and was the first one in my family to go to college," Fortin said. "I hope nobody thinks this is Joe College or mundane or something, but earning a living in life is the biggest challenge, and in my opinion, Colby allowed me to do that. It gave somebody without any money a chance in life."

Krinsky, veteran of more than three decades of service to Colby—and counting—says that when he talks to prospective students or current ones, his imperative is "to impart the knowledge I've gained in business over the years as a result of my Colby education. I want to help them get a faster start in life and get ahead."

"I may not be able to give Colby as much money as I would like to," Krinsky said. "That's frustrating. But there are things people can do without burdening themselves. There are many ways they can support the College if they are financially unable to. They can make a positive difference in the lives of young people and the long-term health of Colby." ♦



# A COMMUNITY HEALS

SLAYING  
OF NUNS  
BRINGS  
INTROSPECTION,  
FORGIVENESS

BY SALLY BAKER





Accused murderer John du Pont, who had holed up in his Pennsylvania home for much of the week and kept police at bay, turned himself in on January 28, a Sunday. If he'd held out longer, a story datelined Waterville, Maine, would have led every national television and radio newscast that day. It got second place.

Colby alumni in every part of the country and most of the world found Waterville on the front pages of their newspapers the next morning—not because of anything that happened at the College but because one of the worst crimes in Maine history had been committed in the Elm City.

On January 27, a windy, stormy evening, Waterville resident Mark Bechard, 37, broke into the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament convent on Silver Street and beat and stabbed four nuns whom he had interrupted in prayer. Bechard's weapons were a knife, a religious statue and a cane owned by one of the nuns. Neighbors, including Colby's Catholic chaplain, John Marquis, who lives across the street in the Notre Dame parish residence and was entertaining the Colby Eight for dinner that evening, didn't know anything was wrong. The storm kept most people inside and was loud enough to drown out any noise from nearby buildings.

The attack took less than 10 minutes, and the Waterville Police Department, alerted by a 911 call from the convent, responded almost immediately. But two of the women, Mother Superior Edna Mary Cardozo and Sister Mary Julien Fortin, both in their late 60s, died. Two others, Sister Patricia Keane, 68, and Sister Mary Anna DiGiacomo, 72, were injured, DiGiacomo so severely that she was hospitalized until mid-March and now is living in a Waterville nursing home.

Bechard has been in and out of the Augusta Mental Health Institute for much of his life, but on the night of the murders he was without supervision, off his medication and probably using alcohol or drugs. His mother knew he was in trouble and twice tried to call a mental health emer-

gency line for help. A power surge caused by the storm knocked out a machine that should have routed those calls to a case worker on duty. Mark Bechard was lost in Maine's understaffed, under-funded mental health care system.

As members of the national and international media flocked to Waterville, city people tried to come to grips with the crime. It was a blow to the innocence that allows Elm City residents to leave their cars unlocked, walk home after a late movie and open their doors when a stranger knocks.

Marquis says many Colby students and staff members approached him to discuss their feelings after the women were killed. "They talked about the situation and how it affected them in terms of personal safety," Marquis said. "If two nuns aren't safe in their convent, none of us is safe."

Those sentiments, along with the pure shock the killings fostered, were echoed across the city in the days following the attack. Letters to and articles in the *Morning Sentinel* revealed the depth of the murdered women's influence and of Waterville's pain and confusion.

Members of a small, poor, contemplative order that relies on donations and rummage sales to survive, the Blessed Sacrament nuns numbered only nine before the slayings. But extraordinary numbers of Waterville residents—from State Rep. Paul Jacques to Mayor Ruth Joseph to convent neighbors—came forward with story upon story of the sisters' kindness and compassion.

"They spend their time praying for people and for the world," Marquis said. "And of course the thing that was so ironic, so tragic, was that those who pray for others should end up in this violence."

The people of Waterville were angry and sad, but their response was anything but hostile to Bechard. He was forgiven immediately by the surviving Blessed Sacrament nuns and other Catholic clergy, and his case sparked state-wide debate about mental health care reform. Bechard was seen as almost as much of a victim as the women he attacked.

"Enough people in any community have

been touched by mental illness to understand that he didn't know what he was doing," Marquis said. "And this isn't like a big city. This is a small, close-knit community where people know the Bechard family. There is a lot of sympathy for the family, as well as for the sisters."

Bottles and jars appeared on store counters across Waterville to take up a collection for the convent. At the Shop 'n Save in Elm Plaza, the tall, deep Community Fundraiser bin near the door was stuffed with dollar bills, fives and tens a day or two after a placard that read "For the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament" was attached to the top. Local churches and civic groups pitched in with money. Individuals donated food and helped in any other way that seemed appropriate.

The nuns' funeral was attended by many members of the Colby community, as was an interfaith service at Notre Dame church the night before. Marquis says both were times of "grief and healing" for the city.

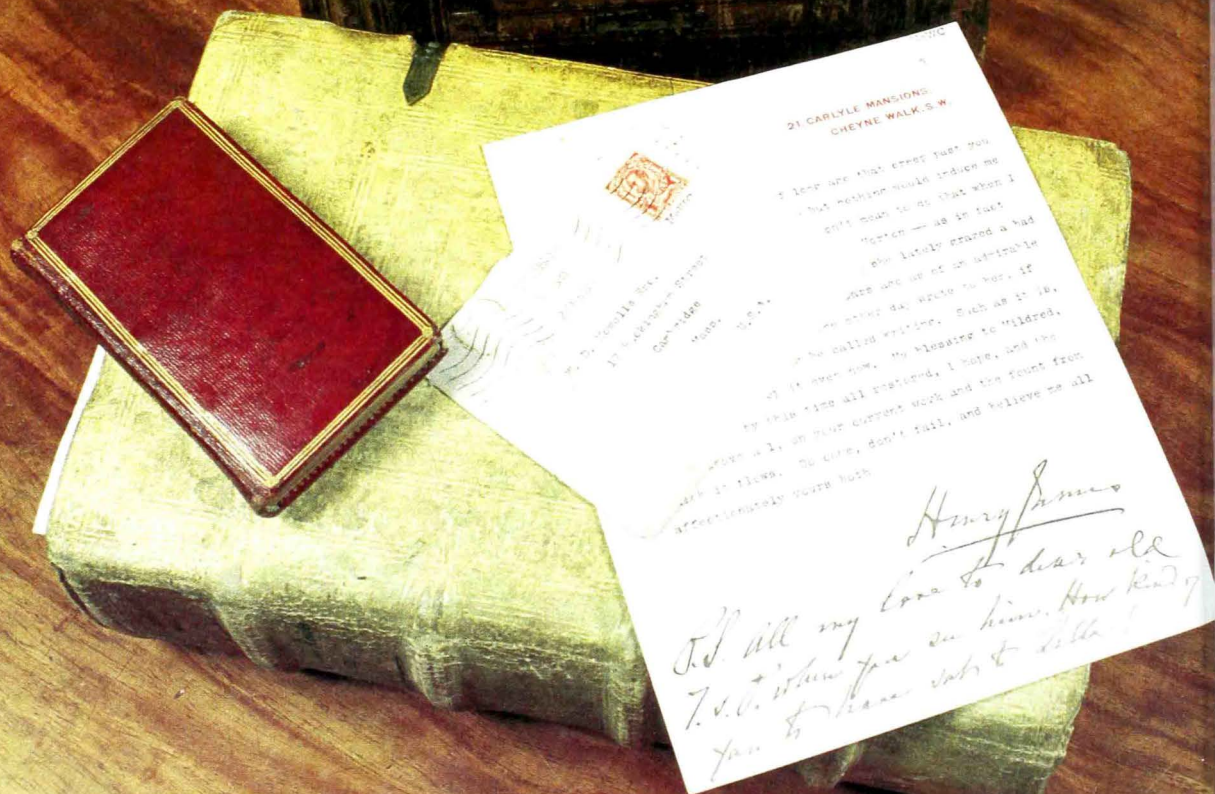
"It was a tragedy that began with a truly senseless act but ended with a ritual in the packed church on Silver Street that made sense of the lives before they were lost," wrote *Sentinel* columnist Gerry Boyle '78. "It began in a crescendo of rage and ended on a note of the most plaintive and gentle forgiveness. The week that began with horror ended with hope."

In March, nuns from one of two other Blessed Sacrament convents in the United States came to live in Waterville, which is now the order's provincial headquarters.

Mark Bechard, who is represented by Michaela Murphy '78, has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity and will be tried in the Maine Superior Court. He is being held in the Augusta Mental Health Institute's forensic unit. The legacy of his actions continues.

"I've heard from various people of things that have come about as a result of this," Marquis said. "People are paying more attention to caring for their families; they are attending church; they are taking a look at their spiritual lives. Some families are healing because of this. It wasn't just a media story that went away the next day." ♦

# A SPECIAL COLLECTION



Researchers and Students Find  
New Life in Miller Library's Archive

By Kevin Cool





Nancy Reinhardt was looking for the Henry James letters—hand-written letters from the novelist to friends and associates—in a wooden file drawer in the Robinson Room. She crouched to reach the floor-level file and rifled through the manila folders inside. Every few seconds she extracted a folder, examined its contents, put it back. Finally, she located two folders containing the letters she sought and was preparing to close the file when she noticed a folder with a book inside. She removed it, set it on a table nearby and sat down to have a closer look. The book was a 1909 literary anthology, *The English Review*. James's *The Velvet Glove* was among the stories in the anthology, according to a digest on the cover. Reinhardt paused. A signature below the digest had caught her eye. "Conrad? Joseph Conrad?" she asked out loud. "It is. That's Joseph Conrad's signature. This is signed by all of the authors." In addition to those by James and Conrad, the anthology included stories by H.G. Wells and G.K. Chesterton, both of whom had also scrawled their names on the cover.

"I find this kind of stuff all the time," said Reinhardt, who is completing her second year as Special Collections librarian. "I am continually amazed at the materials we have here."

The Special Collections may be underappreciated, even unrecognized by many students who pass through Colby, but its rare books, personal papers and one-of-a-kind manuscripts provide valuable interdisciplinary research materials. And its reputation is growing.

Reinhardt, who came to Colby from the Houghton Library at Harvard, says "the collection"—housed in the west wing of Miller Library—is extraordinary for a college Colby's size. "It's a very rich collection, particularly the Healy Collection and the Hardy materials," she said. "There is real depth here that covers many areas."

Special Collections runs the gamut from historical curiosities to important scholarly documents. Users can see a flower vase from the sloop *Hero*, the ship that Jeremiah Chaplin sailed up the Kennebec River to found Colby, or read from the original, serialized version of a Charles Dickens novel. Part archive, part museum, Special Collections is composed of three distinct but interrelated sections.

The James Augustine Healy Collection includes published works and correspondence from late 19th- and early 20th-century Irish literature and features several rare first editions of

works by George Bernard Shaw, Oscar Wilde, William Butler Yeats and James Joyce. A prized holding is the 12th copy of the limited first printing of Joyce's *Ulysses*, one of only 100 signed by the author.

The Edwin Arlington Robinson Memorial Room—named for the Maine native who won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry three times—preserves a collection of books, manuscripts and letters pertaining to American and British poetry and prose. In addition to the archives of Robinson's work, the room houses one of the largest Thomas Hardy collections in the United States. Among the artifacts is a chair from Hardy's home.

The Alfred King Chapman Room serves as the depository for the Colby archives, including historical records and complete runs of *The Colby Echo* and *The Oracle*.

Reinhardt says scholars are particularly attracted to the Irish literature collection and the Hardy materials. "We get inquiries all the time," she said. "Scholars are very interested in our Hardy collection, which includes annotated books from his personal library."

Other materials include an early Kelmscott printing of works by Geoffrey Chaucer, a book from the personal library of Puritan



leader Jonathan Edwards and a rich collection of Civil War letters and documents. Displayed in the Healy Alcove is the collection's *memorabilia*—literally “books in the cradle”—a section of books published before 1500. The oldest complete book owned by the College was printed in 1476, just 22 years after the introduction of the printing press in Europe.

Reinhardt has spent much of her first two years sifting through the tens of thousands of paper items located in the Special Collections, trying to get a handle on what is there. “I keep coming across things that nobody knew we had,” she said.

Special Collections is primarily a teaching resource, Reinhardt says. “The goal of the collection is to support the curriculum,” she said. “It should be a living laboratory where students can actually handle these materials and make connections with what they’re studying.”

Reinhardt works closely with faculty to provide archival materials that supplement classroom study. Assistant Professor of English Elizabeth Sagaser takes students in several of her literature courses to Special Collections to view early publications of Shakespeare, Edmund Spenser and other writers. “Nancy has been able to give students in my early modern literature classes a sense of how the book really came to be, what the first papers were made of, a sense of the economy in which books were first made, and has been able to show them some early editions of the texts,” Sagaser said. “She just has great stories, too, like how the earliest papers were made from unborn lamb skin.”

Sagaser says some of her students conveyed in their journals their amazement about the richness and depth of the Special Collections. “Some seniors said they had never been in the Robinson Room and that they were so relieved to have found out about it before they left,” she said. “Younger students are always excited to learn that Colby has these museum-quality books, and, in fact, several of them have written papers using these texts as sources.”

Katie Quackenbush '99 of Shelton, Conn., wrote, “I was astounded to see and touch these books that were so old. It was incredible. The concept of something surviving for such a long time and then me being able to hold it was difficult to accept.”

Jim Fiebelkorn '98 (Minnetonka, Minn.) was equally charmed. “It is really fun to hold a manuscript in your hands that was printed in 1473 [sic] and wonder, ‘where has this paper been and



Special Collections Librarian Nancy Reinhardt wants “used” books.

how did it come to Colby.”

And Rachel Westgate '98 (Tiverton, R.I.) said handling the old books helped her develop a new perspective. “I kept thinking of how people who have been dead for hundreds of years, who are now nothing but dust, touched and felt these same things when they were alive. I think of how different their lives must have been and wonder who they were and what they did,” she said. “Ms. Reinhardt was right when she said that each book has a history of its own. . .

It makes you wonder what people will think of our language and our literary works when they read it five hundred years from now. Seeing all of the changes in written works over time from scrolls to books and now to computers makes you wonder how people will read our work in the future.”

Reinhardt says she was excited about Sagaser's upcoming Milton course because “we have early editions of *Paradise Lost* with engravings.”

The collections hold materials useful in many disciplines, Reinhardt says. Given the current debate about family values, sociologists might be interested in a king's proclamation from the 17th century discouraging alcohol abuse and profanity in public places. Theologians, historians and anthropologists would find useful a 1535 pamphlet, probably hawked on street corners in Germany, that describes Lutheran doctrine. “When you consider the impact of the Reformation and how the development of printing interacts with that time, it's quite exciting to have an item like this,” Reinhardt said. “This is a good example of how these materials can help students make connections.”

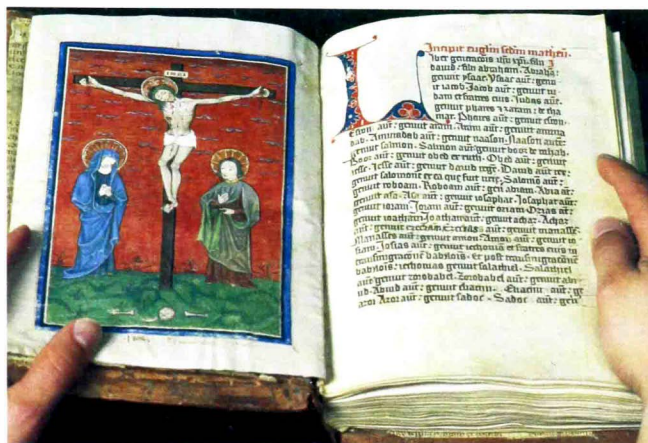
Reinhardt wants used books—beat-up, dog-eared, scribbled-in books that show the marks of human habitation. “The role of a head of special collections at a college should not be that of an antiquarian book dealer whose objective is to keep all of the books pristine,” she said. “I'm not worried about marks in books. I'm interested in dirty old books as well.”

Marginalia is often more interesting to scholars than the text in which it appears, she says. The annotations that show up, say, in a 19th-century copy of *Aesop's Fables* might reveal something about how literature was taught, she says. “At an educational institution you are interested in the book as an artifact, how it was used. You are interested in the cultural context and the sociology of it. There are clues about the time—how people thought, what their interests were,” she said.

When identifying and acquiring materials, Reinhardt is

conscious of the potential use of even the most arcane information. In some ways these obscure items—which often have affiliations with significant literary or historical figures—are as valuable as the more glamorous holdings, says Reinhardt, who enjoys excavating them from the voluminous collection files. For example, when she located a pamphlet at a small New Hampshire bookstore written in the late 1800s by a gynecologist named Thomas Jewett, Reinhardt remembered that writer Sarah Orne Jewett often used physicians as central characters in her stories. Perhaps the two were related? Sure enough, Thomas Jewett was Sarah's father. "We have this paper, written for the Maine Medical Association, that tells us a little about Sarah Orne Jewett's father and what some of her influences may have been," Reinhardt said.

The acquisitions budget is modest, so Reinhardt concentrates on materials that build on the collection's strengths. "We can't compete for some of the rarer books you'd find in a dealer catalogue—things that cost thousands of dollars—but if you know what you're looking for, you can find lesser-known works that fit nicely into our collection," she said. One of Reinhardt's goals is to build upon the collection to enhance its value for scholars. Virtually all of the collection's best materials were



Students enrich their study of literature by examining ancient manuscripts.

donated, not purchased, she says, and she hopes its widening reputation will encourage future gifts.

Nearly everything acquired by Special Collections is an educational resource, Reinhardt says. "Lots of things perhaps could be considered ephemeral now but may take on new significance later," she said. "Fashions change; things go in and out of vogue. That's why we can't just throw things away. A hundred years from now new associations may develop that make these materials important. Authors who are obscure now will become part of an established canon."

Reinhardt already has seen this phenomenon. Vernon Lee, whose work is becoming increasingly recognized as scholars and critics reevaluate early female authors, is well represented in Colby's collections. "We're well known for our Vernon Lee materials," Reinhardt said. "She is attracting more attention and as a result our collections are growing in stature."

What's the value of Special Collections? In monetary terms, nobody knows. An appraisal would cost thousands of dollars, Reinhardt says. The dollar value is secondary to its aesthetic and educational worth anyway, she says. "How do you put a value on the Henry James letters or the Thomas Hardy materials? They're priceless, irreplaceable resources."

## An Olympic Achievement



If you want to see a little Olympic history this summer, you need go no further than the Special Collections at Colby. Housed there, in its original three-inch by four-inch leather-encased holder, is the first medal awarded in the modern Olympic Games at Athens in 1896.

The silver medal (gold medals were not awarded to first place winners until later) was won by James R. Connolly, whose career as a writer of sea tales eventually made his Olympic victory a mere biographical footnote. The precise date of the medal's acquisition by Colby is not known, but it was given to the College as part of a collection of Connolly books and personal items by his daughter, Brenda, in the late 1940s or early 1950s. An earlier gift to the College by James Augustine Healy included many Connolly first editions, and his best known

work, *Gloucestermen*, helped establish Colby's highly regarded collection of Irish literature.

Connolly, who received an honorary degree from Colby in 1950, was a student at Harvard when he dropped out of school to compete in the first modern Olympics in Athens. His performance in the hop, skip and jump—the precursor of today's triple jump—earned him the first medal awarded in the Games and established a record that stood for 13 years. He never returned to Harvard, didn't receive a college degree and went on to become what Joseph Conrad—himself a pretty fair teller of sailing adventures—once described as "America's best writer of sea stories."

In addition to the historic silver medal, Special Collections owns a silver cup and a medallion presented to Connolly for his Olympic achievements.



# China-Taiwan Furor No Surprise to Zhao

By Stephen Collins '74

In the wake of Taiwan's first direct presidential elections, Colby's East Asian political science expert, Assistant Professor Suisheng Zhao, heard the



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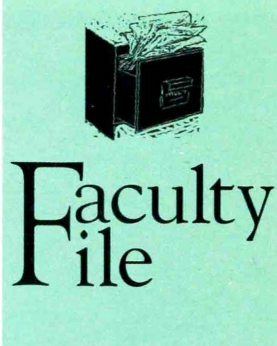
sweetest words a political analyst can hear: "You predicted everything."

That's what a China specialist at the U.S. State Department told him after Taiwanese independence rhetoric warmed up and the People's Republic of China surprised the West by lobbing missiles near the island, prompting the U.S. to dispatch aircraft carriers to the neighborhood. Zhao briefed the State Department last summer after he returned from a research trip to Beijing. His claim that plans were in place to launch war games around Taiwan was based on conversations with mid-level but well-connected military and political leaders in

China. His view was at odds with the State Department's belief that China's top policy makers had no such intentions, Zhao says.

With advanced degrees from universities in both China and the United States, as the editor of *The Journal of Contemporary China* and as Colby's teacher of Chinese politics, Chinese foreign policy and international relations in East Asia, Zhao is among the best informed and most concerned people in the world when it comes to Taipei-Beijing relations. Last summer he predicted that China would threaten Taiwan with force if talk of independence got too bold. This spring he's warning that the world should prepare for more Chinese sword-rattling and that there is still a gulf of misunderstanding between the political reality in East Asia and Westerners' interpretations of events there.

Zhao fears U.S. officials still don't believe that Taiwan's new president, Lee Teng-hui, is committed to independence for the island, which China considers a renegade province. Because the idea of an independent Taiwan is anathema to China, Lee has had to be circumspect about his intentions, Zhao maintains. Regarding the prospect of an independent democracy in Taiwan, he said, "No matter how morally justifiable to the United States' way of thinking, China



won't allow it. The U.S. has to be very, very cautious in this matter. The whole East Asian economic miracle could be destroyed, at least for a period of time."

"I'm kind of torn apart," Zhao said. "I try to use my knowledge and my background to serve both sides, but sometimes I feel that neither will listen to me." With bachelor's and master's degrees in economics (which was more about politics than economics, he says) from Peking University, where he also taught for five years, Zhao travels

freely in China and maintains research contacts in academia and the government there. In the West, where he earned two master's degrees before getting his Ph.D. in government (all at the University of California at San Diego), he founded *The Journal of Contemporary China* in 1992. But, he said, "I'm suspect on both sides. In China, I'm a naturalized American; in America, it's hard for me to be seen as American. In both places I'm seen as a foreign scholar."

In a foreword to a recent *Journal*, Zhao wrote that Waterville and Colby are good places to reach his twin goals—being an excellent

## Eight Earn Tenure

The Board of Trustees has approved the recommendations of the Promotion and Tenure Committee and granted tenure to eight faculty members. All will be promoted to associate professor as of September 1, 1996.



**Robert Bluhm** (physics) earned his bachelor's degree in physics at New York University and his Ph.D. in theoretical physics from Rockefeller University. He joined the Colby Physics Department in 1990. Bluhm also has obtained a master's degree in physics from Princeton University and a master's degree in English literature from Columbia University.

His research interests are theoretical physics, atomic and high energy physics, and the string theory, and cosmology.

**Guilain Denoeux** (government) specializes in comparative politics and Middle Eastern and North African politics. His current research centers on the politics of democratization in



teacher and an excellent scholar. "You can only realize both at a school like Colby," he said this spring, praising the College's balance between scholarship and teaching as well as the academic and technological support he receives. Even before the East Asia imbroglio made the cover of *Newsweek* in March, Zhao's courses were popular, and publicity surrounding the confrontation only heightened interest among his students, he says.

Because he has e-mail and can view international television news in his office, Zhao feels he is better informed in Waterville than his counterparts are in either Taiwan or China. And travels to China, Taiwan and Singapore during the year helped him keep his finger on developments that don't make the news.

While his published books, *Decision-Making in Deng's China: Perspectives*

from *Insiders* (M.E. Sharpe, 1995) and *Power by Design: Constitution-Making in Nationalist China* (University of Hawaii Press, 1996), have focused on China and Taiwan, Zhao's current and future interests take a broader view of East Asia and put him at the forefront of an emerging specialty. Next year St. Martin's Press will publish his third book, *Dynamics of Power Competition in East Asia: From the Old Chinese World Order to the Post-Cold War Regional Multipolarity*. "It's a huge and diversified area," he said. "The U.S. has the best China-watchers and East Asia scholars, but most study single countries." With the region emerging as the world's third center of economic, cultural and military power, it needs to be treated as one sphere, he says. "Being a comprehensive Pacific scholar requires broader knowledge," he said. ♦



the Arab world and the political economy of Morocco. He earned undergraduate degrees in economics and political science from the University of Grenoble, a master's from Georgetown University and a Ph.D. in politics from Princeton. He is the author of *Urban Unrest in the Middle East: A Comparative Study of Informal Networks in Egypt, Iran and Lebanon*.

**Michael Donihue '79** (economics) joined the faculty in 1989. He spent the 1994-1995 academic year as the senior economist for the President's Council of Economic Advisors in Washington, D.C. Donihue earned both his master's and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. His teaching areas are macroeconomic modeling and economic forecasting, macroeconomic theory and mathematical economics.



**Benjamin Mathes** (mathematics and computer science) came to Colby in 1990 from a postdoctoral position at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He received his bachelor's degree from Middlebury College and his M.S. and Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of New

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## Faculty Notes

Larissa Taylor, assistant professor of history, was chosen as one of two recipients of the John Nicholas Brown Prize for 1996 for her book *Soldiers of Christ: Preaching in Late Medieval and Reformation France*. . . .



Ira Sadoff

**Ira Sadoff**, Dana Professor of Poetry, received the George Bogin Memorial Award from the Poetry Society of America. The prize, which "recognizes freshness and originality" and "stand against oppression in all its forms," was given to Sadoff for poems from his forthcoming collection, *Delirious*, to be published by David Godine in May 1997.

. . . **Herbert Wilson**, associate professor of biology, presented a paper and chaired a session for the Cooper Ornithological Society in San Diego. . . . **Deborah Norden**, assistant professor of government, chaired a panel for the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago. . . . **Adrianna Paliyenko**, assistant professor of French, chaired a session for the Northeast Modern Language Association in Montreal. . . . **Batya Friedman**, Clare Boothe Luce Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, was a workshop leader for a conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems in Vancouver. . . . **Harriett Matthews**, professor of art, exhibited her recent sculpture and drawings in the Colby Museum of Art.



Clare Boothe Luce Assistant Professor of Computer Science **Batya Friedman** (mathematics and computer science) has been at Colby since 1991. She received both her B.A. and Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. Her areas of specialization are

human-computer interaction, the human relationship to technology and computers in education. Currently she is working on a book, *Designing Computers for People: Human Values and the Design of Computer Technology*.



# Making Cents of the Deficit

By Sally Baker

Throughout the budget battle of 1995-96, as President Clinton wrangled with a stubborn Congressional freshman class and federal workers were repeatedly sent on furlough, Assistant Professor of Economics Saranna Robinson Thornton '81 maintained that almost no one was



Saranna Robinson Thornton

getting the point. Dismayed by media coverage that focused heavily on political winners and losers, on who was compromising and who was not, Thornton urged policymakers—and journalists—to look to the future.

"In about fifteen years, when the baby boomers begin retiring and becoming eligible for Social Security and Medicare, we're going to start having deficits that are going to make today's deficits look insignificant,"

she said. "It's estimated that in twenty years or less, spending on entitlement programs will be one hundred percent of all revenues. At that point, every dollar of discretionary spending—on things like federal prisons, education, AIDS research, cancer research, national parks—will add to the deficit."

Thornton's conclusions are contained in *Bucking the Deficit: Economic Policymaking in America* (Westview Press, 1996), which she wrote with Distinguished Presidential Professor of American Government G. Calvin Mackenzie. Written with wit and style in clear, jargon-free prose, the book is for anyone who wants to understand what the country's current budget problems are, where they came from and what could be done about them.

Political expedience is at the root of today's deficit, Thornton and Mackenzie say. Programs created during, especially, the Franklin Roosevelt and Lyndon Johnson administrations evolved from social safety nets for those in need into entitlements for huge numbers of Americans, regardless of need. And politicians who want to be reelected don't threaten those programs.

"What's happened in our country is that politics has so dominated the process that instead of having little deficits when we're in recessions and

either balanced budgets or small surpluses when we're in an expansion, we've gotten to a point where people want their programs and they want tax cuts," Thornton said in an interview the week the book was published.

Thornton says the current budget debate is an attempt to "treat the symptoms" of overspending rather than the major, underlying causes. Mostly, she says, the discussions have revolved around changes in discretionary spending, "and when they address entitlement spending it's for the most part the entitlement programs that aren't costing us that much, things like AFDC and food stamps. We're not going to face an enormous budget crisis in fifteen years because of food stamps."

What need to be on the operating table, she says, are massive revenue-eaters like Social Security and Medicare. Given time to prepare, baby boomers could make changes in retirement and health insurance plans to cover themselves in old age, and the entitlement programs could be used solely for those in need. "You pay auto insurance from age sixteen on, and if you don't have an accident you don't say, 'I want my premiums back.' I'd like to see Social Security and Medicare turned into true insurance programs," Thornton said.

A government and economics major at Colby,

Thornton once planned to go into elective politics, with the U.S. Senate as her ultimate destination. A summer as a Senate Budget Committee staffer adjusted her ambitions, and shortly after graduation she went to work for the Federal Reserve and became interested in monetary policy. "I thought I would go to graduate school for my Ph.D. in economics, then return to the Fed or to another government agency," she said.

But, Thornton says, once she began teaching as a graduate student at Carnegie-Mellon University, "that was it. I fell in love with teaching." She returned to Colby in 1989, and Mackenzie, her former academic adviser and a favorite professor, suggested that they be on the lookout for a research topic they could tackle together for publication. Two years ago they began work on *Bucking the Deficit*, which is part of Westview's "Dilemmas in American Politics" series, edited by Colby Professor Sandy Maisel.

"She did the economics and I did the policy," Mackenzie said. "It was great fun because she's so good. She's exceptionally smart, she always had her parts of the work done on time, and any differences we had over the text we worked out easily. I'd love to do another project like this—if I could find another collaborator as good as Saranna." ♦



Hampshire. He teaches functional analysis, operator theory and linear algebra. His numerous publications deal with operator ranges and ideals.

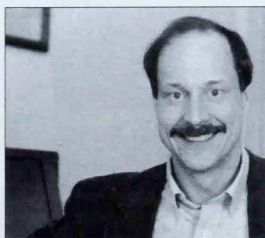
**David Nugent** (sociology and anthropology) received his Ph.D. in anthropology from Columbia University in 1988. The bulk of his fieldwork has been conducted in northern Peru, although he also has experience in Kenya and in the eastern Canadian Arctic. Nugent is the author of two books. The first, *Modernity at the Edge of Empire: State, Individual and Nation in the Northern Peruvian Andes, 1885-1935*, is being published by Stanford University Press this year. The second, *Locating Capitalism in Time and Space: Essays on the Influence of Joan Vincent*, is slated for publication in 1997. Nugent's areas of interest include political and economic anthropology, race, ethnicity and nationalism, Latin America, East Africa, agrarian society, and state, and nation building. He is fluent in Spanish and Russian.



**Adrianna Paliyenko** (French) has been a member of the Colby faculty since 1989. She earned her B.A. and her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her M.A. from Boston University. Her teaching interests are 19th- and 20th-century French poetry and prose, surrealism, 20th-century French

theater, feminist/psychoanalytic approaches to women in poetry and literary criticism. Paliyenko has published articles on 19th- and 20th-century French poets and on 19th-century French psychiatry. She has a book-length study on French poets Rimbaud and Claudel forthcoming and is now preparing a historiography that will reconstruct the women's poetic movement in 19th-century France.

**Steven Saunders** (music) received his B.F.A. and his M.F.A. from Carnegie-Mellon University and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. His publications include *Cross, Sword, and Lyre: Sacred Music at the Imperial Court of Ferdinand II of Hapsburg (1619-1637)*, *Fourteen Sacred Concertos from the Court of Ferdinand II of Hapsburg* and *The Complete Works of Stephen Collins Foster*. His areas of specialization are 17th-century music, American popular songs and the life and works of Stephen Collins Foster. He is president of the New England Chapter of the American Musicological Society. ♦



## PUNDITS & PLAUDITS

### King for a Day

Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, John D. MacArthur Associate Professor of Sociology and African-American Studies, was quoted in a *Baltimore Sun* article about Afrocentric dress worn by black clergy. She told the newspaper that the use of African robes and vestments is not a new phenomenon but grew out of the black theology movement of the 1960s. That movement receded but returned in the 1990s, prompted by growing political and economic concerns among blacks, Gilkes said. "One of the criticisms of the black church that emerged in the sixties was the white-centered imagery," she said.

Gilkes received a standing ovation for her address in Arlington, Mass., at a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, according to the *Arlington Advocate*. She said all Americans "must participate in the healing" of racial animosity and ethnic divisions. "I wouldn't want to answer to Dr. King for the state of the world today," Gilkes said. According to the *Advocate*, as Gilkes took her seat following the speech Arlington resident Claire Mayton leaned over to her and said, "Dr. King could not have done any better."

### Attention Deficit

Political debate about the budget deficit in the United States has gathered momentum as public concern over the problem intensified, and President Bill Clinton was among the most strident, said G. Calvin Mackenzie, Distinguished Presidential Professor of American Government, in an article in the *Boston Sunday Globe*.

Clinton, who, the newspaper said, originally campaigned on the notion of increasing American competitiveness, gradually embraced the views of 1992 independent presidential candidate Ross Perot, who stressed the deficit over all other issues.

"Nobody in the election, of course, was for the deficit, but once the election was over, Clinton sure spoke the way Perot did," Mackenzie said. "He moved in the Perot direction."

### China Stumbles

In an opinion article in the *Chicago Tribune*, Professor of History and East Asian Studies Lee Feigon analyzed the recent decision by the Chinese government to select the next Panchen Lama, the most powerful figure in Tibet after the Dalai Lama.

"If the Chinese government had let well enough alone and simply allowed the Tibetans to pick their own Panchen Lama, it would have showed that China's Communist rulers were not defensive about their own leadership," Feigon wrote. "But now the Chinese have overreached themselves, revealing their administrations to be on shaky ground not only in Tibet but in China."



# Hoops with the Devil, Other Dangerous Men

By Robert Gillespie

A street musician standing on his hands in front of Mozart's grave plays "I'm an Old Cowhand" on his harmonica. A young husband, replaced in his wife's affections by a ferret, drives the creature nuts with a cranked-up stereo. A 12-year-old kid shoots hoops in a game of Death with the devil.



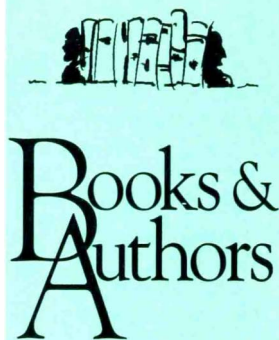
Geoffrey Becker '80

Instability and peril are everywhere in the 11 stories in Geoffrey Becker '80's *Dangerous Men*. Christine, a mechanic in "Daddy D. and Short Time," lives the sort of aimless, half-desperate life led by the majority of the characters in this collection of stories, which won the 15th Annual Drue Heinz Literature Prize in 1995. Hooked up with a drifter and

small-time grifter, one of Becker's many "dangerous men," she feels that they are in "one of those adventure movies, holding hands and leaping off a cliff together." The surprise is that "She had no doubt that they'd land right in the middle of a big pile of feathers, or something equally astonishing."

Becker's characters, most of them young, usually land in trouble instead. Taking risks seems to be the only way they can live—"to confront the darkness head on," as Christine decides, "and not blink." Not until 17-year-old Duney in "Magister Ludi" leaps into the local quarry on a spur-of-the-moment swim with the menacing leader of a rock band does it occur to her that she might be raped and murdered. *Dangerous Men* dramatizes the goofiness and desperation of people who fall into the Conradian "destructive element." Some of them, like Duney, may even end up still innocently swimming circles around the danger, but mostly they go on repeating or reliving their mistakes and looking heart-rendingly dopey. The down-and-out street musician thinks his life peaked the summer he stood on his hands and played the harmonica—back when he was "a self-supporting musician playing in all the great cities of Europe."

In "El Diablo de la Cienega," Victor, a 12-year-



old wizard with a basketball, believes that the mysterious stranger who challenges him to play Death is the devil. An exquisite confrontation of innocence with danger on a dry, windswept basketball court in New Mexico, where the sounds of radios drift through the evening from distant trailers, the basketball-shooting battle dramatizes the stakes in Becker's universe. If Victor loses, he loses his soul to the Evil One. If he is to win, he tells himself, he must "Think no bad thoughts. . . . Keep your heart pure."

Becker's customarily menacing world can turn cruel, and life can be "a lot like that movie" *The Good, The Bad and The Ugly*, according to a character in "Big Grey." Even though the bad and the ugly dominate and unfairness rules, however, Becker's central moral perception is that out of the badness and even out of one's own ugliness can come a bit of the good, too. In "Bluestown," a 15-year-old boy and his divorced father, a 35-year-old aging boy and itinerant guitarist, take off for a gig in Montreal without the boy's mother's permission. What begins as buddies on the road starts to look like a kidnapping. What gift can the father give to his son other than to

abandon him?

Several of these stories portray musicians or people on the fringes of rock, rap and blues music, a world that Becker knows well from his years playing guitar in blues and country bands during the early 1980s.

"I toured through Europe as a street musician one summer," Becker said. He saw a lot of musical acts and situations similar to those in "The Handstand Man"—"though nobody actually standing on his hands playing the harmonica," he said. "I did play bluegrass in front of Mozart's birthplace, though."

The crafting of a story in some ways is like playing music, Becker says. "It takes place over time. You start with an idea, explore it, then get out of it. It's how I think about structure." Episodic, with flashbacks and jumbled chronology, the stories are marked by dramatic ironies and surprising anticlimaxes. (The story "Taxes" looks run of the mill compared to the majority of these stories because the unexpected doesn't happen.) The speaking voices are unique and convincing.

Becker has received several awards and prizes, and his stories were included in the *Best American Short Stories* volumes in 1986 and 1990. Winning the prestigious Drue Heinz prize has been "a great boost," he says, and *Dangerous Men* has

gotten positive reviews in *The Washington Post* and the *New York Times Book Review*. The \$10,000 prize included a flight to Pittsburgh, home of the Heinz family, for a lunch at the Duquesne Club with arts patron Drue Heinz.

Becker began writing during a Jan Plan at Colby with novelist and English Professor Susan Kenney. As a Senior Scholar he wrote five or six stories but says he didn't try fiction seriously again until the mid-'80s. He began attending evening writing classes in New York and—while riding the subway on the way to his stint as an income tax preparer—devoured the stories of Salinger, Roth, Malamud, Flannery O'Connor, Carver, Hemingway. In 1988 he completed an M.F.A. at the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop, where for four years he also worked as an academic adviser for freshmen and sophomores. It was

a job he liked, he said, "and it's not a bad idea at a big school for those who won't ever see a professor."

St. Martin's Press is slated to publish Becker's first novel, *Bluestown*, which he says opens with the same story that ends *Dangerous Men*. ("It's about ninety-five percent the same. I was playing both sides," he said, and sent the novel out before the story collection was accepted.) After several summers in England teaching exceptional high school students at Oxford, he held a creative writing fellowship and visiting professorship for three years at Emory University. He has been back in Iowa City this year on an NEA grant, working on a second novel.

"I've got about 80 pages done," Becker said. "It was hard writing a novel, but I want to keep going. I'm learning to write, I'm getting better. I have the faith I can do it." ♦

## A Prized Accomplishment

For the fifth time in six years, a Colby alumnus has won the Pulitzer Prize. Just before press time, Colby learned that Alan Taylor '77 has received the Pulitzer for history for his book *William Cooper's Town: Power and Persuasion on the Frontier of the Early American Republic* (see Books and Authors in Colby, February 1996).

Currently a professor of history at the University of California at Davis, Taylor previously taught at Boston University, the College of William and Mary and at Colby. He is also the author of *Liberty Men and Great Proprietors: The Revolutionary Settlement on the Maine Frontier, 1760-1820* (University of North Carolina, 1990). Earlier this spring he won Columbia University's Bancroft Prize in American history.

Taylor follows previous Pulitzer-winning Colbians Doris Kearns Goodwin '64 (1995, history), E. Annie Proulx '57 (1994, fiction), Robert Capers '71 (1992, journalism) and Gregory White Smith '73 (1991, biography).

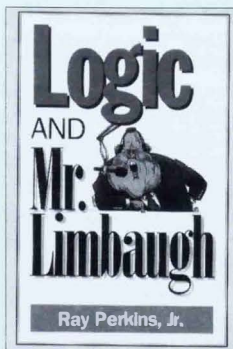


## Fresh Prints

**Ray Perkins Jr. '64**

*Logic and Mr. Limbaugh*

Open Court Publishing Co.



Ray Perkins Jr. '64 has a bit of fun but also a serious undertone in his book *Logic and Mr. Limbaugh*, an examination of fallacious reasoning and how to identify it.

Perkins systematically deconstructs the arguments of conservative radio and talk show host Rush Limbaugh to discuss the elements of logic and logical techniques. Although Limbaugh has pronounced

himself an authority on a wide range of subjects, his reasoning is seriously flawed, according to Perkins. He points out the leaps of logic that Limbaugh employs to build persuasive arguments that don't hold up under thoughtful scrutiny. For example, Limbaugh often attacks the position of environmentalists, feminists and other "liberals" by attacking their character or personalities, neither of which are relevant to their beliefs, Perkins says.

Limbaugh often crosses a line from fact to fallacy in his attempts to entertain, Perkins says. When Limbaugh criticizes the environmental policies advocated by Vice President Al Gore he does so by pointing out that this "nature lover" once got lost while hiking in a park with Secret Service agents. Although the second point has no relevance to the first, Limbaugh implies that Gore's ideas about the environment can be dismissed because he is an inept hiker, Perkins says.

Perkins notes in the book's introduction that he is not impugning the political opinions of Limbaugh, just the methods he uses to express those opinions. "... his opinions and beliefs are often poorly argued for [and] are often supported by reasons that are either weak or irrelevant to the truth of those opinions and beliefs about which he's trying to persuade us.

"We are, all of us, in our discourse with our fellows, obliged to avoid—or at least try to avoid—fallacious reasoning," Perkins writes. "Fallacious reasoning is a kind of counterfeit, and like bad money, it should be identified and rejected whenever encountered."



# Senior Artists Show Their Stuff

By Kevin Cool

Ask Michael Branca '96 (Milton, Mass.) to describe his work and his eyes brighten.

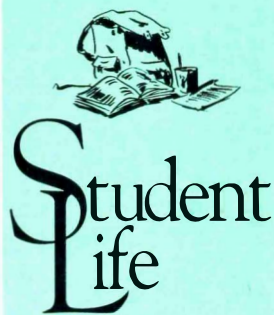
He holds up a sculpture formed from a discarded telephone receiver and a



Michael Branca '96 wine jug covered with a thick layer of wax. It looks like the head of a creature from *Star Trek*. "I'm sort of

into this decapitation thing," he said with a wry grin, which explains the nearby sculpture of a head with a noose around it inside a makeshift cage and the large painting of a man brushing his teeth while holding his head in his left hand. "Some people think these are kind of gross," Branca said in a way that suggested nothing could please him more. "I try to put humor in what I do."

Branca's cheeky paintings and sculpture are part of the senior art exhibition that opened at the Colby Museum of Art in early May. His work, and that of the other students in the show, represents the culmination of four years of study and technical maturation. It's also a payoff for the solitary hours in the studio where,



until now, these pieces resided unseen.

"It's very exciting to have a chance to show my work," Branca said. "I want people to be confronted by it."

Stephanie Sack '96 (Salisbury, Vt.) also is grateful for the opportunity to display her art. "I'm excited to hear what people think," she said. "It's interesting to have some feedback to know whether my work affects people differently."

Sack produced a collection of paintings using a common subject—sea shells—to emphasize line and color. She says that shapes found in nature always have inspired her

painting. "I really like the layering effect you find in shells. It allows you to bring out the texture and lines," she said.

Branca relies heavily on "found objects"—junk—as points of inspiration. A section of pegboard he located in a refuse pile near the Physical Plant building provided the canvas for one of his paintings, which depicts—what else?—a headless man driving a car about to run over his head, which is lying in the road. While in Rome during his junior year, Branca fashioned a public sculpture from old televisions and mangled motor scooters he retrieved from a trash heap. "The junk provides a springboard," he said. "It's hard to come up with ideas, and sometimes

## Getting Personal

When Colby announced several months ago that its Internet server would be made available for students to create their own personal pages on the World Wide Web, some were skeptical about what it would spawn. Would it be drivel or something useful? Well, while there is plenty of what a curmudgeon might describe as nonsense, many student pages are intelligently crafted and interesting to read.

Michael Sabin '96 of Seattle, Wash., introduces his poetry—an anthology titled *Purple Shadows*—with a mysterious entryway surrounded by a magenta haze. Having "entered," readers may flip through the pages of the anthology, sampling Sabin's poems.

Multilingual Kori Heavner '96 (Lubbock, Texas) has created a home page with a strong international flavor. In addition to learning snippets of German, Swedish and Turkish, readers can travel to an Internet site for the *Turkish Daily News* and get the current exchange rate of the Turkish lira.

Emily Reith, a sophomore from Morgan Hill, Calif., has one of the more diverse student sites, featuring everything from a link to *This Old House* to the home page for NASA, the latter inspired, she says, by her experience at space camp in sixth grade. "The page is a way for my friends who don't know me all that well to find out what interests me and maybe know me better," Reith said.

Unlike some students who are dabbling with Web publishing for class assignments, Reith's foray into cyberspace was self-initiated. She concedes that her interest in information technology may be especially keen because her mother, Jacquie, is a Webmaster at IBM. In fact, Emily's page includes a link to her mother's Internet site. Nevertheless, Emily's Web site is decidedly personal. Her own artwork introduces the page, which includes several observations about living in Maine and about issues important to her.

"It's exciting to see my page up there and to know that I did it," Reith said. ♦





Stephanie Sack '96

this stuff gets me started."

Sack also spent a semester abroad, in Botswana, and she says the experience influenced her art in ways studio practice could not. "I gained so much knowledge about how other people live that it can't help but change how I view the world," she said. "I'm sure that shows up in my painting."

Professor of Art Harriett Matthews says students who qualify for the senior art show have completed at least four semesters of course work in the medium in which they are exhibiting. Branca is the only student exhibiting both painting and sculpture, she says. "Not every student who participates in the show is an art major," she said. "The beauty of a small program like this is that students who work in other fields can also be quite serious about their art."

She pointed out a human

figure sculpture made from wood pieces in a variety of geometrical shapes. "This was produced by a science student who is participating in the show," she said. "I have had students who went on to graduate school in art who were honor students in a different major at Colby."

Matthews says teaching studio art at a liberal arts college is rewarding because it gives students a way to express themselves that they might not have explored otherwise. "By the time they are putting together a senior show they have developed their own vision," she said.

"The best thing about showing my paintings is that somebody besides me will see them," Sack said. "My mom always wants them on her wall, but I can't live with them there. I want to change them. It's hard to figure out when they're done." ♦

## Kudos

Continuing a string of 26 years in which at least one Colby student has been awarded a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, Jill Picard '96 of Peterborough, N.H., carries on the tradition. Picard's one-year fellowship will provide funding her research on women in agricultural areas of Jamaica. "The ultimate goal of the year [abroad] is to understand the unrecorded roles that women play, as well as their needs and demands," Picard said.

## Graffiti

### Keeping Each Other Honest

Are Colby students more honest than their peers at other colleges? Maybe, maybe not, says Whitney Glockner '96 of Menlo Park, Calif. But a combination of faculty accessibility and "the shame factor" discourages cheating, she wrote in *The Colby Echo*.

Glockner cited statistics from a recent Rutgers University study that revealed that Colby students feel strongly about academic honesty. Of the 30 campuses polled, Glockner said, Colby appeared to have fewer incidents of cheating than many other colleges. But she stopped short of saying Colby students were inherently more honest.

"I find it hard to believe, given the behavior of students out of the classroom, that there is just an all-around more honest and wholesome bunch of kids at Colby than at any other college or university," Glockner said. "Though the small size of classes and the nature of testing at Colby make it harder to cheat on tests, I believe that the relationships we form with our professors motivate Colby students to act with more academic integrity."

Glockner said students would feel shame if they cheated on a test and were not caught. "Imagine explaining to your friends how you got the only 'A' on [your] microeconomic theory exam when you knew you owed it all to your uncanny ability to read what was written on your chest."

### Swine Dining

Light eating Colby students make some local pigs very happy.

Four days a week, said the *Echo*, leftover food from Dana dining hall is given to a pig farmer from nearby Pittsfield. The pigs' feast usually consists of extra soup, stale cookies and unused portions of prepared food. Assistant manager Dan Roy told the *Echo* that donating leftover food to area soup kitchens would create liability if somebody got sick from eating it. "With the pigs we don't get in trouble," he said. Perishable, unprepared food (like fruits and vegetables) is donated to the local homeless shelter.

### The Mule Rules

According to students, a pale pack animal beats Bullwinkle any day.

The Student Association asked students whether they preferred the College's current mascot, the White Mule, or would rather have a newer alternative like the moose. The mule won in a landslide, 348 to 192.

The Stu-A newsletter *The Colby Gripe* said the survey was prompted by the derision aimed at the current mascot, which it said is "often referred to as a jackass."

The White Mule has symbolized Colby's athletic teams since 1923.

# Cultivating a Corps of 'Informed Advocates'

By Kevin Cool

The best thing about Colby's regional campaigns may have nothing to do with raising money. The best thing may be finding people like Chad Higgins '96.

Higgins, a government major from Sabbathus, Maine, has participated in several campaign events over the past few months. He is representative of the cadre of volunteers who assist Colby's efforts to generate support—a link in the chain of people whose work the College covets, says Director of Development Eric Rolfson '73. "Just as the endowment provides a foundation for the future of the College, getting people involved in some meaningful way lays the groundwork for the future as well," Rolfson said. "The regional campaigns allow us to broaden our volunteer base, which is one of our major goals."

Volunteers provide a range of services for the College, according to Rolfson. Students attend campaign events, where they mingle with alumni and friends of the College, offering their perspectives on campus life; faculty often participate as program presenters; and alumni are helpful in personal meetings with prospective donors. Regardless of their role, these volunteers compose what Rolfson calls "a corps of informed advocates," without which Colby could not succeed.

The volunteers say they are merely giving back what

Colby has given to them. "I love Colby, and I love to talk about Colby," said Kim Allen '96, who participated in campaign events in Hartford and Greenwich,



Alumni volunteers Cynthia Pigott Bacon '79 and Paul Spillane '79 join President Bill Cotter and Linda Cotter at a regional campaign event in Greenwich, Conn.

Conn., and in Boston. A government and international studies major from Augusta, Maine, Allen says the gifts of Colby alumni made her education possible. "One of my goals after college is to give money back to Colby to benefit other students who need financial aid," she said.

Higgins, who admits he knew virtually nothing about Colby's fund raising when he began attending campaign events several months ago, says the experience has strengthened his commitment to the College. "Colby has enough applicants, they could say that only the kids who can afford it can come here," he said. "It would be easy for them to turn away a lot of financial aid students, but they would also be turning



## Gifts & Grants

away a lot of good kids. I'm a financial aid student, so I know there's a need for fund raising." Higgins, who plans to attend law school, says he will remain active in fund raising as an alumnus because "there are plenty of kids out there who want to go to schools like Colby, and without these alumni gifts that wouldn't be possible."

Uneasy at first, Higgins now chats comfortably with alumni who attend campaign events and jokes that he once told a group of trustees who asked him how they could better do their jobs that "you should visit campus more often. I have three hide-a-beds in my room if you need a place to stay."

Students are particularly helpful because they provide

an intimate perspective of life on campus, Rolfson says. "We are very candid about what it's like to be a student at Colby today," Higgins said. "President Cotter wants us to be completely honest. We aren't giving a party line."

Ed Goldberg '59, Major Gifts Committee co-chair for the downtown Boston area, says his involvement stems from his strong belief in and loyalty to Colby. "I have two children who went to Colby and I went as well, and it's time to give back," he said. "The manpower necessary to raise one hundred million [dollars] cannot be achieved through a professional staff alone. The friendships and relationships alumni have with each other create a well-established network that complements what the College is doing."

"This is a defining moment in Colby's history. The successful outcome of this campaign will determine Colby's standing in the future. Colby exists because of the generosity of those who preceded us. There comes a time when we must provide for the next generation," Goldberg said.

Alumni volunteers "are our best ambassadors," Director of Regional Campaigns Allyson Goodwin '87 said. "They are very enthusiastic, and that enthusiasm is contagious. We need alumni volunteers to help because our staff is small, and we simply cannot do it all without them."

Volunteers often accom-



# A Product of Possibility

Tina Garand's story, like many that emerge in the course of a fund-raising campaign, was not contrived to set people's emotions whirling, but it did. The senior from Augusta, Maine, wanted to share her story with contributors at a luncheon for scholarship recipients held at Colby a few months ago. When she had finished, according to Allyson Goodwin '87, director of regional campaigns, "there was not a dry eye in the room."

Garand, the daughter of French-Canadian immigrants and the first member of her family to attend college, described the day she received her financial aid award from Colby. "My father was convinced that I would not be able to attend because of our financial situation," she said. A few days after learning that she had been accepted to Colby—and therefore would not have to pay additional application fees to other colleges—she was summoned from her history class and greeted by her mother, who held "the magic envelope," Garand says. Inside was Colby's offer of financial aid.

Now preparing to graduate, Garand has extracted every bit of opportunity from her college experience. She majored in French while also completing course work that will allow her to pursue a career in medicine. She spent her junior year in Caen, France, was captain of the indoor and outdoor women's track teams and for four years was a voluntary emergency medical technician. She has applied for a Peace

Corps fellowship and hopes to spend the next two years working on nutrition programs in Africa.

It was all made possible, she says, by financial aid. "I would not be here without the financial aid, and more specifically, without the grant aid," Garand said at the luncheon. "On behalf of all of the students who have received financial aid to attend Colby, I would like to thank you. You have changed the lives of so many of us, and it will never be forgotten."

Stories like Garand's often are lost in the mechanics of fund raising, says Goodwin. But they are reminders that efforts to build endowment affect the futures of individual students. "This is not about numbers, it's about students like Tina Garand," she said. "There is a very human story behind every gift." ♦



Tina Garand '96

pany College representatives to personal meetings with prospective donors because they offer a unique viewpoint. Rolfson says the testimonials of fellow alumni are often persuasive. "When alumni hear from one of their peers, 'This is why I gave [to the College],' that resonates," he said. Goodwin says alumni who are asked to volunteer usually are receptive and anxious to help. "They're flattered to be asked," she said.

Faculty participation also is crucial because, Rolfson says, "to a lot of alumni, the faculty is the College." When Distinguished Presidential Professor of American Government G. Calvin Mackenzie addressed audiences at recent campaign events he talked about the need to maintain

Colby's heritage of generosity and progress. "We're just a small college in Maine, yet we stand among the giants of American higher education. How did that come about? How did the little school by the river with a handful of buildings and a tiny endowment become one of the great colleges of the world?" Mackenzie said.

"Government didn't do it. A couple of big gifts from a few very wealthy friends didn't do it. The discovery of oil under Coombs Field didn't do it. It was instead the extraordinary collective effort of thousands of friends and alumni of this College, doing what they could together to raise the money to pay for Colby's progress. There have been sustained acts of the most remarkable generosity—and of uncommon love.

"They're a splendid omen for this campaign—and for Colby's future.

My colleagues and I understand that we and our students are the great beneficiaries of your commitment and your sacrifice. We want you to know that we see you as full partners in the noble work that's the mission of our college. We're

grateful for the opportunity to prove ourselves worthy of your generosity. I promise you that we will."

That kind of speech, if it doesn't have people reaching for Kleenex, certainly sets hearts beating a bit faster, Rolfson says. "There is pride in association with a winning team, and that's what we have," he said. ♦

## Very Scientific

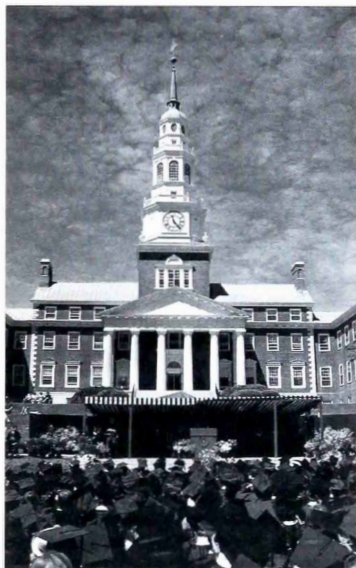
Trustees approved a series of renovations in the science complex, scheduled for the summer of 1996, totaling \$1,454,000. These projects, together with others slated for the summer of 1997, constitute the third and final phase of science facility improvements and are being funded by gifts and grants, including those from trustee Paul Schupf and the Kresge, Sherman Fairchild and Keck foundations. These projects include construction of a general chemistry laboratory, \$350,000; the Schupf Scientific Computing Center, \$100,000; a molecular and cellular biology research lab, \$250,000; a clean room, \$75,000; introductory biology laboratories, \$350,000; Arey student research laboratory and offices, \$20,000; an advanced AV prep room, \$10,000; a Keyes student/faculty research laboratory and faculty office, \$190,000; and an astro-physics laboratory, \$100,000.



# Parents Wistful About 'Leaving' Colby

By Kevin Cool

The journey is almost over for some Colby parents. Four years after saying goodbye to their sons and daughters on the first day of college, parents of graduating Colby seniors will be back on May 26 to reflect, celebrate and ponder their children's futures.



Commencement, the Great Beginning, is also The End. There will be no more faculty to meet, no more games to cheer at, no more late-night phone calls about tomorrow's test. Parents of the Class of '96 say that while they will be filled with pride on May 26, there will be twinges of sadness, too.

"It's with mixed feelings that we end this part of our lives," said Sheila Montgomery of herself and her husband, Floyd, of Rockland, Maine, whose son Mike will be among the

degree recipients this spring. "We will miss coming over to Colby and being a part of the activities there."

Likewise, says Deborah Desautel of Barrington, R.I., whose daughter Dori is graduating. "I will be a little sad because I won't be going back to Colby anymore," she said. "When we visited to see Dori's soccer games we often felt like we didn't want to come home."

Over and over, parents point to Colby's supportive people as a distinguishing feature of the College. Kristen Shinneman, mother of Niki '96 of Bellevue, Wash., says her daughter received "wonderful attention and support" from faculty, especially those in her major department, music. "The personal interest of her professors has been a big help to her," Shinneman said. "She has grown a lot and gained so much confidence in her abilities through that. She could not have chosen a better school—it fit her like a glove."

Desautel says Dori always felt comfortable approaching her professors about a concern, which Deborah says eased the pressures college students often feel. "After she spoke with her dad and me she went immediately to her professor and talked it over, and sometimes she didn't even call us. She just worked it out," Deborah said. "Professor [Charles] Bassett was a wonderful influence on her, as was Dean [Mark] Serdjenian ['73]. Dori entered Colby not knowing what she wanted to do after college,



and the people there helped her sort things out, pointed her toward careers that would use her talents. She is entering law school this fall."

The Montgomerys, whose daughter Beth graduated in 1989 from Colby, say they were glad that faculty reached out to parents as well as students. Several faculty made a point of

introducing themselves during the couple's many campus visits and made them feel like members of the community. The same was true of College staff, they say. "It seemed like they bent over backwards to see that not only your kids were having a positive experience but that we did, too," Sheila Montgomery said. "There is a strong sense of community on the campus and also in the town of Waterville. It's one of those rare cases where the town really is happy to have the college there."

## Speaking of Commencement

Charles Osgood, a longtime news broadcaster and journalist, will deliver the keynote address at Commencement on May 26.

Osgood, a CBS correspondent since 1971, is the anchor of *CBS News Sunday Morning* and anchor and writer of *The Osgood File*, a four-times-daily CBS Radio Network program. At CBS he has served as a commentator for *Up To The Minute*, as co-anchor of the *CBS Morning News*, as a contributor to the *CBS Evening News With Dan Rather* and as anchor of the *CBS Sunday Night News*. A graduate of Fordham University, where he serves as a trustee, he is the author of four books. His daughter Kathleen Wood will be among the Colby graduates at Commencement.

Receiving honorary degrees along with Osgood, who will be awarded a doctorate of humane letters, are:

Thomas H. Kean (doctor of laws), president of Drew University and former governor of New Jersey. As governor he was noted for his programs to cut taxes, create new jobs and reform the state welfare system and for his environmental and education policies. The keynote speaker at the 1988 Republican National Convention, he has served on the President's Education Policy Advisory Committee and as chair of the Education Commission of the States and the National Governors' Association's Task Force on Teaching. His daughter, Alexandra, is a member of Colby's graduating class.

Robert Treat Paine (doctor of science) is a zoologist and ecologist who has taught at the University of Washington since 1962. He is the recipient of numerous professional honors, including the Lerner Marine Fellowship from the American Museum of Natural History; the Sverdrup

# NOTHING NEW

Anecdotes from the Colby Archives

## He Taught Us Well

In his *History of Colby College* Ernest Marriner '13 notes that of all the names mentioned in *The Colby Echo* from its founding in 1874 through the end of the century, none appeared more frequently than Samuel Osborne. "Presidents came and went, but Sam stayed on," Marriner wrote. "Professors could dominate the classrooms, but Sam ruled the campus."

A former slave who grew up on a Virginia plantation, Osborne came to Maine in 1865 with Col. Stephen Fletcher, Class of 1859. Colby President James Champlin helped Osborne secure a job with the Maine Central Railroad, and in 1867 Colby hired Osborne as its janitor.

Osborne and his wife, Maria, also a freed slave, raised seven children in Waterville. One, Marion, was the first African-American woman to earn a Colby degree. She was a member of the Class of 1900 and had a notable career as a teacher in Brooklyn, N.Y. Osborne's only son, Edward—another son died in infancy—attended Colby for a year before going on to a long career at the Maine Central Railroad.

According to Marriner, Osborne was paid barely enough to support his family (after nearly 30 years of service he earned \$480 per year), but he was renowned at Colby for his generosity. He and Maria invited students to their home for



Samuel Osborne

Thanksgiving dinner each year and, more casually, students knew they were free to drop in for meals and snacks provided by Maria. Osborne was a confidant to students and was known for interceding for them with the faculty and administrators.

Osborne also was active in the community and in a local Baptist congregation and was a distinguished member of the local Lodge of Good Templars. In 1902 he was a delegate to the Templars' international convention in Stockholm, Sweden, and was standard bearer for the American contingent.

Many of the stories surrounding Osborne indicate that students often took advantage of his inability to read and write well in order to play tricks on him. But Osborne was clearly a man of tremendous personal warmth and dignity, and no student prank overcame his affection for the College. He knew he was dealing with a kind of adolescent cleverness that is easily shrugged aside. He also seemed to know who was playing whom for a fool. Asked, once, what he'd do when he got to heaven, Osborne said, "I'll take care of my Colby boys." And what if he went to hell? "I'll take care of more Colby boys," he said.

Osborne retired in 1903 and died the following year. His funeral was held in the Colby chapel, and he was eulogized by leading newspapers across New England. ♦

of whom she treated as a patient. "When she found out I had a daughter at Colby, she thought I was okay," she said. "[Colby alumni] seem so committed to their experience; it really does seem like a big family."

"The relationships Niki developed and the influences people at Colby had on her will be with her for the rest of her life," Kristen Shinneman said. "Those things are very important."

Montgomery, a family and consumer services teacher in Thomaston, tells students she knows to check out Colby. "I'm just so impressed by what a student can achieve and by the leadership opportunities available to them," she said. "I tell them they couldn't do better than Colby." ♦

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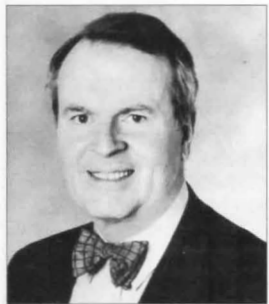
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These parents also recognized the need for their children to exercise their independence. Letting go was one of the most difficult aspects of college parenting, they say. "Both of our kids were different," said Montgomery, an avowed "hands-on" parent. "We were at almost every basketball game Beth had, and we've been to several of Mike's events, too, but I think he would have liked us to step back a little. It's been hard for me to learn to shut up and stay out of the way."

If parents are wistful about ending one aspect of their relationship with Colby, they also are pleased that they have become part of an extended family. Desautel, a nurse, says her local community includes several Colby graduates, one

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# No Cold Shoulder For Their Ice Fans

By Marc Glass

Several very polite Colby men's ice hockey defenders saved the photographer from a trip to the emergency room.

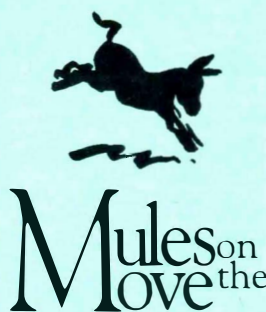
Working from the White Mules' bench during the Colby-Bowdoin game, the photographer would have been hit by an errant puck if not for the authoritative but courteous warning "Watch your head, sir." He ducked just as the puck caromed off the Plexiglas behind the bench. Having regained his full height and some composure, the photographer turned to give a sheepish "thanks" to the tentative players, who, for that

moment, humanely divided their attention between the game and the unwary interloper in their midst.

The incident was instructive about the nature of men's ice hockey under the leadership of head coach Jim Tortorella, who emphasizes that success is a function of character and effort.

"Winning is the result of many things that have evolved beforehand," said Tortorella. "If the foundation of the program is being a good person and working hard, the outcomes will take care of themselves."

And win the Mules did. Four years ago they were in



17th place in the ECAC—this year they finished with a 19-6 record and an NCAA playoff bid. The team was ranked as high as number two in NCAA Division III East during the season. Goalie Jason Cherella '99 was named Rookie of the Year by the ECAC East, and senior Brian Cronin was ECAC East Player of the Year. Teammates Stu Wales '96 and Dan Laverne '97,

respectively, broke Colby's all-time career assist record for defensemen and topped the century mark in scoring. For the first time in many years, the White Mules beat Bowdoin at home, 2-1, and though they lost to top-ranked Middlebury in the first round of the playoffs, Colby handed the defending national champions their first home loss in 25 games during the regular season.

Part of Tortorella's unique approach for making sure that each of the players is a "good person" is his Kid on the Bench program. Area youngsters enter their names on raffle tickets in

## Next Stop, Nagano?

The women's ice hockey team, which completed one of its most successful seasons with a record of 12-9-1, owes much of its success to forwards Barbara Gordon and Meaghan Sittler, who combined for an extraordinary 76 goals and 76 assists. Gordon, a senior from Glendale, Calif., and Sittler, a

sophomore from East Amherst, N.Y., shared the limelight as easily as they assisted each other's scoring.

"Playing with Barb? I love it," said Sittler. "We know where we are on the ice all the time, and we complement each other really well. It was much harder for me to score when she was hurt."

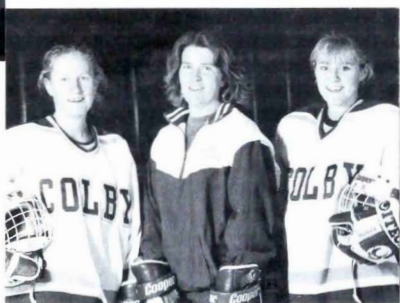
Despite Gordon's three-game absence due to a knee injury, she and Sittler both were among the top three in the nation in scoring for most of the season. During the week of January 15-22, the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) named Gordon Player of the Week and Sittler to the Honor Roll. They graciously swapped ECAC honors the following week.

Gordon was featured in the March 5 issue of *Sports*

*Illustrated* for scoring five goals in a game against St. Lawrence University. Sittler, last year's ECAC Rookie of the Year, had hat tricks in seven consecutive games and also got the attention of *Sports Illustrated*, which ran a feature article about her in its March 18 issue. "Playing with Meaghan has brought hockey to a whole new level for me," said Gordon. "It's the first time I've ever been able to play on a team with someone of her ability. I'm having a lot of fun with her."

Though their list of accolades is lengthy, Gordon's and Sittler's greatest honors may still be ahead of them—both are contenders for the first-ever American women's ice hockey Olympic team, which will compete in the 1998 Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. Both were members of the U.S. Women's Select Team that traveled to Finland to compete and train with the Finnish Women's National Team last August. In the first of four matches, all of which the Americans won, Sittler netted two of the U.S.'s six goals and was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

In March Sittler was selected to represent the U.S. again—this time for the Pacific Women's Hockey Championships in Vancouver, B.C. Though the Americans chosen to compete in the April tournament won't be the final Olympic team, they will be competing against the women's national teams from Canada, China and Japan. Participation on the U.S. Select Team that competed in Finland and playing in the Pacific Women's Hockey Championships are considered preliminaries for selection to the Nagano-bound Olympic team. ♦



Barbara Gordon '97, coach Laura Hailderson and Meaghan Sittler '98.





Todd Guilfoyle '96

the hope that they will be selected to assist the team with water and towels during the game. Tortorella thinks both the kids and the players benefit from the program—a belief supported by the scene in the locker room following the Bowdoin game at Colby. After the players got their usual even-handed dose of constructive criticism and praise, the game's Kid on the Bench was treated to the game puck, good-natured hair tousling and a chorus of thanks.

"The players do a great job of engaging the kids, so they leave the game with a lot of excitement about Colby hockey," Tortorella said. "The

kids' presence also forces our players to be conscientious about being role models regardless of whether we win or lose. It's about trying to use hockey as a vehicle to enhance character."

Tri-captain Stu Wales also believes that building a successful team begins with recruiting good people as well as good hockey players. "After a recruit has stayed with one of us for a visit, Coach will ask us about his attitude and approach to school," said Wales. "If we report things that Coach doesn't like to hear about a recruit, then the recruit's out of the picture—no matter how good a player he might be."

Wales, who says he knows how unsuccessful informal, off-season training can be with unmotivated players, believes that Tortorella's philosophy for assembling a team made his job as tri-captain much easier. "After some of the early captain's practices, I'd look around at the players and realize what great people they were in addition to being great players," he said. "I've never been on a team of twenty-six guys that was such a close group with one goal in mind." ♦

## Still Kicking

On April 27, friends, colleagues and former players gathered at Millett Alumni House to celebrate Mark Serdjenian's 20th year as men's soccer coach at Colby. Serdjenian '73, who was Maine Men's Soccer Coach of the Year and New England Coach of the Year in 1990, says he loves coaching Colby students. "They're intelligent, dedicated and able to put athletics into perspective," said Serdjenian, who is associate dean of students for academic affairs.

Serdjenian, who never played soccer before coming to Colby as a student in 1970, says he owes a great deal to his coach, Jack Scholt, who died recently of cancer. "He gave me a chance when I'd never played the game before—I doubt that could happen now," he said.

Aside from his duties at Colby, Serdjenian coaches a girls' team, coordinates a junior high indoor league for girls and directs a two-week summer camp at Colby, and he just completed his 15th year of working with the Waterville Youth Soccer Association.

## SPORTS SHORTS

The men's basketball team finished the season with a 16-11 record and earned a sixth seed in the ECAC tournament. Led by senior David Stephens '96 (Boston, Mass.), the White Mules upset third-seeded Eastern Nazarene and second-seeded UMass-Dartmouth before falling in the finals to top-seeded Amherst College, 64-62. Stephens was named NESCAC Co-Player of the Year and finished the season ranked in the top 10 nationally in scoring and rebounding. John Hebert '97 (Van Buren, Maine) shot over 50 percent from three-point range and broke Colby's record for three-pointers in a season, previously held by All-American John Daileanes '92. . . . The women's basketball team improved under first-year coach Tricia O'Brien, finishing with a 7-17 record, including a three-game winning streak in early January. Grace Perry '97 (Andover, Mass.) was named to the All-NESCAC Second Team. Perry and co-captain Emily Larsen '98 (Sioux Falls, S.D.) will lead a strong squad of returning players for next year's team. . . . The men's and women's squash teams earned national rankings. With a record of 16-11, the women's team finished in 10th place in the USWISRA and 11th place at the Howe Cup Invitionals. Sonia Totter '98 (Tokyo, Japan), Ellen Derrick '96 (West Falls, N.Y.) and Sarah Molly '97 (Jakarta, Indonesia) all qualified for national competition. The men's team finished its season ranked No. 17 and won the C flight Summer Trophy for the second consecutive year. David Dodwell '98 (Warwick, Bermuda) advanced to individual national competition. . . . In women's indoor track and field, Danielle LeGrande '96 (Modesto, Calif.) earned All-American honors in the 20-pound weight event by finishing fourth in the nation with a toss of 51 feet, 7 inches. Cynthia Pomerleau '97 (Bowdoinham, Maine) won the pentathlon event at the ECAC championships. Pomerleau scored 3,149 points—10 shy of the school record. . . . In men's indoor track and field, Conrad Saam '96 (Skillman, N.J.) pole vaulted 14 feet, 8 inches to take third place in the ECAC championships and break the Colby record previously held by John Dowling '70. Matt O'Connell '96 (Brookfield, Mass.) established a new pentathlon record when he scored 3,120 points to finish fourth at the New England Division III Championships. . . . The men's swimming team finished 12th out of 26 teams at the New England Swimming and Diving Championships at Wesleyan University. Geoff Herrick '98 (Topsfield, Mass.) sets school records in the 100- and 200-yard butterfly and 200-yard freestyle. He's times qualified him for the NCAA Division III National Championships. . . . The women's alpine and nordic ski teams finished seventh overall at the Eastern Championships held at Middlebury College. Annie Flanagan '99 (Ketchum, Idaho) finished 11th overall and was named first alternate to the NCAA National Championships. The men's alpine and nordic ski teams finished eighth overall. Ken Raiche '98 (West Newbury, Mass.) paced the White Mules with a 21st-place finish.



David Stephens '96

# Fifty-Plus

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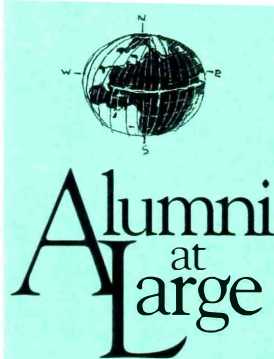
## TWENTIES

Stanley L. Painter Jr. '59 dropped us a note to say that Dr. **Merrill S.F. Greene '20** was still active as a medical examiner and that he, Dr. Painter, had just seen Dr. Greene at the Forensic Science Seminar held at Colby in early August 1995. Also, at the annual meeting of the Maine Medical Examiners Association, the chief medical examiner of Maine thanked Dr. Greene for his 65 years of service as a medical examiner. . . . Although her home address is Wrightwood, Calif., **Marjorie Everingham Edgerly '25** celebrated her 90th birthday in New Hampshire with plenty of company: three sons, one daughter, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. . . . **Edith Grearson "Ducky" Money '26**, who drives her Volvo to symphony every so often, flattered me with a little note: "Good luck to you. I wish I might see you sometime." (Edith probably gets around better than I do right now, but hers is a hard invitation to turn down.) . . . **Irma Davis McKechnie '26** lives in a retirement home in Huntsville, Ala., and wouldn't change a thing about her life. She has two sons, three grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. "Judy Taylor, in Latin," she writes, "was an interesting old codger." . . . If **Esther E. Wood '26** had it to do over, she would have (1) gone to England and (2) spent more money. With the aid of her dog, she owns and maintains her own

home. Poor eyesight has led her to take up learning to type. When she was young, she had many, many relatives; now, she says, she has very few relatives but many, many friends. . . . If you see a cyclone coming at you and it comes up to you and stops, chances are that **George H. Hawes '28** of Carson City, Nev., will step forth, dressed to the nines and looking for another major project with which to improve his adopted state. George is the oldest Nevadan ever to hold elective office, serving in his third term as a member of the Carson Tahoe Hospital Board. George has been a teacher, school principal, personnel officer at Wright Aeronautical, owner of a Dodge dealership in Ely, Nev., a lobbyist and a director of the senior community service employment program for AARP. Successful in elective state politics, he also has been active in Rotary (59 years), Elks (50+ years), Masons (66 years) and many positions in the Democratic Party. . . . **Alberta Van Horn Shute '28** does house-keeping to keep in shape but would rather be writing. She has three children, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She recalls that Judy Taylor, professor of Latin, had a little finger that stuck out permanently. Anyone else remember that? ♦

## THIRTIES

**Ina Hussey Weymouth '31** volunteers at the Maine Veteran's Home in Augusta and plays the piano for their chorus once a week. She also helps decorate the place for parties and plays cribbage with the residents. Says Ina, "I am 85 and the only one left in my family." She is co-chairman of the Volunteer Association where she lives. . . . **Marjorie Van Horn Bernier '32** maintains an eight-room house with large yard by way of using her



time constructively in retirement. Reading Mrs. Bernier's list of favorite professors reinforces my belief that students in our generation at Colby really loved our professors. . . . **Maxwell Ward '32** has a revolutionary approach to politics: throw the rascals out and put in new rascals. Maxwell taught school for 38 years in Maine. He was principal of Clinton High School for 13 years and spent 14 years as principal of the high school in Oakland. . . . **Phyllis Hamlin Wade '32** lost her husband, Earl '39, in November 1994. Phyllis is marking time waiting to have cataracts removed so she can return to reading, driving and sewing, but her health is good. Her daughter Teri-Lee '68 is director of patient accounts at Eastern Maine Medical center in Bangor. Another daughter, Donna, manages a scuba diving equipment shop in Calais and also teaches the subject. . . . **Bernard H. Porter '32** has willed everything, "including his toothbrush," to Colby. He invites all to visit his special collection of more than 4,000 contemporary letters in Miller Library. . . . Although he spent 45 years as a Methodist preacher in Maine and Texas, **Leo Fletcher Ross '32** is now limited mostly to watching sports on TV, owing to the loss of a leg in 1988. In the 1930-31 annual debate sponsored by Dr. Libby, Mr. Ross's team packed the chapel pews with ruffians paid to clap, the rule being that the winning team was the one that got the loudest applause. The Ross clique made a fearful din at the appropriate times, and Lee's crew won \$75. He spent his winnings on ice cream. . . . On board the M.S. *Statendam* cruise ship on January 13, 1996, Captain Frans Conisen presented **Dorris Moore Cox '33**

a certificate and platinum medal for having traveled 250,000 miles on the Holland America Cruise Line. . . . **Charlotte Blomfield Auger '33** speaks for many of us when she says, "Sorry I haven't anything really spectacular to report. My husband is in precarious health (heart), so we live from day to day. At 85, there are so many things that have to be done—which make you tired! Bending over even to tie shoelaces can be and often is a major achievement when it is finished. We plug along. I cook nutritious meals, and my grandchildren think I am a fantastic cookie maker. I read, listen to the news on TV, and watch basketball games. All in all, I'm glad to be alive." . . . When it gets cold in Fort Fairfield, Maine, **Mary Smith Strout '33** has an easy answer. She rents an apartment for six months in a senior complex in Winter Park, Fla. Perhaps this reasoning is behind all the Florida return addresses I find on my mail in the winter. . . . **Rebecca Chester Wyman '33** has two children, David and Mary, who are now middle-aged—and Rebecca can't believe it. She lives in a five-room unit among 21,000 retirees in Laguna Hills, Calif., keeping track of a large gray and white cat named Augustus. . . . Although **Gladys Averill Heubach '33** lives in West Newton, Mass., she is grateful that she can still drive the 300 miles to her summer home on the rockbound coast of Millbridge, Maine, where she loves to entertain her old Colby friends. These have included **Barbara and Mal Wilson '33**. On her return home last summer, she spent a weekend with her old Colby roommate, **Ruth Leighton Thomas '33**. . . . After 65 years of marriage to Laurence Dysart, **Mabel Clough Dysart '34** wouldn't change a thing about her life. Mabel's circle of immediate relatives numbers 66—most

of them professionals. She remembers a Latin professor whose name she can't remember but whose shoes often didn't match. Can anybody help Mabel on this? ... With a bow in the direction of George Hawes '28, I must add the name of **Louise Williams Brown '34** to members of the Blurred Cyclone Club. Last July she attended the wedding of a grandson in Norway, then in September saw another grandson married in France. While in Norway, she took time off to visit Iceland. Louise walks two-plus miles three times a week and is active in women's circles in her Presbyterian church. She carries on extensive correspondence with her eight grandchildren, ages 22 to 35. During winters in Florida, she attends symphony concerts, goes to travel lectures and keeps in touch with the many friends she has made there in the past 20 years. Summers are spent with children, grandchildren and other relatives—some 40 of whom have settled in or near Louise in Portland, Maine. Last July, she was hostess to a handful of Class of 1934 women who gathered for lunch in Portland. Included were **Adelaide Jordan Cleaves** and husband Ken, **Eleanor Wheelwright Ness** and husband Norm and **Harriet Pease Patrick**. Regrets were sent by **Annie Tuck Russell**, **Barbara White Morse**, **Josephine Cunningham Porter**, **Madelyn Higgins Stanley**, **Greta Murray Connors** and **Elizabeth Weeks**. ... **Ann Duoba Lawrence '34** writes, "It is with great sadness that I report that my husband, James, passed away on December 26, 1995. He was my friend, lover and great communicator for 56 years. We attended many Colby reunions together as well as those for my sister Marcia '37. I will miss him terribly." ... **Jay Leno** (the *Tonight Show* host) invited his uncle **John J. Leno '34** and two aunts, **Fay** and **Edith**, to spend a few days with him in Las Vegas. While there, they took a ride over the Grand Canyon in a light plane. ... **Robert Colomy '35**, like most of you, enjoys the offerings of the Public Broadcasting System and also, like most of you, deplores the general run of trash and violence on TV. He keeps fit by

walking two miles every morning (well, almost every morning). ... On February 22, 1996, **Dr. Beth Pendleton Clark '35** donated a kidney to her daughter, Beverly. At last report, Beth was recuperating well, and Beverly was doing well also. ... **Harold Brown '35**, sat down in Bradenton, Fla., last February 8 to write that the best decision he ever made was to earn a Ph.D. at the age of 54. Harold has three sons: one is president of the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh; a second is a cellist with the Chicago Symphony; and the third is a piano technician in Santa Cruz, Calif. All are happily married. Like his sister-in-law Louise Williams Brown '34 above, Harold is another member of the Blurred Cyclone Club. He plays golf twice a week, attends many concerts, directs the church choir, teaches a music appreciation course, assists with Meals on Wheels and is on the board of directors of the New England Music Camp in Sidney, Maine, on the church worship committee and on the Sarasota Concert Association Board. ... Says **Avis Merritt Churchill '35**, "It is hard to believe that my son, Col. Ralph Churchill, has retired from the U.S. Army; that a granddaughter is a freshman at Indiana University and that a grandson is a high school junior in Richmond, Va." ... The November 6, 1995, issue of *Newsweek* had a cover story on melatonin, the new fountain of youth according to some and a damn scam according to others. Two letters to the editor in the November 27 issue supported the scam point of view. Sandwiched in between the two scam letters was this by **Morris "Mike" Cohen '35**: "I am 83 years old. I read your cover story on melatonin and took three bottles. My bald spot grew back in. My hair turned brown. The AARP said I no longer met their age requirement and kicked me out. ... A beautiful young chick is chasing me all over the house. I discovered she is my wife. She took four bottles." On fitness, Mike says, "Fit, hell. I'm barely keeping alive." Regarding his work, Mike reports that he faked his way in Burlington Industries for 28 years and was promoted to vice president. At 65, they gave

him a party and fired him, whereupon the company fell apart. ... Thanks to her master's degree in psychiatric social work, **Mary Small Copithorne '35** was able to work until she was 81—getting that degree was the best decision she ever made, she declares. She has four children, one of whom has recovered from cancer. Among seven grandchildren, there is no evidence as yet of the imminent arrival of any great-grandchildren, although Mrs. Copithorne has hopes. ... **Sidney Schiffman '35** is pretty much under house arrest since his most recent heart attack, but he is still alive, he says, aware of what is going on and looking forward to a return to Colby one of these fine reunions. He has a granddaughter who works in New York on children's programming for PBS

and for the British Broadcasting Corporation. ... **Anne Martel Eastman '35** has two sons and four grandchildren. Both sons are teachers, as was she (foreign languages). In her retirement, she often visits Tucson, Ariz., and Florida. She has a warm recollection of **Ninetta Runnals** as a caring person. ... **Anita Thibault Bourque '36** obtained a hip replacement in 1988 and considers it a great asset. Since that time, however, the device has become dislocated three times, prompting her children to accuse her of attempting to monopolize the limelight. ... **Charles Caddoo '36** has been married to his high school sweetheart for 61 years—thus ensuring that he is a happy and healthy man. One son is in sales; the other is a dentist in Ellsworth, Maine. Charles keeps

## NEWSMAKERS

**Marjorie Rowell Shane '27** and her sister, **Esther McNamara**, were the subjects of a long feature in *Rockland, Maine's, Capital Weekly*. ... **Ludy '21** and **Pacy Levine '27** and **Howard Miller '40** were paid loving tribute in the *Central Maine Morning Sentinel* by employees of the Levine's clothing store and by members of the Waterville community after announcing that the store founded by their father and grandfather would close.

## MILEPOSTS

**Deaths:** **Harriet Lawler Davis '12** in Eastport, Maine, at 104. ... **Helen Dresser McDonald '23** in Waterville, Maine, at 93. ... **Percy G. Beatty '24** in Penney Farms, Fla., at 92. ... **Barbara Whitney Beatty '27** in Penney Farms, Fla., at 90. ... **Leola M. Clement '27** in Waterville, Maine, at 90. ... **Edward Newhall '28** in Glen Ridge, N.J., at 92. ... **Helen Leighton Austin Niesley '29** in Falmouth, Maine, at 87. ... **Donald H. Fraser '29** in Texas at 90. ... **Ruth Daggett Fuller '29** in Fairfield, Conn., at 87. ... **G. Cecil Goddard '29** in Waterville, Maine, at 89. ... **Philip R. Higgins '29** in Springfield, Mass., at 87. ... **Sterling C. "Jack" Ryder '29** in Oak Ridge, Tenn., at 88. ... **William Hardy '32** in Derry, N.H., at 86. ... **Charles N. Pinkham '32** in Unity, Maine, at 87. ... **John P. Davan '33** in Portland, Maine, at 89. ... **Elizabeth C. Dyson '34** in North Adams, Mass., at 82. ... **Portia Pendleton Rideout '34** in Clackamas, Ore., at 83. ... **Norman R. Rogerson '36** in Portland, Maine, at 85. ... **Thomas E. Adwin '37** in Kingman, Ariz., at 82. ... **Helen Jevons Luther '37** in Atlanta, Ga., at 80. ... **William Carter '38** in Bath, Maine, at 79. ... **Julia Wheeler Morton '40** in West Orange, N.J., at 80. ... **Jean Pearson Burr '41** in Rochester, N.Y. ... **Raymond Flynn '42** in Kennebunk, Maine, at 77. ... **Alton Laliberte '42** in Waterville, Maine, at 76. ... **Malcolm D. McQuillan '44** in Wayne, Mich., at 79. ... **Paul V. Witham Jr. '44** in Bangor, Maine, at 73.



busy with church work, volunteer work, tennis and walking. . . . **John Dolan '36** intends to get back to his 60th reunion, as do all his classmates. He says that membership in the Sierra Club keeps him fit. He also sent a brief but fascinating article having to do with the distinguished career of Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller, who was an early worker in psychiatry, doing significant work especially under Professor Alois Alzheimer, the man who identified and gave his name to Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Fuller was the father of our own **Sol Fuller Jr. '36**. . . . **Ray Farnham '36** radiates energy all over. He takes care of the house, does all needed chores inside and out, golfs in Maine and Florida, drives all the way from Maine to Florida and shovels snow for himself and neighbors. He repeats this last feat by mowing same in summer.

. . . Referring to his upcoming June reunion, **Hal Hickey '36** exclaims, "Has it been 60 years this June? I must be an old man and hadn't noticed." Although he gives no details, Hal says the worst decision he ever made was to vote for Richard Nixon. Hal is a retired college administrator with a wife, son and grandson. . . . **Jeanne Peyrot Hoffman '36**, who came to Colby in '35-'36 as an exchange student from France, was followed back to France in '38-'39 by **Catherine Laughton Briggs '36**. Before coming home in July 1939, Mrs. Briggs was the guest of the aforementioned Jeanne Hoffman. It was in 1938, while Catherine helped the English teacher at a girls' high school in Trequier, Brittany, that Neville Chamberlain returned to England with a promise of "peace in our time." . . . **Wade '39** and **Eleanor Tolan Hooker '36** have numer-

ous offspring, who must indeed make them proud. Son Wade is an attorney in N.Y.C. Daughter Ann attends graduate school in Texas. One son is an Army captain, another is a school teacher and coach in Texas. One daughter is a lieutenant in the Army (graduate of West Point), another is a computer operator in D.C. and another works in the Massachusetts State House. A son is the assistant manager of Eastern Mountain Sports in Connecticut. . . . **Emma Mary Small Schlosberg '36** is heavily involved in volunteer work with the West End House Boys & Girls Club in Allston-Brighton, Mass. Having been president of the women's auxiliary for many years, she is now on the board of directors and co-chair of scholarship. Emma's club is "one of the oldest and largest of the 1,500 Boys & Girls Clubs of America." . . .

**Eleanor "Billy" MacCarey Whitmore '36**, reflecting the sentiment expressed universally by 50-plus Club members, says the best decision she ever made was to marry the person she married. She has two sons: Jeff, a psychologist in Tucson, Ariz., who, in turn, has two sons, 10 and 12; and Jonathan, a TV engineer in Auburn, Maine. . . . **Elizabeth "Libby" Bavis Decker '39** called from Rochester, Minn., to inquire about my health after the rather rigorous six months I have spent in and out of hospitals. Libby had just come from Phoenix, Ariz., following a month's visit with her daughter Margaret, a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music in New York and a cellist with the Phoenix symphony orchestra. In February, she planned to visit her sister, **Ellie Bavis Broughton '39**, down in Winter Park, Fla. ♦

## Seasoned Seaman Saves Sailor

A man dragged behind his 25-foot sailboat in 45-degree ocean water for half an hour last Easter before N. Douglas MacLeod '44 and his family spotted the sailboat's empty cockpit from MacLeod's daughter's home near Providence, R.I.

A gust blowing northeast from land out to sea hit the sailboat, lay it over and tossed the man over the side, the jib sheet wrapped around his wrist. MacLeod family members on shore ran to the water to throw him a rope, but the sail caught the wind and the boat blew farther from shore.

"Boy, we gotta do something for this guy," said MacLeod. With relatives he hurried a 12-foot skiff from the barn, and with two grandsons, J.D., 13, and Matthew, 15, he rowed into the turbulent water after the sailboat drifting out to sea.

If he weren't so familiar with boats, he probably wouldn't have attempted the rescue, MacLeod said later. He handled a rowboat almost every day during 11 boyhood summers in Cuttyhunk, Mass., and he rowed four-man shells in prep school. He has sailed the Newport to Bermuda race seven or eight times, twice as his own skipper on a 45-foot yawl, and has sailed five times to the Caribbean, as far north as Nova Scotia and across the Mediterranean.

He wondered later whether he might never have made it



or might have suffered a heart attack. "Of course I wasn't thinking about that," said MacLeod, 74, founder of Tubodyne, a commercial tubing equipment company in Riverside, R.I. "I've been active in physical work all my life. I'm in reasonably good shape."

As he rowed through the rough seas with no cold weather gear and no life preservers, MacLeod says, he and his grandsons were at risk of capsizing in the rough seas with nothing to hang on to. "But you don't think about those things in a rescue," he said. "I didn't want to find a dead man. I'd feel it was my responsibility." MacLeod outlined the rescue procedure whereby he and Matthew would haul the man into the sailboat and sail back to shore. "Whatever you do," he told J.D. "don't capsize the dinghy!"

Just as they caught the sailboat, the man in the water passed out. They got him by the armpits and belt, but in his winter clothes and heavy boots he was dead weight as they struggled to haul him over the side into the cockpit and then get him out of the wet clothes and wrapped in blankets. As they sailed back to land, the dinghy in tow, the Bristol fire department rescue boat met them and took the man to the hospital. MacLeod says he never woke up until he was halfway to the hospital.

MacLeod received a citation from the town council and another from the Bristol Yacht Club, but the most exciting thing was having his grandsons share the rescue with him, he says. He also thinks his grandsons look at him with more respect now, "maybe even as a guiding light. There's a lot more thinking, 'Maybe gramps ain't no old man after all.'"

# The Forties

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**46** **Locky MacKinnon** writes that he and his wife, Ardath, have taken their Airstream trailer everywhere, from Cape Breton Island to Mexico, collecting new friends. Locky's niece, Shea Matlock, is in Atlanta preparing for a career in medicine at Georgia Tech and is on the prize-winning Tech women's basketball team, the Lady Jackets. (Tex and I follow women's basketball and have been to the women's Final Four here in Atlanta. Women athletes are awesome, and I am so proud of them.) Locky is all pumped up to come to our 50th reunion in June. You know it is free, you just have to get your body there. . . . **Betty Anne Riker Howell** and husband Roe will also be at reunion. They spend summers at their lakeside house in Greensboro, Vt., and go to the St. Pete area of Florida for the month of February to check on Colby friends such as **Pat Wotherspoon Imhoff**. . . . **Jeanne Sellar Yusaitis** lives in Mechanicsville, N.Y. She wrote, "I'm a retired banker. This will make my Colby friends smile since any type of math was my downfall in college." She is active in St. Peter's Catholic Church, is a member of the choir and of the Rosary Club and helps in a million projects. (I don't find that churches let you retire.) . . . **Thelma Giberson Moore** has lived in Denver since 1948. She got her master's there in library science and was with the Denver public schools system for 27 "great years." I wonder if Thelma and **Carolyn Armitage Bouton** down in Englewood, Colo., ever get together? . . . **Jean O'Brien**

Perkins says she has finally and definitively retired and is doing tutoring and Elderhostel courses. Her two daughters live in Maine now, and she sees a lot of them. . . . **Marge Dodge Radomski** says, "I'm coming to reunion from South Florida, you-all come, too, you hear." ♦

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Mary Hall Fitch

**47** **Dorothy Weber Trogdon** is a retired interior designer married to an architect. Her three sons are all married, and she describes the three grandchildren as all beautiful and bright. Her home is on Orcas Island, off the coast of Washington state and accessible only by ferry. There she serves on the board of the national accrediting agency for interior design and on the board of the Orcas theater and community center. . . . Still interested in sports is **Carl "Gumbo" Wright**, who attends sporting events at the College and plays golf with Colby friends. He is a semi-retired trial attorney and spends lots of time with his grandsons. Through scholarships, gym, and Little League baseball projects, he keeps up interest in the youth of Maine. . . . **Dana** and **Harriet Nourse Robinson** came all the way from Beijing at Thanksgiving to celebrate her mother's 98th birthday. Twenty-five people attended, including Harriet's sis-

ter, **Fran Nourse Johnston '49**. Since then, Dana has been in Malaysia, Hong Kong and Singapore. . . . **Dorothy Briggs Aronson** continues to teach German and every summer hikes with the Appalachian Mt. Club. Last year's was in the Adirondacks; this year's will be an expedition to the Canadian Rockies to a tent camp between Banff and Lake Louise. She works at the Historical Society in Medfield, Mass., and helps to put together programs for second and eighth graders as well as senior members. . . . **Sylvia Gray Noyes** has retired after teaching for 20 years at Husson College. She and her husband have four daughters, three of whom are married, one to a man on the Colby staff. She had a very interesting trip to Halifax last year when she researched the building of the ocean piers in 1917. Her grandfather was foreman of a crew of granite cutters from Franklin, Maine, who were there when a Belgian ship blew up in the harbor, destroying most of the city. . . . **Arline Kiessling Wills** and her husband play tennis, cross-country ski and bike, resting up with lots of reading. Their third 250-mile biking trip in Europe is coming up this year. Last year's group in Germany and Austria included Nancy Moyer Conover '54. Arnie and her husband have a doctor son and three daughters, one in Ghana as an educational advisor with U.S.I.S., one a writer and one a lawyer. . . . Again this year, **Jane Rollins**

## MILEPOSTS

**Deaths:** **Lendall W. Hayes '48** in California at 72. . . . **Nancy Gager Howard '48** in Norwalk, Conn., at 69. . . . **Janet Bowmar Reynolds '48** in Worcester, Mass., at 68. . . . **Georgiana Hooker Firth '49** in Trappe, Md., at 67.



## Unconventional Wisdom

When Beverly Benner Cassara '47 was asked why she chose to pursue postgraduate studies in adult education at an age when most people are midway through their careers, she said it was because she was concerned about women. "At forty years old, I was home with my babies," said Cassara. "Raising families is important, but I was bothered that beyond that, the women around me did so little that mattered with their time."



Once the kids were grown, Cassara returned to school to study adult education at Boston University, where she earned a doctorate in 1970. She became professor of adult education at Federal City College (now University of the District of Columbia) that same year. Cassara, who has written three books, *American Women: The Changing Image* (Beacon Press, 1962), *Adult Education in a Multicultural Society* (Routledge, 1990) and *Adult Education through World Collaboration* (Krieger, 1995), also was dean of graduate studies at the university from 1973 to 1990.

During the early '70s, alarmed by the school dropout and poverty rates among women in the nation's capital, Cassara started a program to assist and educate low-income African-American women from a housing project near the university. With student volunteers from her graduate courses in adult education, Cassara helped 14 women earn their general

educational development diplomas. All of them later attended Federal City College. "It's not just a matter of whether people can read or write," Cassara said of adult education. "It's a matter of whether or not they have a vision for their own lives and for the lives of their kids. People have to be in charge of their own destinies. Once these mothers began to enjoy learning, a wonderful thing happened—they began to compete with their kids for grades, and the kids stopped dropping out of school."

Cassara is retired, but she remains active in adult education. She serves as an adjunct professor of adult education at the University of Southern Maine, and she represents North America as an executive committee member of the International Council for Adult Education. Her latest adult education project has been to organize a senior citizens' advocacy group in Cambridge, Mass., called Eldercorps. The group's initial goals are to hold a conference on intelligent aging and to develop a directory of Cambridge-area volunteer activities that are practical for seniors. Cassara, whose own mid-life academic career challenged convention, says that many older people face discrimination when they seek jobs or volunteer opportunities. "So many of us are not acceptable to people in the workplace because we're threatening—we have too much education and experience," she said.

Cassara, who served as class correspondent from 1990 to 1994, credits Colby with "opening me up to the world of the mind" and fondly remembers President J. Seelye Bixler. "As he handed me my diploma at graduation, he said to me, 'Beverly, I'm proud of you.' I have remembered those words every time I knew I wasn't doing my best."

plans to be in Britain for a month and is also hoping to go to Switzerland, Alsace and Lake Constance in the fall. . . . Richard Sampson and his wife, Allie, are both retired librarians, with two adopted daughters of Native American heritage and three grandchildren. He keeps in touch with Al '44 and Pat Ford Ellis '43 in Florida. Activities include gardening, concerts and Elderhostels; in a photography course, he and Allie won a joint third prize. Both are active in church, she as an Episcopalian and he in the Orthodox Church of America, which he recently joined and which comes out of a Russian tradition. . . . David Weber has presented me with a different kind of news, a story about a Clara Carter, a 1921 Phi Beta Kappa

graduate of Colby. She was the only child of Quincy and Izah Carter, who lived on Silver St. in Waterville while she attended the College. In 1983, David received 143 letters found in the attic of their old home, which prompted him to start a historical search that ended with an April 10, 1893, issue of the *Boston Evening Transcript*. It told of Quincy being severely injured at the Electric Works in Lynn that day, resulting in the loss of his right eye. Quincy, a direct descendant of John and Priscilla Alden, was born in Portland, the son of a mariner and lobster dealer. His 32-page story was published in 1995 with copies going to the Maine and Massachusetts historical societies and to the Colby library. . . . John and I are just

back from a trip to the Caribbean, extended 36 hours by the closing of Logan Airport in the blizzard. Thanks for all the wonderful responses to my request for news. ♦

Correspondents:  
David and Dorothy Marson

**48** It's January 28 as we prepare these notes for the May issue of *Colby*—we don't know whether to wish you Happy New Year or Happy Fourth of July. . . . We received a gratifying response to our most recent request for information. Back in November we heard from "Bobo" Brewer Folino, who wrote that she and Buddy are looking forward to all

the work ahead in planning our 50th reunion. They live in Stonington, Maine, which—for those of you who are not familiar with the coast—is on an island in Penobscot Bay. Bobo runs a small gallery in the summer with other artists. Bud is delving into a new venture in fish farming and plans to raise arctic char, which is in the salmon/trout family. She reports that they love living in their picturesque fishing village, where Sam and Marion Sturtevant Atwater stopped by last summer. Bobo says she sees Ruthie Barron Lunder only now and then but that they talk quite often. Ginnie Hill Field came for lunch one day. We also received a great holiday card from Bud, who promised to find us a mooring if we sail Down East to their harbor. . . .

Joan Crawley Pollock wrote that she moved from Dedham (our home town) to California 39 years ago. In 1995 Joan and her husband, Joe, traveled from Pasadena to Colby for the Alumni College and in August went to Japan. Joan writes that she had a great meeting in Malibu with Colby alumni and with English Professor Charlie Bassett. Both Joan and Joe are retired. . . . Phil Shulman wrote from San Francisco to say that two years ago he was struck by an automobile and almost killed. Since then he is living like there is no tomorrow, experiencing one adventure after another, traveling to Turkey, Syria (twice), Cuba, Egypt, Vietnam, Oman and Yemen. He hopes to visit North Korea and Iran in 1996. Phil found an old photograph of the Tau Delta officers taken back on Mayflower Hill circa 1947. We still have that picture. Who are all those young people? . . . Janet Gay Hawkins wrote last fall to say that they live on Shelter Island about 100 miles from New York City, and they love it! She had just accompanied her oldest granddaughter for an interview at Colby. . . . We were sorry to learn from Frank Reynolds that his wife, Janet Bommar Reynolds, passed away on December 7, 1995. (We have an unofficial policy that we report bad news only when someone related to the person contacts us on the Class of 1948 inquiry form; then we can make the report in this column.) . . . Gil Taverner wrote that he has retired, for the third time, from St. George's School in Newport, R.I. Thanks, Gil, for continuing to provide us with news, and we look forward to talking with you at the 50th. . . . Fran Hyde Stephan wrote that Carol Stoll Baker spent the holidays with her in Florida and that they are in good health in the last of their 60s. Next year, Fran said, they turn 70, and they wanted to know how they would look to David then. (Terrific as always!) They play tennis and have a lot of laughs and are trying to plan an exciting trip together this year. They also keep in touch with Gloria Shine Seidenberg. Then, within just a few days, we received a wonder-

ful letter from Carol. She wrote of her 1994 trip, a safari in Kenya, where they spent two weeks on the plains and could have enjoyed another week. (Unfortunately, we don't have the space to do justice to her eloquent descriptions of the animals.) In July 1995 she went hiking in the Canadian Rockies near Banff. Twice a day a helicopter dropped her in a different location so that she could hike along the peaks, which she describes as quiet and meditative. . . . Bertha Graves Nollman wrote from Glastonbury, Conn., that she has the best occupation: retired. As for changes in her life she says, "More gray hairs." She enjoys hearing from classmates. . . . We heard from Mary and Gerald Roy, who are now Florida residents but still own a condo in Waterville. They enjoy travel in their motor home and all the things and activities that retirees find time to do. They have four daughters and seven grandchildren. . . . Elaine Browning Townsley is a partner in Rails & Crafts in Laconia, N.H. They specialize in electric trains but also sell art supplies, doll houses and hobby and craft supplies. She also owns a small farm and raised pygmy goats. She has two daughters, and her son, Dudley '72, is retired from the Air Force and teaching math in Laconia. ♦

Correspondent:  
Robert M. Tonge Sr.

**49** Nellie Macdougall Parks writes from P.O. Box 141, Bangor, Maine 04920. She retired from the Gould Academy faculty in 1970, and her husband, Warren, a civil engineer, retired in 1984. Nellie writes that she and Warren spend volunteer hours at their church, where Warren is treasurer, and that he is trustee of an 1832 historical meetinghouse run by the town. Amy Parks just graduated from Lewis and Clark Law School; the other Parks children live in Nevada but visited Maine for three weeks in 1995. Nellie says they run a free B&B for family, and have played host to a bridal shower, a wedding and baby shower and a welcome-home

for a military-career nephew and his family. Summer brings friends from 15 years in the Philadelphia area. During the winter, the Parks cross-country ski and shovel the great winter snowfall. Helping neighbors with chores and errands is also fashionable for typical small-town volunteers. "We're tough up here on the 45th Parallel," Nellie says. She wrote a long letter, and your correspondent appreciates reviewing news and suggestions that we're anxious to pass along. . . . Karekin Sahagian writes from Englewood, Fla. Retired and divorced—he says his wife ran off with a minister in 1989—he claims to have dated 40 different ladies and corresponded with well over 150 in the past six years, but he thinks bachelorhood is better. His son Kay III lives in Tampa, and Erik is in Boston. . . . Charlie Pearce is at P.O. Box 984, Grantham,

N.H. 03750. He retired in 1989 as CEO at Quincy Savings Bank. Charlie still enjoys golf, skiing and traveling after two hip replacements, and Ginny (Davis '50) is happily involved with golf, tennis and gardening. They expect to spend time during '96 in Arizona, North Carolina and Colorado as well as in Austria and Germany. Their three children provided Charlie and Ginny with four grandchildren. . . . Lorenzo Rastelli writes from 636 Heather Lane, Orange City, Fla. 32763. He stays busy doing volunteer work at his local library and at the council for the aged dining center. He says he sees all the plays at the cultural arts center and enjoys traveling and attending Elderhostel programs at Stetson University. He spent time in Victoria, B.C., last summer and plans a trip to Italy during '96. ♦

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Correspondent:  
Virginia Davis Pearce

**50** Sorry to say I haven't received any news from class members lately. Perhaps it's due to the fact that my address was incorrect in the magazine. We live in Grantham, New Hampshire, not Massachusetts. After living in Massachusetts since graduation, we moved to New Hampshire when Charlie retired. In case you've never heard of the place, Grantham is in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee area. . . . Sadly, we have received some notices that you can read on the obituary page. I had a nice note from Bob Stander's wife, Susan, in which she said, "Colby College meant so much to Bob, and he really enjoyed the notes and newsletters from the Class of 1950. He was so proud to be a member of your class." . . . I hope to hear from you soon. ♦

Correspondent:  
Barbara Jefferson Walker

**51** June and reunion are just around the corner, so dig out your suitcases and plan now to drop up, down, over, across or in to Colby for the weekend. . . . Jean (Lyons '53) and Arthur "Art" Shulkin, who were married three days after

graduation, have sold their properties management and realty company in Tucson, Ariz., and bought a sports car convertible, which they plan to tow behind their new "Dolphin" RV motor home on their first major trip back to Maine—for their 45th reunion and anniversary. . . . Donald Maheu, Downingtown, Pa., has retired as manufacturing manager and technical director of Scott Paper Company, for whose international division he traveled the world. Having seen enough of overseas areas, Don and his wife now plan to visit their children, who are scattered from Georgia to Arkansas, and to partake of Elderhostel studies, particularly of Indian culture in the New Mexico region. As a highlight since his Colby graduation, Don notes that he "broke 90 on the links. (Once!)" . . . Nadeen Finberg Liebeskind, Tucson, Ariz., after 18 years living in Israel is now a child care director. She looks forward to retiring, relaxing, seeing old friends and traveling. . . . Ted Parker, Naples, Fla., retired last year and is still playing tennis—with two (2) replacement hips. . . . Oscar Rosen, Salem, Mass., continues his activities with the National Association of Atomic Veterans. He is the editor of their newsletter and graciously has sent me copies of it. . . . Bob and Helen Palen Roth, West Hartford, Conn., write that they "had a big celebration last year—called it our bicentennial—we both turned 65 (130), it was our 40th wedding anniversary (170) and we made the last payment on our 30-year mortgage. Hence 200 years. We took a Dixieland cruise down the Connecticut River with family and friends (several Colby ones)." . . . Ben Pearson, Byfield, Mass., has retired, sold the 180-year-old family business, The Byfield Snuff Co., sold his home

of 41 years and is moving to Bray's Island Plantation, S.C., where there will be "hunting, fishing, golf—all that good stuff." . . . Loretta Thompson Staples '53, wife of Bob Staples, wrote to tell me of Bob's death on Thanksgiving night. Notice has also been received of the July death of Annalee Nelson Bohjalian. . . . Just think of me as the Colby Mule trying to kick you into gear for the 45th reunion of this illustrious class. I can't remember. Did the mule have a name? ♦

Correspondent:  
Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey

**53** I was pleasantly surprised that so many classmates took time to send me news during the holiday weeks. Dot (Forster '54) and Roger Olson said that they were out of Kansas City and dividing their living time between Monson, Maine, and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Since they are now near Waterville again, they enjoy attending Colby football games. . . . Leslie Stewart, still in the investment field, is a broker in New York City. The Stewarts have two daughters, one living in New York City and one married and living in London. Their first grandchild was born last August. Leslie saw Lou Ferraguzzi play the part of Luther Billis in a production of *South Pacific*. . . . Max Singer is a public policy analyst and writer, and his wife, also in the publishing world, is an editor. Max wrote *Real World Order: Zones of Peace/Zones of Turbulence* with Aaron Wilansky, and the revised edition is about to be published by Chatham House, N.J. His three sons all are married and living in Israel. The Singers have three grandchildren and probably two more by now. . . . Sybil Walker Turin is a finan-



cial consultant and realtor. She is a widow but has a large family—her three children are married and among them have six children between the ages of 1 and 16. Sybil says she skis, sails in races and participates in triathlons. During the '96 winters she planned to ski Snowmass, Colo., then head east to ski with her grandchildren in the Portland, Maine, area. I did this, too, a season ago with my grandchildren in Maine, but they were forever waiting for Gram to catch up. . . . I had a very mysterious unsigned Christmas card from Australia. I decided it had to be from George Pirie after Nelson Beveridge sent me the Pirie Christmas newsletter, which mentioned a trip to Australia in January. The Pories spent the holidays in Colorado, then were off to Hawaii to rest up in February and March. . . . Madelyn "Mike" Wechsler Pressman added information about the award I reported last issue: she recently was given the Tufts University Inspirational Teacher Award. . . . Joyce Witham Spencer '54 wrote a long note about her husband, Charles "Chuck" Spencer, who retired from the U.S. Geological Survey in August 1995. Just after the 1993 reunion I reported a couple of the awards that she mentioned he'd received. Since then he received the Outstanding Scientist Award for 1994 by the Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists. He was a petroleum geologist known for his research in unconventional gas resources and overpressured hydrocarbon-producing reservoirs. He worked on cooperative oil and gas studies with national oil companies in Hungary, Brazil and Russia. Post-retirement activities now include camping, fishing and skiing. . . . Sylvia Caron Sullivan sent me another friendly note from Nashville. She and her husband spent their 40th wedding anniversary in Quebec City, where Syl tried out her "Prof. Gordon Smith" French. She spent her Christmas holidays in Wolfboro, N.H., having driven up from Nashville for a family reunion with 13 in attendance. Back in Nashville they had a visit by George '52 and Betty Winkler Laffey. Syl's big news is being a

new grandmother in July—her daughter Susan '80's twins. . . . While I'm in the grandmother mode, I would like to mention that Elaine Zervas Stamas sent news of a new grandson added to her family and says of grandparenthood, "It's the best." . . . In November I learned that Loretta "Tommi" Thompson Staples lost her husband, Bob '51, on Thanksgiving night. Tommi sent me her own note recently, saying that life was great for him and that Colby always was a special memory for them both. My thoughts go out to you, Tommi, as do the thoughts of all who know you both. Colby also informed me of the death of Harold Arthur Leather in November. ♦

#### Correspondents:

Bill and Penny Thresher Edson

**54** Each year, Jean Cressy Parker includes a poem she has written in her Christmas card. Thanks, Jean. . . . Vic Scalise and his wife, Mary, of Brookline, Mass., have three adult children and three grandsons and have enjoyed a winter trip to Maui for each of the past 13 years. Vic has been serving The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts as an interim minister. He also is a consultant to the Water-

man/Waring Funeral Homes and assists legal immigrants and refugees through The International Institute of Boston. In May he will serve as chairman of the annual convention of the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts. Vic founded The National Center for Death Education and has lectured extensively in the field of bereavement—something he never anticipated doing when he left Colby. Kappa Delta Rho, Dr. Seelye Bixler and the faculty are what he remembers most about Colby. . . . Jim Rapaport writes from Boca Raton, Fla., where he lives with Wendy, his wife of six years. They spend their summers in Rockland, Maine. Jim, father of two sons, is enjoying an active retirement. His response to what keeps him out of the rocking chair—"a young wife." Jim remembers "the fun and beautiful spot" when he thinks of Colby. . . . Joan Somerville Walsh, mother of two sons, is a retired second grade teacher living in Mars Hill, Maine. She stays active as a pianist for the Methodist Church and chairman of the craft fair as well as by gardening and shoveling snow. As Joan adjusts to the changes of widowhood, her advice is, "don't put things off. I'm so glad we drove our trailer to Alaska, took cruises and enjoyed every day." She most remembers

the good friends at Colby. . . . It was good to hear from Diane Chamberlin Starcher, who lives with her husband, George, in Chambery, France. They eagerly awaited the arrival of their first grandchild in February '96. Diane, who is working for a non-profit association, European Baha'i Business Forum, writes, "I'm chasing to keep up with activities. Doing research on women entrepreneurs and now on micro-credit lending to poor women in rural and urban areas of the world. Have written an article on the subject." Retirement doesn't mean stopping activities, she says. Diane received a master's degree in adult education in June 1994 and keeps young by working with youth and young adults—lots of reading and discussion. She never anticipated spending her adult life in Europe, mostly in France. "Had I known," she says, "I'd have taken my French classes more seriously." The small academic community, the personal contact with professors and the friends are what she remembers most about Colby. . . . Janice Stevenson Squier and her husband, Charles, are living in Boulder, Colo., where he is a professor of English at the University of Colorado. Jan is a piano teacher, composer and potter. They have a married daughter and a son. When Jan left Colby, she never anticipated that she would have the opportunity to live in foreign countries, East and West. She didn't know she would love teaching music so much or be able to compose. Jan most remembers Mark Benbow at Colby, the introduction to a tougher mental discipline and the self-respect that comes with it. . . . Good to hear from those who responded. More coming in the next column. ♦

#### Correspondent:

Jane Millett Dornish

## NEWSMAKERS

Richard Clough '55 was praised as "the consummate sales person who brought professionalism and integrity to the job" in the *Griffin Report* of Rockland, Mass. Clough is retired from Campbell Sales Co. in Franklin, Mass. . . . Jane Millett Dornish '55 was named State of Maine Volunteer Board Member/Volunteer of the Year. . . . Tony Ruvo '59 was named corporate vice president of the Union Camp Corporation in New Jersey.



Tony Ruvo '59

## MILEPOSTS

Deaths: Gordon D. Daugharty '57 in St. Clair, Mich., at 60. . . . Oliver J. Sproul '52 in Augusta, Maine, at 77.

cide at retirement to stay where they have lived for a long or even a short time? Sue and Selden decided to leave New Jersey, and by the time you read this, they will have given away or tossed the accumulated stuff or taken it to Supply, N.C., a golf community on the Intracoastal Waterway, five miles from the ocean. Their five sons are scattered throughout the States and England. They wish all good health and happiness in the choices made for the rest of our lives. . . . **Tavie Smith Cobb** and husband **Fields** have retired from California to Sagle, Idaho. They love having a home on the lake. . . . It was wonderful to hear from a former **Mary Low** neighbor, **Joan Sandberg**, who also has retired. Joan worked with the Arizona state government's birth defects monitoring program. She finds herself very busy with much less stress, and she enjoys her three cats. . . . **Sylvia Jennison Spike** is excited to be involved with the membership at the Portland, Maine, Museum of Art. For five years she has been a docent at the museum. If anyone wants to buy a house in Bath, Maine, call Sylvia; she wants to move to Portland. As with most of us, Sylvia appreciates that "life is precious, as are our relationships and grandchildren." . . . **Dave and Ruth McDonald Roberts** are willing to take advice from others as they thrill to the birth of their first grandchild, **Brian David Pagnano**. . . . I see **Carol Plavin Shapiro** around town. Her husband, Sam, is treasurer of the state of Maine, and she continues her work as a library assistant in the Waterville school system. Having five grandchildren is her special treat. Carol talks with **Estelle Jacobson Ostrove** often and reports that Estelle and Paul '54 travel extensively. . . . If Sylvia Spike's home in Bath doesn't interest you, **Nancy Greenberger Schmidt** writes that she will sell her lovely Cape Cod home; she says it is a nature lover's paradise. Nancy's three kids and five grandchildren are close by, and she manages to work at the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History as exhibit coordinator in her spare time. . . . **Dave and Nancy Robinson Rollins** have officially retired but

continue to consult part time while thinking about leaving St. Louis. Both Dave and Nancy have a love for the ocean so perhaps they will return to New England. Two of their sons are in Arizona and one is in Ottawa, and grandchildren play a special part in their lives. . . . A call from **Judy Orne Shorey** let me know that she is beginning a new venture as a bed-and-breakfast or inn relief sitter. To give respite to owners, she will take over duties in that home. Her first assignment is in the Camden, Maine, area, and she is enthusiastic and optimistic about this new phase in her life. . . . At the Boston trustee and Alumni Council January meetings our class was well represented. I was able to chat with **Jane Whipple Coddington**, **Jean Van Curan Pugh** and **George Haskell**. . . . Just before finishing this piece I talked with **Ann Burnham Deering**, whose daughter was married last summer. Ann had a note from **Barbara Restall Horne**, who lives in California with her husband and enjoys travels in their motor home. **Margaret Grant Ludwig** wrote Ann that she now has time to travel from Maine to warmer Florida with her legislative duties over. . . . It is good to get your letters; keep me posted. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Eleanor Edmunds Grout**

**56** Next month we in the Class of 1956 will be celebrating our 40th year as Colby alumni. I hope to see many of you at reunion at the Samoset and/or Colby. It promises to be great. Many have written to say they plan to attend. **David and Rosemary Crouthamel Sortor** will be there despite their busy lives. Dave's practice as an oral surgeon, The Sherborn Inn and sailing the Maine coast keep him out of any rocking chair, and Rosemary is an occupational therapist and manager of the elderly housing in Sherborn, Mass. She also finds time for eight grandchildren, gardening, knitting, quilting and church. And I thought I was busy! . . . **Lois Latimer Pan** is planning on reunion, too. Lois's husband, Ed, is

a retired engineer; Lois retired as public library director to a new creative career, which she describes as going from books to bibs: she has developed a great business making original bib designs. They really have to be seen to be appreciated. Lois has had an adventurous life, including travel and marriage to a man born in China. She is now part of a biracial, bicultural family, which includes four generations. The travel has included a ballroom dance trip to Hungary and an Elderhostel on top of a volcano in Hawaii. . . . **Fran (Wren '58)** and **Bob Raymond** will be at Samoset and hope to see many there. . . . **Lois Weaver Neil** lost her husband, Bill, to cancer in January 1995. The class extends its sympathy to the family. Lois is going to reunion with **Warren and Barbara Faltings Kinsman** and is hoping to see the old gang: **Sue Veghte Wilson**, **Charlotte Wood Scully**, **Charlene Roberts Riordan** and **Eleanor Cawley Hickey**. Lois earned her doctorate in '94, and after retiring in June she will move on to college teaching. . . . **Vashti Ophelia Boddie Roberts** wrote to say that she would not miss our 40th. Vash misses California but is excited by her new career opportunity as director of the Indiana Academy at Ball State University. She heads one of the few remaining K-12 lab schools in the country for gifted students. **Wilbert and Vashti** spent their summer at a time-share in Aruba and in July will travel to the Dominican Republic. She says she has such wonderful memories of Colby and says she became centered there—pulling off her own identity at a time when it was cool just to blend in. Vash says she "learned to think, to problem solve, to prioritize and to love myself"—and she also made many friends. They will always remember the '56 Condon medalist. Vash wants to know if anyone has word of **Muggsy Stetson '55**. . . . **Ann Holden Neville** says she probably won't be able to make reunion but plans could change. Ann has gone from substance abuse counseling and probation work to landlady and property owner. She is looking to the time when she can put her feet up after

selling the properties she owns. . . . **Richard and Domenica Tranquillo Rainer** would like more information but would like to go to reunion. Domenica took her French major and became an investment professional. She and Richard are looking for good places for retirement and want classmates' suggestions. . . . See you at the Samoset if the good Lord's willing. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Brian F. Olsen**

**57** I know, you're wondering if I'm still alive . . . sorry about the lapse in column news—but we're back, and all you '57 folks can look forward to quite a bit of news in the coming issues. All those neat questionnaires and letters you received over the last couple of years with my name on them really came straight from the Alumni Office. (Thanks to everyone there for all their hard work!) Your responses have been terrific, thoughtful, revealing, moving and just plain enjoyable to read. Thanks to **Ellie Shorey Harris** for checking up on me to see if I could still type! Ellie is still at Stratus Computer, managing the personnel department and racking up employee of the year awards in impressive fashion. . . . **Mel Dunn** writes from Binghamton that he's enjoying his new status as a grandfather (as are many of us) and is traveling to Europe quite a bit to visit his daughter Beth and family. . . . Sad to say, as we approach the "Golden Years," we start hearing the news of classmates and spouses who have passed away since we last wrote. **Janet Kimball Clymer**, whose husband died in 1994, has moved back to New England from Denver and is active as a family and small claims court mediator. Jan also works as a buyer for a Nashua bookstore and met **E. Annie Proulx**, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book *The Shipping News*, in her bookstore last year. Annie attended Colby as a member of our class before transferring elsewhere. (Wonderful book, by the way!) . . . **Tom Brackin** writes that he and Marilyn are still running the in-

insurance agency in New Jersey and that they now have two grandchildren. I spent some quality time over dinner with Tom and his wonderful family a couple of summers ago, and we did a lot of catching up. . . . Don Dinwoodie writes of his joy at being married in December of 1994. Don is building an "Earthship House" in southern Colorado and runs conferences for business people in the "openspace" near Pike's Peak. Don lived in western Massachusetts for a while a few years ago but has returned to Colorado permanently. . . . Long-lost classmate Marilyn "Perc" Perkins Canton is alive and well in Naples, Fla. Husband Dick is se-

nior VP for Paine Webber and working in the Naples office. Marilyn and Dick still have a lake home in Maine, so her New England ties are strong. . . . Mac Blanchard and his wife, Dot, spent part of last year in Vancouver, B.C., while Dot was finishing her studies, and they fell in love with the place. Mac is still doing some "custom building" on the coast of Maine, but only if it doesn't interfere with fly fishing, hunting, traveling, etc. You can find Mac (sometimes) in the office of Professional Real Estate Services in downtown Damariscotta. . . . It was good to hear again from Roberta Santora Hindert, although she also re-

ported that her husband of 36 years died a couple of years ago. Roberta is working hard at building a new life, and after all those years in academia now volunteers at a veterinary clinic in addition to keeping up her interest in ice dancing and playing the recorder. . . . Tony Glockler is still in New Jersey and still with ETS. I know we can count on Tony to drum up support for the 40th reunion, coming in June 1997. . . . Great to hear from Glenn and Gaby Krebs Isaacson, who still reside in California. Not a lot of development going on right now, Gaby writes, so Glenn is busy with his consulting business. Both are collectors of Ameri-

can crafts and art and support the arts in the San Francisco area. . . . Out of space for now—more news to come in the next issue. It's not too soon to think about the 40th, just a little over a year from now. Till next time. . . . ♦

Correspondent:  
Margaret Smith Henry

**58** Quite a winter we're having! When you read this, it will be spring! . . . Sally Sobol Fritz is service coordinator for the Falmouth and Barnstable Public Housing Authorities on Cape Cod. She has come back to Buzzard's Bay, where

## Fully Integrated

"It's taken fire all over the state," said Madelyn "Mike" Wechsler Pressman '53. The team-taught, interdisciplinary humanities program she started at Oceanside High School in Oceanside, N.Y., where she has taught English since 1968, presents history, social studies and English combined on a time line. In the last decade, Pressman says, she has given "tons of workshops" and acted as a consultant to get similar teams going at schools all across New York. "It's an idea whose time has come," she said.



The time must have come at least by 1992, when the program was a joint winner of the New York State English Council Award for Best High School Program. In 1995 Pressman received the Teacher of Excellence Award from the New York State Council of English.

An English major at Colby, Pressman raised four daughters before completing an M.A. in secondary education at Adelphi in 1970. For her humanities program, she says she refined and expanded the time-line concept she'd used when she taught art history extension courses for Brandeis University in 1966-67. She believes she covers a period of art or a piece of literature best by taking account of concurrent styles or influences in other arts, politics, economics and even morals.

Students in the team-taught course divide into groups, each with a historical researcher, an analyzer-critic and a writer-integrator who together research one artist. They study the early music of Beethoven, neoclassical art and

propaganda of the time while reading *A Tale of Two Cities*. This year, an offshoot of the curriculum is a partnership Pressman arranged between a local museum and a Guggenheim Museum exhibit while her charges research abstract art and the creative process.

After a museum lecturer spoke to her class, Pressman reports, "One student said, 'I thought it was nice of him to talk down to our level.' 'No, he didn't talk down to you,' I said. 'You've become so sophisticated.' It's not just a course that helps with *Jeopardy!*. It's lifetime learning."

Off the success of the program, Pressman received an NEH fellowship in 1990 to study Mozart in Vienna. She was researching the G Minor Symphony, she said, "and I ended up writing a poem on it, which produced this idea of a connection between the essay and the sonata, which is very similar to the essay form—introduction, development, recapitulation. I developed the essay format based on the sonata when I was in Prague." Today, she says, Oceanside sophomores rank higher than seniors in many schools—especially in essay writing.

Pressman is quick to praise her own teachers. "The best decision I ever made was to go to Colby," she said. "I loved Shakespeare, I loved the poets, I loved the history. Every teacher I had was inspiring and made me curious." She especially credits Alfred Chapman and Mark Benbow of the English Department, who, she is sure, put her into the "subconscious mode" that resulted in her award-winning humanities program.

As for retiring, she might think about it, she said—if she won the lottery—but for now, no. "I'm having too good a time. I always think of my eighty-five-year-old roofer, who said, 'I can't retire. My friend retired, and he died right after.'" She laughs. "He was ninety-two."



"the air smells right (salty) and nobody has a funny accent." Sally has four adult children, two sons-in-law and one granddaughter. When she thinks back to Colby days, Professor Benbow's Elizabethan literature classes come to mind. . . . **Caroline Hall Hui**, Sunnyvale, Calif., and husband David have a 16-year-old daughter, Kim, who plans to pursue a ballet career. Carol is involved in Kim's activities through serving as the board secretary and grant writer for the San Jose Dance Theater. Except for not traveling as much as she would like, Carol is pretty well satisfied with her present lifestyle, which includes skiing, hiking and being an adult ed instructor. . . . John and **Jane Daib Reisman** both have retired and are free to travel (Costa Rica in January 1996) and to be available to visit their two children and three grandchildren. Jane, too, remembers Professor Benbow and "bananas with butterscotch sauce" and, of course, meeting John and being serenaded by the Colby Eight. . . . **Jim Bishop** is in Sedona, Ariz., working as author/teacher/professional conservationist. He is currently teaching English lit to people of all ages, "learning the true value of the imagination." Jim's daughter is in Hanoi doing public health, and his son is in China. Like many of us at this stage of life, Jim says the "long-term memory kicks in—memories of Colby in the '50s are sharper than those of my 20 years in Washington, D.C., at Carter's White House and the Department of Energy." Simon & Schuster published a trade paper version of his book, *Epiaphor for a Desert Anarchist*, in the fall of '95. . . . **Virginia True Masterson** has been a special education professional for the past 10 years, and her husband has his own home-based word-processing business in San Jose, Calif. Ginny remembers the English department, too, and that infamous flu epidemic in 1956. Like others who have returned to the campus, Ginny is impressed with the beauty of Colby and the new buildings as well as the wider range of classes offered. . . . **Dick Campbell** is living in York Village, Maine, and is semi-retired,

doing consulting work and serving as a board director. He and wife Jeanne have four successful children, ranging in age from 16 to 32. When he remembers Colby, Dick recalls the smell of Onie's! He also feels Colby has become a great liberal arts college and has gained a well-deserved international reputation! . . . **Lois Munson Morrill** resigned from Fleet Bank, has taken a year off and for a few months was working for L.L. Bean during their "busy" season. Daughter Laurie had a second son in October 1995, almost exactly two years after her first son. When she wrote, Lois has just returned, along with Charlotte and Norm Lee, from a visit with **Lynne D'Amico McKee** in Hampden, Maine. Lois also wants to make sure the class knows about the new location of the campus tree that was dedicated to **Gayle Schaeff Fox**. The tree and the plaque are now on the east side of the Student Union in front of the Page Commons Room by the side of the road. . . . **Douglas Miller** is the Distinguished Professor of American Intellectual History at Michigan State University. Doug and his wife, Susanne, have two children, a son who is a lawyer in New York and a daughter who works for a homeless shelter in Boston. Since we last heard from Doug, he had published his ninth book, *On Our Own: Americans in the Sixties*. Like many others, Doug remembers the smell of stale beer in Onie's. Doug plans to retire in June 1997 and most likely will return to New England and an old farmhouse in New Hampshire. . . . sounds wonderful. One of Doug's Ph.D. students is Professor Richard Moss, who teaches American history at Colby. . . . There have been quite a few replies to my October 1995 questionnaire and letter, and I am still in the process of sending them out. Eventually you all should hear from me. (I hope this is reciprocal. How else can we fill up our allotted space?) Thanks to all who have already responded—you will see yourselves here in future columns. . . . By the way, **Gail Crosby Davis**, who is our class agent, is determined to see that over 50 percent of our class contributes to the Alumni Fund. Last year

we had 47 percent response, and not only that, our class had the most in matching funds. Even before those matching funds, we had reached our goal! ♦

Correspondent:

**Ann Marie Segrave Lieber**

**59** Mobility and travel seem to be the watchwords for our class. TWA Captain **Russ Longley** says that he's "still searching for a rich widow whoskis." . . . **Nancy Little Ready** owns and manages Exec Aviation in Cincinnati. She and husband Bob keep busy showing the quarter horses they breed. . . . **Frank Seebode** is principal of a large, top-ranked high school in California but still manages to spend summer vacations on Cape Cod. Thanks for the wonderful family pics, Frank! . . . John and **Pat Richmond Stull** had a wonderful trip to Turkey; they loved the people and enjoyed exploring ancient ruins along the Aegean coast. . . . **Elaine (Healey '62)** and **Paul Reichert** are retired and living in Florida. They've toured Australia and New Zealand but especially like watching Kennedy Space Center launches from their very own deck. . . . **Joan (Crowell '60)** and **Skip Tolette** traveled to England, Vail, Florida and the Thousand Islands. They had to admit, when their son turned 35, that they have a middle-aged offspring. . . . Congrats to Catherine and **Jim Stockwell** on their recent marriage. Jim saw the world while doing 20 in the Navy, and now, as a big-rig driver, seeing the States from the cab of an 18-

wheeler. . . . Dr. **Bob Younes** was named to the board of governors of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. As a consultant, Bob helped evaluate Poland's health care quality improvement programs. His annual letter held wonderful tales of his children, Nick and Nora. I'm enjoying getting to know the Younes family. How about some family data from other classmates? If you haven't written to me in four or five years, please bring me up to date on your activities. . . . On a personal note . . . years ago, a commercial on television showed a line of 10 average-looking women. The camera zeroed in on one of them, and a man's voice said, "One out of ten women will get breast cancer." This doleful prediction always left me with an internal shudder and the unspoken prayer, "Please, God, let me not be the one." Well, I am the one. Routine mammography turned up three questionable spots; a surgical biopsy proved them to be malignant. During fear-filled days preceding my mastectomy I became increasingly aware of my extraordinary good luck, that the discovery was made before I had passed the point of no return. The bottom line is: I am alive. With regular checkups, careful attention to diet and lifestyle and a whole lot of good luck, I'll be around for many more years. Hear me, all you wonderful women: do not deprive the world of your existence; do not let your own special light be extinguished forever. Instead of lining up next to me as one of the other nine, please, please line up at the mammography office. ♦

### **Conversations with an Unrepentant Liberal**

Though the excitement of the weekend is long over, the Class of 1960 is still celebrating their 35th reunion with the reprint of one of President J. Seelye Bixler's published essays.

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### Correspondent:

Carolyn Webster Lockhart

**60** Here is the news that came to me as replies to the questionnaire sent out by **Kay White**. Kay reports that the replies have been informative and helpful, and she would still like to hear from anyone who would like to send one in. . . . Several of our classmates, including **Henry "Corky" Fitzpatrick**, replied that they have visited Colby at times other than for a reunion, so they feel very connected to the College. . . . **Mary Otis Lynn Watt** and **Becky Hamaker** Loose wondered if classmates would remember them—and we do. . . . **(Pat) Anna Johnson** has lived in Seattle for a while, but she lived in Australia for 17 years. She now publishes multicultural books. Coincidentally, I met Anna several years ago while on a shuttle at Dulles Airport and recognized her immediately. . . . **Pete Henderson** is very happy to have moved back to Auburn, Ala. He is serving as vice president of development at Faulkner University in Montgomery, but he is seriously thinking of retiring to do more sailing. He could join **Courtney Davis** in Orange Park, Fla., who missed our reunion in

order to get his boat in the water! . . . **Judy Dignam** has had a job transfer to Charlotte, N.C., and is enjoying the vibrant community there. She will be returning to Michigan for her daughter's wedding in the spring. . . . I talked recently with **Sally Case Savage**, who has her master's degree in social work, is a counselor in two elementary schools and is living in Dorset, Vt. (near Manchester). She says that, regrettably, rural life also has its share of violence and family problems. On a personal note, Sally says that her personal goal for 1996 is peace and tranquility. I think we would all agree to the same. . . . Please stay in touch—this is your column. In addition to the published address and phone number, our fax number is 603-526-9632 and e-mail is tcllockhart@aol.com. ♦

### Correspondent:

Penny Dietz Sullivan

**61** Well, the reunion is fast approaching and, by the time you read this, you should be packing your bags to go to Colby. Stop! . . . go to the attic and find some old memorabilia or pictures to bring with you. We'll have a place in our "gathering room" for you to display them. This suggestion comes from **Bill Hood**, who called from Florida to say he was looking forward to being there and wanted everyone to bring pictures, etc., with them. . . . **Bill Clough** writes from Bethel, Maine, to tell us he has been headmaster at Gould Academy since 1983. He enjoyed a reunion of a "bunch of the football players from the '50s and '60s" with **John Simpson** and **Bob Clifford** last September. Saw **Bob Reuman** and Dr. "Doggie" Dore there, too. He and his wife, Ki, have three children, all married, and three grandsons. He said he

will try to make the reunion, depending on his schedule. . . . Living in Oxford, Maine, is **Iris Mahoney Burnell** and her husband, Davis. Iris is a minister in The United Church of Christ, serving two churches in Mechanic Falls and Oxford. She and her husband, who is retired, are working on a "handyman's special" for their retirement home. Between them, they have seven children and five grandchildren. She will be at the reunion, at least part of the time, and looks forward to seeing **Sue Fourcade Erskine** (as I do!). She also recently enjoyed seeing **Jane Bowman** and showing her through their new home. . . . **Wilson Doyle** is in Washington, N.Y., where he serves as a substitute teacher and soccer coach. He has two grown sons. He has advice for us: watch your eating habits—especially the fat in your diet . . . he had cancer of the colon and is now back to normal and happy to be alive and kicking. Unfortunately, he won't be able to make the reunion because of his soccer schedule, but he would love to have news of his Phi Delta friends. . . . **Debby Berry Deniston's** husband, Roy, retired in April 1995 from the New York State Education Dept., but she is still a columnist for the *Chatham Courier*. She reports, "while he's not quite as bad as having a grand piano in the kitchen, there are times." Their daughter Robin graduated from Cornell and is now married, so they have their dog and horse at home. Several of her fondest memories of Colby include waiting, in vain, for Benbow to pick up his cigarette from the chalk tray and try to write on the blackboard with it and watching MacKay in the Faculty Follies. She would like more news from those not able to attend our reunion. . . . From Lunenburg, Mass., we hear from

Sandy Nolet Eielson that she re-met and is now engaged to her high school/college sweetheart, Dean Quinlan. We look forward to meeting him at the reunion. She has seen **Janice Dukeshire Halliwell**, who is teaching Spanish in Conn. (and I, for one, want to encourage Janice to make it to the reunion!). She also has seen **Mary Jane Rutherford Carroll**, who is selling real estate in Holden, Mass., and **Carol Stearns Clement**, who lives near Waterville. She would love to hear news of **Bonnie MacGregor** (as would the class correspondent). Coincidentally, Carol Stearns Clement wrote to say that she and her husband, David, recently moved to Norridgewock (12 miles from Waterville), where they are enjoying the farm life, with two horses and gardening. She looks forward to seeing everyone at the reunion and especially wants, after reading *New Passages*, to discuss our next 30 years. Her daughter was planning to get married in November and move to Alaska, so she is looking forward to visiting her. . . . **Bill Bainbridge** is a doctor in family practice in Paoli, Pa. He enjoys sailing and when he wrote was looking forward to visiting Fred Joslin '62 in Virginia Beach and sailing on his boat. Now that his kids are grown and his practice can be covered by partners, he is enjoying more time for fun and will probably be at the reunion. . . . Sorry to end the column on a sad note, but I received a note from **Phyllis Campobasso Flannery Senn**'s daughter-in-law stating that Phyllis was killed by a student in the school where she was teaching in South Carolina. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Sorry that we don't have more details. . . . See you at our 35th reunion. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Judith Hoagland Bristol**

**62** **Mike McCabe**, currently living in Norwalk, Conn., wrote me a delightful letter last fall. Mike said that prior to marriage, his idea of an exciting vacation was playing golf on the East End of Long Island. When he and Rosemary got

married, he told her that it didn't matter where they went as long as it wasn't more than two hours of flying time away. Well, things change when you "have an adventuresome partner," he wrote. "In the last few years, we have been to Hawaii twice, several trips to the Caribbean, Portugal, London, Australia and, last year, Thailand and Hong Kong with a week in Dominica. Those who remember McCabe as being the sole survivor of the Calvin Coolidge Fan Club will have a little trouble envisioning me on top of an elephant trekking through the Highlands of Thailand." He said they'd been to Belize and were planning on Costa Rica. "I can't begin to tell you how much fun and excitement we have had," he said. "We have seen the sun set and the moon rise on some incredibly beautiful and romantic places in the world. . . . In the midst of all this, we have survived the rounds of corporate downsizing, right sizing and all the euphemisms they call it these days. I know that some of us in the class have gone through some painful experiences in the last several years. . . . I have seen it happen to some of my own colleagues." Mike feels fortunate to have received an offer to move with Knight Engineering, a subsidiary of Courtalds, a global producer of packaging. He adds that he and Rosemary have long range plans to retire in Hampstead, N.C., where they have purchased a lot in a golf course community. They see Joan (Dignam '63) and Dick Schmalz on occasion and talk to Ed Cragin frequently. Mike said he was very sorry to hear the sad news about Pete Joseph since he has strong and positive memories of the Joseph family. I agree completely with his statement that "The college community was darn lucky to have the Joseph family involved with Colby." . . . **Joe Wright**, currently living in York, Maine, retired from the New Hampshire Air National Guard after 33 years of flying airplanes—eight years for the U.S. Air force and 25 with the Air National Guard. Joe, a travel agent in his retirement job, and wife Cassandra (Cousins '65), a librarian at Traip Academy in Kittery, Maine, celebrated their 30th anniversary last summer in southern France. In the last year

and a half, the Wrights also have traveled to Germany, Guatemala, Italy, Austria, England, Iceland and, most recently, Ireland. Son Joe III, 30, currently director of sports bands and a doctoral candidate at Boston University, and his wife, Judy, provided the first Wright grandchild last summer. Other Wright children are Julie, 27, a Skidmore grad and ballet teacher; Betsy, 25, graduate of UNH and a social worker in Portsmouth; and Ethan, 17, a high school junior. . . . **Allie Weller** is another New Hampshireite and flying pilot—currently flying 747s with cargo for Atlas Air. Allie says that after three years in Saudi Arabia, "it's good to be back in the U.S.A." and he's not "going to do any traveling." He and wife Toni, a librarian, have a son, Al, 30, and a daughter, Kristin, 27. . . . **Pat Farnham Russell** wrote from Millinocket, on the edge of the Maine Woods, that she traveled with her sister Jane (Farnham Rabeni '66) through Spain and Portugal, ending with a week relaxing and hiking in Wengen, Switzerland. Pat's husband, Rolli, is retired and now a "house husband" who, Pat says, "does most of her work around the house." Son Jeff '87 and his wife Beth '88 made Pat and Rolli grandparents with the birth of Thomas in September '94. Daughter Margaret '92 spent last year at the University of Salamanca in Spain as a Rotary Scholar and is currently at the University of Virginia in a Ph.D. program. Margaret's wedding is scheduled at Colby on July 13, 1996. . . . **Chris Wood**, an attorney in Peapack, N.J., plans to travel in Mexico and Europe but has been catching up at work and with friends, particularly Colby people, since Joan died. Chris said that the lesson in life for him is "Do today if at all possible, don't postpone things." . . . **Gerry Tays** wrote from Electric City, Wash., where he is a park superintendent with the National Park Service and wife Nancy is an estate executive. Gerry has two stepchildren and two grandchildren, two cats and a golden retriever named Bert (as in Bert and I). Gerry said they finally escaped the zoo of Washington, D.C., but unfortunately relocated to the ultra-conserva-

tive Inland Northwest, where government is a dirty word. Although he loves the Park Service, Gerry says he resents being declared "non-essential" in the budget for the Department of Interior. The Tays did get to Ireland this past summer and fell in love with the Irish people. . . . The College reports the death of **Steve Garmant**. Apparently he fell to his death in a hiking accident in the French Alps last August after separating from friends on a difficult section of trail. He had been missing until his body was identified in January. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Barbara Haines Chase**

**63** I'm so glad to have lots of news for the column this time. Thanks to all of you who have responded to the December questionnaire. . . . **George Swasey** writes that he is already working on plans for our 35th reunion in June of '98 and hopes that we all plan to attend. . . . **Mac Smith**, owner of an insurance agency in North Easton, Mass., reports that he and his wife, Jeannine, enjoy skiing (they have a place in Deer Park, N.H.), golfing and travel. They plan to visit Spain and Portugal in '96. . . . **Barbara** (Howard '65) and **Dan Traister** are college professors. Dan can be found in the library, the department of English, or, summers, in the Rare Book School, all at the University of Pennsylvania. He defines fun as publication of "scholarly essays, calculated to bore the pants off normal human beings!" . . . **Tom Thomas**, president of a travel service in Doylestown, Pa., finds that "life is still fun," though his business is very busy. He found time in June to have a wonderful paddle down the Kennebec with **Warren Balgooyen**. . . . **Marsha Palmer Reynolds** makes her home in Stamford, Conn., with husband John and Chrissie (from the New Rochelle animal shelter). When they are in residence at their house in Biddeford, Maine, their family grows to include two nieces. Marsha and John, both teachers, spend their summers traveling and this year will be sailing in the Mediterra-



nean with friends from Nice. . . . **Marvin Ostrovsky** is physician executive director of a medical multi-specialty group in which he also works as a pediatrician. His wife, Cyd, graduated from law school in May, and with two kids in college, too, it's a good thing Marv works long hours. . . .

**Beth Brown Turner** is a professor in the drama department at New York University and is also publisher of the magazine *Black Masks*, which focuses on the black performing arts and is now in its 10th year of publication. . . .

**Jeannette Fannin Regetz** is a reading specialist in Arlington, Va. Her favorite form of exercise is beach walking on Topsail Island, N.C., where she and her husband, Frederick, have a beach house. . . . **Dave Johnson**, a retired pilot, and his wife, Jane, substitute teacher, reside in Conyers, Ga. Dave is so relaxed he forgot to fill in all of the ques-

tionnaire, so I have little to report except that he is very proud of his kids' academic achievements. . . . This past week I was delighted to receive a letter from **Nan McCune Wagner**, sharing news of the last 30 years! Nan works as a paralegal in the corporate law department of PPG in Pittsburgh. She sings professionally with the Mendelssohn Choir and with them traveled to central Europe last July. Two years ago she bought her own home and is gradually refurbishing it. . . . Last evening at a Hospice volunteer meeting I saw **Nat Gates Lawton** for the first time in several decades. She and **Sue Senkler McMullan** and their husbands were about to leave for a long weekend in San Francisco. Nat and I vowed to meet soon and reacquaint. . . . Bill and I moved into a new home at the end of October, one which we designed ourselves. It is south-

facing and well insulated and has kept us wonderfully cozy during this cold winter. We long for early retirement so that we could spend all of our time nesting. For now, good-bye and good health! ♦

Correspondent:  
**Sara Shaw Rhoades**

**64** Slim pickin's this month. It appears that questionnaires that arrive in the middle of December somehow don't get answered. But bless **Dottie Thompson Herrin**, who found a minute to return hers despite the Christmas rush. And she brings the good news that she was remarried last summer and that her first grandchild was born two weeks later. Her children are both living in Texas, a long way from Randolph, Vt. Her book recommendation is *Kings Oak* by Anne Rivers

Siddons. "a good book to get lost in as you relax by the fireplace." . . . As I have explained to you, the Alumni Office now sends my questionnaire to a quarter of the class each time there is a column deadline coming up. In the first year under that system, I heard from about 46 classmates out of the total of 309 carried in my files. I hope my new 1996-97 questionnaire will unlock a few more pens. Dusty suggests I threaten to make up answers for those who don't respond. If the *National Enquirer* can manufacture quotes, why can't I? ♦

Correspondent:  
**Richard W. Bankart**

**65** Mayflies are swarming on Mayflower Hill! **Bucky and Anna Owens Smith** will join the swarm to watch their daughter *Jenny*

## Executive Decision

"In 1963 I was getting a job to pay the rent, not entering a career," said **Susan Comeau '63** in her office at State Street Bank and Trust Company in Boston. But what a career it's been since she began working as a research correspondent in State Street's mutual funds division. Over the years mutual funds experienced "growth and opportunities," she said, "and a rising tide lifts all boats."

Today Comeau is executive vice president, Global Human Resources, a top-level position at State Street Boston Corporation, the world's largest custodian of mutual fund assets with offices and services worldwide. When she started in 1963, the business involved only stocks and bonds and no foreign investments. "Now we have a variety of instruments that people invest in," she said, "and you have to know how it makes money."

Partway up the corporate ladder from researcher to executive vice president, Comeau was asked out of the blue to head up the marketing division. Not knowing "the language" and having to rely on other people, she says, she felt she didn't have control. "In the end, it was best thing that ever happened to me," she said. "I found I can do anything now. It was important also for my management ability. It forced me to delegate, to



learn whom to trust, to ask the right questions. I learned how to learn from the top down instead of from the bottom up."

Women executives contribute at the same rate as the men, Comeau says. It's not that women previously were toiling unrecognized, she says—they simply didn't see themselves in executive positions. "I think women have changed the perception of themselves. There's a new recognition of their value in the business world," she said.

Comeau attributes "a fair amount" of her career success to her time at Colby—to learning how to deal with people as much as with the academics of her economics major. Coming from Orono, Maine, she said, "My idea of diversity was meeting somebody from New Jersey. I felt as if I grew up at Colby."

She's helping Colby grow in turn. She established the Susan Comeau Scholarship Fund and the Susan Comeau Endowed Book Fund for the Social Sciences and contributed to the construction of Lunder House. Her work as chair of the Awards Committee of the Alumni Council from 1980 to 1982 and of the Alumni Fund from 1982 to 1985 was recognized with a Colby Brick in 1986. From 1987 to 1993 she served on the Board of Trustees. After the mandated year off, she returned for a third term in 1994 and currently is vice chair of the board.

"The more involved I was, the more I was impressed," she said of the College's strong presidential leadership and faculty. "It's valuable to me that Colby has become respected. It used to be, 'Where's Colby?' Now it's a top-tier school. You want to give where you can make an impact."

receive her Colby degree in a few weeks. Bucky is a commercial real estate appraiser in Stockbridge, Mass. Anna works as an instructor in horticulture at the Austen Riggs Psychiatric Center. . . . Dr. Gordon W. Bowie ('93 Ph.D. in music) was chosen to compose the official music for SSBN 741 U.S.S. Maine—"The U.S.S. Maine March"—and conducted it at the christening in Groton, Conn. Later he brought The Bangor Band to the July '95 commissioning in Kittery and conducted his new piece again. Copies are available from the composer/publisher at the Bowie Music HQ in Veazie, Maine.

. . . Denis Carter reports from Winona, Minn., where he fills his days as "therapist, consultant, teacher." He has the unusual hobby of collecting and refurbishing bamboo bait casting rods. Denis awaits grandchild number five. . . . Karen Jaffe Brown is completing her 18th year on the faculty of the Zanesville branch of Ohio University, where she was named teacher of the year for '91-'92. She is also in her 19th season as manager of the Southeastern Ohio Symphony and has completed two terms on the music panel of the Ohio Arts Council. Karen and her husband, Russ, visited with retired Prof. Frank Cauz (and Micaela) in Salamanca, Spain, in July '94. They also report seeing retired Prof. Henry Holland, Sid Farr and Fran Holmes Varney while on a '93 trip through the metro Colby area. . . . Gordon Corey has now added "wine tasting" to his list of hobbies. He continues in Pinehurst, N.C., with his horse training business—Gordon Corey's Institute of Equine Erudition. He also raced harness horses at Scarborough Downs, Bangor and various fairs this past summer. . . . Leah Aranovitch celebrated her sixth year as owner and operator of The Body Firm, a personal training business in Saco, Maine. She and her son Gator are certified by the American Council on Exercise for all levels. Leah also continues as a competitive body-builder. She holds the NPC Grand Master's title as well as the Maine AAU Master's title. Her daughter Jennie is Colby '99. . . . Sunny

Coady now has a pied-à-terre in N.Y.C. She splits her time with NYNEX—three days N.Y.C. and two days Boston—in her role as human resource director for the Information Services group. Sunny and Rick and Nancy Winslow Harwood sailed in the British Virgins in February '95. Sunny spent a further 10 days sailing with seven other women and a hired crew in a 51-footer off the

coast of Greece in September. Though I was in Crete and Rhodes at the time, I did not spot her. I repeated a Christmastime luncheon reunion with Susan Brown Musche and her husband, Frank '66 (my old roomie), and Jay Fell '66. Susan remains very active with golf in Providence. They were making plans for a winter visit to their condo in St. Martin. She will join Frank at his 30th in

June. . . . Hail, Colby, Hail! ♦

Correspondent:  
Russell N. Monbleau

**66** Classmates, as you get older, try to avoid committing lactomangulation, the act of manhandling the "open here" spout on a wax milk carton so badly that you must resort to using the "illegal" side. . . . It's not too late to plan to attend our 30th reunion this June 7-9. Better yet, plan to join us at the Samoset on Wednesday or Thursday for an extended visit. Plans include golf, tennis, shopping tours and a trip to the islands. Think of this as a mini-vacation where you bump into a larger than expected group of friends you haven't seen for some time. Call the Alumni Office if you haven't made plans already. It'll be a memorable weekend. . . . Bob Davis will be losing out his medical practice within the next two years and moving to his home on a river in Colorado. There he will immerse (yes, the pun is intended—you know me) himself in his two main hobbies, fishing and wood carving. Concerning the latter, he has taken up an interest in Carunka west coast Indian ceremonial masks. As for fishing, he pities those of us who are East Coast fishermen because we do not know what big trout are (yes we do—we call them northern pike—and we don't need to ride around for 11 hours staring at our downriggers to catch one, either). Last year he and his daughter completed a running of the Columbus, Ohio, marathon. And, while some classmates are sending me their e-mail addresses ("Russ, you may reach me at <http://this.obnoxious.address.com>"), Bob says that "computer" is not allowed to be spoken in his home or office. . . . Philip Proulx is one more of the long-term absent I was able to catch up with. After finishing a stint in the Air Force as a navigator aboard B-52's, he returned to his hometown of Waterville, where he still lives. Phil is currently the chief of portfolio management for the SBA-State of Maine and is laying plans to wind down his 30-year career

## NEWSMAKERS

Robert D. Haggett '60 is the new director of institutional development at Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, N.Y. . . . The *Washington Post* caught up with "Hong Kong toy tycoon" Dennis H.S. Ting '60 for an article about the trade in toys from China to the United States. . . . Dennis Kinne '62 did a Q & A with the *Hartford Courant* about his three decades



John McClain '69

as girls basketball coach at Suffield Academy. . . . Plymouth, Mass., private eye Barry Wallace '63 was profiled in the *Brockton Enterprise*. "The role of the private investigator is changing from a lot of running around to a lot of sitting in front of a computer," Wallace told the paper. . . . Ellen Tower Mulvaney '63 is the new librarian at the Free Library in Argyle, N.Y. . . . Richard W. Davis '65 was appointed to the board of directors of the Gaudette Insurance Agency in Massachusetts. . . . William Loveday '67, president and CEO of Methodist Hospital of Indiana Inc., was profiled in the *Indianapolis Business Journal*. . . . Joseph Jabar '68 was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. . . . William McKinney '68 was elected president of the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif. . . . Reflecting on the anniversary of the Challenger accident for the *Sunday Cape Cod Times*, Michael Morris '68, one of the finalists in the quest to be the first teacher in space, said, "[The] continuance of discovery is the finest memorial we can leave—not only to the astronauts who died but to all scientists and explorers." . . . The classroom edition of *The Wall Street Journal* lifted an article from its parent publication in which Fidelity Investments stock-fund manager George Vanderheiden '68 is quoted. The article's title? "Revenge of the Nerds." . . . Barry M. Arkin '69 was appointed medical director of the Kalman Inpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation Program at New England Sinai Hospital and Rehabilitation Center. . . . George "Bud" Higgins '69, who heads the emergency department at Maine Medical Center in Portland, was the subject of a feature article in the *Maine Sunday Telegram*. . . . John McClain '69 was named associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and chief student affairs officer at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

## MILEPOSTS

Deaths: Stephen S. Garment '62 in Septmoncel, France, at 54. . . . Phyllis Campobasso Flannery Senn '61 in Blackville, S.C., at 56.

in the financial industry. Phil likewise looks forward to enjoying his favorite pastime of fishing—out of a couple of camps he has on lakes in the region. Phil goes for trout and salmon. (I didn't hear him complaining about the sizes, Bob, and in Maine lake trout are called togue, not northerns.) ... **David Reeves** was another long-lost that I tracked down in his home in Alpine, northern New Jersey. After more than 15 years in the advertising field, he has started a few businesses and is now a freelance market researcher specializing in the area of high-tech companies. His two sons, 17 and 19, are preparing to enter college, and Dave is finally winding down a long career as soccer dad, program organizer, coach and fan. Now that he can see some open weekends in his life, he plans to resume a long-term interest in small sailboat racing on the Hudson River. His favorite class is the 19-foot Lightning, which is becoming a very popular weekend racer. ... **Lea Koubais** is living on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound, Washington. Her full-time position is chief administrator for the county HIV-Aids project. In her spare time she is raising and shearing sheep and then spinning, knitting and making felt from the wool. Another project involves developing a 20-acre self-sustaining community. She is also the primary caregiver for her 16-month-old niece from China. It sounds like retirement isn't on her radar screen yet. ... **Diane Mason Donigian** is hoping to make it back east early this summer and will try to join us for reunion. She was able to come back last fall and catch the Army/Navy game—her son is attending West Point. She was also able to visit her daughter in New Jersey and see a Mitch Miller concert held in conjunction with the N.J. symphony (not to be confused with 100 locals coordinating the firing of their handguns). ... **Donna (Kievit '68)** and **Bob Thompson** have sons in seventh and ninth grade in Brunswick, Maine. Bob has been teaching Problems of Democracy for 22 years at Wiscasset High School. This spring they are looking forward to visiting England and hope

they will be able to arrange a side visit through the chunnel to Paris. Bob says he is looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion. ... After 50-plus years, my greatest contribution to humanity so far is the following observation: Monbleau's Law: The volume of liquid in any container triples before it hits the floor. ... Hope to see as many of you as possible in June. ♦

Correspondents:  
**Robert Gracia and  
Judy Gerrie Heine**

**67** From Eliot, Maine, came a holiday card from **Pam Wheeler Atwood**, who says that she and her husband, Jim, have sent their daughter Becky off to George Washington University. Pam teaches seventh grade, coaches junior high cheerleading and is vice president of the local teachers' association. ... **Mike and Betty Coffey Gross** also are empty nesters since their son Matt is at Hofstra. Betty finds teaching still rewarding, except for the usual bureaucratic overload. They enjoy their summer place in Unity, Maine, and last winter spent time in Venice, Fla. ... From the "Heart of Dixie" came a note from **Richard and Leanne Davidson Kaslow**. Richard has retired from the Public Health Service and is now at the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham, where he is doing infectious disease epidemiology. Their daughter, Jessica, is a senior at Haverford College, and their son, Daniel, is a sophomore at Colorado College. After selling their house in Chevy Chase, they bought a 1920s co-op on Connecticut Ave. in D.C., and Leanne is busy commuting between her two renovation projects. She also spends a lot of time in Walpole, Mass., where she is caring for her mother, who, after a fall, must make major lifestyle changes. She also is contemplating non-social work job options. She'd be delighted to hear of other Colby classmates in the South. ... **Charlotte Killam**, a teacher in Greenwich, N.Y., writes that last year she taught a grade 10 English class in addition to her five grade

8 classes. She enjoyed the class but found the paper load crushing. "This year is better but the academic caliber of the students declines each year," she writes. "We seem to see more and more needy children from every sort of background and are expected to 'fix' them all." To get away from it all, she and her friend Terry went to St. Martin for a week last April. It seems that every vacation spot where they've been (Hawaii, Antigua, St. Martin) has been hit with a major hurricane soon after they've visited! ... **Ann Russell Starr** checked in from Oakton, Va. Her husband, Michael, is the general counsel for the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Ann is immersed in all the activities of their children, Jessica, 12-1/2, and Victoria, 8, particularly working in their school and acting as chauffeur. Owing to knee problems, Ann has had to give up distance running but has taken up rollerblading, and both she and her husband have become avid golfers. They also have a place in Vail and say it won't be long before the girls will outski them both. ... **Sue Barden Johnson** will finish her pediatric residency this spring, and she and her husband, Mark, are looking throughout the Southwest for positions starting this summer. Son Chris plans to graduate this spring with a major in biology and a minor in fine arts (sculpture); son Nolan is also in school. For two weeks, Sue and Mark cruised around New Guinea, the islands and up the Sipek River. ... **Eric Rosen** has

taken early retirement from NYNEX and joined a law firm, where he works when he wants to. The extra time allows Eric to care for his two standard poodles and to take in a Red Sox game or two. ... **Derek Schuster** writes from Manhattan. With five children, ages 18, 17, 15, 12 and 3, he has discovered that the challenges of diapers and toilet training are a welcome diversion from those of riding herd on four adolescents. When not providing child care and guidance, Derek puts in some time at his job as vice president, McHugh, DiVincent, Alessi Construction. ... **Tom Saliba** is executive vice president and chief operating officer of NRG Barriers Inc., just 17 minutes from Tom's home near Portland, Maine. He has a daughter in her freshman year at Brown and three other children attending the Waynflete School in Portland. Tom's wife, Rita, has passed the Maine bar exam and intends to practice in the Pine Tree State. ... Last week, I was walking through the square in Hingham, Mass., and stopped in to say hello to **Sandy Miller Keohane** in her lovely home-decorating store. Sandy mentioned the word "reunion," and I told her about a planning meeting in Boston with **Judy Gerrie Heine**, **Michel Picher**, **Phyllis Jalbert**, **Lee Potter**, **Patty Whittemore Jenkins** and **Lou Richardson McGinity**. Be sure to clear your calendar so that you can join us to celebrate our 30th next year, June 6, 7 and 8. ♦





# The Seventies

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**70** To give you some idea of the time delay in seeing this column in print, I am writing this column in early January on the heels of the Blizzard of '96. So, don't be discouraged if you don't see your name in print right away. The response I've received to date is a clear demonstration that threats work! To ensure news-filled future columns, please keep the information flowing. . . . Clark Smith wins the award for being the first classmate to respond via e-mail. Clark lives in Reno, Nev., where he is a geochemical consultant to the mining and environmental industries. He helps large mining companies chase gold deposits (sounds like what the rest of us do, but we're not so free to admit it!). Clark and his wife, Jean, have a son, Shea, 11, who is about to test for his black belt in taekwon do, and a daughter, Mariah, 9, who is working on her brown belt. Clark writes that Barry Hurwitz was married on the 4th of July. Send the details, Barry, so we can let everyone know how brave you are to get married for the first time at the ripe old age of 40-something. . . . Sarah Owen Tabor, also an e-mail respondent (can you tell that I like e-mail?), writes that since our last reunion she and her partner, Jerry Cunningham, spent a month in England and Scotland and particularly enjoyed Stonehenge. Sarah lives in

Corinth, Maine, where she is an art teacher. Over Christmas, Sarah visited with her son, Philip '90, in Arizona. Her daughter, Jennifer, is living with her and taking courses at UMaine in preparation for a master's program in physical therapy. . . . You know we must be getting older when . . . Jay Dworkin writes that he's "semi-retired" from basketball. (In Jay's own words, "a jump shooter needs to be able to jump.") Jay says that he saw Ken Stead at an alumni basketball game in Waterville. Ken, drop a line and let us know what you've been doing for the past 25 years! Jay is vice president of Worksite Marketing at MetLife, where he's worked for 22 years. Wow! Jay and his wife, Mona, a speech pathologist, live the suburban life with their three kids, Joey, 16, Eve, 13, and Jessie, 11. . . . Kit Wells Poland writes that she ran into Harry Faust in Waterville. Harry owns and operates the Framemakers in downtown Waterville and is the guiding spirit behind the Waterville Art Fest. Kit's Colby roommate, Leslie Seaman Zema, her husband, Gary, and daughter Lauren spent two weeks in Maine visiting. Leslie and her family live in the Big Apple. Kit and Leslie went back to the campus to explore, and they report that the Strider Theater is "awesome" and the dance studio is a big improvement over what was available when we were in school. Kit, whose older son started high school this year, is substitute teaching and helping her husband start a kiln dried hardwood lumber business in Madison, Maine. And yes, Kit, as you can see, your letter certainly did help to fill my space. Thanks! . . . Well, I didn't think I'd ever have to write this, but . . . I'm out of space. Send me a note or respond by e-mail, but *please respond*. How

can you pass up the opportunity to be embarrassed by me in print! Phil Norfleet—phone home! ♦

Correspondent:  
Shelley Bieringer Rau

**74** I had more news than I could fit into the last column, so some of this is dated by now. . . . Steve Hake is associate professor of English literature at Sun Yat-sen University in Taiwan. Steve and his wife, Faye, have seven children spanning infancy to college freshman and are thinking about returning to the States to homestead in Pennsylvania! . . . Benjamin and Harriet Hults King are already in Pennsylvania—Pittsburgh, to be exact. They are both attorneys and have three children (9, 2 and 1) and one cat. Harriet maintains a "Maine connection" through her parents, who live on Peaks Island. . . . Jeff Hancock and partner Virginia Felton are in Seattle, Wash. They enjoy hiking with Jeff's sons, Matthew, 11, and David, 5. Jeff, who hopes to complete Washington's 100 highest peaks in 1996, has been a CPA for 12 years, working in many capacities during the past several years. . . . Louise and George Fleury III write from Cairo, N.Y., where George is with the New York State Department of Social Services. They have eight children, ranging in age from 9 to 23, and two grandchildren, ages 3 and 1-1/2. Are they the first grandparents in the Class of '74? . . . From Portland, Maine, Stephen Etzel writes that he and wife Bethany have three children, 15, 13 and 2. Steve was "restructured" after 10 years in commercial real estate banking and has started his own real estate consulting business, The Nautilus Group. Bethany teaches

elementary school in Portland. . . . In my own family, we geared up for another *Odyssey* of the Mind season. I've been coaching a team of seven fifth graders in a project involving Impressionist art and classical poetry. Lucas, 10, will be on the team. My daughter, Adrienne, 13, is adjusting to middle school this year. She is involved in a technology development competition sponsored by Toshiba and will be taking the SAT this year, as a seventh grader, as part of Johns Hopkins University's Talented Youth Program. Life is never dull here—Lucas is involved in the Southern Maine Children's Chorus, which is based in Freeport, and Adrienne is in the Lewiston-Auburn Youth Orchestra. My husband, Rick, is bass man in an a cappella quartet, Top 40, and I sing with the Oratorio Choral in Brunswick. Rick and I attended our annual week at the Berkshire Choral Festival in Sheffield, Mass., where we sang with a chorus of 210 voices, one of whom was former Colby Music Professor Jim Armstrong. Jim and I recognized each other immediately and enjoyed getting reacquainted after 21 years. . . . Please respond to the next questionnaire you receive! ♦

Correspondent:  
Noël Barry Stella

**76** When you read this, we will be busy making travel plans for Reunion Weekend, June 7-9! . . . Sharon Walsh McNally writes that after several years of full-time mothering of three children and volunteering, she has gone back to work—as a realtor. Sharon loves the job—“If only the hours weren't so demanding.” Her husband, Brian, has recently entered into a joint marketing effort with Scott Houser, who is a principal at an employee benefits firm. . . . Irl “Bucky” Marshall has climbed all 54 peaks in Colorado over 14,000 feet. In his spare time, Bucky is the president of a satellite transmission services business. . . . Peter Labombard's kids are wicked cute! That from Rebecca Hushing McCole, who is teaching an advertising and promotion

certificate program, which she developed, at New Hampshire Technical College in Stratham. She also is president of Seacoast Communications Network, a financial planner, and the chief cook and bottle washer for husband John and daughter Shaylagh. Rebecca wonders what John Mulcahy is up to and sees Jack Maull and his wife occasionally. . . . Gary Jones and his wife, Barbara, reside in Illinois with their two children, Josh, 13, and Lauren, 16. Gary is looking forward to the reunion. . . . “Life is better than ever.” That according to Jim Morgan, the head of a private middle school and seventh grade teacher. His wife, Robin Anne Barron, is a physician, and they have two children, Mary, 13, and James, 2. . . . Marjorie Lishman Lord is addicted to golf. She and her husband and 9-year-old son, Austin, travel south several times a year to play. They hope to move to Kiawah Island in a few years. . . . Our president, Mark Janos, had time to write. He is busy planning the reunion and says, “Let's make the 20th the best yet. Got some great ideas . . . Casco Bay cruise, live band Saturday night.” Mary Ann Janos is busy at home with their three sons, Emmanuel, 9, Louis, 7, and Jimmy, 5. . . . Jan Barber Ferguson wrote from Laconia, N.H., where she and her husband are both teachers. They spent two years teaching in Bolivia in a school made up of both missionary and Bolivian students and would love to return some day. For lovers of old houses: the Fergusons are living in an 1820s Greek Revival cape solid wall plank house into which they moved several years ago to save it from demolition for a parking lot. . . . Joanne DeFilipp Alexand her husband, Joe '75, have been teaching and running The Stillwater Montessori School for 13 years. Joanne has achieved several professional honors, including selection for the National Geographic Society Summer Geography Institute and selection as one of the 10 outstanding Project Learning Tree educators in the country. PLT is an environmental education program designed to help students in grades K-12 become aware of their presence in the environment, their impact

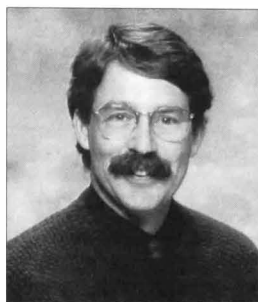
upon it and their responsibility for it. Congratulations, Joanne. The eldest Alex child is Jessica, 15, followed by Joel, 9, and Julianna, 5. . . . Roland and Adele D'Amico Martel moved to Connecticut a year and a half ago. Roland is general manager of ITW Anchor Stamping in Waterbury, and Adele is finishing her fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry. Their three boys range in age from 9 to 13. The Martels enjoy traveling, and the boys keep their social calendar full. . . . My dear friend Lydia McAnerney wrote that she is now working part time at a folk dance center in Minneapolis. She and John have two children, Andrew, 5, and Rebecca, 3. They have traveled to both coasts recently and hold out some hope to make it to Maine in June. . . . Dan Mallove also hopes to make it to Maine in June. He lives in Bainbridge, Wash., and has three sons: Zach, Nate and Jake. Dan is senior partner in a national law firm based in Philadelphia. . . . Maury Maniff is the founding partner of Manhattan Marketing Ensemble in Manhattan, an advertising and communication business. (He shared an impressive client list with us.) Maury and his wife, Susan, have two children, Jessica, 9, and J.D., 7. . . . After five years in Asia, Doug Werme and his wife, both consulting geologists in Bend, Ore., want to stay in Oregon for a while. Last year the Wermes worked for a Japanese company and traveled to Hanoi, Malaysia, Indonesia and Japan. Doug noted that work included morning office exercises and eating raw flapjacks for dinner. His travelogue included a great November trekking in Nepal. “A storm hit in the middle of the trip and mud slides wiped out the town in which we had spent the night two days earlier,” he wrote. “We waited for a trail to be beaten through the snow and were able to continue over a 17,800-foot pass. All this was done with Carol Johnson, who was Colby's landscape architect during the Strider years.” . . . I don't think any anecdotes of life as a first grade teacher can beat that, so I'll sign off. ♦

Correspondent:  
Leslie A. Ramsey

**77** Elizabeth “Liz” Lawrence, potter, and her husband, Vinnie Martucci, pianist/composer, now work in Woodstock. They and 2-year-old daughter Katie Martucci soon will be living in a new, larger home in West Hurley, N.Y., with a bigger room for Vinnie's recording studio. . . . Scott M. Krasner, a director at Osprey Systems, Inc., a 200-person management consulting outfit (for financial services firms and manufacturing companies), and his wife, Donna, senior vice president of First Union Bank, parent Zachary, 5, and Tate, 3. They live in Charlotte, N.C., “where the kids just got their first taste of southern snow during the ‘Blizzard of '96.’” . . . Jay Hotchkiss, president and founder of John Jay & Co. (a human resources consulting company and executive search firm in Portland, Maine), and his wife, Sandy, a personal computer consultant, are parents to sons Sean, 12, and Alex, 11, in addition to their year-old golden retriever, Casey. “My wife and I both survived our 40th birthday very well—took family trip to Maui to celebrate,” he writes. . . . Hélène Morneau, landscape architect, and her husband, Bob Landman, an emergency physician, have united with a dog, a cat and horses and live in Santa Rosa, Calif., where, they say, “Life is good.” . . . Andrea Jensen works for Cabot Corporation of Boston as a manager of tax accounting and on strategic projects. She travels a lot on business, especially to Latin America, “an incredible, fascinating place.” . . . Martin Lobkowsky, vice president-general merchandise manager for the computer division of Office Depot, his wife, Diane, Elizabeth, 7, and Richard, 5, live in Del Ray Beach, Fla. He misses the skiing but not the shoveling and says, “The hurricanes down here are nothing, compared to a good old-fashioned Nor'Easter!” . . . Carol Samaras Makrides, community-oriented person and full-time mom to Christopher, 3, recently moved to Westwood,

## Building Lessons

The real estate business and a "19th-century work ethic" were learned at his parents' knee, says R. Christopher Noonan '78. He put himself through Colby and picked up valuable tradeskills working construction jobs during the summers. A Colby degree in history and a master's in preservation studies from the University of Vermont filled



out his résumé for a career that is focused and varied at the same time, just as it is both financially successful and personally fulfilling. Noonan's career is based on his 12-year-old firm, Preservation Services, Inc., a closely held family corporation that does historic preservation, architectural design work, building and general contracting, land use planning, interior and landscape design and heritage education.

When *Custom Building* magazine profiled Noonan as its Custom Builder of the Month a few years ago, it highlighted his success at establishing a niche—historic preservation—in his local market instead of chasing quick profits. By staying focused and eschewing speculation in land or buildings, Noonan achieved stable and steady growth during a "boom-bust cycle that left many New England builders in bankruptcy court," the magazine said.

"Too many speculators are millionaires the first year and paupers the second," Noonan said.

This spring Noonan's firm was busy with four projects that represent a cross section of his construction work, he says. One was a design-and-build package for a \$500,000, 5,500-square-foot, Federal-style reproduction farmhouse with a Greek Revival wing. Another was a 6,500-square-foot, passive-solar contemporary home set on six acres. The third was

an "interpretive restoration" in an 1898 Flemish Revival single-family home, replacing its anachronistic 1960s kitchen. Another project was disassembling a mid-19th-century barn and reassembling it as a custom home on a bluff overlooking the Blackstone River.

The key to historic preservation work, he says, is balancing modern efficiency with old-fashioned construction techniques within the constraints of available capital and still "having it read right."

Noonan's education, and his application of it, is a model for putting the liberal arts to use. He studied American history at Colby and honed his communications skills working on the *Echo* and the *Oracle* and serving on the Student Association. Experience as a laborer in the building trades was more than just a job to pay tuition bills; it was part of his career education.

And his dedication to learning holds a valuable lesson as well. He recalls that he made an effort to attend every class. On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving one year, he was one of two students who showed up for an 8 a.m. American intellectual history class taught by Fraser Cocks, the Special Collections librarian and a lecturer in history at the time. The intimacy of that three-person group led Cocks to ask both students what they planned to do after Colby. After Noonan discussed his disparate interests, Cocks suggested that he might look into a graduate program in historic preservation and went on to name the top 10 such programs in the country. "I had never even heard of the discipline until that time," Noonan recalls. A year after graduating from Colby he enrolled at UVM.

Noonan said his undergraduate experience at Colby was "excellent." Even now, when he deals regularly with couples who are making big decisions about building or remodeling, he harkens back to his days as a head resident and resident advisor. "A healthy part of my time is negotiating and mediating among lots of parties and, as a head resident, we got good training for that," he said.

Mass., with her husband, John, an anesthesiologist. "I went from a very career-oriented life to a happily married, full-time mother who loves taking care of Christopher," she writes. . . . **Jane C. Hoffman** and her carpentry contractor husband, Keven Crowe, have two children, Rachel, 8, and Daniel, 4. They live in Larchmont, N.Y., where, she writes, "not much has changed save my kids growing and changing." . . . **Mona Pinette**, graduate businesswoman, and her husband, Brendan, a writer, live in Exeter, N.H. Now that they are in one home, Mona hopes to spend more time

at her loom and less traveling. . . . **Alexandra "Alix" Levintow Howell**, associate professor of microbiology and medicine and research biologist at Dartmouth Medical School and the VA, respectively, and her husband, Scott, have three children, Cameron, 12, Nathan, 10, and baby Caroline Marie, six months. They are in Lyme, N.H.—"proud 40-year-old parents experiencing the joys of parenthood all over again." . . . From Boston, **Janet Eve Josselyn**, assistant corporation counsel for the city of Boston, and her husband, John Douglas, management consult-

ant, report "Many changes, all exciting." . . . **Michael T. Martin**, vice president of the credit offices of First National Bank of Damariscotta, and his wife, **Denise Martell Martin**, self-employed business owner as well as an employee in the Portland, Maine, public school system, have four children, three pets, two cars and one mortgage. They write, "We just celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary (are we that old?) with a cruise and are heading for a family trip to England on one of our 'Seven Wonders of the World' trips (Stonehenge)." . . . **Marion Mauran Mariner**, at-

home mom and part-time tennis instructor, and her husband, Michael, senior vice president of Fleet Bank, have two children, Teddy, 15, and Madeleine, 12, two dogs and one horse. They still live in Providence, R.I., and weekend in York Harbor, Maine. . . . Last May, literary agent **Timothy Knowlton**, his textile designer wife, Christine, Heather, 7, and Perry, 3-1/2, moved to a house they love (and loathe for its impossible driveway in ice and snow). . . . **Kim Ayer McVeigh**, bond manager (Fidelity & Surety), and her husband, Roy, an attorney, live in Northville,



Mich., with an 11-year-old cat, Max. They have seen mule deer, antelope, white tail deer, rabbits and squirrels, a grizzly bear, elk, moose, coyotes, bison, eagles, prairie dogs and sage hens and have danced the waltz, fox trot, tango, rhumba, meringue, cha cha, swing, mambo, hustle and samba. "I took up hunting for my husband (otherwise I would have been a hunter's widow)," she writes, "and he took up ballroom dancing for me." ... Thank you all for writing! ♦

Correspondent:  
Nicholas Levinton

**78** Hello, again ... I hope everyone's 1995 was exciting and fulfilling, as it was for me. This past year featured all three of our kids finally in school, running a marathon and some triathlons, being declared non-essential by the Newt for several weeks and various and sundry familial catastrophes. I need a rest. ... Brad Germain, who's a pediatrician in Attleboro, Mass., sent a nice note extolling the joys of bicycle touring in Vermont and New Hampshire in the fall. On one such outing, Sandy Lord '80 turned up as the tour leader for Vermont Country Cycling. Brad also swims with a master's team but complains his times are getting slower. What I want to know is, what does he do with his four kids when he's on the bike or in the pool? ... **Karen Keithline Diop** is back in Brownsville, Vt., from her extended stint in Haiti. Karen spent the past three years working to build democratic institutions but is ready to retire along with 10-year-old John and leave the international work to others for a while. ... **Doug Giron** has relocated to a small law firm in Cranston, R.I. As befits a former soccer star, Doug reports that he and Carol now spend all their weekends driving the older kids to soccer practice. Doug still plays soccer and softball as well as serving in class agent. ... **Marc Fisher** also hails from Rhode Island, where he is the director of engineering for Liberty Broadcasting in Providence. Marc spends his

## NEWSMAKERS

**Martha Smith Mickles '71** exhibited her photographs at the Area Gallery of the University of Southern Maine. ... **William Simon '71**, an ethnic historian at SUNY-Oneonta, spoke at a Temple Israel Men's Club breakfast in Vestal, N.Y., about the first Jews to play professional baseball in America. ... The work of **Catherine Joslyn '72**, a professor of art at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, was part of an exhibition at the Sandford Gallery at the university. ... Poet **Gary Lawless '73** spoke on "Poetry and the Community Voice" at the Belfast (Maine) Free Library. ... **Karen Heck '74** is a member of Waterville's "Dream Team," a group of civic leaders who have received national press attention, including an article in *U.S. News & World Report*, for their effort to establish criteria for Waterville's growth into the next century. ... **Shelley Bieringer Rau '74** was named an "item writer" by the Hand Therapy Certification Commission and will help the national organization devise examinations for certification in the field. ... **Richard Anzelc Jr. '76** was elected to the board of directors of Skowhegan Savings Bank in Maine. ... **Jere Bryant '76** is the new general manager of the Maine Mall in South Portland. ... **Christine Foster '76** was nominated to Maine's District Court bench. ... **Marcel Dionne '77** is vice president for commercial loans at Passumpsic Savings Bank in St. Johnsbury, Vt. ... **Ruston Lodi '78** is managing editor of the *Middlesex News* in Framingham, Mass.

## MILEPOSTS

**Births:** A son, Mark Albert Thompson, to Peter Thompson '76.

**Marriages:** **Barrett Hurwitz '70** to Mary Nicolo in Dartmouth, Mass. ... **Stephen Church '77** to Jo-Ann Reny in Hampton, N.H. ... **Robert Roy Meny '78** to Elizabeth Ann Gilchrist in Ridgefield, Conn.

vacation time hiking in New England and is hoping to move back to Maine permanently. ... **Charlene Foster** is a social worker in Vancouver, Wash. She is in private practice, which, she says, "gives me the freedom to travel and offer free counseling to missionaries." Charlene traveled recently to the former Soviet Union but admits she is most proud of herself "when I get my dishes done!" ... This is a little late, but Sally and Bob LeFeber celebrated the arrival of son Samuel in September 1994. Bob, you gotta use larger stationery if you expect to make it in my mail pile. ... **Jeanne Greiter Fine** is working as a health care consultant in Dallas and had three girls, with another on the way, when she last wrote. ... **Larry Hill** recently made the move over to Amdahl Corp., where he is working as an account executive marketing

mainframe renewal software. (I suspect that by the time of our 20th reunion there will be a whole bunch of us who wouldn't mind having our mainframes renewed.) By the time you read this, Larry and Cathy will have a new addition to the household. ... I got a nice letter from Liz Dugan, who used to work at the U.S. Labor Department with me years ago. Liz is moving to Russia to promote democracy under the auspices of the International Republican Institute and the National Endowment for Democracy. She expects to be in St. Petersburg through the summer of '96, so please drop by if you happen to be passing through. Liz figures that the "long, cold winters of Waterville have prepared me reasonably well." ... **Stuart Alex** recently moved to Chatham, N.J., where he is a reinsurance manager for Hartford Boiler Insurance Co. Stuart and

wife Savi have two children, Kathryn and Blake. ... **Stephen Miller** is in Tampa, Fla., where he serves as the area director for Amex Tax and Business Services. Stephen's wife, Terri, is the "CEO of Max Miller, Inc." (age 4). Stephen is involved in managing other Southeast region offices and acquiring other CPA firms as Amex expands its operations. Good luck, Stephen. ... Congratulations go out to Doug Light, who is now a tenured associate professor of biology at Ripon College in Wisconsin. Ripon, Doug says, is very much like Colby (even the weather, I'll bet). He has three daughters, ages 14 to 8. ... **Steven Lary** is settled in beautiful Camden, Maine, with wife Jody and three kids. In addition to running his optometrist practice, Steven is kept busy untangling the rigging on the family boat. ... **Kathleen Jackson** is the VP for marketing/community affairs for Planned Parenthood of Suffolk County, N.Y. Husband Mitchell is an attorney, and between the two of them they have three boys. Kathleen writes that her family unit resembles *My Three Sons* because "there are many days we could use Uncle Charlie!" In addition to all else, Kathleen is an alumni interviewer for Colby. ... **Jane Linge McDonough** returned to work as an assistant DA in Suffolk County, Mass., after a six-year hiatus spent raising a family. Jane reports that she is now even more tired and less organized than before, but seeing as she already had three kids I find that hard to believe. Jane recently got together in Freeport, Maine, with Debbie Cronin, Joan Vicario Sweeney and Alix Land, as well as other former Colbyites. ... Hope to be hearing from you all soon! ♦

Correspondent:  
Robert Kinney

**79** Joe Piatczyk wants everyone to know that Kansas City indeed has phone service and that he would love to hear from classmates. Joe is executive vice president of Gilbert-Magill Insurance, and by the time you read this he



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and wife Vicki should have had their second child—joining Blake, 2. . . . **Sue Viger Randall** and husband Stephen live in Scarborough, Maine, where Sue is director of LTD Markets/Products for UNUM Life Insurance. Twins Timothy and Thomas, 3, keep them both busy, and Sue is slowly but surely cracking the twin "code." . . . **Angela Mickalide** is program director for the National Safe Kids Campaign (you may have seen her on the *Today Show*). She and husband Alexander Alikhani have two children, Anna, 4, and Andrew, 2, and traveled to Greece last year for their fifth anniversary. . . . **Jane Venman Ledebuhr**, husband Dave and children Wes, 8-1/2, and Rachel, 6, live in Lansing, Mich., where Jane is a "Jill-of-all-trades." Dave was recently elected president of the Greater Lansing Association of Realtors, and Jane indicated that much travel (perhaps Russia) is in their future as a result. . . . Parents in need of large quantities of grape juice, jams and jellies should contact **Randy Papadelis**, VP of marketing for Welch's in Concord, Mass. Randy and wife Cathy go through a steady supply of such staples with Anne Elizabeth, 4, and Christian, 1. . . . **Ross Moldoff** is planning director for the town of Salem, N.H., where wife Amy is a music teacher. Emily, 5, and Allison, 1-1/2, along with Phyllis the greyhound, keep them busy. Ross writes that he saw **Dana Russian** playing trumpet with the Boston Pops in June 1995! Dana, who writes that he saw Ross in the audience (well, not really!), is a freelance trumpeter in the Boston area, where wife Christine Ahlstrom '81 practices optometry. They have two children, Katherine, 7, and Gregory, 4. Dana keeps up with Teruni and **Eric Rosengren** and their brood, Marina, 6, and Michael, 4, and with **Barry Horwitz**, wife Liz (Yanagihara '80) and their kids. . . . June 1995 found **Cheri Bailey Powers** and family on the move from Andrews AFB to Colorado Springs, where Tom was reassigned by the USAF. The kids—Kayleigh, 8, and Meredith,

3—made the trip in fine fettle, and all moved into a new house in September. **Kathy Bleakney Pawley**, husband Keenan and son Sean visited in October. Cheri writes that Carol Mordecai Myers '80 is also in the Colorado Springs area. . . . **Amy Burdan Schissler** finished her R.N. this past summer, and she and husband Phillip, Phillip II, 7, Hope, 6, one dog and six cats are all involved in renovating an old farm house in Le Claire, Iowa, where they moved in 1991 from N.J. . . . **Lisa Pacun**, senior marketing manager for Nortel, moved to Singapore in October 1995 after three years outside of Paris with husband Wim Dijk. She writes that **Patricia Garrambone**, **Karen Gickas** and **Katie Cofsky Lemaire** all stopped by to visit while in France (and Katie made a big pitch for the Alumni Fund). . . . **George Powers** writes that he "got fatter, and bought bigger pants." Among his activities are wife Annette and sons Derek, 4, Sean, 3, and a September '95 boy whose name they hadn't picked out when George wrote. George, a risk-taker who is also director of engineering, Business Internet Services Division, Novell, Inc., recently upgraded to first class, where the seats are bigger. . . . **Sarah Russell MacColl** is owner of Healthworks and Fit-Trips of Maine, which provides groups traveling to Maine with opportunities to see the sights and get fit at the same time. (George Powers is on the next tour!) She and husband Ed have two children, Katie, 4, and Tike, 6. . . . **Nick Mencher** is director of institutional marketing for LGT Asset Management in Burlingame, Calif., quite a long way from "Mick and the Malignants" (but then again, aren't we all). He and wife Joan have two children, Catherine, 8, and Peter, 6-1/2. They thought dad's yearbook picture at Spring Carnival was "cool." . . . Last but not least, **Rebecca Alex** is a professor of art at the College of San Mateo (Calif.), where she and husband Eric are happily raising Leia, who is approaching 2. More "cool" stuff next time. ♦

# The Eighties

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## Correspondent:

John Veilleux

**80 Elizabeth Martin** Hutchison has been playing the dual roles of student and mother, finishing her master's in architecture at RPI while caring for Byron, 1-1/2, and two cats. Meanwhile, husband Clay continues to dive for sunken treasure—more particularly, the wreck of King Charles I's coronation ferryboat in the Firth of Forth, Scotland—a story we will have to feature sometime soon for everyone who didn't make the reunion. When at home, this globe-trotting family can be found in Old Chatham, N.Y. Liz also reports that **Rod Marshall** is still lawyering in Slovakia and has become something of a land baron (loosely translated) of historical properties in Prague and Bratislava. He reportedly is working on his Slovakian and enjoying the expatriate life. . . . **Jim Nelson** and wife Heidi have recently moved into a new home in Pittsford, N.Y., where he is the assistant principal of the Honeoye Falls-Lima Middle School and Heidi is a high school guidance counselor. With children Greg, 4, and Rachel, 2-1/2, at home, I'm sure their professional skills come in handy. . . . According to the grapevine, **Warren Pratt** can be found in Jackson Hole, Wyo., where he and newlywed Holly own a ranch. . . . Dan

**Salimone** tells me he keeps running into people who graduated from Colby after us; it's no surprise considering how much he's been running—enough to place second overall in a triathlon last August, edging out his fiancée, Yinka Bogdan, who took first among the women. Dan is a newly minted surgical assistant at Newton-Wellesley Hospital and living in Waltham. . . . **Carol Sly** and **Steve Marshall** announce the recent arrival of John Paxton Marshall, who will occupy most of Carol's time for a while before she returns to work as a graphic designer in Boston. He's clearly an inspiration, based on their smart birth announcement. . . . **Anne Veazie Sonner** is busy holding down three jobs—as a part-time director of publications, at-home book editor and 24-hour mom to Paul, 1-1/2. She and attorney husband David Sonner live in Walnut, Calif. . . . **Paul and Kathy McCulloch Wade** recently moved to the Seattle area, where Kathy is vice president for institutional sales and trading at Merrill Lynch and Paul is a marine biologist for the federal government. The proud, exasperated parents of three small persons—Caroline, 4, Betsy, 3, and Alec, seven weeks as of this writing—and one feline, they have just moved into a new house and are hoping not to have any other news for a little while. . . . Please send your news, greetings, comments and other data to me at 72072.1114@Compuserve.com or 8413 Park Crest Drive, Silver Spring, Md. 20910-5404. ♦

## Correspondent:

Beth Pniewski Wilson

**81 John Harvey** and his wife, Amy, have three daughters, Brittany 5-1/2, Sarah, 3, and Emily, four

months. John is a major serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and is currently assigned as a battalion executive officer with the 3rd Marine Division on Okinawa, Japan. He says they are scheduled to be back in the U.S. in June of 1997 and in the meantime are having a great time exploring the many cultural opportunities on Okinawa and throughout the Far East. John was on the island of Iwo Jima exactly 50 years to the day that the Marines raised "Old Glory" on the summit of Mt. Suribachi. He reports that he visited with **Joe Daley** in Maine last summer prior to leaving for Okinawa. . . . **Bill Maley** is a manager at a manufacturer of lighting and signs for Mass Transit vehicles. He and his wife, Janet, have three children—David, Sarah and Matthew. Bill writes that the family is busy doing volunteer work for the local theater, church and soup kitchen and that they are trying to blend the kids' sports schedule with the rest of their daily lives. Bill is in touch with **Rich Secor '82**, who is the MIS director at a Massachusetts company. . . . **Eugene Jason Pelletier** is living with his wife, Carol, in Rowley, Mass. They were married in September 1994 in Boxford, Mass. Jason, a sitework construction foreman, and Carol, a sign painter and artist, collect and restore classic Mustangs and other early Ford collectible cars. They also have two horses. . . . **Maureen (Hagerty '84)** and **Jay Polimeno** own and operate the Alpine Club and Pub and Alpine Village in North Woodstock, N.H. They have two daughters, Katy and Aimee. Jay writes that they purchased the business last year and are learning to live without sleep. He has run into **Peter Gent** on golf courses throughout New England. His caddie is Shawn Kennedy '82. . . . **Cathy Pelletier** is living in



Cape Elizabeth, Maine, and is a computer map technician supervisor at Point Data-Delorme Mapping in Freeport, Maine. Cathy writes that she left L.L. Bean after 10 years and now is exploring the world of cyber maps and on-line applications. She recently moved from Yarmouth to Cape Elizabeth and has been accepted into a master's program in computer sciences at the University of Southern Maine. . . . Writer and editor **Ben Merrill** and his wife, Mardee, an environmental engineer, and their three daughters, Kelsey, Sammi and Rachel, are living in Randolph, Vt. Ben writes that they recently moved to Vermont and started a consulting company called White River Communications, doing editorial writing and design. . . . **Ed Rowland** and his wife, Margaret, live in Boston. Ed is a corporate travel manager, and Margaret is an event planner. Colby alumni in their August 1995 wedding party were Bill O'Donnell '80, Bo Preston '80 and **Joel Harris**. . . . **Marty MacMillin** and her husband are living in Sharon, Mass. Marty is a genetics counselor at Harvard Community Health Plan in Boston, and George is an economics professor at Northeastern University in Boston. They have two children, Stephen and Corinne. Marty writes that she sees Doug and **Amy Parker Cook** at an annual gathering in Mattapoisett, Mass. She also gets together with **Chris Russian Ahlstrom** and Liz Yanagihara Horwitz '80 to play chamber music. . . . **Brick Moltz** and his wife, Laura Russell, are living in Bryn Mawr, Pa. Brick is the acting chair of the history department at the Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr. Laura is also a teacher, and they have two sons, Cannon and John. Brick writes that last year he had a dinner party with Jim Cook '78 and Bill Mills '79. . . . **Mike Martin** is a dentist in Farmington, Maine. He and his wife, Maureen, have five sons, William, John, Joseph, James and Thomas. Mike writes that his dental practice has done very well and that he has another dentist working with him and hopes to have another join him this year. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Mimi Rasmussen**

**82** Hi everyone! I have so many letters from people that a lengthier letter is being sent out to everyone. Thanks to all for writing in! ♦

Correspondent:  
**Sally Lovegren Merchant**

**83** A reminder to everyone to write and keep writing. Don't wait too long but help keep us abreast of your status, especially if you have moved. . . . Anne and **Mark Lingafelter** sent their news from a new address in Singapore. Along with children Thomas, 4, and Megan, 3, the Lingafelters moved last year from Philadelphia to Singapore, where Mark was transferred to act as property and marine underwriting manager with his company, Chubb Group of Insurance Companies. Mark works in the Asia Pacific (Korea, China, Thailand, Japan, Taiwan and Australia). Anne was teaching English for the time being. This may have changed. Mark said they have really begun to enjoy traveling experiences in the region. . . . Also in property casualty insurance (here in the States) is **Elaine McClellan Niemann**. Elaine and Scott '84, an accountant, live in Lawrenceville, N.J., with children Tom, 3, and Alexander, 1-1/2. They keep in close contact with Joyce (Hartwig '84) and **Jamie O'Neil** and their three kids. Life is generally hectic but fun, says Elaine. . . . Many thanks to **Jacque Poisson**, who sent in her first questionnaire! She gave us a quick but action-packed 12-year update as follows. Jacque has spent the last 12 years between Big Sky, Mont., and Alaska (in summers). She opened a retail clothing store in 1984 specializing in hand-knit items and has quadrupled her operations since. Jacque had also been a park ranger for five years in Denali and spent three years working for the National Outdoor Leadership School. Now she runs her store, J.P. Woolies, in Big Sky in the summers and teaches one or two

National Outdoor Leadership School courses a year, this year in Wyoming. Jacque built her own log cabin two years ago and lives with her partner, Brantley Persson, and her two spoiled Alaskan huskies. She sounds great. . . . **Kevin and Karen Nickerson Purcell** usually send me the first Christmas greeting of each year. Kevin has been transferred from Scottsdale, Ariz., to Seattle, Wash. He's the controller for the Madison Hotel in downtown Seattle. Karen is busy getting their family settled in. Katie, 5, and Nick, 2, are handling the change well. Any Seattle area alumni should contact the Purcells ASAP. They live in Edmonds, Wash. . . . **Scott Russell** has been in touch with **Craig Bystrynski**, who is editing *Brew Your Own* magazine (in Davis, Calif.), a hands-on monthly for homebrewers. Scott and wife Eve (Ermer '86) are still in Tunbridge, Vt., where Eve is an educational administrator and Scott juggles French teaching, writing/translating, writing a monthly column for Craig's magazine and managing a "smallish" brewing supply store, The Seven Barrel Brewery, in West Lebanon, N.H. Scott says that his students call him "Doc," which makes him feel old. (No one calls me Doc, but I often feel old!) . . . Skiing with **Jim Russell** in Portland in January 1996 was one of **Steve Shields's** New Year's resolutions. Steve, wife Amy and children Jennifer, 8, Tommy, 5, and William, 3, now live in a new home in Medfield, Mass. Steve is a physician and chief of gastrointestinal endoscopy at Brockton/West. . . . **Jennifer Jean Clark Uhl** wrote from Marblehead, Mass., where she is taking a year family leave from her position as associate professor. She and husband Stephen (a consultant) celebrated son Thornton's birth in September 1995. . . . "Very hectic!" are the words of Dr. **Karen Wexler**, who lives in Manhattan, N.Y., with spouse Douglas Waite and kids Benjamin, 5, and Joshua, 1. Karen recently completed her Ph.D. in clinical psychology and has a private practice in psychotherapy as well as acting as adjunct professor at NYU School of Social Work. Husband Douglas is a pe-

diatrician. . . . **Scott Stein** wrote from his busy desk in Annapolis, Md. Scott has taken on the new position as a producer of America Online. He spent the summer of '95 working and teaching at the International Film and TV Workshops in Rockport, Maine. . . . Please note my fax number for those wanting a more direct link: 207-244-9445. My phone number is 207-244-0441. Best to all! ♦

Correspondent:  
**Maura Cassidy**

**84** Sharon Kehoe was married in June '94 to Eric Ming. They are now fixing up a junky house in Lander, Wyo. Sharon has taken time off from teaching math and science to plan a climbing trip to South America. On a bird-watching trip in New Mexico she ran into **Cathy Walsh**. . . . Another Wyomingite is **Suzanne Olson Matthews**, who along with husband Tom owns and operates a retail/importing business called Global Exchange. She loves life in Wyoming—great friends, great skiing, hiking and biking. (If anyone needs a fishing guide in Wyoming, Tom is your man.) Her only complaint is the long hours of the retail world. . . . **Lynn MacLean** and **Dave Updegraff** were married last July 22 and are now living in Duluth, Minn., where Lynn is a family practice physician. **Heidi Schwartz** and **Karen Wall Cook** '83 were at the wedding. . . . **Dana Hanley** and **Debra Tierney** '83 are married and living in Paris, Maine. He is a partner at Kurtz and Hanley Law Offices and has been a state senator for 10 years but is not seeking re-election. Dana wonders why **Greg Kenyon** didn't make it to the 10th reunion. . . . **Randy Wilmot** writes that he and his wife, Carrie Leggett, a clinical social worker, had a son, Benjamin Strong Wilmot, on July 13, 1994. They are living in Concord, Mass. Randy is with William Rawn Associates, where he is project architect and recently completed a new music building for Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H. Big events are Ben, the house purchase and turning 35. Randy would like to know if

## The Language of Success

Tom Nelson '85 has forged the kind of career that he only dreamed about as an undergraduate. As vice president of Scudder, Stevens and Clark, Inc., a global investment management company, Nelson cultivates new and emerging markets from his base in Santiago, Chile.

Although Nelson has lived abroad only since July 1995, he is a seasoned international traveler. His interest in and desire for international experience began at Colby, Nelson says. "The junior year abroad I spent in Madrid changed my life completely," he said. "Without that year I never would have gotten the jobs I've had."

Nelson says that his ability to speak Spanish clinched his first job at Citibank, where he worked with Latin American business clients in New York and Miami. "My Spanish got me that job and a lot of jobs since," he said.

During his six years with Citibank and two years with American Express Bank, also in Miami, Nelson traveled extensively throughout Central America. The experience strengthened his language facility and cultural literacy, which Nelson says are critical to success in an international business career. "If you want to do business abroad you will have more success if you speak the language of the people in the country where you're working," he said.

Again pointing to his Colby study-abroad experience as an important training ground, Nelson says living in a country is fundamental to understanding it. "If you haven't lived there you can't relate to how the people live," he said. "I must



always remember that I'm a visitor in Chile, and I have to work by their rules and respect their customs."

Nelson was hired by Scudder in 1993 to develop the company's Latin American distribution network for all offshore funds. His job is to establish a network of intermediaries—usually large national banks—through which these funds are sold. Much of the growing market in South America originates with pension funds, Nelson says. "The Chilean Pension Fund has assets of about twenty-five billion dollars and has run out of places to invest inside the country. Scudder is one of the companies that would like to manage those assets as investors look to diversify their portfolios in other countries," he said.

He moved to Santiago full time last year and has enjoyed living there, Nelson says. "Chile is a wonderful country. It's a great combination of beautiful cities, mountains and coastline. After some tumultuous times in the seventies, it has proceeded on a course of reform and it is now one of the most prosperous and progressive countries in South America."

Nelson says his current assignment probably will keep him in Chile for another two or three years, but he would stay longer if given the opportunity. He plans to return to the U.S. eventually, however, he says. "You give up some things when you live abroad—it's hard to keep up with friends and family. I will come back some day."

Nelson had a chance to do a bit of mentoring last summer when Colby first-year student Allison Birdsong (Greenwich, Conn.) visited Santiago with her father, Lynn Birdsong, managing director of Scudder in New York. Allison was encouraged to explore many of the possibilities that Colby offers, Nelson says. "We talked about everything from COOT trips to where to live to what kind of courses to take," he said. "It was interesting to talk to somebody who was doing the same things I did 10 years ago."

anyone else has finally paid off the student loans, something he thought would never happen. . . . Karen and David Rosenberg are the proud parents of two daughters: Shelby, 4, and Amanda, 3. He works as an auto dealer and serves as treasurer for a non-profit nursing home. He also volunteers on the advisory boards for the Anti-defamation League and AIDS-related charities. David also received his M.B.A. from Columbia in 1989. . . . Peter Necheles writes from Washington D.C., that he is looking for squash partners. Any takers? Last May he and his wife, Marissa Briggert, traveled to Ireland to

celebrate their first anniversary. He is having a great time doing the marriage thing—it has been a lot of fun! . . . John Tawa is living in Redondo Beach, Calif., where he is an attorney. He recently moved his law practice from downtown L.A. to Orange County. He and fiancée Lisa are training to run the L.A. Marathon—a first for John and the fifth for Lisa. John wonders where Pete Mendes is and what he is up to. . . . Karen Malkus and Peter Herrmann are living in Belmont, Mass., with their son, Michael, 3. Karen has been the head science teacher at the Learning Project Elementary School. She is also

an advocate for children with learning difficulties and helps them to build their confidence, which she finds very rewarding. Poor health in 1995 motivated Karen to pursue some things that she had been putting off until she had more time, so she spent this past August enjoying life and windsurfing off Cape Cod. . . . Peter '85 and Valerie Lewis McHugh are living in Greenwich, Conn. They have three children, Kelsey, 5, Gibby, 2, and Eamon, seven months. After 10 years with the Travelers Insurance as director of corporate quality, Val has left corporate life—and the relative peace and quiet

that it brings—to be a full-time mom. She writes that she and Peter feel outnumbered now with the arrival of child number 3. . . . Craig Alie and Diane Perlowski were married last July. Colby alumni present were: John Perlowski '83, Cindy (Gillis) '86 and Warren Burroughs, Janet (Kelley) '86 and Nils Gjestby, John and Deborah Pazary Ayer, Mary Beth Boland Haut '85, Paula Donahue Kerwin '83, Kam Marquardt McLellan, Pam Kovaly O'Brien '83, Wayne '85 and Sandra Winship Eddy, David Rosenberg, Brian Hesse, Chris Leberz '85, Rich MacNeille '85, Bill Sheehan and John Karoff '85. ♦

Correspondent:  
Barbara Knox Autran

**85** The year of 1995 brought joy to several first-time parents. Marge and Christopher Horner have a daughter, Lily Christine, born August 3. Christopher is performing professionally with orchestras and a jazz ensemble in the Philadelphia area while acting as director of instrumental music at Germantown Academy. . . . **MaryBeth Boland Haut** gave birth to Catherine Emily on November 15 and had a wonderful time spending her maternity leave in Newport, R.I. She enjoys sailing on her boat when weather permits and often goes skiing in the winter. . . . **Deborah England Gray** welcomed Madeline Nicole Gray into the world on May 19. I believe she was one of the youngest members of the audience at Gin Pup's Late Show at the reunion. Deborah also has a new job—general counsel of Sapient Corporation, a software consulting firm in Kendall Square, Cambridge. "Both have been wonderful changes in my life," she says. . . . **Suzi Seymour Gaedert** just returned from a Middle Eastern adventure through Saudi Arabia, Oman and the United Arab Emirates. Suzi's parents, who have lived in Saudi Arabia for 25 years, were their tour guides. She writes, "Oman was magical! We explored old forts, castles and covered bazaars for a week there." . . . After working for seven years as a counselor, then as a marketing associate at Planned Parenthood, **Melinda Underwood Griggs** left her job and moved to Vermont. She is now associate director of promotion and publicity for Stillpoint Publishing. Melinda spends her spare time educating women on money management and socially responsible investing. She also likes baking bread and fantasizing about the straw-bale house she hopes to build next year. She invites friends to drop by. "Tea is at three, as always," she writes, "and Pepperidge Farm cookies are still the tradition." . . . **Mick Ferrucci** and his wife, Kay, planned to take their boys hockey team (ranked 8th in

New England) to Finland and Sweden over the winter vacation. . . . **Carol Eisenberg's** daughter, Maxine, loves to read, sing and take baths. (Sounds like my son, Dylan.) He also loves to sing and fingerpaint. Carol's husband, David Simpson '86, is enjoying his second year teaching in the Portland public schools. I hope to get together with David. Carol and Maxine on Peaks Island, where they live and where my husband, Frederic, Dylan and I often spend time with my parents. . . . Please keep those letters flowing in. I was hit with a deluge last summer but now they're down to a trickle. ♦

Correspondent:  
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**86** The reunion committee has been working long and hard to prepare for the big weekend—June 7-9, if you haven't already marked your calendars and notified the Alumni Office of your plans to attend. Before we gather for a couple of days of grand festivities, I do have some class news, thanks to all of you who have responded to my questionnaires. **Betsy Burrell Fearnley** is completing a master's degree in clinical psychology while working part time as a substance abuse counselor and playing mom to daughter Tess, 6. . . . **Katrinka and Tom McCallum** traveled for seven weeks Down Under last summer after graduating from Duke's Fuqua School of Business. They enjoyed bungee jumping, sailing and scuba diving on their Australian adventure. . . . **Stephen Potts** received a great Christmas present in 1994—his Ph.D. in geological sciences from the University of Michigan. He is now working as a senior staff geologist for CTI & Associates. . . . **Thomas Outerbridge** owns and runs a small environmental consulting firm in New York City, known as City Green. . . . **David Quillen, M.D.**, finished his residency last summer and now teaches family medicine at Duke. He is also proud of another accomplishment—his first triathlon. . . . **Jessica Flood Leitz** is a busy full-time mom to Keegan, 5, and Nils, al-

most 3. She still does a bit of political campaigning and volunteer work to help keep insanity at bay. . . . **Laura Lane** is completing her doctoral degree while enjoying a salaried job teaching writing at the University of North Florida. . . . **Leslie Greenslet Perry** spent her days shifting from play groups to Gymboree to Temple Tots with little Graham, age 20 months. She also continues to do some graphic design work and to train and show her dog in competition, but she runs short on time for speedskating. . . . **Mark Leondires, M.D.**, moved to Pittsburgh, where he is a clinical fellow in reproductive endocrinology at Magee Women's Hospital. He ran his fourth marathon this spring in Boston. . . . **Robin Clisby Pelczar** and her husband, Ted, celebrated their fifth anniversary last fall. Robin works at Meredith (N.H.) Village Savings Bank and enjoys the courses offered through her job. . . . Since graduation, **Fran Gradstein Karo** received a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Wayne State University, got married, completed a postdoctoral fellowship in pediatric neuropsychology, bought a house and had her first child. She now works on the brain injury unit at Rehabilitation Hospital in Pennsylvania. A busy 10 years! . . . **Heather Reay** regrets that she will be unable to attend the reunion—but with good excuse. She and Paul Rocheford will be tying the knot in May and then honeymooning in Hawaii before returning home to Minnesota. . . . **Mary Lou "ML" Waterman Tolette** is a busy mom at home in Cos Cob, Conn., with 15-month-old Robert. She has heard from **Sheila Duffy Davis**, who lives in Santa Fe, **Rick Bernard**, who lives in London and travels extensively on his job, and **Amy Barnes Hurley**, who, with her husband and 4-year-old son, Kevin, welcomed new baby Brenna last spring. . . . **Molly Couch** and **Sean Ward** were married on July 1, 1995. Colby alumni present were: **Blair and Mary Needham Shelbourne**, **Hans Hagen**, **Patrice Galvin Hagen**, **Jeff Beaney** and **Anne Boatright Beaney** '85. Molly was all smiles despite a broken nose 10 days

prior to the big day—caused by a softball taking a bad hop while Molly was playing shortstop. Molly and Sean have been working toward their first degree black belts. . . . We'll have to share the rest of the news in June—hope to see you there! Best wishes to everyone for continued happiness and success! ♦

Correspondent:  
Lucy Lennon Tucker

**87** David Bullock is living in N.Y.C. with his wife, Christine, who is in advertising sales. David is working for Merrill Lynch as a vice president in their Emerging Markets Division. . . . **Stacy Mathews Bushey** lives in Brookline, Mass., with husband Michael, a wine salesman. Stacy is an executive assistant at the Ritz-Carlton in Boston. . . . **Jason Cleary** has been working for the Portsmouth, N.H., fire department for the past three years as a firefighter and EMT. During his off hours, Jason is involved in the Singles Christian Ministry with the Granite State Church of Christ and singing and playing bass guitar and sax for a rock and roll band in the Seacoast area. . . . **Jim Canfield** is living in Scituate, Mass., with wife Karen and son John Patrick, 2. Jim is a real estate consultant. . . . **Jennifer Rubin Britton** wrote from Dallas, Texas, where she and husband Charlie have settled in. Jen moved to Texas in the summer of '94 to work at the St. Mark's School as assistant director of college counseling. Jen and Charlie, an English teacher, have a son, Trevor, 2. . . . **Herrick Wales** is working in Boston in news media. He had little else to say except that he had stubbed his toe on the day that he wrote and "it hurt a lot." (There you go, Herrick. I included it!) . . . **Charles Herrera** is living in the Silicon Valley in California with his wife, Tammy (Parker '89), and their two cats, Angie and Smudge. Charles is a system manager, and Tammy is a product marketing manager. . . . You'll find **Will Holmes** teaching at the Cheshire Academy in Cheshire, Conn. Will has been there for



two years and feels it has been a great opportunity for him both professionally and personally. He is teaching math, coaching soccer and lacrosse and living in the dorm. Other Colby grads working at the school are Lisa Tomasetti '88 and Jason Dorion '93. . . . Congratulations go to **Chris Devine** on his recent marriage to Sarah Condon. Chris and Sarah wed in August, and **John Black** and **John Pratt** attended. At the time Chris wrote, John B. was expecting his first child. John P. is living in New York, where he is a vice president with Smith Barney. Chris is currently in his third year as an associate in the litigation department of Rogin, Nassan, Caplan, Lassman & Hirtle, a law firm in Hartford, Conn. Chris does medical malpractice defense and commercial trial work. . . . **Peter Murphy** wrote me a while back to speak of a recent golf outing with **Greg Dumark** and **Doug Parker** '86.

Peter felt compelled to write to announce Greg's first hole-in-one. Congratulations, Duey! Peter finished up his master's at Purdue in '94 and moved with wife Jen to the Washington, D.C., area. Peter is working in Baltimore at USF&G, and although he and Jen are enjoying being back on the East Coast, they still long to return to Maine. . . . **Marianne Campbell Hockenberry** and husband Tim will have celebrated son Maxx's second birthday by the time you read this. Marianne and Tim are still living in San Francisco, where Marianne is an artist's representative and Tim is a musician. . . . **Geoff Johnson**, who works for Fidelity as a manager in trade support, and his wife, Ann, are living on a nice piece of land in Amesbury, Mass., which includes their own pond. They were expecting their first child when he wrote. . . . **Allyson Goodwin Short** is director of regional campaigns and a major

gifts officer at Colby and will be traveling around the country setting up campaigns, so don't be surprised if you hear from her. Allyson and her husband, Mark Short, and 20-month-old son live a mile from campus and are enjoying life in Waterville. Allyson recently spoke with **Tim Hennessey**, who's living in San Francisco and working in real estate development for Union Bank. . . . **Edith McGill Glasgow** is living in Jersey City and is working as a line cook and pastry apprentice at La Caravelle in New York City. Her husband, Robert, is a photographer. Edie graduated first in her class at the French Culinary Institute in February of 1994 and received an award for the best final project. Congratulations, Edie—and to all others on their recent personal and professional accomplishments. That is all I have room for now. Stay tuned and start thinking about what you'd like to see/do for our 10th

reunion! Scary to think that that's not too far away! ♦

Correspondent:  
**Sara Dickison**

**88** Thanks so much for all the news—career changes, new family unions, additions, moves! **Chris Dixon** is still working at Boston University as a grant writer for the School of Education. She just recently received her master's in marketing communications, also from BU. . . . **Greg Lawless** has been enjoying his long career stint at Philip Morris, where he is currently the manager of industrial relations in Louisville, Ky. He is a proud homeowner and has loved getting settled in after his move. . . . **Todd Nicholson** and his wife, Gloria, built a home in North Yarmouth, Maine, a year ago and are both employed in Freeport, Maine. Todd is work-

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**Michael Carter** '80 has founded Fresh Samantha, a Maine-based company that sells all-natural juices. . . . **Bill Linnell** '80, a town councilor in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, has received attention in the Maine press for his public contention that the aging Maine Yankee nuclear plant poses a serious safety threat. . . . **Mark Smith** '80 was named project manager for the Hodess Building Company's Lockheed Sanders project in Nashua, N.H. . . . **Jane Eklund** '81 is co-editor of the *Monadnock Ledger* in Peterborough, N.H. . . . **Kathy Marciairille** '81 is librarian in the health sciences library at St. Mary's Regional Health Center in Lewiston, Maine. . . . **Robert Ruzzo** '81 was named general counsel to the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction in Massachusetts. . . . **Robert Wallace** '81 is chief financial officer for Murphy McGinnis Media, created by the merger of two newspaper companies in Minnesota. . . . **Lee Zalinger** '82 was awarded a \$4,000 grant to develop interdisciplinary course units in medical ethics at the Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, Conn. . . . **Greg Cronin** '86 took charge of the University of Maine men's ice hockey team this season in the absence of head coach Shawn Walsh, who was suspended for one year. . . . **Nicholas Ferrala** '87 is supervisor of the microbiology unit at Northeast Laboratory Services in Winslow, Maine. . . . **Timothy Poutre** '87 was named to the medical staff of the Central Maine Medical Center. . . . **Nancy Knapp** '88 is the first full-time reporter at the *Lincoln Journal* in Lexington, Mass. . . . **Bill Reed** '88 is a teacher at Clement Middle School in South Berwick, Maine. . . . **Steven Schwartz** '88 is a sales associate at Sheldon Good & Co. real estate in Chicago, Ill. . . . **Joel Tickner** '89 is a research fellow at Massachusetts Toxics Use Institute.

## MILEPOSTS

**Marriages:** Katherine Jane Dornish '81 to Robert Stephen

DuGrenier in West Townshend, Vt. . . . **Kurt Werner Saraceno** '81 to Susan Margaret McTaggart in Greenwich, Conn. . . . **David R. Kerrigan** '83 to Mary Beth Martin in Arlington, Mass. . . . **Catherine Brown** '86 to Gordon Stanton in New York City. . . . **Scott Baxter** '86 to Elizabeth Griffin in Saddle River, N.J. . . . **Priscilla Jane Phinney** '87 to William Joseph Squires Jr. in Needham, Mass. . . . **Steve Runge** '87 to Whitney Kelting '88 in Woods Hole, Mass. . . . **Vickie Ann Caron** '88 to Thomas Stoughton Bell Jr. '88 in Portland, Maine. . . . **Lisa A. Collett** '88 to Jeffrey C. Hook in Portland, Maine. . . . **Cynthia H. Kontulis** '88 to Daniel Gacetta Jr. in Manhasset, N.Y. . . . **Rosemary Czuchra** '89 to Gregory Teegarden in Brewster, Mass. . . . **Scott Wentzell** '89 to Lisa Krikorian in Cambridge, Mass.

**Births:** A son, Robert Perry Tolette, to Mark '83 and Mary Waterman Tolette '86. . . . A daughter, Maxine Simpson Eisenberg, to David Simpson '86 and Carol Eisenberg '85. . . . A son, William Lull, to Peter '86 and Linda Flight Lull '85. . . . A daughter, Lily Christine Horner, to Margaret and Christopher Horner '85. . . . A son, Graham Hayden Perry, to Lawrence and Leslie Greenslet Perry '86. . . . A son, Casey Kris, to Timothy and Caroline Nelson Kris '86. . . . A daughter, Cassandra Monahan, to James and Lila Hopson Monahan '86. . . . A daughter, Lauren Elizabeth Kenney, to Robert Kenney '86 and Beth Schwartz-Kenney '86. . . . Twins, Meghan and Kieran Poirier, to Brenda and Stephen Poirier '86. . . . A son, Hugh Armstrong Mayo, to Chapman Mayo '86. . . . A daughter, Catherine Emily Haut, to Thomas and Mary Beth Boland Haut '86. . . . Twin daughters, Molly Margaret and Meghan Marcia Stoll, to Brian and Robin Venditti Stoll '86. . . . A son, Matthew Marra, to Maria and Michael Marra '86. . . . A daughter, Katherine Grace Lapp, to Michele and Philip Lapp '86. . . . A daughter, Grace Ann Baines, to Robert and Ann Armstrong Baines '88. . . . A daughter, Teresa Diane Farley, to David '88 and Mary LaPointe Farley '89.

ing as a marketing analyst at L.L. Bean. They have a dog named Archie and a cat called Edith—affectionately known as the Bunkers! Their biggest news is the birth of their daughter, Emma, last December. . . . **Mary Federle Porter** is another proud parent—baby Samuel arrived last October. Mary has enjoyed being an “at-home mom” with her two other daughters, Molly, 4, and Eliza, 2. . . . **Scott and Kristen Foss Smith** announced their recent bundle of joy, Gabriel, born last October. Big brother is Sam, 4. Scott is currently the associate controller at Colby, and Kristen works as a developmental therapist for children in the Waterville area. . . . **Hope Worden** is near the end of her Ph.D. in program development and research on domestic violence. She has been working at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and living in the Boston area with her husband, Chris Kochenbach. . . . **Melissa Ruff** is also in Beantown and is the director of student life, activities and health services at New England Conservatory of Music. She says she feels in awe all the time at the level of talent displayed in the students she works with. . . . **Pam Winch Wilson** owns a mail-order business called Pastas with Pizzazz and features a pasta-of-the-month package. Husband **David Wilson** is manager of Truk-Away in Rhode Island, a waste removal and recycling company. They have no children but enjoy two dogs and a cat. After commuting to Cahners Publishing, where she was a marketing communications manager, Pam enjoys the pleasures of running her own business. . . . **Eric Zieff** received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology in January from Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology. He has been sharing his time between a nursing home and a child/family agency. . . . **Todd Wallingford** has been teaching history, civics and psychology to high school students in Hudson, Mass. It’s his first full-time public school teaching job after he received his master’s and certification at Harvard University’s graduate school of education in 1994. Before that, he taught in the private sector for four years. . . . **Karen Vlaskamp** received her master’s in compara-

tive education from Teacher’s College at Columbia University last May and has been working as a foreign student adviser at Indiana University. . . . **Jeff and Karen Linde Packman** are also in the Boston area. Karen finished an M.S. program in applied anatomy and exercise physiology at BU during the summer of 1995 and started her own fitness consulting and personal training business, specializing in people with chronic diseases. Jeff has been with Parexel International Corp. for four years after completing his M.B.A. from Babson College. The company helps the pharmaceutical industry develop new drugs by conducting clinical trials and working with the FDA. . . . **Susan Zimmermann** will be defending her Ph.D. thesis in sociology this spring, after being in graduate school at Brown since 1990. Although she loves teaching, she isn’t certain if that is the path she will pursue. . . . **Peter Weltchek** has been working as an associate in real estate banking at Lehman Brothers in New York City since 1993, after finishing his M.B.A. from Wharton. He writes, “I occasionally consider dropping out of the rat race to become a ‘roadie’ for the Allman Brothers Band.” Sounds like the dream of many! I often think of leaving the wonderful world of personnel consulting in Boston to do the night club gig scene! . . . **Meg Galloway Pearce** is a few months short of obtaining her M.B.A. She has been a branch manager at MCI Communications Corporation in Washington, D.C., for the “friends and family” program—and ran the Marine Corps Marathon for the second year in a row, taking 45 minutes off of her personal record. . . . Keep on the lookout for an expanded class letter with lots of other new news! . . . Colbians attending the June 1995 wedding of **Whitney Kelting** and **Steve Runge** ’87 were **Matt Burke** ’89, **Lori Berger** ’86, **Bill Hamilton** ’90, **Wendy Beller-mann** ’89, **Heather Payson**, **Brian Axel** ’89, **Julie D’Amico** ’87, **Curtis Carlson** ’89, **Adam Oppenheim** ’90, **Dave Rosen**, **Kerry Griffin**, **Hilary Seward**, **Lisa Kerney**, **Chris Brown**, **Carolyn Lockwood** ’89, **Nancy Knapp**, **Hank Whittenberg** and **Chris Halvorson** ’89. ♦



*Craig Alie '84 and Diane Perlowski '84 were married in Kennebunkport, Maine, last July. (See '84 class notes.)*



*Molly Couch '86 and Sean Ward were married on July 1, 1995, at the Williston Chapel in Easthampton, Mass. (See '86 class notes.)*



*Steve Runge '87 and Whitney Kelting '88 were married on June 17, 1995, in Woods Hole, Mass. (See '88 class notes.)*

# The Nineties

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**90** The flow of news has slowed to a trickle, but here's what I've heard about our friends in the past few months. I got a great letter from David Coleman, who is the manager of special projects for The Advisory Board Committee, a research firm in Washington, D.C. He's been working on technology projects for them, including their Website. Tom McClintock, Scott Schirmeier and Lisa Prenaveau Andzejewski '93 also are working for The Advisory Board Committee. Dave sees Cinda Jones and Peter Read-Smith '92 on a fairly regular basis, as well as Jennifer Lim Nitchman '91 and her husband, David. Dave spent some time last summer hiking in the Shenandoah National Park with Scott Perley and also drove across the country with Nancy Spellman '89, who was relocating to D.C. from San Francisco for the summer. The two of them trekked through Tahoe, the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park and Arches National Park. From there it was on to Denver, Colo., where they visited with Rebecca Pease Henning '91 and her husband, Matt. Becky and Matt were married in Maine early last summer. Dave also passes along the sad news that his beloved bumper-sticker-festooned 1977 Chevy wagon failed to pass inspection last spring. We all send our condolences, I'm sure. I've heard from other sources that David has been spotted at the wheel of a BMW; none of them, however, mentioned the presence of an I Eat My Roadkill bumper sticker. Thanks for all the news, Dave. . . . Jan Berry wrote to me a few weeks ago to let me know that she has begun a new job as

the public and professional relations coordinator at the Maine State Bar Association in Augusta, Maine. She's now living in Damariscotta and is planning a June wedding. Her husband-to-be, Craig Zenter, is a graduate of Maine Maritime Academy. Good luck in the new job, and congratulations, Jan! . . . I recently attended a production of Sam Shepard's play *Buried Child* at the American Repertory Theater in Cambridge. After taking my seat, I realized that I was sitting right near Beth Reutlinger '91, who told me she had seen Mark Cosdon '89 in the audience. Mark directed a production of *Buried Child* at Strider Theater in 1988, with Beth playing the role of Shelly. (I wasn't the most unbiased critic in the audience, but I much preferred Mark's interpretation of the play to the one I saw at the ART that night.) Mark is working on a Ph.D. in theater history at Tufts University and working as a research assistant at Harvard University; his wife, Hanna, is working on a degree in social work. Beth is now married, living in Arlington, Mass., and working for an organization that makes arrangements for foreign-exchange students. . . . That's all the news I have for now. Please please please write to me—I need you guys to make this column a success! ♦

Correspondent:  
Portia Walker

**91** Yes, reunion is just around the corner, and here are more interesting facts about our classmates that you can quiz them on, come June 7, 8 and 9! . . . Gary Soquet and Michele Sargent are the proud parents of Julian Moore and Braden Lily. In their spare time he's a writer and she is an aspiring

midwife. . . . Annie DeMaria is a steward on an Amoco fuel tanker and is studying for an diesel engine endorsement. In her spare time she is doing relief work on ore carriers. . . . Deb MacWalter and Fred Bright were married last July at Lorimer Chapel, with Julie Campbell Murray and Pam Pomerleau in attendance. They spent their honeymoon in St. John—before the hurricane hit! . . . Linda Rossignol Ramsden's wedding included maid of honor Brynne McCormick, Elizabeth Ackerman, Sally Hewitt and John Avery. Since Linda met her husband-to-be during her junior year in England, she is a strong supporter of the JYA program! She's a practicing attorney and he's a doctoral candidate at Brandeis. Brynne is living in Aspen, Colo., working for the Aspen Board of Realtors and dating Christian Michael Kristan (also living in Aspen). Elizabeth began the nursing program at Northeastern last fall. . . . Sam Sharnik found his true calling in Florida—physician of traditional Chinese medicine, the holistic healing art that uses acupuncture and herbs. He's also pursuing his captain's license and his dive-master scuba certification for a future chartering business in the Keys and other warm waters. . . . Dave Unruh began in the Colby Admissions Office, then earned his master's in education administration and is now the assistant director of admissions at Carnegie-Mellon. He and his wife, Marnie, the coordinator of student development at CMU, both participate in the Big Brother/Big Sister program and are "enjoying their second year of marriage!" . . . Barbara Shaw, after receiving her M.A. in American studies, is now a Ph.D. candidate. She has two publications and travels the country both on business and for pleasure. She's



also a volunteer tutor. . . . **Kary Wilkins New** is the director of the Elan School, a type of reform school for emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused juvenile delinquents ages 12-19. It's a "tough love" program that teaches certain life skills and values. On the home front, she has purchased a 1918 house, with lots of charm and character. . . . **Tom Lewis** and **Kim Swon Lewis**, married in August 1995, are living in Dunwoody, Ga. Tom is a marketing specialist for Lanier Worldwide in Atlanta, and Kim, after finishing her M.Ed. at UVA, is a speech pathologist for children ages 0-5 years. . . . **Glenn Thurlow** is a pharmaceutical sales specialist for The Upjohn Co., and his wife, Patti, is a teacher. . . . **Aaron Mosher** and his new wife, Stacy, are enjoying life on the North Shore. . . . **Steve Chernoff** is in his first year of law school at BC. . . . **Cam Field**, who graduated from Dartmouth last June with his master's in engineering, has been student teaching at Providence Country Day School. . . . **Tricia Shepard** earned her degree from Marquette

Law School and most recently became a licensed nursing home administrator in Glastonbury, Conn. . . . Besides completing a documentary video on a local character who was the first to ski The Grand Teton, **Matt Testa** is the editor/writer of the entertainment section of the *Jackson Hole Daily* in Wyoming. . . . **Jennifer Scott** is currently the manager of public relations for the Kohler Co. in Milwaukee. . . . **Andy Williams** is in his second year of medical school in Rochester, N.Y., and says he looks forward to practicing medicine in a rural area. . . . **Margaret Mauran** and **Andy Zuccotti '92**, and **Stacey King** and **Justin Verge '90**, celebrated their marriages this past summer. Twenty-seven classmates attended the two blissful events; 12 witnessed both. . . . **Garrison Smith** previously worked in the biotech field at Amicon, Inc. and Genzyme Corp., and now he is a first-year law student at BU, husband of Lisa, a special education consultant, and father of Charles Lewis Smith, born 7/18/95. Congratulations, Garrison! ♦

Correspondent:  
**Katie Martin**

**92** **Heather Glynn** married Peter Ginolfi '91 in July '95. **Jocelyn Childs**, **Jessica D'Ercole**, **Jon Bartlett '91**, **Brian Kelleher '91** and **PJ Peroni '91** were in the wedding party, and countless other Colbyites attended. Heather received her M.S.W. from BC in May '95 and is working as a social worker, and Pete is a teacher and football/lacrosse coach after receiving his master's in education in May '94. . . . **Sura DuBow** is back at Colby as the head men's and women's swim coach after working in Argentina. . . . **Sarah Hamilton Barringer** was married in August '95; **Becky Graham**, **Jen Kosek Walker** and **Jen Greenleaf** were bridesmaids. Sarah is currently teaching second grade at the Chapin School in Manhattan. . . . **Laura Armstrong Stone** was married in September '95 at the University of Colorado-Boulder chapel, with **Jeannette Riddle** as maid of honor. . . . **Alice Johnson** recently began a job in the alumni/development office at George Washington University in D.C. after a six-and-a-half-month journey through Central and Southeast Asia. On her return, she stopped off in San Francisco and caught up with **Christy O'Rourke** and **Kyle Lissack**, who are both living there. Christy works in sports marketing and event planning—she runs tournaments and throws parties! . . . **Lisa McMahon** lives in Tacoma, Wash., and is in her second year at the Seattle University School of Law. . . . **Chantal Begin Sullivan** is in David, Fla., with her husband. Married in June 1994, she is in her second year of a five-year doctoral degree program in psychology at Nova Southeastern University. . . . **Megan Mayer**, who spent two years with us and graduated from Franklin Pierce, wrote that she is teaching second grade in a small town in rural New York near Williamstown, Mass. She is engaged and planning a July 4th weekend wedding in Portland, Ore. . . . **Emily Fisher Medvic** is in West Lafayette, Ind., and working in the educa-

tion department at Planned Parenthood in Lafayette. She is taking graduate classes at Purdue and will begin her master's in elementary education at Indiana University in the fall. She married **Stephen Medvic** in July 1994. . . . **Zach Shapiro** is still in rabbinical school pursuing his master of Hebrew letters degree. He will become a rabbi in a year and a half and is currently serving a Jewish community in Michigan while living in Cincinnati. (P.S. **Ethan Gettman**: Sherrie Gettman Stahl is doing research on her extended family; e-mail or write me and I'll get you her address.) . . . **Kathy Lyford** is working as an analytical chemist at an aquatic toxicology lab in Marblehead, Mass. She spent two months last summer backpacking through Europe and planned a hike this spring on the North Carolina Appalachian Trail with **Donna Burbank**. . . . **Sandra Scarano** lives in Arlington, Mass., and is the assistant to the director of investment operations in the office of the treasurer at MIT. . . . **Jennifer McLeod** is living in Orono, Maine, and working as a librarian and webmaster at UMaine. . . . **Cathy Ryan** teaches sixth grade in Hamden, Conn., and is planning a July 1996 wedding to **Mike Kilakowski**. She'll move to Massachusetts after the wedding. . . . **Polly Sheridan** moved to Chicago from Boston for a master's in the social sciences with a concentration in urban sociology at the University of Chicago. Her program concludes this spring, and she'll either be job hunting or beginning a Ph.D. in sociology. . . . **Mark Lombard** is living in Twentynine Palms, Calif., having a great time as a lieutenant in the Marine Corps. . . . **Colin MacArthur** has been working as an instructor with Outward Bound in Florida, leading 27-day canoe courses with adjudicated and at-risk youth. He is spending 1996 as a course director for Outward Bound's Families in Need Service Program. While on vacation in New Hampshire, he saw **Bob Gramling**, who is still working hard at Dartmouth Medical School. . . . **Clover Burns Seifer** lives in Grafton, Vt., and is a legal assistant clerking for the bar under a se-

## NEWSMAKERS

**Cinda Hartman Jones '90** has produced the *National Wood Recycling Directory*. . . . **Robert Scott '90** has recorded a second compact disc, "Or All Away." . . . **Benjamin Ames '91** is a reporter at the Pottsville, Pa., *Republican*. . . . **Hilary Greene '91** is program manager for the newly established National Young Composers Competition in Williamstown, Mass. . . . **David McClintock '93**



Cinda Hartman Jones '90

is press representative for *Late Night With David Letterman* in New York City. . . . **Tasha Worster '93** is the first recipient of the Dr. Robert Roy Medical Scholarship for Maine students. . . . **Danielle Radford '95** is director of the Community Service Project in Rockland, Maine.

## MILEPOSTS

**Marriages:** **Anna Brookes '90** to **Glenn Barker** in East Greenwich, R.I. . . . **Aaron Mosher '91** to **Stacy Karp** in Rhinebeck, N.Y. . . . **Peter Bailey '91** to **Margaret Curran** in Schenectady, N.Y. . . . **Heidi Meyers '91** to **Ted Waugh** in Washington, D.C. . . . **Daniel Connolly '92** to **Kimberly Fandel** in Hingham, Mass. . . . **Jennifer Zwick '94** to **Jason Somer** in Avon, Conn. . . . **Arthur P. Fairbrother Jr. '95** to **Jennifer Joy Moore** in Belfast, Maine.

nior partner. She is married to Clifford Seifer '94, who transferred to SUNY-Albany after two years at Colby. They have a son, Colin, 3. . . **Brian Meehan** married Eraena Bracy in January and is a residential counselor for mentally ill adults while finishing up his master's in education. . . **Chris Mastrangelo** graduated from BU Law School in May 1995 and is working as an associate in Boston in the corporate department of Brown, Rudnick, Freed and Gesmer. . . On September 9, 1995, several Colby generations gathered to celebrate the wedding of **Jessica Elsa D'Ercole** and **Michael John Stanton**. Colbians present were: Ben Clough '93, **Lyz Makely**, **Justin D'Ercole** '95, **Kristin Nixon**, **Mark Mellyn**, **Jeni Spear** '98, **Bessie Moss**, **Sarah Whitely** '94, **Frank D'Ercole** '61, **Warren Claytor**, **Fr. John Marquis**, **Jill Collett**, **Kristen Russo**, **Kate Kane**, **Charlotte (Clifton)** '61 and **Norm Lee** '58, **Pam Woods Mosdale** '81, **David Tourangeau** '61, **John Wilson** '60, **Gene Rainville** '61, **Ryan Friel** '93, **Phil Vilar** '93, **Steve Donohue** '90, **Mark Lombard** '92, **Erica Gregg**, **Chris Mastrangelo**, **Jocelyn Childs**, **Pete Stevenson** '61 and **Peter Ginolfi** '92. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Alicia S. Hidalgo**

**94 Jonathan Kaplanspent** last summer writing speeches for Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and found it incredibly challenging. . . **Stephanie Cain**, a staff writer for the *Sun-Journal* in Lewiston, Maine, is assigned to the city beat in Auburn and has done some investigative reporting. . . **Greg Lynch**, a chemistry/biology teacher in Connecticut, plans a 10-week/seven-country trip to Asia this summer and will visit **Duc Trac**, who moved to Japan in April '95 and enjoys teaching English in Osaka. Greg wrote that **Siri Oswald** is back in Russia, working on a grant with disabled children and that **Michael McCabe** is at Yale Law School. . . **Braydon McCormick** moved to Boston last fall and is studying music composition at BU. . .

**Elizabeth Bancroft**, alpine race secretary for Team Breckenridge in Colorado, is responsible for all administrative work for the races held there. . . **Stacey Warner** left Breckenridge in November and is teaching English with World Teach in Namibia, Africa. . . **Skye Stewart** is working at Orchard Books, a children's books division of Grolier, and wrote that **Jen Davis**, **Rebecca Shaw**, **Lees Patriacca** and **Jocelyn Hiller** also live on the Upper East Side of New York City. **Jocelyn** is a development coordinator for AFS International Programs/USA, and **Lees** is going to London for two years with a law firm. . . **Katrina Greenfield** shares an apartment with **Katherine Bordwell** in Portland, Ore., and is interning in the mayor's office, department of international relations. . . **Shane Wright**, a bookkeeper/accountant in Pittsfield, Maine, spent a month traveling in Europe last spring and plans to study history in graduate school this fall. . . **Brian Seidman**, a financial consulting associate at CLK Financial in Boston, wrote that **Oman (Patrick Smith)** married **Jennifer Thorn**, a fellow law student at New England College, last September. They live in Springfield, Mass., with their dog, **Jasper**. . . **James Reichert**, expecting his M.B.A. from Notre Dame this May, completed a banking internship in Panama last summer, spent the fall semester in Santiago, Chile, and traveled in Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay. . . **Larry Rulison** is the editor of the *Baldwinsville Messenger*, a weekly newspaper in upstate New York. He often visits **Sigmund Schutz**, who is completing his second year at Cornell Law School and has accepted a summer associate position with a large law firm in Portland, Maine. Larry had a blast at the Hotchkiss fifth reunion with **Ben Strong**, who is studying geological oceanography at the Marine Sciences Research Center at the State University of New York-Stony Brook, considering going into environmental consulting and hoping to travel across the country after graduation in August. Ben wrote that **Brian O'Sullivan** works for IBM in Burlington, Vt. . . After work-

ing at Suffolk Downs racetrack, office manager **Jennifer Sullivan** purchased a racehorse, a thoroughbred stallion named **Danse Seul**, and turned it into a successful show horse. . . **Elizabeth Tabor** enjoys her job as an acquisitions assistant at the Roger Williams University School of Law library and is taking graduate classes in library science at Simmons College. She is in frequent contact with **Wallie Leung**, who is living in New York City and working for Chase Manhattan, and she has heard from **Dawn Kalloch**, who is in graduate school in Boston. . . **Matt Spitzer**, a family specialist in a New York treatment program, has run a violence prevention program, volunteered in a local E.R. and is looking into graduate school for a doctorate. He wrote that **Kristin Scheible** is at the Harvard Divinity School. . . Congratulations to **Jon Scammon** and **Kristen Schuler** '93, and to **Kerry Sheehy** and **Bobby Ward** '93! Both couples are engaged and plan spring weddings next year. ♦

Correspondent:  
**Alyssa Falwell**

**95** Congratulations are in order for **Art Fairbrother** for his marriage in December. . . **Karen Andreas** is an admissions assistant at The School for Field Studies and is living in Danvers, Mass. She writes that **Karen Rose** is the assistant director of the Writers' Center at Colby, **Linda Dyndiuk** is a manager at Osco Drug, **Tracy Patton** is in grad school at UMO and **Vicki Ferrini** is in grad school at SUNY-Stony Brook. . . **Peter Murphy** is working in the circulation department at a community newspaper in Needham, Mass. . . **Jaye Gennaco** went to L.A. last fall and was planning to go to Scotland and London in February. She is working at a medical publishing company in Massachusetts and writes that **Kim Beck** is doing cancer research in D.C. . . **Wang Shang Lee** is at the University of Michigan working toward a Ph.D. in economics. In Singapore last summer he visited **Mizuho Tsuboi**, who is now working for the Japanese embassy in

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He also writes that **Amy Pompeo** is working in Cambridge, Mass. . . **Caleb Mason** is a graduate student of philosophy at Columbia, playing in and managing a new blues and soul band called **Blues Collective** as well as doing a little bartending on the side. . . From Ghana, K.C. Lawler writes that she is having an amazing experience teaching English. She says one of the most interesting things about her experience is being a minority for the first time. . . **Maureen Finn** is working for Head Start in the Boston area. . . **Mark Griffin** and **Doug Macauley** traveled in Europe for the summer before beginning jobs at Cambridge Associates, where they also work with **Drew Snow**. Mark has been performing with former members of the Colby Eight in the Boston area. . . **T.J. Maines**, **Mike McLaney**, **Justin Van Til** and **John Carolan** are working at The Boston Company. . . **Jim Zadrozny** is working for Fidelity. . . **Greg Walsh** is working for a credit company in Waltham, Mass. . . **Christian Citarella** is a Ph.D. candidate in math at Johns Hopkins. . . **Heather Beusse**, **Kate LaVigne** and **Wendy Oram-Smith** were together in Houston over the summer for training before being sent to teach underprivileged children in the U.S. Heather is teaching seventh grade math in Weldon, N.C., and is also volunteering at the local public radio station, where she has her own show. . . **Kim MacDonald** is living in Massachusetts while working at the New England Center for Autism. . . **Noah Haverkamp** writes that he is living at home and developing credit and has decided to go to music school. . . After competing at the U.S. National Championship Track Meet, **Brooke Lorenzen** returned to the Seattle area, where she is working as a receptionist. . . After driving out to Colorado with **Kathy Christy** after graduation, **Alisa Masson** and **Kelly Spooner** ran a marathon in November. Alisa is a publicist for Adams Media Corporation in the Boston area; Kelly is doing research at Harvard and living with **Jen Benwood**, who is doing research at Brigham and Women's Hospital, **Michelle Grdina**, who is working at Express

on Newbury Street, and Michelle Wyemura, who is an administrative assistant for Unitarian Universalist Association. They see Rachel Sotir, who is selling real estate, Alyson Angino, who is temping, and Marissa Shaw, who is working at State Street Bank. . . . Cara O'Flynn was going to Costa Rica in January for World Teach. . . . Cheryl Johnson ran a basketball league for teenagers in South Providence, R.I., over the summer. She is currently a VISTA volunteer working with inner-city teens and doing Spanish translation. . . . Chris Haigh is a softball coach at Rhode Island College and working at Borders bookstore. . . . I reported a crop of '95ers in Colorado. Jed Dunkerley, who is living in Fort Collins with

Brannon Lobdell, is working at a restaurant. Jed worked last summer at Glacier National Park, where he performed in a cabaret show at night. Brad Keller is working a contracting job in Denver. Jeff Turton is also in Denver, hoping to open a theater next summer. Tip Meckel is in Ouray. Scott Giampetruzzi, Ashoke Ghosh and Chris Shore are working in Boulder. And from Breckenridge word comes that Dave November, Bill Driscoll, Chad Tyson, Toby True, Erika Lichter, Chris Russell, Tiffany Williams and Randy Schmitz are all in the ski industry. . . . Brendan Cavanaugh and Mike Murphy are playing in a band in Boston. . . . Liz Graupner is a middle school science teacher in Houston. . . . Scott

Galson is working in Pennsylvania as an economist as well as coaching the JV hockey team at

his old high school. He mentioned that Barbara Buse was working on another degree in geology. ♦



Jessica Elsa D'Ercole '92 and Michael John Stanton '92 were married on September 9, 1995. (See class notes.)

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



### G. CECIL GODDARD '29

G. Cecil Goddard '29, long-time community leader and Colby's first alumni secretary, died January 14 in China, Maine, at age 89. He was born in Hermon, Maine, and graduated from Brooks High School. In 1929-30 he attended Harvard Law School. The following year he was appointed the first full-time alumni secretary by the College, where he remained until he purchased a general insurance agency in Waterville in 1948. He was president of the Independent Insurance Agents Association of Maine and was state national director of the Independent Insurance Agents of America Inc. He served in several Waterville city government positions and since 1942 was a member of the Waterville Rotary Club. He was president and chair of the board at Waterville Osteopathic Hospital, president of the Waterville Council of Hospitals and vice chair of the Maine Health Finance Management Commission. A trustee of the Maine Health Systems Agency, he also was a trustee of the Maine Hospital Association and received its Distinguished Service Award in 1979. He was a trustee, moderator and life deacon of the First Baptist Church of Waterville, treasurer of the Christian Civic League of Maine and on the board of the American Baptist Churches of Maine. He was a 32nd degree Mason. As president of the Pine Tree Council of the Boy Scouts of America, he received its Silver Beaver Award for service to boyhood. When he retired in 1972, he received the Distinguished Community Service Award from the Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce. Colby, whose Mayflower Hill campus, Alumni Association, Alumni Council and 50-plus Club owe much to his wisdom and foresight, awarded him a Colby Brick in 1952 and further honored his service to the College by naming the former Alpha Tau Omega fraternity house Goddard-Hodgkins. Predeceased by his brother, Ralph '30, he is survived by two daughters, Jacquelyn Black and Melissa Ayer, a son, Samuel Goddard, five granddaughters and two great-grandsons.

### WILLIAM C. CARTER '38

William C. Carter '38, a pioneer in the fields of reliable and fault-tolerant computing, died January 31 in Bath, Maine, at 79. Born in Waterville, Maine, to Mary Caswell Carter '04 and Professor of Mathematics Benjamin Carter, he graduated from Coburn Academy. At Colby he was active in numerous orga-

nizations, including football and the Glee Club, and majored in mathematics. After graduating as a member of Phi Beta Kappa, he was a Rhodes Scholar at Balliol College in Oxford, England. He served in the Navy during World War II as a meteorologist in the South Pacific. In 1947 he received a doctorate in math from Harvard University and was employed as an engineer at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. He helped design and develop computers and programming systems for Raytheon, Datamatic and Honeywell before joining IBM, where he led initiatives in advanced systems automation for 30 years before his retirement in 1986. He was the author of scores of articles and scientific papers and held more than 20 patents. During his career he received many honors and was made a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. In 1986, he and his brother, the late Clark H. Carter '40, established the Carter Professorship in Mathematics, and in 1987 he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the College. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, two sons, a daughter, a granddaughter and his cousin, Kathryn Caswell MacDonald '36.

### ALICE LAROCQUE BROWN '21

Alice LaRocque Brown '21, a teacher, died August 8, 1995, in Northampton, Mass., at 96. A native of Lincoln, Vt., she taught English and history at schools in the Boston area from 1920 to 1929. She also was secretary to the head of admissions at Williston Academy in Easthampton, Mass., before becoming a teacher in the Westfield, Mass., public schools. Survivors include her son, Malcolm, and many nieces and nephews.

### HELEN DRESSER MCDONALD '23

Helen Dresser McDonald '23, a teacher, died January 28 in Waterville, Maine, at 93. She was born in South Portland, Maine, and attended local schools. At the College she was active in sports and drama. She taught French, biology, commercial math and English at South Portland High School from 1924 to 1929 and later was a substitute teacher. From 1945 until her retirement in 1969 she was a full-time English teacher and theatrical coach at Deering High School in Portland. She was active with several organizations, including the DAR, Delta Delta Delta sorority, the Retired Teachers Association and the YMCA.

She received a Colby Brick for her service to the College as class agent, captain of the Ford Foundation Challenge Campaign, member of the Alumni Council and president of the Alumnae Association of Southwestern Maine. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Ruth McDonald Roberts '55 and David Roberts '55, two grandchildren, Susan Roberts '86 and Linda Roberts '88, and a great-grandson.

### PERCY G. BEATTY '24

Percy G. Beatty '24 died March 28, 1993, in Penney Farms, Fla., at age 92. He was born in St. John, N.B., and graduated from Waterville, Maine, High School. He received a bachelor of divinity degree from Andover-Newton Theological Seminary in 1927 and was a Baptist pastor in churches in Lowell, Marlboro, Beverly and Boston, Mass., and Paterson, N.J. His wife, Barbara Whitney Beatty '27, died on December 29, 1995. He is survived by his three grandsons and six great-grandchildren.

### CARL R. MACPHERSON '26

Carl R. MacPherson '26, a prominent school official, died September 12, 1995, in Abington, Mass. He was 91. He was born in Abington and graduated from Abington High School in 1921. After Colby, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and won letters in football and hockey, he studied at Harvard University, and in 1949 he earned a master's degree from Boston University. He taught mathematics in Bridgewater, Mass., and at Brockton, Mass., High School, where he was department head of mathematics and master and housemaster. He also was assistant principal at Concord High School for two years. During his 45 years in education he coached hockey, football and track and was a basketball and football official for colleges and high schools for more than 25 years before his retirement in 1971. He was president of the New England Football Officials Association and held memberships in a variety of organizations, including the Massachusetts Teachers Association and the Masons. He served the College as chair of the Alumni Council and president of the Boston Colby Club. The Colby "C" Club's Man of the Year in 1956, he also received a Colby Brick and a Colby Gavel award. Survivors include his daughter, Ann Sullivan, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a nephew.

## BARBARA WHITNEY BEATTY '27

Barbara Whitney Beatty '27, a Baptist churchwoman, died December 29, 1995, in Penney Farms, Fla., at 90. She was born in Worcester, Mass. An English major at Colby, she graduated from Gordon College with the degree of bachelor of religious education in 1927, the same year she married Percy G. Beatty '24. She served as an assistant to her husband during his career as an American Baptist pastor. Following their retirement in 1977, the couple were active in artistic, literary and religious activities. Predeceased by her husband and daughter, she is survived by her son-in-law, Gary Cooper, three grandsons and six great-grandchildren.

## EDWARD R. NEWHALL '28

Edward R. Newhall '28, a public relations director, died February 4 in Glen Ridge, N.J. He was 92. He was born in Lynn, Mass., and graduated from Kents Hill Seminary Prep School. At Colby he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He worked at Beneficial Management Corp. in Newark, Morristown and Peapack, N.J., retiring as director of public relations in 1981. Surviving are his three daughters, including Barbara Newhall Stevens '58, a niece and nephew, Eleanor Shorey Harris '57 and Roy Shorey '54, a great-nephew, Joel Harris '81, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

## DONALD H. FRASER '29

Donald H. Fraser '29, a government administrator, died December 12, 1995, in Texas at 90. After Colby, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, he received an M.A. in education from Boston University and taught in the Philippines. In 1936 he became a social science researcher, writer and editor with the U.S. Children's Bureau and Social Security Administration. Later he worked with the Civil Service Commission in Washington and Honolulu and with the Atomic Energy Commission. After retiring in 1962, he moved to Texas, where he wrote a humor column for the Denton, Texas, newspaper and was frequently quoted in national publications such as *Reader's Digest* and *Ladies Home Journal*. The father of three children, he was a city councilman of Lake Dallas, Texas, and an elder in the Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his wife, Marguerite.

## RUTH DAGGETT FULLER '29

Ruth Daggett Fuller '29, a teacher, died November 6, 1995, in Fairfield, Conn., at 87. Born in Waterville, Maine, she was a high school English teacher in Hartland, Maine. A long-time member of the DAR, she also was a member and choir member of the Old South Congregational Church in Hallowell, Maine, and a member of the Gardiner, Maine,

Choral Society. Numerous Colby alumni in her family include her aunt, Alice Purinton 1899, the first alumnae secretary, both of her parents, and her late brothers Horace P. Daggett '33 and John W. Daggett '41. Survivors include two sons, James and Christopher, two brothers, Cecil M. Daggett '38 and Robert B. Daggett '51, seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews, including Susan Daggett Dean '67.

## PHILIP R. HIGGINS '29

Philip R. Higgins '29, an accountant, died November 21, 1995, in Springfield, Mass., at age 87. Born and schooled in Presque Isle, Maine, he graduated from Portland High School and was an accounting major at the College. For many years he was an accounting supervisor for New England Telephone Co. and was a life member of the Telephone Pioneers of America. He served the Springfield Masonic Temple in several high-level capacities and was treasurer and Sunday school superintendent of the Bethesda Lutheran Church and an officer of the Red Cross. He leaves his wife, Vivian, a son, a daughter, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## CHARLES N. PINKHAM '32

Charles N. Pinkham '32, a biology teacher, died on January 23 in Unity, Maine, at 87. He was born in Winthrop, Maine, where he attended schools. During World War II he was employed by Western Electric Communication in Lindhurst, N.J. For 30 years he taught in public schools in Searsmont, Rockland, Newcastle, Sabattus and Penobscot and in 1962 earned a master's in education at the University of Maine. From 1967 until his retirement he taught biology at Unity College. He and his wife, Ann, also owned and operated the Picnic Whip Drive-In in West Rockport for 10 years. Survivors include his wife, a son, a granddaughter, two great-grandchildren and a niece.

## ELIZABETH C. DYSON '34

Elizabeth C. Dyson '34, a teacher, died December 3, 1995, in North Adams, Mass., at 82. A North Adams native educated in local schools, she received a master's degree from North Adams State College in 1956. She taught mathematics and science at her alma mater, Drury High School in North Adams, and at Mt. Greylock Regional High School, Pine Cobble School, Buxton School and Williams College. Survivors include a niece, Mara Sue Veazie Bass, and a nephew, William Dyson Jr.

## PORTIA PENDLETON RIDEOUT '34

Portia Pendleton Rideout '34, a teacher, died

January 23 in Clackamas, Ore., at age 83. She was born in North Abington, Mass., and raised in Maine. At Colby she was a member of Phi Mu sorority and in later years served as class agent. She taught in several schools in the Boston area before moving to Augusta, Maine, where she volunteered in schools. In 1995 she moved to Oregon. She is survived by a daughter, Marilyn Lammerman, two sons, Ralph C. Rideout '59 and Lawrence B. Rideout, her sister, Beth Pendleton Clark '35, 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

## NORMAN ROGERSON '36

Norman Rogerson '36, a teacher and state legislator, died January 12 in Portland, Maine, at 85. He was born in Island Falls, Maine, and educated at Ricker Classical Institute. After Colby, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, he was employed by various federal agencies in Washington, D.C., Atlanta, New York and Boston. He left the U.S. Civil Service Commission to enter military service as an agent in the Criminal Investigation Division of the U.S. Army in India and Burma. After the war he taught at Ricker Junior College and subsequently engaged in business and in agriculture. He was active in community affairs and was elected to two terms in the Maine House of Representatives and to two terms in the Maine Senate. After retirement he taught foreign language at Houlton, Maine, High School. He is survived by his wife, Anna Stobie Rogerson '38, a daughter and two grandchildren.

## THOMAS E. ADWIN '37

Thomas E. Adwin '37, a real estate broker, died December 15, 1995, in Kingman, Ariz., at 82. At Colby he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. A World War II veteran, he worked in sales and marketing for Hollock and Howard Lumber Co. and Davidson Plywood of Los Angeles. He was active in Colorado real estate and was a real estate broker since moving to Kingman in the early 1980s. He is survived by a daughter, Cathy Coffey, a stepson and two grandsons.

## HELEN JEVSONS LUTHER '37

Helen Jevons Luther '37, a homemaker, died December 26, 1995, in Atlanta, Ga., at age 80. She was born in New York City. At Colby she was a Chi Omega sorority member and class officer. After College she attended New York School of Secretaries and was employed as a secretary. Her husband, Royal Luther '35, predeceased her. She is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth Engler.

## JULIA WHEELER MORTON '40

Julia Wheeler Morton '40, a foster care worker, died December 30, 1995, in West

Orange, N.J. She was 80. Born in Montreal, Que., to Professor Nathaniel Wheeler '09 and Annie Harthorn Wheeler '08, she graduated from the College with a degree in religion and worked in children's foster home care for Baptist Missionary Church in New York and Massachusetts. From 1973 to 1980 she was employed by the College food service department. Her extended family included numerous Colby alumni. Surviving are her daughter, Julie Maillet, her sisters Grace Wheeler Marsh '35 and Martha Wheeler Zeltsman '44, a brother, Nathaniel H. Wheeler '42, and two grandchildren.

#### GEORGE G. CAROTHERS '42

George G. Carothers '42, a decorator, died November 1, 1995, in Zephyrhills, Fla., at 78. Born in Savannah, Ga., he graduated from Walpole, Mass., High School and from Bridgton Academy. After service in the Navy during World War II he pursued a career as a painter and decorator. He is survived by his wife, Julia, a daughter, two stepsons, two stepdaughters, 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

#### ALTON G. "TEE" LALIBERTE '42

Alton G. "Tee" Laliberte '42, an executive, died January 18 in Waterville, Maine, at 76. He was born in Waterville and attended local schools. After Colby, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and won letters in hockey and baseball, he was a naval aviator in the African and European theaters during World War II. After the war he managed Liberty Cleaners before joining the C.F. Hathaway Co.; he retired in 1990 after 41 years as executive vice president of Warnaco Inc. Men's Wear. He served the Waterville community on the board of the YMCA, as chair of the United Fund Drive and later as president of United Way, and he served the College on the Alumni Council. He is survived by his wife, Anita Pooler Laliberte '42, a daughter, two sons, three brothers, including Robert Laliberte '51 and Bernard Laliberte '52, six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

#### JEANICE GRANT KEESE '43

Jeanice Grant Keese '43, a chemist, died October 30, 1995, in York, Maine, at 74. She was born in Merrill, Maine, and graduated from high school in Caribou and from Limestone College in South Carolina. She worked as a chemist for the Standard Oil Company and then for E.I. du Pont. From 1945 to 1949 she was an industrial engineer for Western Electric in New Jersey. Later she was manager of the accounting department for a real estate company in New Jersey. She moved to York in 1984, where she was active in many clubs and societies. She is survived by her husband,

David, a son, a daughter, three grandchildren and several cousins.

#### LENDALL W. HAYES '48

Lendall W. Hayes '48 died January 8 in California at 72. Born in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, he attended Foxcroft and Fryeburg academies. His life-long interest in band and classical music began at Colby, where he majored in psychology-sociology. Hereceived an M.A. in counseling and vocational guidance from San Diego State University in 1966 and for 30 years was an employment counselor in the department of human resources development for the state of California. He is survived by a daughter, Adrienne Beck, and a son, John Hayes.

#### NANCY GAGER HOWARD '48

Nancy Gager Howard '48, a homemaker, died January 6 in Norwalk, Conn., at 69. A lifelong resident of Norwalk, she graduated from Berkeley Secretarial School in New York and was a secretary at the National Bank of Norwalk from 1947 to 1950. She was member and volunteer for the Women's Board at Norwalk Hospital and was an avid sports-woman. She is survived by her husband, George, three sons, a sister, five grandchildren, a niece and a nephew.

#### JANET BOWMAR REYNOLDS '48

Janet Bowmar Reynolds '48, a psychotherapist, died December 7, 1995, in Worcester, Mass., at age 68. She was born in Needham, Mass., and raised in Abington, Mass., where she attended schools. She received her master's degree in social work from Boston University in 1950 and was chief social worker and director of treatment services at the North Central Massachusetts Mental Health Center in Fitchburg, Mass. She leaves her husband of 44 years, Frank B. Reynolds, three sons, a brother and six grandchildren.

#### BARBARA FOLEY FELT '49

Barbara Foley Felt '49, a secretary, died November 6, 1995, in Woburn, Mass., at 67. Born in Winchester, Mass., where she made her home for many years, she attended Winchester High School. After Colby she attended Hickox Secretarial School and was employed as a secretary with General Electric of Wilmington for 10 years. Surviving are two sisters and three nephews.

#### GEORGIANA HOOKER FIRTH '49

Georgiana Hooker Firth '49, a homemaker, died October 24, 1995, in Trappe, Md., at 67. She was born in Oakland, Calif., and graduated from Scarsdale, N.Y., High School. After Colby she completed studies at the Katherine

Gibbs School in Boston, Mass. Since her marriage in 1950, she was a resident of Trappe, where she was a supporter of several local civic organizations. She is survived by her husband, Rogers, two sons, two daughters, a brother, her stepmother and two grandchildren.

#### ROBERT F. STAPLES '51

Robert F. Staples '51, an insurance executive, died November 24, 1995, in Manchester, N.H., at 69. He was born in Brockton, Mass., and was a graduate of Whitman (Mass.) High School and Coburn Classical Institute. He served in the Navy during World War II before attending the College, where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and a class and student council officer. He was vice president of Home Insurance Company, serving the company in several locations in New England. Following his retirement he owned and operated Dana Associates Personnel Agency in Nashua, N.H. Survivors include his wife, Loretta Thompson Staples '53, a daughter, Jan Ellen Staples Wunderlich '77, a son, three grandchildren, a brother, a sister-in-law, Anna Thompson Bragg '69, and many nieces and nephews.

#### OLIVER J. SPROUL '52

Oliver J. Sproul '52, a statistician, died January 15 in Augusta, Maine, at 77. He was born in Augusta and attended Cony High School and Coburn Classical Institute. An Army veteran of World War II, he was a statistician for the state for many years. He is survived by his son, James O. Sproul, two daughters, Doris Dixon and Marie Sproul, two brothers, several sisters, five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

#### STEPHEN S. GARMENT '62

Stephen S. Garment '62, a USA Today employee, died in August 1995 in France at age 54. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and attended St. Paul's School in Garden City, N.Y. At Colby he studied philosophy and linguistics and was a member of the International Relations Club. After Colby he was a translator in various Army offices in Europe. He served with the International Trade Administration and then as an anti-dumping investigator for the Department of the Treasury of the U.S. Customs Service from 1978 to 1980 and in the Far East Division with the Department of Commerce until 1982. He was a member of the Hunger Project since 1977. In 1983 he joined USA Today, where he was a coordinator in the graphics and photography department and headed the newspaper's staff at the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, France. He died near Septmoncel in the Jura Mountains in eastern France in a hiking accident. Survivors include his wife, Geneviève.

# A Storehouse of Memories

By Earl Smith

## Final Period

*Not so long ago, a pretty fair football player flunked out of Colby and, after a year away, returned for a session with me to prepare for the requisite readmission interview with the Committee on Academic Standing. I tutored him on questions he might be asked and gently added that a sport coat and tie might improve his chances. The student appeared the following morning, resplendent in a new blue blazer. I intercepted him as he was about to enter the meeting. "You look great, but let me help you cut this thing off," I said, pointing to a bright yellow **LEVINE'S / SALE** tag hanging below the vent. "Better not," the student said, tucking the tag into the back of his trousers. "The jacket's on loan. So's the tie."*

America can build all the shopping malls it wants, but none will produce a store that will make loans to students temporarily in need of dressing up. These kinds of places—if there ever were other places like this—are gone. Gone for sure with the spring closing of Levine's on Main Street in Waterville.

Founded by Russian-born William Levine, the store had its beginnings as a horse-

and-wagon enterprise, peddling dry goods throughout the Kennebec Valley. The first store was opened in 1891 on the main floor of the Levine home (where the sons still live) on Ticonic Street. Within a half-dozen years it had moved to Main Street, near City Hall, and then to its final location at the south end of Main Street. Through those years ownership passed from the father to the sons, Ludy Levine '21 and Pacy Levine '27, and, finally, to the nephew, Howard Miller '40, where the remarkable string has run out.

It was something of a miracle that the store lasted so long—105 years. For the last decade or so it was struggling against the tide of national chain and discount clothing giants. Still, the closing of Levine's was a terrible loss for Waterville. On Mayflower Hill we consoled ourselves by telling and retelling Levine's stories. Teachers who brought up young sons nicely dressed with clothes that were freely charged—without interest—year after year. Pacy absolutely refusing to sell a particular coat on sale because it was "not good enough" to be worn at the College. And the occasional

student of slim means, quietly outfitted at no charge.

The magnet that drew customers to Levine's was not so much the prices (which were fine, thank you) as it was the personalities of the proprietors, precious Colby jewels who, for so many students and alumni, were nearly as much a part of the Colby experience as the faculty who taught them. Indeed, for many alums of all ages, no return to Colby was complete without a reunion at the store where a tour of the Colby Corner museum was obligatory.

There was no such thing as a quick stop at Levine's, never a mere shopping trip. Sometimes, if you wanted to, you could even wait while the tailor made alterations (no charge). You wouldn't be bored. The ever-inquisitive Ludy (now 97), inches from your face; Pacy (91), interpreting, repeating answers. And Howard, a wan smile and a measuring tape around his shoulders, patiently waiting to make a sale. Is not the campus the most beautiful place on earth? (Having seen the miracle of Mayflower Hill from its beginning, they

think so.) Will whatever team beat Bowdoin? (Oh please, Lord.) What's the look of the freshman class? (Are there big ones for football? Tall ones for basketball? Fast ones for track?)

Today, the rhythm of life and enterprise on Main Street is changed forever—

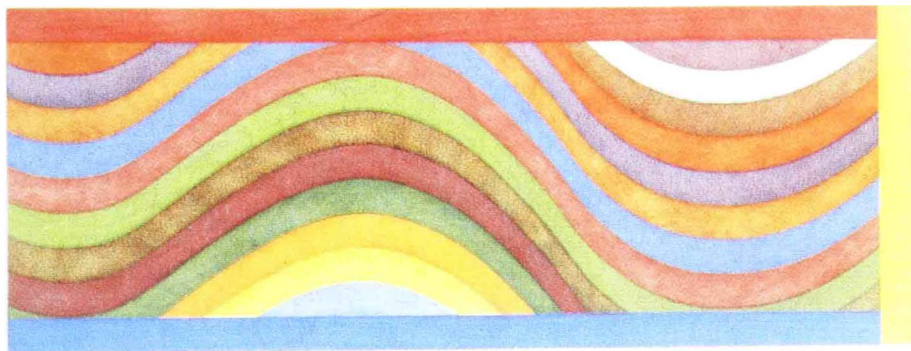


The Levine brothers, Ludy '21 and Pacy '27, and their nephew Howard Miller '40 finally called it quits

and Colby has lost something as well. No doubt we should be grateful that we've known the store and the men who ran it—and we are—but we are sad, too, that future Colby students will not share the experience. ♦



# *Sol LeWitt*



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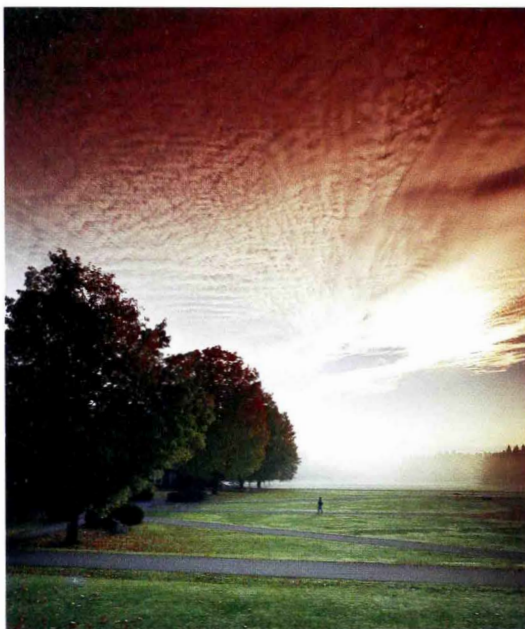
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### **Before First Light**

By the time dawn breaks over Mayflower Hill, several hours of work already have been completed by the legion of custodians, cooks and maintenance personnel across campus. Meet some of them, beginning on page 8.