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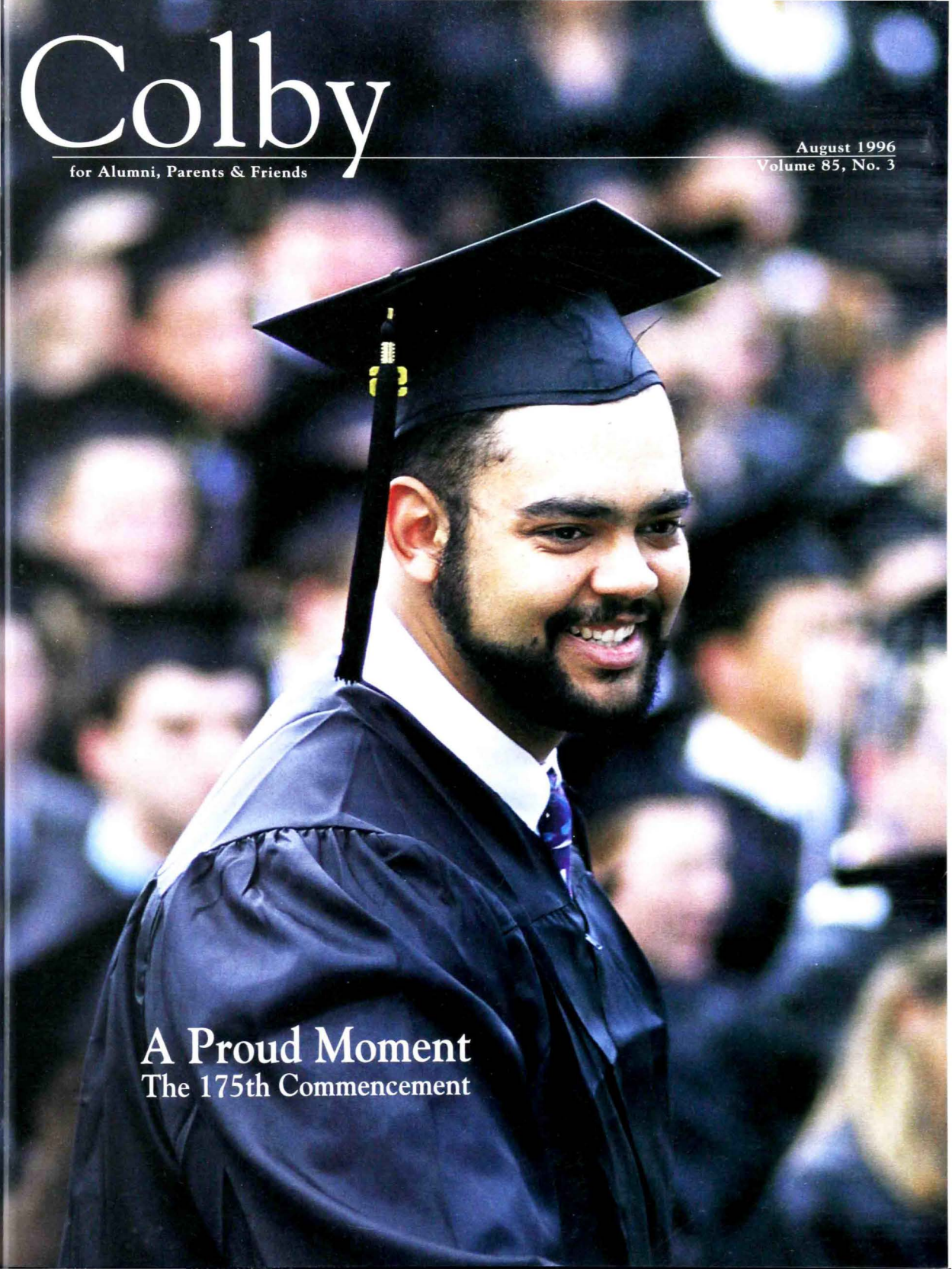
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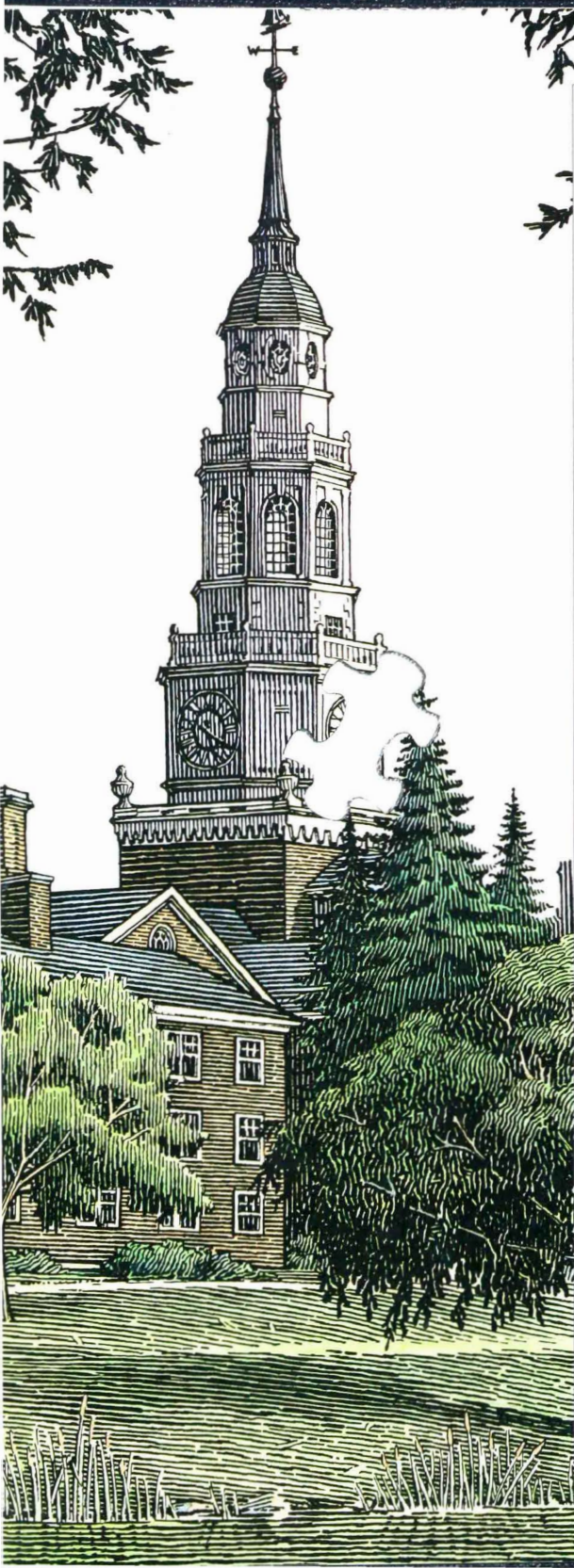
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Earl Lewis '96 was one of 449 degree recipients at the 175th commencement on May 26.

Addition by Subtraction

Sometimes life seems to be a series of tradeoffs. You get your dessert if you at least try the spinach. You can have the car on Saturday night if you wash it and fill it with gas. You can take Friday afternoon off if you get a vital report to the boss by Thursday.

Life at *Colby* is like that, too. For more than a year, editors Kevin Cool and Sally Baker have been hearing from alumni in the 50-Plus classes who want individual class columns in the magazine. We also hear from constituents across the board that they like the issues in which we run four-color photographs—and they want more. But with paper and mailing costs rising almost faster than we can track them and without additional funds to print color or to increase the number of pages in the magazine, we knew we couldn't respond positively to those comments unless we made some difficult choices.

The first of those choices is reflected in this issue of *Colby*. Instead of printing full obituaries for deceased alumni, *Colby* now will run brief death notices in the Alumni at Large department. We hope that the resultant gain in pages and reduction in costs will allow us, eventually, to expand the 50-Plus section and/or add four-color photographs to each issue. More study is needed, so these changes won't be made overnight, but we hope that the majority of Colby alumni will favor our attempts to improve the magazine within the constraints of our budget.

As always, Executive Editor Sally Baker and Managing Editor Kevin Cool welcome your comments on the magazine. Sally Baker may be reached at 207-872-3220 or sabaker@colby.edu. Kevin Cool is available at 207-872-3226 and jkcool@colby.edu. If you would like information about how to contact survivors, please contact the Alumni Office at 207-872-3190.

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Initially, We Were Wrong

I was interested in your article "An Olympic Achievement" on page 33 of your May *Colby*.

I believe you will find that the Connolly mentioned in the article, who was the author of many fishing and sea stories, is James B. (Brendan) Connolly, not James R.

James B. came from Savannah, Ga., on a scholarship to Harvard, was not afforded an opportunity to take time off to compete in the first modern-day Olympics, but took off anyway.

Harvard, I believe, refused to reinstate him but recalled later when his stories became popular in *Collier's* magazine.

It is also interesting that on the 100th anniversary of his Olympic victory, the Olympics this year are in Atlanta and the sailing events will be held in Savannah.

Stephen J. Connolly III
Beverly, Mass.

Yes, we goofed on the middle initial of Mr. Connolly. Photographs from the article about Connolly's Olympic victory in the first modern games in 1896 were sent by request to the director of the U.S. Olympic Committee for possible inclusion in a book about the history of American Olympic competitors.—Editors

No Trouble Brewing

This letter is in response to the "Didn't Go Down Easy" letter to the editor written by Stephen Schoeman '64 in the May 1996 issue of *Colby*. I am not upset that you printed this [letter] (it is important that all points of view be expressed) but the [letter] itself bothers me. It is unfortunate that Mr. Schoeman's experience with alcoholic beverages was so negative. However, it would appear that he is advocating the censorship of reality and the elimination of choice.

The original article referred to was an excellent depiction of initiative and success, with Blueberry Ale simply as an example. People drink, and it has been shown that the consumption of alcoholic beverages (in moderation) is actually beneficial. That is reality. More importantly, it is imperative that an educational institution teach people how to learn and make informed decisions. There was nothing in the article that encouraged people to drink or not to drink.

Life is a constant series of choices. We must all be given the opportunity to make them as they affect our own personal existence.

Paul C. Veilleux '82
Fort Lee, Va.

Gone but Not Forgotten

After reading your article on Samuel Osborne in "Nothing New" (May '96), I was reminded of an experience from May 1993 when I attended my 50th class reunion.

Solomon Fuller ['36], who also attended this reunion, invited me to take an afternoon ride with him downtown. We visited once familiar places: College Avenue, the old campus, Alden House, Foss Hall, the railroad station, Professor Colgan's home where I studied voice with his wife, my Chaucer professor Dr. Alice Comparetti's home—where her new infant was the subject of my project for a course in child psychology—the church where Professor Strong of the Foreign Language Department was organist and I was the choir's paid soprano and the site of the Osbornes' home.

I was so eager to get to the Osbornes' place. Solomon became strangely quiet. Had memories silenced him? Solomon had graduated from *Colby* many, many years before I had enrolled. However, we both remembered the Osbornes with pleasure.

We both had beaten them at checkers; we both had read their issues of the *Afro-American* and *Pittsburgh Courier*. Marion Osborne, Samuel Osborne's older daughter, Class of 1900, was the first African-American woman to earn a *Colby* degree. I was the second, 43 years later.

What had been Samuel Osborne's home and garden was now an ugly asphalt parking lot. Not rhythmically battered into splinters and rubble by smashing swings of a crane's demolition pendulum. Instead, burned to ashes. Ceremonial rite? Arson?

"Solomon, are you sure this is the place?" He just nodded. We sat silently, staring at the parking lot. I began to ache way down deep within me. As we slowly pulled away from the site, a car crowded with young male adults passed by. They leered, jeered and shouted obscenities at us. The sorrow in my gut left me. In its place I felt a burning rage.

The tribute to Samuel Osborne in the May 1996 issue of *Colby* doused the burning rage within me.

Millicent Bolling Smith '43
Washington, D.C.

Thanks for the Memories

Earl Smith's piece on [the closing of] Levine's [clothing store] in the most recent issue of the *Colby* magazine is a sweet, evocative and generous essay.

I was so pleased to witness the award of honorary doctorates by the College to the Levine brothers at last year's graduation—my daughter, Karin, was in the graduating class.

The closing of Levine's may be a metaphor for the end of an era. Your essay caught the moment, captured the sentiment and brought more than a few tears to this reader.

Mark B. Lapping
Cumberland Center, Maine

By Earl Smith

What's summer for?

Colby folks have grown accustomed to the dust and ditches that have marked campus growth for a half century. This summer, Physical Plant Director Alan Lewis set new records of inconvenience when the College and the local sewerage district combined efforts in creating a huge mess along Mayflower Hill for a new line. Other proud disruptions included the beginning of the new dorms and grand landscaping projects around the Olin, Schupf and Pugh buildings, not to mention a complete renovation of the lower central mall. (See "Recovering the Quad," page 12.) Other projects included the removal of the fence around the football field and repair of the library steps. And, if that isn't enough, think about boiler removals, Chapel rewiring, renovation of the Roberts Row and Hillside dorms, chem and bio lab renovations, completion of residence hall computer networking, and new fields for softball, lacrosse and field hockey.

Keeping time

We're sorry to report the end of a fine Colby tradition with the scheduled repair of the Miller Library tower clock this summer. Even though generations of Colby students and others have become used to separate times on the four faces—and none of them correct—increasingly more outrageous discrepancies have prompted the decision to outfit the thing with precision workings. We can hope that the new stuff won't work either, but more likely we'll mourn the loss of the myriad opportunities for excuses for being late to classes and meetings. Life on Mayflower Hill will never again be the same. Next thing you know,

they'll cap the spring that floods the McCann Road and spoil the ice fishing.

A bit of blackmail

Bowdoin, like Colby, was chartered by the General Court of Massachusetts but, unlike Colby, Bowdoin has never entirely separated itself from the Commonwealth. So, in order to make charter changes, the Brunswick college was at the mercy of the Massachusetts as well as the Maine legislature. Paul Matthews, a 1994 Colby grad, is an aide to Massachusetts Representative Harriett Chandler (D-Worcester), who shepherded a bill through the Boston state house to consolidate Bowdoin's Board of Trustees and Overseers. Matthews jokes that he thought of getting Chandler to hold up the bill in exchange for some kind of graft—"Namely," he said, "the kind of graft that gets boiled in a pot and dipped in melted butter."

Colby's a brick

In 1935, when architect Jens Frederick Larsen was commissioned to design the new Mayflower Hill campus, he was determined that the buildings would feature a very special brick. He wanted durability, of course, but he also wanted a color that would be softer than ordinary brick, with a more pleasing texture. The brick that most closely matched his needs was the Harvard Brick, a composition designed specifically for Harvard College and which had become a standard in the construction trade. The Morin Brick Company in Danville Junction, Maine, would have filled the order, but principals there convinced Larsen and Colby trustees to examine samples of an entirely new brick. After a winter of rigorous

experimentation, Larsen pronounced the new brick superior to the Harvard one and specified it for the new campus. The Morin company, which made the new brick in its kilns in Auburn, asked permission to name the new product after Colby. More than a half-century later, the Colby Brick remains a popular standard. Larsen thought it would take 27 million of them to complete the campus. Given that the place is now twice the size of the one Larsen envisioned, it would seem a fair estimate that there now are some 50 million Maine-made Colby Bricks on the Hill.

Another CASE

The Council for the Advancement & Support of Education (CASE) awarded Colby magazine a bronze medal for the online version of the publication. The competition had 70 college and university entries. The CASE official who announced the prize said that "Colby is obviously doing this [online magazine] the right way and it shows."

Colby pride

Bruce Rueger in geology has received a grant from the Bermuda Zoological Society to support his ongoing research into the vegetation history of the island. Funding from the grant also will allow Bruce to take two Colby students with him into the field. . . . Jon Weiss, director of Colby's program in Dijon, France, was invited to give a lecture on the research he has been doing into the life and work of Irene Nemirovsky, a French writer born in Russia (1903-1942), at the University of Tours in April. . . . The Student Association honored assistant director of student activities Josh Eckel '94 with its annual

staff award for his hard work on behalf of all students, especially the leaders of Stu-A. Overseer and part-time College physician Al Hume has been elected chair of the board at the Tilton School in New Hampshire. . . . Ben Jorgensen '92, director of student activities, has been given the additional title of assistant dean of students. . . . Demetra Giatas '88 has been promoted from assistant director of alumni relations to associate director.

Bedrock research

Andrew C. Flint '96 (Catonsville, Md.) has been awarded an undergraduate research grant from the Geological Society of America to support his study of the fractured bedrock aquifer in Waterville. The project involves his work as a research assistant to Assistant Professor of Geology Paul Doss with the newly installed groundwater wells in the F.W. Olin Science Center.

Moosecellaneous

The campus had an extra sparkle in the long-overdue spring, thanks to Linda Cotter who gave the College hundreds of daffodil bulbs for campus planting a couple of years ago, now mature and blooming. . . . Although Colby cheese is not named for Colby in the same way that the Colby Brick is, the softer stuff is most certainly named for the same man. Gardner Colby, who saved this college with \$50,000, made railroads here and there, including in Wisconsin, where they named a town for him. The same town later began to make Colby cheese. . . . Science and Technology Studies is changing its name to Science, Technology, and Society (STS).

A Losing Battle?

Federal judge questions the wisdom of the 'War on Drugs'

By Kevin Cool

Sweeping changes are needed in government anti-drug policies, beginning with pilot programs to test the effectiveness of decriminalization of some drugs, an influential federal court judge told a Colby audience last spring.

Juan Torruella, chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, said that the "war on drugs" waged since the early 1970s has been expensive and largely ineffective and may have contributed to a growing criminal subculture sustained by extraordinary profits. "The more you restrict supply [of a product] the higher the price goes," Torruella said. Attracted by profit margins of 20,000 percent, drug dealers are engaged in "the best business in America," he said.

Torruella emphasized that his ideas about changes in drug policies do not amount to an endorsement of decriminalization but present other options for debate. "Nothing I say should be interpreted as my promoting the use of drugs because nothing



Judge Juan Torruella says anti-drug laws make drug dealing profitable.

could be further from my own personal position," he said. "But we must ask ourselves which imposes greater cost on our society—permitting drugs or prohibiting them."

Federal spending on anti-drug programs—including education, rehabilitation and enforcement—has increased from \$100 million in 1973 to \$12 billion in 1993, the latest year for which figures are available, Torruella

said. While attempts to curb the supply of drugs have done little to reduce their use, educational programs aimed at reducing the demand have had reasonably good success. "When it comes to reducing drug use, the government gets more bang for the buck from education than enforcement," he said.

Torruella noted that alcohol and tobacco use produce much greater problems for society than

illegal drug use, but funding for combating these legal drugs is a fraction of the amount spent to fight illicit substances. According to statistics Torruella presented, one in five Americans uses tobacco, resulting in 474,000 deaths annually and billions of dollars in medical costs. Meanwhile, about one in 25 Americans uses illegal drugs, resulting in 5,000 deaths each year. "The harm caused by alcohol and tobacco are many times greater than that of drugs," he said.

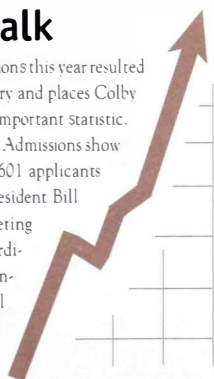
Short of instituting draconian laws like those in Singapore and Malaysia—where possession of even tiny amounts of illegal drugs is punishable by hanging—the government cannot significantly control drug use, Torruella said. "We simply can't put everybody in jail," he said.

Torruella recommended a national debate about drug policies and a bipartisan commission to explore options, as well as a pilot program of decriminalization. "Let's look at this problem and find new ways of dealing with it," he said. ♦

sidewalk talk

Record-breaking numbers of applications this year resulted in the lowest admit rate in College history and places Colby among the nation's top schools in that important statistic.

Final figures provided by the Office of Admissions show that only 31 percent of the College's 4601 applicants were admitted for the Class of 2000. President Bill Cotter told trustees at their spring meeting that the low admit rate "is truly extraordinary." Only about 50 colleges in the country admit fewer than 30 percent of all applicants, and Colby's rate likely places it among the top 20, Cotter said.



Grades for Free

Effective July 1, Colby no longer requires students and alumni to pay for transcripts, Registrar George Coleman says.

Coleman says the \$1 fee for processing extra transcripts—the first copy always was free—has been in place for more than 30 years. "For all I know we're the last place in the universe charging that amount," he said. "Many colleges charge five dollars; a number charge nothing."

Persons requesting transcripts that require overnight shipping, faxing or other special postage will be charged for those costs, Coleman says.

Because of confidentiality concerns, transcript requests must be submitted in writing; faxes are acceptable if they are signed. The Registrar's fax number is 207-872-3076 and the phone number is 207-872-3197. Questions or correspondence other than transcript requests may be sent via e-mail to registr@colby.edu. ♦

Alcohol Panel Seeks Attitude Adjustment

A panel charged with reducing alcohol abuse at Colby produced a report in May that included more than 30 recommendations, many of which attempt to promote "a culture of responsibility."

Following nearly a year of research and discussion the Trustee Commission on Alcohol, chaired by Beverly Nalbandian Madden '80, said it seeks to develop a more vibrant social life while creating an environment "where abuse is challenged and not tolerated, where all persons will be honored, and where civility and respect for the educational process, both inside and outside the classroom, are paramount."

Dean of the College Earl Smith, a commission member, said the panel believed that changing the campus culture, rather than the adoption of harsh regulations, was the best approach for alleviating alcohol abuse. "The rules are probably the least important part of the report," Smith said. "Many of the new things are aimed at creating different attitudes about drinking."

A major recommendation calls for the creation of a centralized social/cultural programming student board to organize campus social events and help fund many kinds of activities. The commission noted that major campus social events such as "Last Day of Loudness" do

not provide adequate alternative options for students who don't wish to drink.

Shannon Baker '98 (Columbus, Ohio), a member of the commission, says that changes resulting from the panel's suggestions won't happen overnight. "I'm probably not going to see a big difference during the time I'm at Colby," she said. "But hopefully five years from now we won't have people coming into Colby expecting to play beer die every night, thinking it's a party school."

Baker says the commission report "has students talking." The components most often discussed, she says, are the new regulations limiting residence halls to one party per week and the introduction of chem-free lounges in all residence halls. "Not everybody is happy with all of the recommendations, but that's a sign that we've introduced real change," she said.

In addition to several faculty and administrators, the commission included trustees Alida Camp, Jane Whipple Coddington '55, George Haskell '55, Ellen Haweeli '69, Jean Pratt Moody '56, David Pulver '63, Elaine Zervas Stamas '53 and John Zacamy '71; students Shannon Baker '98, Alex Chin '96, Holly Grochmal '98 and Noah Wepman '96; and Alumni Council Chair Ronald Lupton '71. ♦

Is Affirmative Action Needed? Yes and No.

An outspoken critic of affirmative action told a Spotlight Event audience in early May that the program has outlived its usefulness and has created a state-sanctioned form of discrimination, but an advocate of the program said it remains an important step toward leveling the playing field for minority citizens.

Linda Chavez, president of the Washington-based Center For Equal Opportunity and author of a book critical of race-based government programs, said affirmative action provides unfair advantages for prospective college students of color and to minority contractors competing for lucrative federal projects. "[Affirmative action] has gone away from its original goals of recruitment and training to giving outright preferences, not just to those who have been victims of discrimination or who have been disad-



From the left, Juan Williams; from the right, Linda Chavez.

vantaged, but to any person who fits certain racial classifications and to women," Chavez said. "To judge people by immutable characteristics such as the color of their skin is wrong," she said.

Arguing against Chavez was Juan Williams, an author and commentator best known for his Emmy-award winning documentary *Eyes on the Prize*. Williams rejected the notion that affirmative action is unnecessary as a vehicle for empowering minority Americans. "The fact is, if



you look at the CEOs and people in positions of power in this country you find that it is overwhelmingly, almost exclusively, a white male preserve," he said. Williams said the recent attacks on affirmative action are politically motivated and have little to do with the reality of the American workplace. "The truth is," he said, "there is not much affirmative action going on."

Williams sharply rebutted Chavez's contention that colleges and universities should not con-

sider race as a factor in evaluating applicants. He noted that admissions offices often select students based on non-academic characteristics such as athletic or musical ability. Only when race is used to promote diversity among its students are colleges accused of "discrimination," he said.

The fact that minority students are underrepresented at public colleges and universities suggests that states are failing to educate their citizens in proportion to their numbers. "In fact, minority tax dollars are being used to fund the educations of non-minority students," Williams said.

Chavez countered that America will never reach its goal of a "color-blind" society until affirmative action is abolished. "Two wrongs do not make a right," she said. "Policies that use race as a proxy for achievement will not lead us to a society in which color is not a dividing line." ♦



WRACC is seen as a key to revitalizing downtown Waterville.

Building Up Downtown

Recent economic news from Waterville has been grim.

National media outlets from Boston to Los Angeles covered the announcement in May by Warnaco CEO Linda Wachner that the Hathaway shirt factory in Waterville would close before the end of the year. (A group of investors led by former Maine Governor John McKernan is working to save the plant.) Levine's, an anchor for the downtown business district, has closed. Avian Farms, an internationally recognized poultry breeding and research firm, has delayed expansion plans because of a national downturn in demand. And, aside from the revival of the Harris Baking Company, which is emerging from bankruptcy, local industry is flat.

So it was with considerable enthusiasm that Waterville embraced a plan by a group of local leaders to purchase the Sterns Cultural Center on Main Street, defunct since late last year, and christen it the Waterville Regional Arts and Community Center (WRACC).

Colby President Bill Cotter leads the group, which purchased the former Sterns department store at auction in early June. WRACC will use the building as a venue for performing and non-

performing arts, for community group offices and for retail businesses. The intent is for the facility to serve not only Waterville and surrounding towns but central Maine from the coast to Skowhegan. All members of the community will be invited to become members of the center.

More than \$500,000 was raised for the purchase from Colby, Mid-Maine Medical Center, philanthropists Elizabeth Noyce and Bert Clifford, Colonial Distributors, Walter and Mary Simcock, Hannaford Brothers, Thomas College, A.G. Edwards & Sons and an anonymous donor. The building sold for \$350,000, and much of the remaining \$150,000 will be used for repair and renovation. An additional \$500,000 must be raised by next spring. The group plans to approach other local corporations and businesses for additional major gifts and hopes to attract at least 2,000 individual donors at the \$25 membership level.

The building's current tenants are expected to stay, and WRACC has hired a general manager and a group to administer arts programs. Other new tenants may include community non-profit groups and the City of Waterville. ♦

The Reel Pocahontas

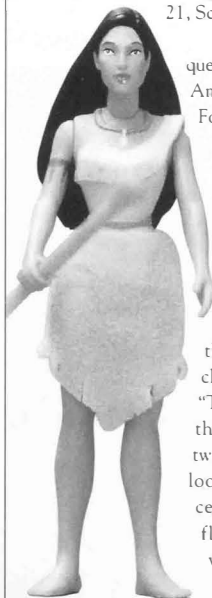
Pocahontas may have been wonderful family entertainment, but the Disney film had very little resemblance to the historical figure whose name it appropriated. That was the consensus at a discussion about Hollywood's depiction of Pocahontas and of Native American culture in general conducted by visiting Instructor of Religious Studies Laurel Schneider.

Schneider, who taught a spring course titled *Native American Religious Traditions*, read two different accounts by Captain John Smith of his capture by the Powhatans in December 1607. In the first account, written in the same year the event occurred, Smith claimed that tribal chief Powhatan released him after an elaborate religious ceremony; he did not mention Pocahontas. Smith's second version of the story, written 17 years later, described how Powhatan's daughter, Pocahontas, intervened to save his life as he was about to be killed by club-wielding Indians. Despite the inconsistencies between the two accounts, Schneider says, Smith's later version was accepted into popular lore and spawned the legend of Pocahontas. But even this historically questionable account was discarded by Disney in an attempt to add drama and romance to the relationship between Pocahontas and Smith, she says. In the movie, which Schneider showed following her introduction, Pocahontas falls in love with Smith and prevents a war between the Powhatans and the English. Assistant Professor of History Elizabeth Leonard called the film "a complete fabrication."

The historical Pocahontas—who was 11 years old when Smith was captured—married a Virginia merchant, John Rolfe, accompanied him to England and died, probably of smallpox, at 21, Schneider said.

The distortions in the film raise questions about the depiction of Native Americans by filmmakers, Schneiders said. For example, she said, the models used to create the animated characters in *Pocahontas* were Asian, not Native American. She added, however, that *Pocahontas* resonated with some Native Americans because of its positive portrayal of their people.

Instructor in Education and Human Development Sandy Grande said that she was able to separate the movie character from the historical Pocahontas. "There is story and there is history, and I think it's important to distinguish between them," she said. "I hope we don't look to Disney for history." While conceding that *Pocahontas* is historically flawed, Grande said the story has some value in depicting Native Americans as "the good guys." ♦



Picture Perfect

First came the platform party: the president, honorary degree recipients, dean of students, dean of faculty, dean of the College, registrar, faculty marshals, trustees. Then the faculty, resplendent. Then 449 about-to-be graduates, two by two, flowing down Miller Library's steps in black robes.

Most other years, the Portland Brass Quintet would have been right on the money in striking up, as they did, a tune from Wagner's *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*. Wagner is not known for his brevity; neither are Colby commencement processions. But in 1996 it took just 13 minutes—about half the average for the last five years—for everyone in the long line to process and be seated. (At a luncheon following the ceremonies, President Bill Cotter joked that if the faculty had picked up its pace a little, the parade might have come in under 10 minutes. "We're old!" Professor of Government Sandy Maisel protested.)

Innovation has its hazards, of course. From the platform, Dean of Students Janice Kassman spotted Hacho Bohos Bohossian '96 (*summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, honors in chemistry), who didn't appear to have a chair placed behind him. This would be a problem, she surmised, when the seniors were directed to sit. The dean sent an emissary: "I'll have a chair when it's time to sit," Bohossian said confidently, and with good reason—economics professor Patrice Franko was on the job, raiding the faculty seating section. A chair appeared.

Not much of a glitch—and the last of the day. Colby's 175th commencement was all but flawless.

Rabbi Raymond Krinsky, the College's Jewish chaplain, asked in his invocation that the graduates be granted "courage, deter-

mination and a loud voice" against injustice and inequity. Cotter thanked the class for the cool, sunny weather and reported that the 1996 Senior Parents Fund topped \$357,000, a record. Class President Ginger Comstock of Westfield, N.J. (daughter of Robert '67 and Frances Richter Comstock '67), offered a cautionary tale. Persuaded by a friend that she was "a lock" for an internship at HBO and that a visit to the corporate offices was a formality, Comstock said, she was surprised to be ushered into a mogul's office for a formal interview. "And I have nothing, no résumé, nothing to show this man," she said. "And he began to ask me questions. 'Why HBO? Why communications?' I didn't know why. And then he said, 'So, what are your strengths?' I hadn't given it any thought. So of course I sat there and I said, 'Uh, I dunno.' That's not really what they want to hear. And then after that he said, 'What are your weaknesses?', and of course, immediately, I had an answer. I don't know where it came from, but I said—I looked this man, he was so unfriendly, right in the face—and I said, 'Sometimes I have a hard time following directions.' . . . He showed me out." Comstock advised her classmates to take some time to assess their strengths. "You are going to go off and do something, each one of you, that fits you and is going to be perfect," she said.

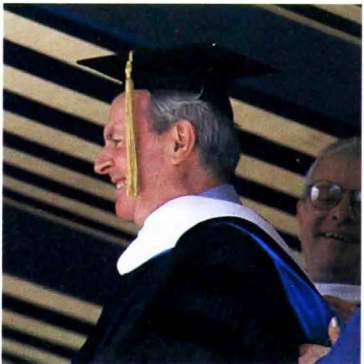
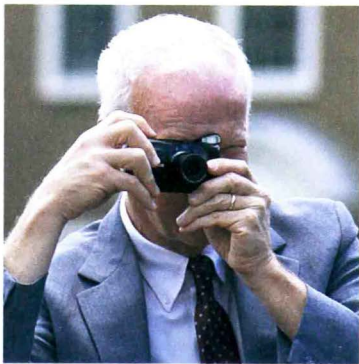
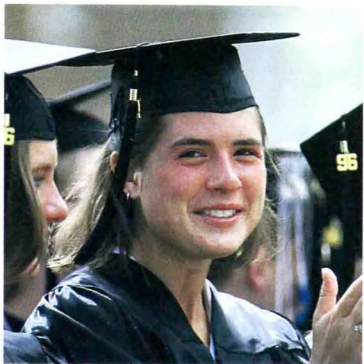
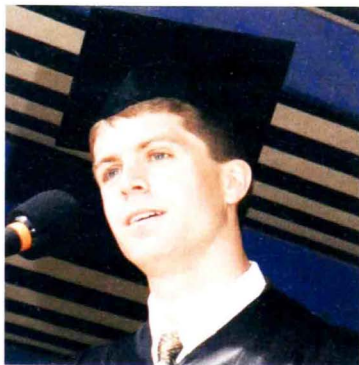
Class Speaker Matt Russ of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, called his college years "a rich source of stories," noting that the people he met each had "an intriguing past and a promising future." He learned about these people, he said, by listening to their stories.

"Upon graduating, and for the rest of our lives, we are going to meet more and more people who are different from ourselves,"

Clockwise from upper left: Crawford Family Professor of Religious Studies Thomas Longstaff and Robert E. Diamond Professor of Women's Studies and French Jane Moss lead the graduation procession; class speaker Matt Russ; a family member gets into the picture; 1996 graduates; honorary degree recipient and commencement speaker Charles Osgood; Carrie Allen

175th Commencement Leaves Lasting Impressions

By Sally Baker, with photos by Marc Glass



Russ said. "It will be up to us, wherever we are and whatever we do, to find a means of coexisting. Call it peace. Call it love. Call it tolerance. Call it whatever you like. I will call it sharing stories. I will think of my Colby diploma as a bookmark of sorts, marking a chapter of stories that opened my mind to the exciting minds of others." A few minutes after concluding his speech, Russ returned to the podium to accept the 1996 Condon Medal, an honor voted by the class and confirmed by the faculty.

Charles Osgood, proud (and occasionally choked up) father of Kathleen Wood '96 and, incidentally, anchor of *CBS News Sunday Morning* and CBS Radio's *The Osgood File*, was on hand to deliver the commencement address despite the obvious conflict. ("I told my mother that Charles Osgood would be here," Bill Cotter said at a reception for the honorary degree recipients the evening before Commencement. "She said, 'Well, where will he be Sunday morning?' We're basking, but millions of people are hating us," Cotter said.)

Indeed, Osgood gave the assembled seniors, their parents and the rest of the crowd plenty of warmth in which to bask.

"A commencement speech is supposed to contain words of wisdom for the graduates," he said, "but as a broadcaster I have discovered that there is neither a great supply of wisdom nor a great demand for it. My own personal supply of wisdom is such as to guarantee that this will be a short speech." Osgood then offered "a commencement speech within a commencement speech" and recited a 14-line poem read by Dr. Suess when he addressed graduates at a different college several years ago. The poem, "My Uncle Terwilliger on the Art of Eating Popovers," encouraged students to "Do a lot of spitting out of air . . . and be careful what you swallow!"

"Your feelings are mixed now, I am sure," Osgood said. "Joy—that you have achieved what you set out to. Sadness—that this chapter in your lives is over. You realize now that some of the finest people you will ever know have been here in your years at Colby. From them, the dedicated men and women of Colby, you have learned a lot, not only about the subjects of your studies, but you have learned a respect for wisdom. And you've learned something about dedication yourself, and the fact that the greatest satisfactions in life are those things we do for others."

"Without the expressed permission of every mother and father here, but secure in the feeling that I'm right about this, I can tell you that we parents are experiencing a mixture of strong emotions about this day of yours, too. Love and pride and happiness for you, along with a flood of memories and a breathtaking, almost dizzying sense of 'Where have all those years gone?' We look at you sitting there in your caps and gowns, all grown up, and other pictures flash through our minds of you when you were little. I mean really little, when you were a baby; yes, even when you were first born. You

being tucked in and kissed goodnight; you going off to school for the first time; you in a school play; you laughing and playing and singing. You growing up.

"I mean, I don't want to embarrass you, and it would take too much time anyway, but we've got hundreds of thousands of these terrific pictures of you stored indelibly in our memories, and we are playing them back in our minds right now. And in our hearts. In case you didn't know. Here's looking at you, kid."

Osgood finished his speech with his verbal signature, a poem for the graduates:

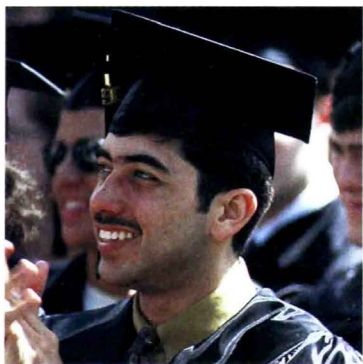
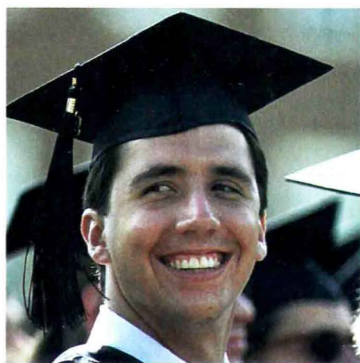
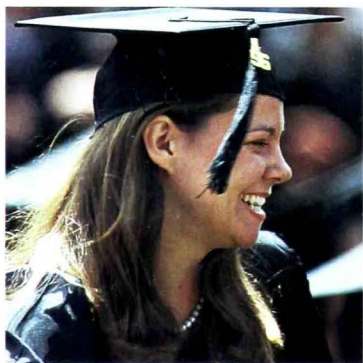
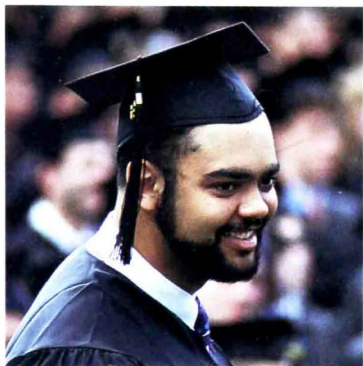
"You've come now to a milepost
where the past and future meet.
At a crossroads for a moment
that is strangely bittersweet.
You knew it would affect you
but you didn't know how much
as today you tell each other that
of course you'll keep in touch.
And perhaps you even will,
for it is now forever true,
that you are part of Colby,
and that Colby's part of you."

Osgood joined Drew University President and former New Jersey Governor Thomas Kean (father of Alexandra '96), Rya Zobel, United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts and director of the Federal Judicial Center, and Robert T. Paine, a professor at the University of Washington and an international leader in the development of the science of ecology, in receiving honorary degrees from the College. Then all sat back and enjoyed the long procession of seniors who came to the platform to shake Cotter's hand and get their diplomas.

The Class of '96 displayed its share of unusual garb and back-of-the-hat humor. Pleas for jobs adorned a few mortarboards. Josh Fishkin of Redding, Conn., was capless and shoeless. Deirdre Foley (Closter, N.J.) was sporting a carrot in place of her tassel. After Mass on commencement morning, she'd asked Colby Catholic Chaplain John Marquis if he'd seen her lost tassel. "No, I haven't seen it," Marquis said. "Why don't you just put a carrot on your cap?" Bingo.

Commencement ended with a benediction from Marquis, who urged the new graduates to serve as well as to strive. And, he said, "May they be filled with optimism for their future." Another emissary from the platform, this time sent by Professor of French and co-College Marshal Jane Moss, gave whispered, last-minute directions on how the class should recess. Then they were off—first to the Runnals lawn for lunch under a blue and gray awning and, from there, to whatever awaits them.

Clockwise from upper left: Earl Lewis; Sarah Gelman; J. Colin Harrington; Kim Allen; Wilfredo Alvarez; Tina Garand





Recovering the Quad

On any sunny day in spring or autumn, the expanse of green space that unfolds below Miller Library is sprinkled with students reading, lounging on the grass and playing Frisbee. The quadrangle has for 50 years been Colby's front lawn, site of impromptu parties, photo opportunities, commencements and, well, people sitting around. Ask virtually any Colby student what first attracted him or her to the College and the terraced platform on Mayflower Hill that is the heart of the campus will be mentioned.

From the top of the quad one can see all the way to the Camden Hills 50 miles away, but it's the view from below that drops jaws. Flanked by Georgian buildings and sugar maples, the quad rises impressively toward its sentry, the library, on its green pedestal. When the College was considering sites for the Lunder House, home

of the admissions office through which hundreds of prospective students pass each year, they chose a spot near a grove of pines with a panoramic view of the quadrangle.

Because of the quadrangle's central place in Colby's identity—it's the mental image alumni often retain most vividly—its aesthetic quality is of more than token interest. So when College officials wanted advice about how to incorporate the new F.W. Olin Science Center into the quadrangle, they turned to Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates of Cambridge, Mass., landscape architects who two years ago designed a new master plan for Harvard Yard. Van Valkenburgh's task was larger than the assimilation of a new building, however. The situation facing Colby is similar to Harvard's—a monoculture, in this case, sugar maples, has reached the end of its life span, threaten-



Colby's 50-year-old sugar maples are dying, but a new landscaping project promises re-leaf

ing the character of the College's most important green space. The quadrangle without trees? Unimaginable.

Administrative Vice President W. Arnold Yasinski says that the College recognized an opportunity both to ease in the Olin building and preserve the long-term beauty of the quadrangle. Using Van Valkenburgh's designs, Colby will complete this summer a \$300,000 landscaping project that includes reforesting the quad. There will be more trees and more species of trees. Red oaks, red maples and a hardier species of sugar maples are being planted in tidy rows on either side of the quadrangle. Flowering crabapple trees will form small orchards in front of the Olin building and the Eustis parking lot. Benches are being added in strategic places, and a "sitting wall" is being erected near the

library entrance. A new terrace cut into the lower section of the quad will help balance the "weight" of the Olin building, located opposite the Eustis parking area.

"We wanted to soften the ends of the quadrangle and add more color," Yasinski said, explaining the crabapple orchards and the additional terracing. "Most important, we wanted to replace the monocultures we now have with more diversity and create a shade canopy that would not hide our buildings."

By acting now, the College has avoided losing its entire tree canopy at once, Yasinski says, and the new plantings should ensure that such a scenario would not occur in the future. "We want to always have mature trees along the quad," he said.

Future generations of Colbians no doubt will be grateful. ♦

By Kevin Cool



Friends for Life

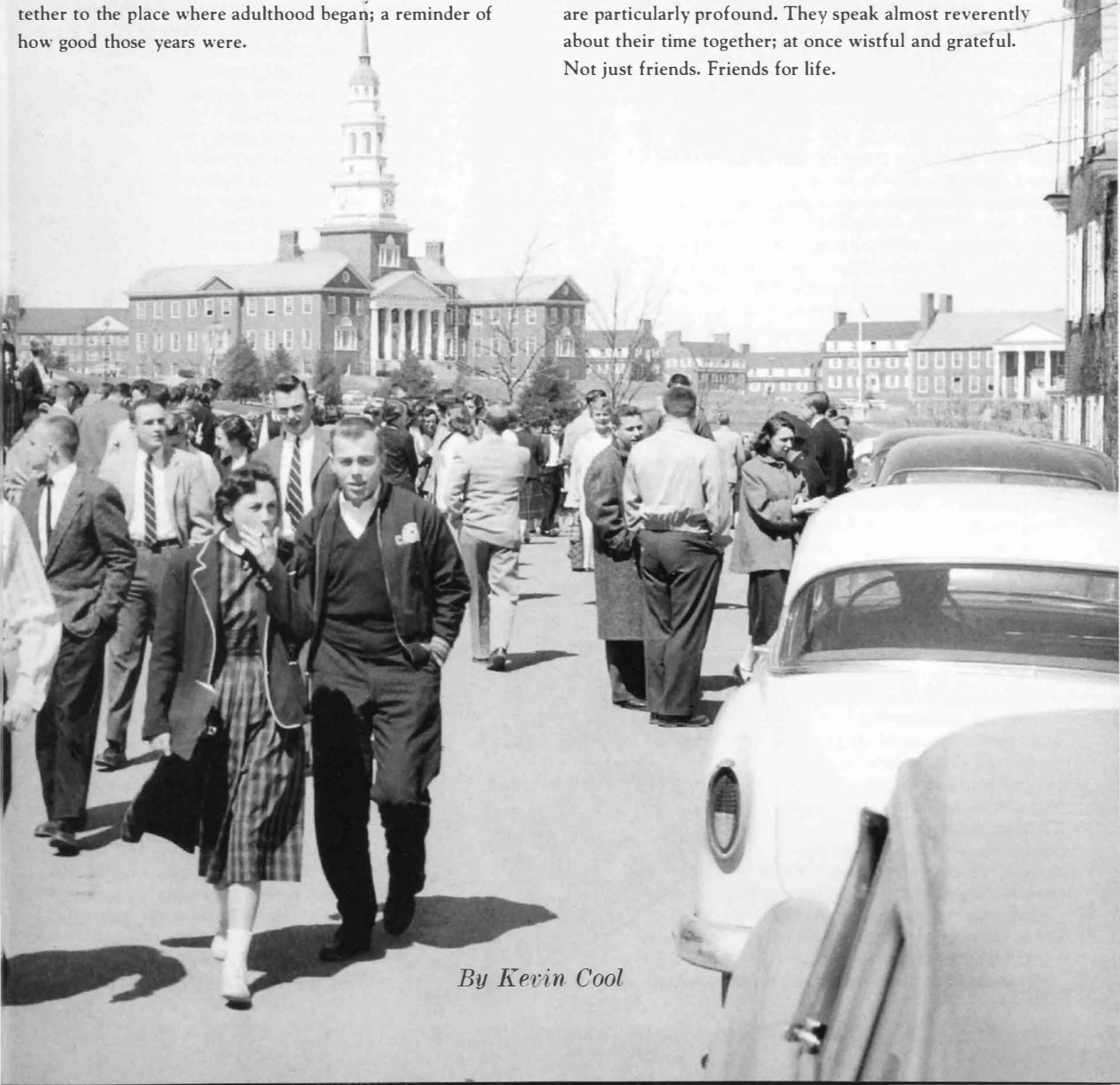
Maybe it started over a burger at the Spa. Maybe you met in a class and continued a discussion on the way to the library. Maybe there was a ski weekend with common acquaintances. Maybe you were roommates.

Colby friendships have many origins, but the thing they have in common is the College itself. It is the great meeting place—the venue for developing friendships that can last a lifetime. No great college would be great without the legions of alumni whose collective memory and joint perspective give meaning to its traditions—which are rooted in their shared experience. After the classes are forgotten and the knowledge stored away, friends remain a tether to the place where adulthood began; a reminder of how good those years were.

But life manages to cleave space where there once was none. Distance, time and changing lifestyles can gradually erode the relationships that were easily maintained when “getting together” meant walking down the hall or across the campus. College friendships that become long-term friendships take work.

The degree to which Colby friendships endure seems, if not extraordinary, certainly unusual. Colby alumni have taken the time not merely to stay in touch but to remain part of each other's lives, defying the transience of careers and hometowns to forge even deeper ties.

There is one group of Colbians for whom friendships are particularly profound. They speak almost reverently about their time together; at once wistful and grateful. Not just friends. Friends for life.



By Kevin Cool



Norman Lee '58

"Want to know what a friend is?" Lynne D'Amico McKee '58, a small woman with a large presence, was sitting on the couch of her Hampden, Maine, home when she proffered the question, and, a moment later, the answer. "I'll tell you what a friend is," she said, and leaned forward so her elbows rested on her knees.

For the next 90 minutes she related stories of joyful reunions, anniversary celebrations, birthday parties, shared vacations and children's weddings. She talked about spouses who died, children who took their own lives, illnesses, funerals. And through it all, friendships that endured, deepened and solidified.

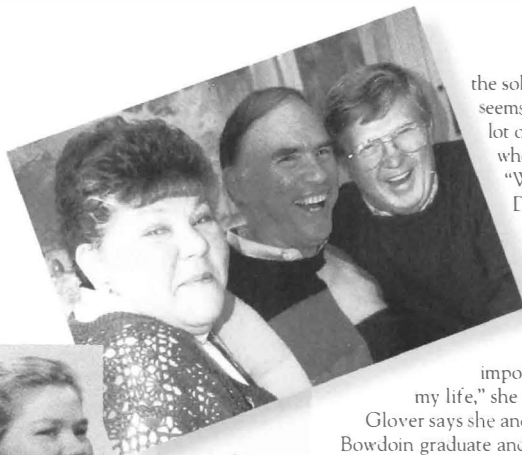
McKee is one of several people—many of whom are Colby Class of '58—who comprise a circle of friends that has shown extraordinary staying power. Nearly 40 years after they left Mayflower Hill, these former roommates and fraternity and sorority buddies congregate regularly. When something happens to any member of the group, phones start ringing. Soon all of the others know about it.

To say these folks know how to have fun would be an understatement. When they get together, says McKee, "it's non-stop laughter." Take, for instance, the "Colby Weekends" held annually since the late '70s at the Maine lake cottage of Norman Lee '58 and Charlotte Clifton Lee '61. They are raucous gatherings that inspire prodigious travel efforts. Regulars will do almost anything to avoid missing them. Last year they came from Seattle, Los Angeles, Wisconsin—all over the United States—and one "member" tried to come from Katmandu, Nepal. What began as a tiny gathering of old fraternity buddies has grown to involve dozens of people. Children are now bringing grandchildren as the parties spill over into the next generation. "I think our kids have come to enjoy it as much as or more than we do," Norman Lee said.

In an age when friendships are as transient as careers,

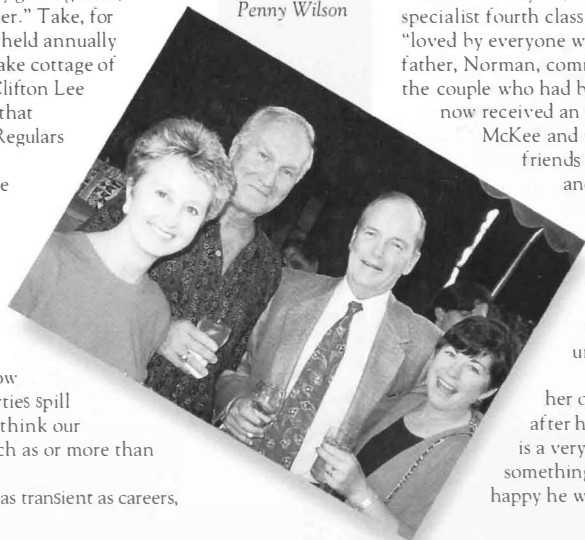


Andria Peacock Kime '58



Andria Peacock Kime '58,
Bruce Blanchard '58
and John Kime.

Charlotte Clifton Lee '61,
Norman Lee '58,
John Wilson '60
and Penny Wilson



the solidarity of this group of Colbians seems extraordinary, if not unique. "A lot of people focus their friendships on where they live," Norman Lee said. "We've done just the opposite. Distance is not a factor for us."

Beryl Scott Glover '58 calls it simply "a love network."

Friends for life? As far as she is concerned, there's no other kind. "I decided a long time ago that these people were too important to me to let them slip out of my life," she said.

Glover says she and her late husband, Bob—a Bowdoin graduate and "honorary member of the Colby Class of '58"—moved so often they joked that he was "a migrant worker." The result of so many different addresses was that the Glovers said a lot of goodbyes. "It became very painful to leave friends behind, so I decided I was going to take my friends with me," she said. "I found that I could put a WATS line to better purpose than anybody in the universe."



Lynne D'Amico McKee '58

If shared happiness has been the glue of these friendships over the past 40 years, shared sorrow has been the cement. Nearly everyone in the group has dealt with the loss of a loved one, a serious illness, or both. McKee's husband, Robert, died in 1988; Glover's husband died in 1993. Eleven years prior to losing her mate, Glover had endured the suicide of her daughter, Kathy, to whom she had donated a kidney two years earlier. "We've shared each other's happiness and we've shared sadness, too," McKee said.

On February 27, 24-year-old Bradford Lee, a specialist fourth class in the Army National Guard, "loved by everyone who knew him," according to his father, Norman, committed suicide. The Lees, always the couple who had brought other Colbians together, now received an outpouring of love and support.

McKee and Glover mobilized the army of friends to come to the Lees' aid. "Beryl and Lynne must have called 50 people. I heard from classmates I hadn't heard from in years," said Norman Lee, his voice breaking. "I don't think we realized how much these people meant to us until Brad's death."

McKee says Norman called her on Mother's Day, a few weeks after his son's death, in tears. "Norman is a very loving man. If there is something he can do to make somebody happy he will do it. I wish there was a way to

take some of the burden he and Charlotte are carrying. When they hurt, I hurt too," she said.

The deaths of these loved ones has brought home the fact that pain will be a companion to joy as these friendships age. "Up until the time Lynne and Beryl lost their husbands we felt invincible," said Norman Lee. "We just thought we would always be together. I think those deaths brought a new dimension, a deeper understanding, to our relationships. We appreciated life more and we appreciated each other more."

Glover recalls how her grief following the suicide of her daughter was made easier by Colby friends, and in turn allowed her to provide comfort later to others confronting a loss. "I've been the beneficiary of the depth of these friendships, and I've been a participant when my buddies faced these tough challenges," she said. "When Kathy died I felt a circle of love around me; the Colby gang was there. When Lynne's [husband] Bob died I had something to give her, and the same was true when the Lees lost Brad. I knew what they were going through. If you've had to gut it out yourself and others have showed you the way, you are better able to give comfort and support."

The death of classmate Andria Peacock Kime in 1992 provided another illustration of the closeness of the members of the Class of '58 and their extended network. Kime was diabetic and was told by doctors that she probably wouldn't live past the age of 35. They misread by 20 years.

A few days before she died, Kime called a classmate from the emergency room to apologize because she couldn't attend a reunion planning meeting. She had disguised her illness so effectively that many of the classmates at that meeting were shocked to learn of her death, McKee said. When the reunion took place several months later her classmates selected a Japanese cherry tree on the Colby campus to dedicate in her memory. Glover, Kime's Colby roommate, wrote the memorial eulogy.

"Everybody showed up for

the ceremony," she said. "Her death was part of the ongoing love network in our group. The troops gathered around and supported her husband and her children and stayed in touch."

Glover is convinced that Colby friendships are extraordinary, particularly in the Class of '58. "Our class seemed to have a special bond when we were at Colby, and that bond has continued and strengthened since," Glover said.

She attributes that bond in part to "marvelous



These Class of '58 friends' shared memories began with College events like the Strawberry Breakfast (above, 1957) and continued with periodic mini-reunions (below, 1991).

human beings who happened to be in the same place at the same time" and to a special chemistry Colby seems to engender. "I think President [Seelye] Bixler had a lot to do with the feeling we have for the place and for each other," she said. "He sort of set the tone. He knew every student by name and knew where you were from, and even something about you."

Almost 40 years later, Glover and others refuse to let that sense of community die. One product of Glover's earnestness is a newsletter published for Tri Delt sorority members, complemented by periodic mini-

reunions, the first of which was held at the Glovers' home in 1987. There have been two more reunions since, and another is planned for next year, but that first meeting is particularly memorable for Glover. "This was four years after Kathy died, but I still had some unfinished business to deal with. I didn't always talk about my grief, but at that reunion I was encouraged to talk about it. They sat and cried with me. It was something I needed to do, and something they needed to do and something we needed to do together."

Glover's Colby support group stepped forward again when her husband died suddenly in 1993. "We had a memorial service for Bob in New York City. It was a January day and the weather was just awful—a terrible ice storm practically shut down the city. But people came. They came from all over the place. There wasn't any question about it—they just came," she said.

Likewise, McKee has been the beneficiary of a loving support network of Colby friends. She recalls that "the phone never stopped ringing" following the death of her husband. One old Colby friend, John Shute '57, heard about her loss while visiting the campus and immediately drove to the McKee home in Hampden. "He was on my doorstep within twenty-four hours of Bob's death," McKee recalled. "I hadn't seen

John for years, but there he was, coming to help me."

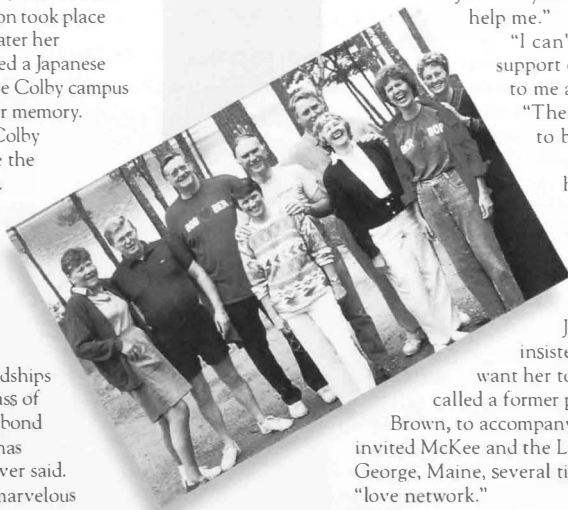
"I can't describe how much the support of my Colby friends meant to me after Bob died," she said.

"These were the people I wanted to be with."

Robert McKee and Lynne had traveled with the Lees to Thailand, India and Nepal in November 1987 and were planning another trip to Alaska when Robert died the following

June. Buoyed by the Lees' insistence that her husband would want her to make the Alaska trip, Lynne called a former prep school friend, Mim

Brown, to accompany her. Since then, Brown has invited McKee and the Lees to her cottage on Lake George, Maine, several times, further extending the "love network."



Beryl Scott Glover '58

McKee jokes that these gatherings always hold new opportunities for poking fun at one another, an important element of these friends' playful affection. "Norman has been dubbed the official 'leg lifter' because he has to help me into the boat," McKee said.

McKee has been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and says it was the Lees who persuaded her to visit the Lahey Clinic in Boston to determine why she was experiencing pain in her legs. "Norman said, 'Maybe I can get rid of this job as leg lifter, I don't get any tips anyway,'" McKee said, laughing.

The Lees surprised her recently with a gift of art they had purchased for their home several years ago, McKee says. "How could someone who bought this beautiful piece of art for their own home just give it away like that?" McKee said. "It's going right over there," she said, pointing to a spot on her living room wall. "I will think of Norman and Charlotte every time I look at it."

The Lees, in the midst of planning for their daughter Cynthia's wedding in August, are moving from their longtime home in West Hartford, Conn., to Florida, where they will spend the winters. They will return for summers—and more "Colby Weekends"—at their Maine cottage.

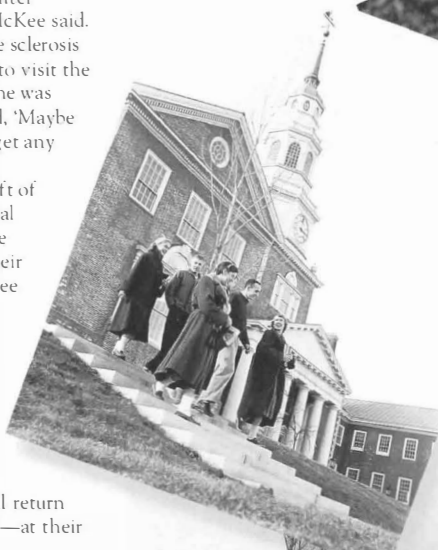
Glover recently moved to North Carolina. She is busy helping to plan next year's Tri Delt reunion.

McKee shares her Hampden home with her son, Rob, and dreams of more travel adventures. "If I can get this damn right leg under control I'm going to be in Africa again before I die," she said. She gets regular phone calls and visits from old Colby friends, including Norman Lee, who says he hopes McKee can make one more overseas trip with them before her illness becomes too severe. "Lynne is one of these gutsy women who won't let her condition get in the way of doing what she wants," he said. "She just has remarkable spirit."

Lee says he worries that as members of this close group grow older distance may become more of a barrier. "We're determined to stay together and get crotchety together," he said. "Maybe we will buy our own facility, hire nurses and raise all the havoc we want. We've talked about changing the cottage into a place where we could all go and move around on ramps and pulleys."

When she reflects on the length and depth of the friendships stemming from her Colby days, McKee is reminded of an anecdote she overheard her father, A. A. "Gus" D'Amico '28, tell a group of friends. "Dad was talking about how he almost went to Dartmouth instead of Colby, and that made me think what the implications of that would have been on my life," she said. "All of these people who have been so dear to me for all these years would not have been part of my life because I probably would not have ended up at Colby. I get emotional just thinking about it. Life without my Colby friends? I can't imagine it."

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HART MONITOR



WANT TO KNOW WHAT AMERICANS ARE THINKING? ASK PETER HART '64, THE NATION'S CONSUMMATE INFORMATION MAN

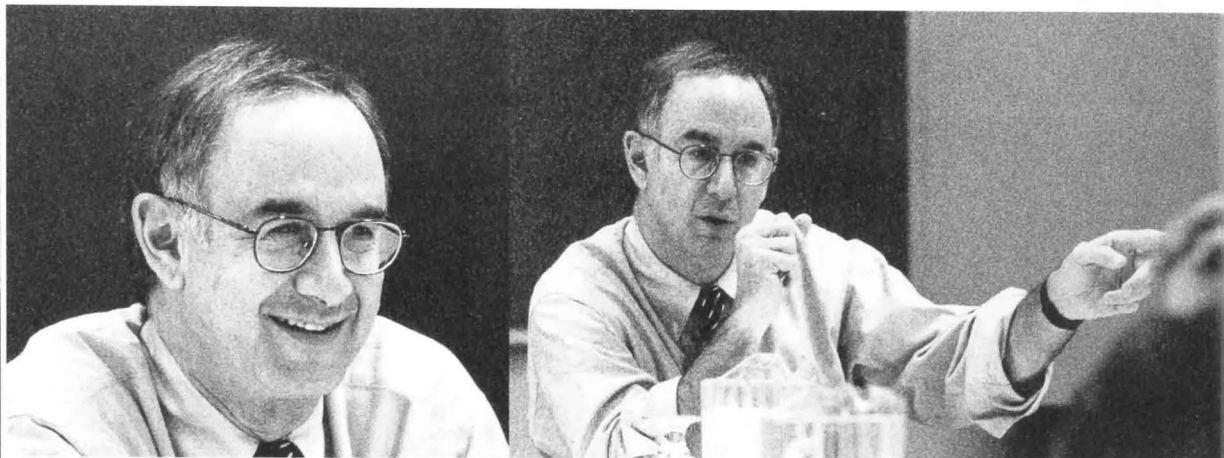
BY STEPHEN COLLINS '74

It's a chilly Monday morning in early April and a low overcast hangs over Dupont Circle in northwest Washington, threatening snow. The cacophony of news about the Republican presidential primary has diminished since Bob Dole finally eclipsed his pesky rivals to apparently sew up the nomination. But the upcoming race between Dole and Bill Clinton is much on the minds, and tongues, of those who prowls the sidewalks and corridors of power and of influence inside the Beltway.

Shortly before 11 a.m., the door of Peter D. Hart Research Associates Inc. on Connecticut Avenue opens and out onto the sidewalk dashes Peter Hart '64. He almost collides with a large man walking toward Dupont Circle with his head down. Hart dodges, apologizes and slips into the front passenger side of a bright red Dodge Neon that's double parked by the curb.

"Thanks, Henry. This is great," he says so sincerely you would think he's unused to being chauffeured around town. As the car pulls into traffic he tells the driver his schedule so the little Neon will be waiting for him. At 11 a.m. there's a meeting with Reed Hundt, chair of the Federal Communications Commission. At noon Hart has lunch plans with a political reporter for *The Washington Post* at Vidalia's, a restaurant across the street from the FCC—an easy walk. At 1 p.m. he will need a lift to the White House, where Laura Tyson, assistant to the President for economic policy, wants to see him.

Hart moves like a halfback through the streets and hallways—leaning forward, hurrying to keep up with himself, but with his head up scanning the middle-distance for obstacles. Trim and agile,



of average stature, he leaves his raincoat streaming in his wake. Doors open and he moves efficiently through a security checkpoint, but he is never too hurried to say thank you or exchange a few pleasantries, to make introductions and to joke about politics or baseball or, frequently, about himself.

At the FCC, Hundt begins by addressing Hart about a proposal involving free air time for presidential candidates. "Let's kick this off and explain it, and then you can tell us what you think we ought to know or do," Hundt says.

Later at the restaurant, *Post* reporter Dan Balz asks Hart for advice on how to cover the upcoming presidential race. Balz jots ideas in a reporter's notebook as Hart responds.

Still later, outside the entrance to the White House West Wing, a small group of acquaintances arrives at the guardhouse simultaneously. "Something must be up if Peter Hart's going in," notes Maura Liasson, National Public Radio's White House correspondent.

In Hundt's office, at the lunch table with the *Post* reporter and in the Roosevelt Room at the White House, others run the meetings, but all defer to Hart.

Hart is the consummate information man. After 25 years as the president of Peter D. Hart Research Associates Inc., his reception wherever he goes conjures up the E.F. Hutton ad of the 1980s. When Peter Hart talks, people listen. In an age

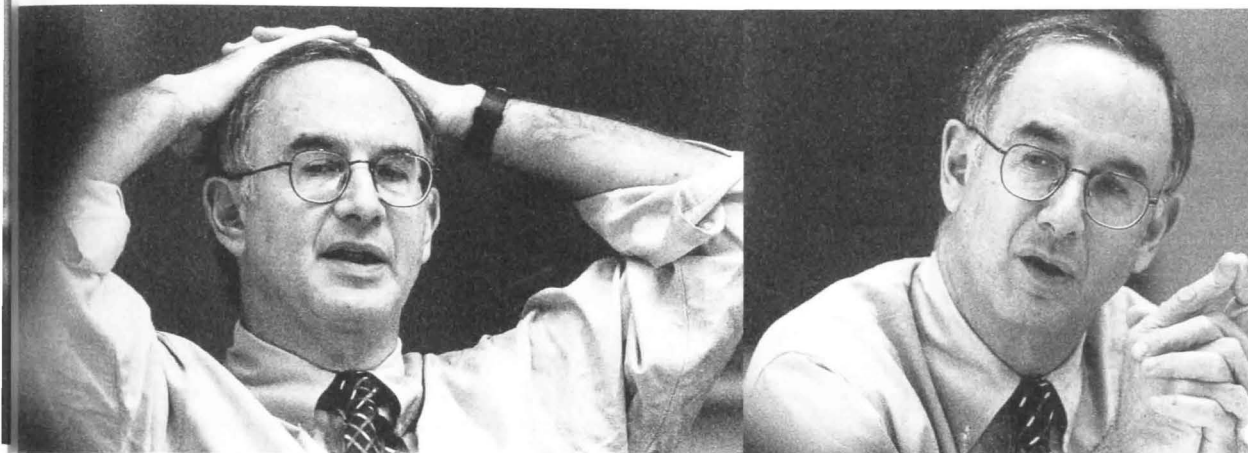
of information overload, "Peter Hart is seen as the guy who can cut through it all and tell you what's important here," said Associate Professor of Government Anthony Corrado, himself no stranger to the world inside the Beltway.

Hart is one of two pollsters chosen to do opinion research for the *Wall Street Journal*/NBC News weekly national survey. When he took on the job (along with Robert Teeter, a former GOP pollster who balances the political background of the team) it was the first time a major news organization went to outside firms for opinion surveys, Hart says. In January the *Journal* began a quarterly section titled "American Opinion" based entirely on Hart's and Teeter's findings.

Hart has been involved in polling and advising for more than a hundred political campaigns, including those for presidential hopefuls back to Morris Udall in the 1976 primary. During the 1992 presidential campaign he was the second-most-quoted pundit on the topic in the nation's news media, one study reported.

With a professional staff of about three dozen in Washington and a bank of 100 phones in Akron, Ohio, Hart Research typically has 40 or more projects in the works simultaneously. The firm serves corporate clients including MTV, Chrysler, *Rolling Stone*, American Airlines, Time-Warner and Kodak, and the stairway at the Connecticut Avenue office is lined with framed corporate logos of clientele. "That's truth in packaging," said Hart. The

At the lunch table with *The Washington Post* reporter and in the Roosevelt



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Worldwide Fund for Nature, Amnesty International, the Smithsonian Institution, Drug Strategies and Habitat for Humanity are among a host of non-profit clients that benefit from Hart's services.

"What I think my business is about is understanding the American public and translating what is happening out there," Hart said. Whether it's reforming the way presidential campaigns are run, refocusing how the media covers the campaigns or having a hand in shaping social policy, Hart is passionate about his hopes for positive changes. "More than anything else, you can make a difference. You can play a role," he said.

Hart grew up in California, where his father was an English professor at the University of California at Berkeley. At Colby he majored in history. When he graduated in 1964, there were two pollsters of any stature in the U.S.—George Gallup and Louis Harris. Hart went to work for Harris right out of college, starting in the coding department at \$2 per hour. He soon moved up to the research office and studied the 1966 elections for the CBS News polling conducted by Harris. The tumultuous social and political events of that time—including the civil rights movement and the Vietnam War—prompted Hart to re-evaluate his direction. Late one January night in 1968 he was working on a report for *Oil & Gas Journal* when, he

said, "I looked out from the top floor of the old Henry Luce suite at the Time-Life Building in New York and I said, 'This isn't what I want to do.'" He explained his restlessness to Harris and left, with the boss's blessing, to do campaign work for a candidate in the Democratic Senate primary in Ohio. "It wasn't about *Oil & Gas Journal*," Hart said. "It was about issues that move our society—issues that count."

In 1971 Hart started his own firm in Washington. "It was a totally different business then," he said. "We did surveys door to door. We'd send surveys via the U.S. Postal Service." People would have seven to 10 days to return the forms, and the firm would take that much time again to code, tabulate and analyze the data. It took three weeks to produce results. Today it takes as little as eight hours, he says. If a major event happens at 3 p.m., Hart's staff can have a survey approved, calls made, interviewing completed and preliminary results ready for the 11 p.m. news. "That's how much this business has changed in twenty-five years," he said.

Now, too, there are hundreds of polling organizations. "You can't pick up a newspaper today without getting reports on at least five polls," Hart said. Hart Research is one of the few companies that does everything in-house.

While Hart serves a range of corporate, non-profit and political clients, it was work for the Democratic Party and Democratic candidates that brought him esteem. He was direc-

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tor of research for the Democratic National Committee in 1969, before he started his firm, and was head of research for numerous campaigns including Walter Mondale's presidential bid in 1984.

"Everybody wants to be the pollster for a presidential campaign. It's a huge job and it's highly competitive," said Corrado, who has worked with Hart and continues to use Hart's data in his research. "I remember doing the eighty-four Mondale campaign when Peter was the Mondale pollster. He was instrumental. He was at the table every morning with the campaign manager and the campaign chair, sorting the information and actually shaping the campaign. He was always the voice of reason, even when three hundred thousand people a day were deciding they liked Gary Hart better than Walter Mondale."

"Clearly he's a Democratic pollster, but he's so good at what he does that he transcended that party affiliation," Corrado said. "Experience, good measured judgment, prudence in the classical sense, what's the kernel of truth here—that's what Peter provides."

Corrado points to Hart's history with the NBC News/*Wall Street Journal* poll. "That [association] more than anything is an indication of the respect he has."

At the April FCC meeting, two proposals were made for television networks to provide free time to candidates late in the presidential campaign. Hart says he was invited to comment because of his experience in presidential races and his sense of how Americans feel about campaigns, and also because he is outspoken about his interest in campaign reform. "My goal was not to represent the Democrats. There's a process that has broken down, and it's time to put it back on track," he said.

He told Hundt that the proposals—from Fox Network's Rupert Murdoch and from Walter Cronkite and Paul Taylor, who is on leave from *The Washington Post* crusading for campaign reform—came at an opportune time. First, he said, the mood of the country, from all points of the compass, was of "anger and revulsion" with politics. Further, "the only anger

greater than the anger the public has for politicians is the anger it has for the media," he said. Second, the country is at the threshold of a huge increase in the number of television channels, which probably will have far-reaching effects on how campaigns reach viewers in the future. He suggested that Hundt see if the effort could be billed as the Paul Taylor/Walter Cronkite proposal with Murdoch in a low-profile role. While Murdoch's plan had merit, the fact that it came from a corporation that could profit from the campaign programming makes it problematic, Hart said.

After lunch, Hart hustled across town and into the Roosevelt Room of the White House, adjacent to the Oval Office. There he sat with Tyson and two of her staff, all clustered around the end of a heavy, 20-foot table. His mission, he explained later, was to try to get President Clinton's staff to frame their message correctly—to talk about the accomplishments of the administration not with statistics and macroeconomics but in human terms. "It's about lifestyles," Hart told Tyson. "In part it's talking to people about people." The public wants to hear about how the government is going to help middle-class people make it in today's economy, he said. No matter how good the statistics are, people don't necessarily feel it in their own lives and, even if they do, they don't link that feeling back to the President, he said.

Hart also advised the Clinton staff to make sure that every possible reference to opponent Bob Dole link him with House Speaker Newt Gingrich, since Gingrich's negative ratings were already being seen by some as a liability for the Republicans. While Hart probably wasn't the only one with the idea, it was exactly one month later that Maura Liasson did a piece on National Public Radio's *Morning Edition* specifically about the White House's persistent use of the "Dole-Gingrich team" in its statements.

While the round of meetings in Washington illustrates how, and with whom, Hart operates, it does not represent a typical day for him. "Any regular day you might find me sitting at the table here with another analyst working through a question-

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naire or an analysis," he said, pointing to a work table stacked with 11 thick, black notebooks and flanked by a Colby chair.

Hart's regular-day scenario, however, doesn't take into account the fact that he travels 100 days and runs about 100 focus groups each year. On the Tuesday after his round of meetings in Washington, Hart presented research on drugs and crime in America at the Freedom Forum in Arlington, Va., in the morning before flying to Los Angeles and Seattle that afternoon to run focus groups for corporate clients, including Time-Warner. The company was about to launch its first-ever corporate image ads using the theme "There's a little bit of Time-Warner in every one of us," a concept Hart helped develop.

Knowledge and insight are paramount in his business, but there also is the matter of tending to the business and maintaining quality that has kept Hart Research at the top of its field since its inception. With more than 40 projects running concurrently, Hart sets high standards by putting himself in his clients' shoes and reminding himself that people are paying him to get the best information. "To every one of these clients, it's the Super Bowl," he said. "You can't forget it. There's nothing routine. The challenge is to do it well."

Three days after the Time-Warner focus group Hart was on the opposite coast running similar sessions in Colby's Miller Library. He pitched in to augment Colby's senior exit-interview process by running two groups, one all men and the other all women, probing their experiences at the College. Hart claims there's an element of self-interest. "It's the only way to know firsthand what's really out there," he said of his opportunity to meet with college students. With clients like *Rolling Stone* and MTV, college is not an age group he can ignore.

He came away impressed. "These kids are so smart, so sensible and so generally knowledgeable, and their love of Colby and commitment to Colby is so strong," he said. "If there's a uniqueness to Colby it has to be the student-faculty relationships—that came through regardless of where the stu-

dents came from or what they majored in." Among challenges, alcohol was the "hot button" issue, and students generally wanted to see the administration listen more closely and act more quickly, he said.

Hart has a wife, Florence, and two children (a daughter at Duke University, a son in high school), is on the road one of every three weekdays, plays tennis and swims before work every morning, works in his study from after dinner until midnight and still finds time to serve as a trustee at Colby. "There are a lot of people who are a lot busier than I am who fit it in and make it work," he said.

As the son of a professor, he says, he has always valued higher education and its institutions. "I was born that way and raised that way." But he feels he owes a special debt to Colby. "Colby took a chance on me," he said. "My career is due, in part, to my education at Colby. It didn't land me my first job, but it prepared me for all the jobs I've had." In addition to contributing his time (recently as an overseer, now as a trustee and for years as sponsor of frequent Colby interns at his Washington office) Hart also endowed the Hart Scholarship, which is given to a student who demonstrates commitment to public or community service.

Flash back to Washington and the Freedom Forum program on drugs and crime. Hart presented research commissioned by Drug Strategies (an organization "committed to facts, quality research and analysis and spreading effective strategies") and The Police Foundation. After his presentation Hart faded into the shadows, and a panel of law enforcement officials, political consultants and a criminology professor spent more than an hour discussing the implications of the research. A television crew taping the proceedings had shut off its equipment until, suddenly, Hart joined the panel and fielded a question from *U.S. News & World Report* writer Ted Guest. There was a flurry of activity in the back of the room. The television reporter roused his cameraman and whispered, "Roll, roll."

Peter Hart was talking.

Fear of Inflation

Grades are up, but are standards slipping?

By Kevin Cool

Because student evaluations figure heavily in tenure and promotion decisions, some faculty believe they can be used as leverage to extract better grades. But Dean of Faculty Robert McArthur doesn't buy it. "Our students are smarter than that," he said. "There is a fair amount of evidence that the opposite is true. Some of our most revered faculty are the toughest graders."

A sophomore student entered an administrative office late last spring waving a paper and looking slightly flushed. "Here's some evidence of grade inflation," she said, and displayed the paper to the man behind the desk. A large "A-" was scrawled at the top of the page. "I hardly studied for this," the woman said. "I don't know whether to be happy or sad."

That anecdote may not accurately depict grading practices at Colby, but something like it has gotten the attention of the College. Grades are under investigation.

A task force composed of faculty members Charles Conover, David Findlay, Jane Moss, David Nugent, Ira Sadoff, Mark Tappan and Dean of Faculty Robert McArthur is studying whether grade inflation exists and, if so, what to do about it.

"We haven't reached any conclusions," said McArthur, who speaks candidly about the issue and concedes that "there certainly is a phenomenon of higher grades." The data backs up that contention. The median cumulative GPA of the senior class has risen from 2.38 in 1967 to 3.01 last year. "Average" used to be a C-plus; now it's a B.

If grade inflation is occurring at Colby—and roughly half of the faculty surveyed by the task force believe it is—the College may be experiencing what has been a national trend in recent years, McArthur says. "Grade inflation has been a problem at the Ivies and, to a lesser extent, at the smaller highly selective private [schools] for some time," he said. An article in *Link* magazine

reported that in 1992 the average grade among Stanford University undergraduates was a B-plus. And the *Princeton Alumni Weekly* noted in April that undergraduates there received twice as many A's last year as did their counterparts 25 years ago.

At Colby the rise in grades appears to have several variables. McArthur says structural changes made over the past two decades may be responsible for "the virtual elimination of D's and F's" and a gradual upward creep in grades overall. In the 1980s the College introduced the use of pluses and minuses with letter grades, which may have contributed to a compression of grades at the high end of the scale. "There was a time when there were four grades you could pass with—A, B, C and D. Now there are that many distinctions just between A and B," McArthur said. He also noted that until recently students were allowed to withdraw from a class they were failing right up to the last day of the course, which had the predictable result of reducing the number of students with poor grades. Effective with the class of 1999, students can only withdraw from a class before mid-term. Accompanying these changes, he says, has been a different approach to teaching that is more collaborative and emphasizes student success. For example, a student who turns in a paper that 20 years ago would have received a C now has the opportunity to rewrite the paper until he or she produces a satisfactory result and is subsequently rewarded with a grade that reflects their final work, not their original submission. "It's not clear, therefore,

that there is a direct relationship between rigor and grades," McArthur said. "Some of the increase [in grades] may be attributable to this change in teaching philosophy."

McArthur does not advocate a grading system that would arbitrarily distribute students among the five letter grades, so that, essentially, there would be one F for every A. "That's not the answer. You want students to reach a point where they have learned the material. We aren't here to fail students," he said. However, he believes there is some value in moving toward a more rigorous but uniform standard of grading.

The most controversial of the task force findings is that some faculty may be grading less strenuously to avoid poor student evaluations. Sixty of 116 faculty surveyed said they believe there is a correlation between the grades they give and the evaluations they receive, and 45 of those said the evaluations influence their grading standards. Because student evaluations figure heavily in tenure and promotion decisions, some faculty believe they can be used as leverage to extract better grades. But McArthur doesn't buy it. "Our students are smarter than that," he said. "There is a fair amount of evidence that the opposite is true. Some of our most revered faculty are the toughest graders."

Still, says McArthur, the perception that rigorous grading produces poor evaluations does exist, and the task force has attempted to deal with it both by investigating the credibility of such claims and by considering

procedures that would indemnify faculty against "punishment" for maintaining high standards.

The task force also is trying to resolve widespread variability between departments' grading patterns. Statistics show that one

department gave virtually nothing but A's and B's in recent year, while others gave a much lower percentage. McArthur said this disparity is unfair to students competing for Latin honors and other all-College distinctions. He is collecting reports from all departments to aid in assessing the origins of these differences and ways to remedy them.

Despite acknowledging that average grades have risen, thus raising the possibility they would be viewed as less credible,



Robert McArthur

McArthur says the phenomenon probably hasn't impaired Colby students entering graduate school or the workplace. "Because of the universal nature of this problem, our students have not been put at a disadvantage," he said.

Study will continue through most of the next academic year, McArthur says, and the task force will prepare a set of recommendations aimed at addressing the core issues involved with grade inflation. "The study already has changed some behavior," he said. "Faculty are talking about and thinking about their own grading practices. We've begun a dialogue about what grades mean and how they should be administered. I expect more positive benefits to come out of this." ♦

Faculty Notes

G. Calvin Mackenzie, Distinguished Presidential Professor of Government, was named to head the Maine Commission on Gov-

ernmental Ethics and Election Practices in May, replacing Dean of Faculty **Robert McArthur**, who did not seek a new term. The commission monitors campaign financing and legislative ethics in the state. Mackenzie will serve a two-year term.

... Associate Professor of Sociology **Terry Arendell** was honored by the American Sociological Association, which selected her for an appearance at "An Author Meets the Critics" session at the ASA's national



G. Calvin Mackenzie

meeting in New York City. Five leading sociologists will comment on Arendell's book *Fathers and Divorce* ... Associate Professor of Biology **Jay Labov** attended a meeting sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the National Research Council to discuss strategies for revitalizing undergraduate education. ... Assistant Professor of History **Larissa Taylor** was named nominating officer of the executive committee of the Society for Reformation Research, and received a two-month fellowship for 1997 to work at the Herzog August Bibliothek in Wolfenbuttel, Germany.

Colby Mourns Passing of Four Faculty

The Colby community recently noted the passing of four retired faculty members whose careers spanned more than 50 years and whose influence is preserved by alumni who still credit them for their success.

Norman D. Palmer '30, L.H.D., internationally known political scientist, historian and writer and Colby professor, died February 21, 1996, in Seattle, Wash., at 86. Recognized for more than half a century for his knowledge of the governments and cultures of South Asia and Korea—his accomplishments fill an entire column in *Who's Who in America*—he was a native of Hinckley, Maine, where he attended the Good Will-

Hinckley School. At the College he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, majored in history, graduated summa cum laude and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received an M.A. in history and international relations from Yale University in 1932 and a Ph.D. in 1936. He taught history and political science at Colby from 1933 to 1947, although he spent the war years 1942-46 as an air combat intelligence officer in the Pacific.

For the next 34 years he taught at the University of Pennsylvania, where he chaired both the political science and international relations departments. Throughout his career he trav-

eled extensively, teaching and researching in universities. His journeys to more than 50 countries included 12 visits to Africa and a score to Asia, and his teaching positions at more than a dozen institutions around the world included four appointments at the Graduate Institute of Peace Studies at Kyung Hee University in Seoul, Korea, when he was in his 80s. In one year he was a Guggenheim Fellow, a research fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations and a fellow of the American Council of Learned Societies. He wrote two dozen books on international subjects, including three after his retirement to Washington state in 1982. In

recent years he taught Elderhostel courses in Washington, where his keen observations on political systems of the Pacific Rim, contemporary India and U.S. policy toward China and India led his local community to honor him in 1992 as Citizen of the Year.

He was a member of the board of directors and secretary of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, president of the National Council on Asian Affairs, chair of the Friends of India Committee and president of the International Studies Association. Colby awarded him an L.H.D. in 1955

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Under the Macroscope

Master teacher David Findlay puts economics in clear view

One needn't spend a lot of time with Associate Professor of Economics David Findlay to understand why students rate him among the best teachers on the campus. When he talks about economics, his entire body gets involved, coiling and uncoiling with each explanation, daring you not to be interested.

"Macroeconomics—money and banking issues—really interest me, and I get excited talking about them," Findlay said. "Not just talking about them but presenting those ideas to students so they can talk about these issues, too."

Students last spring selected Findlay as the fourth recipient of the annual Senior Teaching Award, an honor he says is both gratifying and humbling. "I was shocked. To be included with the group of previous winners really is a tremendous honor, and to be selected from among all of the great faculty members at Colby, well, I just can't believe it," he said.

"Maybe students misread the question," he joked. "I might be the first recipient to request a recount."

The origin of Findlay's popularity as a teacher stems from his willingness to challenge students, say his former students.

Steve Swartz '92, now head of the operations department at Morgan Stanley Canada in Toronto, recalls that Findlay was the toughest grader and most demanding teacher he had. He also was one of Swartz's favorites. "I got the worst grades of my Colby career in his classes, but the satisfaction that I received from those grades was greater than from any other grade I got," he said.

Swartz says he's not surprised that Findlay received the College's highest teaching award. "His classroom is a whirlwind," he said. "From the moment you walk in, you are bombarded with information presented in a



David Findlay

dynamic fashion. He is always hitting you with real-life situations and bringing them back to theory. Then, as soon as you have grasped the concept, he will turn it on its head and test you."

"It's gratifying to know that you've pushed the students, that you've challenged them," Findlay said. "You try to be fair, and I was very pleased that students recognized that."

Findlay took on the issue of grade inflation in his Spotlight lecture on May 9 (see "Fear of Inflation"). Using a list of 10 principles to explain where and why inflation occurs in the macroeconomy, Findlay pointed out how the same principles could be applied to Colby. For example, he said competitive devaluation and depreciation—which occurs when a country intentionally devalues its currency to increase exports—may be used to explain why, theoretically, faculty would soften grading standards. Recent surveys suggest some faculty believe that giving higher grades results in better student evaluations

and ultimately improves their chances for tenure and merit pay increases, Findlay said. "If it is in the faculty member's best interest [to grade more easily] and if other faculty members do it collectively then those members who hold the line and don't alter their standards would be hurt," he said.

Findlay says he used the grade inflation issue as a platform for his lecture because it was timely and offered a way to discuss economic principles in a Colby context. "I didn't even think about how the talk would go, but asked, 'Are there macro issues I can use to motivate what happens here in a micro world—Colby, grades, faculty, students?' I had a blast coming up with the list."

Findlay, a member of the Grade Inflation Task Force, says the talk also was an attempt to address the underlying implications of inflated grades. "This is a cultural issue, and we need to send a message about what we value," he said. "It's a fight against G.P.A. emphasis."

Findlay wasn't always sure he would enjoy teaching. He recalls that as a graduate student at Purdue, where he earned his Ph.D., he wondered how faculty could teach the same material repeatedly without getting bored. "There are two reasons why that's not the case for me, and you only realize these over time," he said. "First, the students are always different; it's a new group every semester. And second, I just really get a kick out of helping students learn about economics."

His goal as a teacher, Findlay says, is to bring students to their own understanding of economics and equip them to analyze policies critically. "Ultimately what you want is for students to not just spit back what I've told them, but to be able to interpret policy statements and make their own determinations about whether those statements are correct," he said.

—Kevin Cool

for his work as a Fulbright professor in India, and in 1980 he delivered the Boardman address on the occasion of his 50th reunion. He was predeceased by his brother, Albert Palmer '30, former chair of the Colby Board of Trustees. He is survived by his wife, Gurina, his daughter, his sister, Mary Palmer Mills '32, his nephew, David Palmer '57, stepsons and stepdaughters, a granddaughter and many great-grandchildren.

Clifford Osborne, D.D. '49, retired Colby chaplain and professor emeritus of religion, died May 1, 1996, in Naples, Fla., at 95. He was born in London, England, and served in the Royal Navy during World War I. After taking an honors degree in philosophy at London University and graduating from Richmond Divinity School, he served Methodist pastorates in New York and Maine before joining the Pleasant Street Methodist Church in Waterville. He was appointed chaplain at the College in 1950 and was professor of religion when he retired in 1965. A founder of the Maine Council of Churches, he broadcast its Sunday morning programs for several years and was the first Maine clergyman to be selected as a preacher on CBS radio's "Church of the Air." His book, *The Religion of John Burroughs*, was published in 1929. Predeceased by his wife of 67 years, Beryl, he is survived by his son, Timothy Osborne '48, his daughter, Mavis Lee, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Alice Pattee Comparetti, emeritus professor of English, died April 7, 1996, in Tempe, Ariz., at 88. She joined the Colby faculty in 1936, the year she completed her Ph.D. at

Cornell University. She became an associate professor in 1953 and a full professor in 1961. Her book *The White Doe of Rylstrom* remains an authoritative critical evaluation of a poem by Wordsworth, and Gregory's *Angels*, an adventure novel for children, was lauded for its accurate portrayal of the cultural and social history of sixth-century England. On the old campus as well as the new, she taught both major figures and general courses in literature and composition. When she retired, former chair of the department Alfred K. Chapman '25 wrote, "the College is losing a fine scholarly mind and a conscientious, devoted teacher." She is survived by her husband of 58 years, professor emeritus of music Ermanno Comparetti, and by a son and daughter.

George Douglas Maier, professor emeritus of chemistry, died of lung cancer on March 12, 1996, in Chicago, Ill., at 65. He was born in Chicago, graduated from Cornell College with a B.A. in chemistry and received his master's and Ph.D. from Iowa State University. He came to the College in 1965 and became a full professor in 1983. Over the course of his 20-year Colby career he taught a range of courses, from environmental biochemistry for nonscience majors to upper-level biochemistry. After retiring in 1986, he continued to do biochemical research in various laboratories in Chicago and enjoyed ongoing relationships with former students; many honored him by attributing their success in graduate schools and in their careers to his teaching of biochemistry at the College. He is survived by his parents. ♦

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Returning to Worship

Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, John D. MacArthur Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology and African-American Studies, was quoted in an article in the *San Jose Mercury News* about the spiritual renewal among middle-class African Americans.

Burgeoning "megachurches" are the latest evidence of black baby boomers' desire for spiritual nourishment, the article said. Gilkes noted that these large churches fulfill a need in the African-American community. "Primarily, they've grown because of very hard-working pastors who bring to those congregations traditional African-American worship that addresses the current problems of baby-boomer African-American Christians and younger," she said. "Usually [these churches] are geographically mobile, so church is the way in which they reconnect with the black community."

Not Nearly Enough

Assistant Professor of Economics **Saranna Thornton** '81, in an opinion article in the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*, said recent congressional and White House budget proposals fall far short of what is necessary to reduce the national deficit over the long term.

Thornton said both the Clinton Administration and the Congress have failed to address the underlying problems that result in large deficits. Budget plans proposed by both would eliminate the deficit by the year 2002 as advertised, but would merely postpone even larger deficits in future years, she said.

"Cuts in discretionary spending won't solve the long-run deficit problem," Thornton wrote. "The combination of current legislature and impending demographic changes would cause spending on entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare to equal 100 percent of government revenues by 2012. Proposed balanced budget plans would only push the date back a few years."

Spend Thrift

Associate Professor of Government **Tony Corrado**, quoted in the May 17 *Wall Street Journal*, said that despite having nearly reached the ceiling on pre-convention campaign spending, Sen. Bob Dole will continue to deliver his message via other means.

The spending cap "limits some of his options, but it isn't going to make his campaign grind to a halt," Corrado said. "There is probably going to be a more visible presence than the public is used to."

The article said that Dole would take advantage of "issue" advertisements subsidized by the Republican Party to build support for his run for the presidency.



Understanding the Sixties

Douglas Miller goes deep into the decade that still divides America

By Richard J. Moss

Americans have the peculiar habit of slicing up their past into decades. We use terms like the 1950s, the 1920s and the 1930s with an easy assurance that we will be understood. Only slightly more problematical are terms like the Gay Nineties (the 1890s). Certainly the 1960s have become not merely a decade but a concise topic over which historians and others have expended much ink. Douglas T. Miller '58's *On Our Own: America in the Sixties* (D.C. Heath) is a sane and non-political contribution to the ongoing attempt to make some sense of that crucial decade.

Miller, a history professor at Michigan State University, has a clearly defined point of view. He believes that the 1960s was one of the most important moments in the American past and that American life was substantially transformed between the late 1950s and 1974. The agent for this transformation was "the Movement," which Miller sees as a combination of the various protests aimed at almost all aspects of American culture. The "Movement," in protesting on so many fronts (civil rights, feminism, gay rights, environmentalism), amounted to a profound critique of the status quo in the United States. Miller also believes that we have to understand the Sixties by tracing its roots in the Fifties and by following the decade's impact on the Seventies and beyond.

On one point, Miller stands in contrast with accepted wisdom on the nature of the Sixties and especially the New Left. Several very influential books, most



Miller says various protests upset the status quo.

notably Allen Matusow's *The Unraveling of America* (1984), have established the idea of "coming apart" or "unraveling" as the dominant theme in the 1960s. In this view, the New Left or "the Movement" blossomed in the Sixties as traditional liberal remedies for the nation's problems proved incapable of solving long-term problems such as poverty and civil rights for minorities. By the late Sixties, the violent clash between liberalism and the New Left had left the country exhausted, anxious and divided. Miller does not reject the notion that many of the values that had tied Americans together frayed and snapped in the late Sixties, but he concludes that the "coming apart" thesis "overemphasizes the extent of America's unraveling [and] leads to a false sense that the era came to an abrupt end and thereby downplays the enormous impact and legacies of the decade." Miller

would have us understand that for many Americans the late Sixties and early Seventies were not an era of despair and decline but rather a fertile period of liberation and experimentation.

While the book is exceedingly well written and is a joy to read, it is also an excellent reference to have on your bookshelf when you need to sort out your failed or failing memories of the Sixties. Miller has even included an appendix, "The Language of the Sixties," for those who have forgotten the meaning of "lid," "far out," "unreal" and "trip." Miller also has included many well-chosen illustrations that take us back to memories that hurt (a beaming Lyndon Johnson, an immolated monk in Vietnam) or that make us smile (Bob Dylan, a great image of Timothy Leary, astronauts).

I have long suspected that during the Sixties Americans became, as they had in the past, particu-

larly sensitive to the symbolic meaning of events. To some extent fueled by an expanding media, Americans were flooded by a relentless tide of interpretations that found meaning (often ominous, often hopeful) in events large and small. In "Twilight of the Movement," one of the best chapters in the book, Miller gives a full illustration of the remarkable degree to which Americans were engaged in a complex game of attaching symbolic meanings to events. By turns, the rock concert at Woodstock meant that the age of Love and Peace was at hand, and then the rock concert at Altamont meant the end of hope and the coming of the era of Death and Despair. The symbol making went on and on; America became a nation addicted to a daily reading of the national tea leaves.

At the heart of *On Our Own* is a tension between this constant desire to find meaning in small events and the clear fact that in the long run, meaning was rooted in larger but often less dramatic trends such as women's liberation or environmental reform. In the end, the book allows us to understand that the Sixties was a vastly complex era that was often grossly misunderstood by the people who lived it. We are only now coming to understand its lasting significance and what it accomplished. Doug Miller's *On Our Own: America in the Sixties* is a fine place to get that perspective, that larger understanding of these crucial years. ♦

Richard "Pete" Moss is John J. and Cornelia V. Gibson Professor of History at Colby.

Reading the Future

Imagine a society in which two thirds of all mothers had children outside of marriage, often using "artificial wombs" to carry the fetuses, and women began generally to disassociate themselves from men.

This scenario, titled "Separate—and Doing Fine, Thanks!," is one of four possible world orders envisioned by authors Pamela McCorduck and Nancy Kudriavetz Ramsey '62 in their book *The Futures of Women: Scenarios for the 21st Century* (Addison-Wesley, 304 pages, \$24).

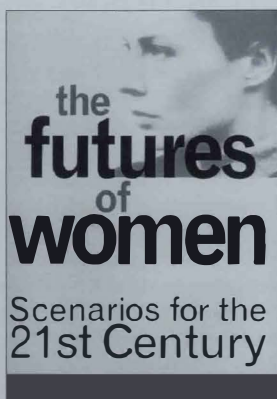
Written as if these events already have occurred, the book describes the sociological developments involving women around the world up to the year 2015. Each of the four scenarios depicts political and social changes stemming from trends that began late in the 20th century. For example, in "Backlash" the authors suggest that a rising tide of religious fundamentalism fueled a belligerent and aggressive worldwide campaign to turn back the clock on reproductive rights, equality in the workplace and other basic civil rights for women. So thorough were these movements that in Western countries women began to wear traditional Middle Eastern *chadors* and submitted to a range of oppressive measures to

avoid derision and violence.

In "A Golden Age of Equality"—the most optimistic of the four scenarios—the removal of artificial barriers between cultures and genders, driven by the explosion of communication technologies like the Internet, results in worldwide prosperity and a new attitude of collaboration. Women lead the way to practical advancements in education, environmental preservation and conflict resolution. Differences are celebrated rather than exploited or used as a means of division. Political stability becomes the rule rather than the exception.

"Two Steps Forward, Two Steps Back" perhaps most closely resembles what the authors refer to in their foreword as "the official future," in which women continue to make gains in equality, but the pace of change is slow and impeded by economic deprivation.

McCorduck's and Ramsey's book is intelligent, provocative and occasionally (perhaps intentionally) outrageous. Its construction of imagined societies is instructive if not always entirely credible. But any book that predicts social behaviorism based on the study of an obscure primate species, the bonobo, provides plenty to think about. ♦

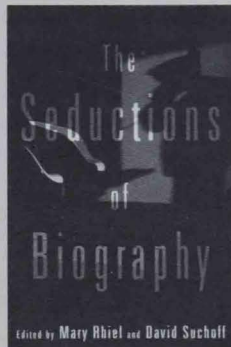


fresh prints

David Suchoff (English) and Mary Rhiel, editors

The Seductions of Biography

Routledge



This book of essays about the strengths and limitations of biography will be as entertaining to the general reader as it is instructive for students of the form. Associate Professor of English David Suchoff and his co-editor, UNH Associate Professor of German Mary Rhiel, attracted contributors (including Colby Professor Betty Sasaki) who tackle the subject from a variety of fascinating angles.

Marjorie Garber, for instance, examines the ways biographers have written about the private lives of public figures. She says, in part, that despite freer use of information about subjects' sexual habits, biographers still make many subjective choices about what constitutes "decent" information. Michael Eric Dyson ranges across the literature by and about Malcolm X and concludes that both X's desire to "make sense" of his past in his autobiography (written by Alex Haley) and his biographers' inability to round out the flesh-and-blood man mean that the definitive X biography is yet to be written. Other selections look at provocative ideas such as how—and by whom—a person's life story is controlled and why, as *The New Yorker's* Janet Malcolm has said, "biography is burglary."

"The proliferation of theories and practices of biography represented in this volume tells us that the seductions of biography cannot be reduced to a generic formula," Suchoff and Rhiel write.

Martin Gliserman '63

Psychoanalysis, Language, and the Body of the Text
University Press of Florida

Gliserman, an associate professor of English at Rutgers University and a psychoanalyst in private practice, identifies how the presence of the body becomes a central component of the novel form.

He discusses how the arrangements of words in sentences, paragraphs and chapters serve as expressions of bodily gestures, particularly representative of primal bodily pain. The book examines four novels, *Robinson Crusoe*, *Jane Eyre*, Virginia Woolf's *To the Lighthouse* and David Bradley's *The Chaneyville Incident*, to reveal the role language plays in integrating mind and body.



She's a Winner

Dannenberg lands Colby's first Carnegie Junior Fellowship

By Kevin Cool



Nicole Dannenberg '96

Dannenberg will work with Carnegie senior associates to review U.S. strategy in Asia, Africa, Latin America and eastern Europe and will review and edit manuscripts for Carnegie's flagship publication, *Foreign Policy*.

Nicole Dannenberg '96 is that rare student who combines extraordinary intellectual gifts with enthusiasm for learning and a winning personality. She is, according to Associate Professor of Government Guilain Denoeux, "simply delightful."

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace apparently agrees. Dannenberg was one of 10 students chosen from the elite of the country's top schools to work alongside a senior associate as a Carnegie Junior Fellow for six months. She is the first Colby student ever selected for the Carnegie fellowship.

"This is a very prestigious appointment," said Patrice Franko, associate professor of economics and international studies and chair of the Carnegie nomination committee. "I don't know any graduate student who wouldn't drop what they were doing to have this opportunity. This will write her ticket, in combination with her accomplishments at Colby, to whatever graduate program she wants. It's the best opportunity out there for an undergraduate interested in foreign relations."

A semester in Morocco and another semester at the London School of Economics solidified an already strong background in international study and encouraged Dannenberg to pursue programs that would build on her experience. "Carnegie was first on my list," she said. "I knew I wanted to be in Washington so I thought I might as well give it a shot." She heard about her selection on April Fool's Day, which seemed

appropriate considering Dannenberg's response. "I couldn't believe it," she said. "I honestly didn't think I had a chance."

She began working at the endowment in early June. Her work includes collaborative research with Carnegie senior associate Adonis Hoffman, director of the endowment's U.S.-Africa Policy Forum. The project capitalizes on Dannenberg's interest in African affairs, which she says stems from her study in Morocco and subsequent reading, which convinced her that "Africa is the most neglected continent." She wrote a research paper on ethnic violence in Nigeria for Denoeux's senior seminar despite being better acquainted with Arab countries of northern Africa. "This is typical of Nicole," Denoeux said. "She does not like shortcuts and does not opt for the easy way out. She knew that the project would represent a greater intellectual challenge and that it would provide her with an opportunity to learn about an area with which she was less familiar."

Dannenberg also will work with Carnegie senior associate

Thomas Carothers to review U.S. strategy in Asia, Africa, Latin America and eastern Europe and will review and edit manuscripts for Carnegie's flagship publication, *Foreign Policy*. Franko and Denoeux say that perhaps the most valuable benefit from Dannenberg's internship will be the contacts she makes in Washington. "She will very quickly learn who people are—academics, policy makers, think-tank people—who help shape and inform policy debates," Franko said. "It's just enormously valuable to have that opportunity."

Denoeux adds that the experience of participating in and coordinating high-level conferences sponsored by Carnegie will equip Dannenberg for future challenges. "She can watch how people operate in those settings and use that knowledge in her career," he said.

Breaking into the intensely competitive Junior Fellow program has long been a goal of Colby faculty. "It's an honor for the institution," Franko said, and it is one more signal of the College's ability to succeed at the highest level. ♦

kudos

Two Colby students are among 55 scholars nationwide selected for prestigious Morris Udall Scholarships for 1996-97. Amy Lyons '98 of Sebago Lake, Maine, and Steve Higgs '98 of Birmingham, Mich., each will receive a \$5,000 award to be used toward tuition, fees and room and board.

Lyons majors in environmental policy and international studies. Higgs is a double major in biology and environmental policy.

The scholarships honor the former congressman from Arizona, Morris K. Udall, and support academically talented U.S. students who have interest in and potential for careers in environmental public policy, health care and Native American public policy.

This is the first year Colby has participated in the program.

Patients, Patients

For one day this spring, the health center at Colby looked like the emergency room of a metropolitan hospital on a busy Saturday night. Students were lying on couches, on cots, on the floor, in the hallway, on every flat surface that would accommodate a human body. This was not a drill to test the proficiency of health center staff. It was an honest-to-goodness epidemic of what students were calling "the Colby virus."

A particularly virulent strain of gastroenteritis hammered the campus for about two weeks in late April and early May, according to Medical Director Melanie Thompson. The peak of the epidemic occurred on April 25, when the health center treated 65 students. "We were so busy we actually had our nurses doing triage," she said. "It was the worst [epidemic] I've seen at Colby."

News of the highly infectious illness—characterized by acute nausea and vomiting—created so much anxiety that students were bringing their roommates to the infirmary and insisting they stay there. "We were so full

that our nurses tried to persuade them to just go back to their rooms after being treated, but the roommates refused," Thompson said.

Properly treated, gastroenteritis is not a life-threatening illness, although it is a major cause of death among young children in developing countries, Thompson says. "A few of the students we saw were dehydrated enough that we put them on IVs and sent some to the hospital. But most of them were feeling okay after twenty-four hours," she said.

Thompson says the epidemic probably was caused by a combination of a strong virus, inattentive hygiene and close living quarters. "Routine hand washing is the best defense against gastroenteritis," she said. "Students are especially vulnerable because they get run down from lack of sleep and other factors and their immune systems are lowered."

The virus had virtually disappeared by mid-May and did not significantly affect end-of-the-year activities. ♦

Promises Made and Kept

The Colby Echo praised outgoing Student Association President Tom Ryan '96 and vice president Tina Goudreau for leading Stu-A "through a very difficult year."

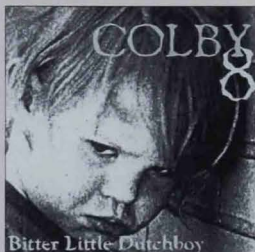
The newspaper, in a May 2 editorial, said Ryan and Goudreau deserved credit for their roles in establishing a mentoring program for first-year students called Big Sibs, for working with the Academic Affairs Committee to change class schedules, for engaging trustees about alcohol policies and residence hall renovations and for promoting attendance at the Spotlight Event series.

"While perhaps it was unnoticed by many Colby students, Ryan and Goudreau have lived up to their campaign promises," said the Echo. "How many politicians can say that?" ♦

graffiti

Eight Plus Seven

The Colby Eight received good reviews for their latest compact disk titled *Bitter Little Dutchboy*, released this spring.



The CD contains 20 songs and features the voices of 15 current and former Colby Eight performers. Both the 1994-95 and 1995-96 Colby Eight groups provided songs, including recent popular works like Seal's "Kiss From a Rose" and R.E.M.'s "Everybody Hurts."

Judy Ring '99, who reviewed the CD for The Colby Echo, praised Jonathan Howe '96's arrangements and called the album "a great mix of tunes."

A Fun Atmosphere

The Student Environmental Coalition sponsored an ambitious program of activities to celebrate Earth Day in late April. Nature walks and instructive ecology tours in Colby's Perkins Arboretum were popular attractions, as were interactive programs featuring reptiles and birds of prey.

Several Colby faculty participated. Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies and Government Beth DeSombre spoke about financing international environmental protection, Associate Professor of Science, Technology, and Society James Fleming presented a talk on global warming and Mitchell Family Professor of Economics Tom Tietenberg discussed market-based approaches to environmental protection.



Tom Ryan '96 (center) speaks with Dean of Students Janice Kassman and Brian Golden '97 after the Trustee Commission on Alcohol Spotlight Event.

MICHELLE TORENS '96



Setting a Firm Foundation

Long-time trustee Robert Anthony gives \$1 million toward residence hall

By Marc Glass

When the new residence hall near Johnson Pond opens in the fall of 1997, the Colby community and the 140 first-time residents of the three-building complex will have trustee Robert N. Anthony '38 to thank for his \$1-million gift to the construction project.

Anthony's is the first of what is expected to be three naming gifts for the residence hall's three buildings. One of the longest serving members of the Board of Trustees, Anthony says timeliness was an important factor in his decision to contribute to the project. "President Cotter convinced me that this will be an impor-



Robert N. Anthony '38

tant way of assuring that the new dormitory will be constructed promptly," he said.

"Bob Anthony was chair of the search committee that brought me to Colby and was

chair of the board when I was inaugurated," said President Bill Cotter. "His commitment to this college has always been strong and visible, and this latest gift reinforces his dedication to keeping Colby first-class in every way."

Anthony, who is Ross Graham Walker Professor of Management Control, Emeritus, at the Harvard Business School, served as assistant secretary of defense, comptroller in the Johnson Administration, and is credited with developing the field of management accounting. He has been a trustee since 1959 and was chair of the board from 1978-1983.

The new residence hall will provide beds that will be lost when Colby renovates and upgrades living space in all dormitories except the Heights over the next five years.

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. Groundbreaking for the new building is planned for August on a site between the Hillside complex and Johnson Pond. ♦

New Intensive Course 'An Attractive Innovation'

With the help of a \$1.4-million grant from the Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation, Colby is developing an integrated, intensive course of study that President Bill Cotter says could become a signature program in the College's curriculum.

The Johnson Foundation grant provides for the endowment of a permanent faculty position, the holder of which would design and implement a semester-long program involving 20 to 30 students and an interdisciplinary team of faculty. The idea is to examine a particular period of history through the lenses of several disciplines. Each program will comprise four or five courses that will serve as the entire academic workload for that semester.

"There is an antecedent for this program in the early 1970s that involved an integrated teaching approach, so we are capitalizing on something that is part of the Colby tradition," Cotter said. That earlier interdisciplinary program was discontinued because it was not permanently funded.

Robert Weisbrot, Christian A. Johnson Distinguished Teaching Professor of History, is acting chair of the program and already has developed a pilot semester for the spring of 1997. This inaugural semester, titled "Revolution, War and the Crisis of Modern Culture," will focus on the period between 1919 and 1945. Faculty will include Lee Family Professor of American Studies and English Charles Bassett, Assistant Professor of

Physics Charles Conover and Professor of Music Paul Machlin.

A second pilot semester is planned for the fall of 1997, after which a chair holder will be selected to administer the program.

Details of the program still are being worked out, but preliminary plans call for up to 20 students to be enrolled from all classes, Weisbrot said. If more than 20 wish to participate, faculty will give priority to first-year and sophomore students. "We want to reach students early, especially before they are too far into their academic track, to acquaint

them with the possibilities of a liberal arts education," Weisbrot said.

"It seems to me this is exactly the kind of activity in which a liberal arts school should be engaged."

Although the current proposal involves only one semester of the program each year, Cotter says integrative learning clusters might be provided more often and to larger numbers of students if faculty believe that should happen.

This is the second professorship endowed by the Christian A. Johnson Foundation, and was the product of several years of discussion between Cotter and foundation director Julie Kidd. Cotter says the foundation's support of Colby has been "almost unique," and he credits Kidd, who he says has "an extraordinary commitment to liberal learning."

"We've promised to have meetings here to share our experience with others. We think it is an attractive innovation," Cotter said. ♦

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Gibson Funds History Chair

John "Van" Gibson '59 has endowed a professorship in history at Colby, bringing the total number of endowed chairs at the College to 24.

The first occupant of the John J. and Cornelia V. Gibson Chair in History, named for Gibson's parents, is Richard "Pete" Moss, a member of the Colby faculty since 1978. Moss, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees and a Ph.D. from Michigan State, is the



Richard "Pete" Moss

author of three books: *Noah Webster*, a biography; *History of American Language*; and *A Station of Peculiar Exposure: The Life of Jedediah Morse*. His research and teaching specialties include intellectual and cultural history of the United States; history of sports; and trends in American thought and popular culture.

The Gibson chair is the 24th such gift to the College and the 20th since 1990. Endowed chairs such as Gibson's allow Colby to recognize and reward its most

distinguished teachers and scholars in selected fields, supporting their compensation and providing them with discretionary funds for their research. The new chairs have helped Colby retain its best professors and attract top scholars to the faculty by offering salaries and benefits that are among the best in the nation.

Now retired and living in Bay Shore, Long Island, Gibson was for many years an executive with Chase Manhattan Bank. ♦

Record Participation



Colby has exceeded its participation goal for 1996, attracting a total of 7,616

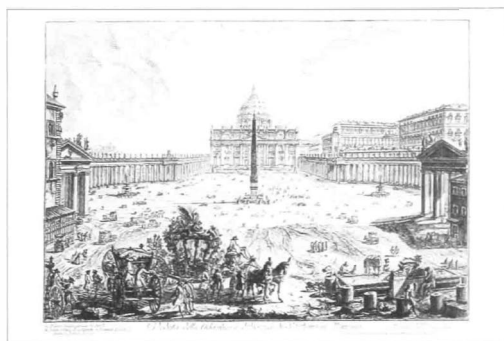
donors, the highest number ever.

"Our alumni and friends accepted our challenge to increase dramatically the number of individual gifts to the College, and we are very grateful," said Vice President for Development Randy Helm. "This new level of giving enhances Colby's position among premier private liberal arts colleges, in addition to providing impor-

tant funds for endowment.

"Of course this is just the first step of a three-year challenge—it will be critical for us to retain the loyalty of those who gave this year, and win the support of even more new Colby supporters next year to secure the next big challenge gift [\$117,500] to the endowment."

Colby raised more than \$2 million through the Alumni Fund in 1995-96, another record. The College met its goal of attracting 555 new donors, whose gifts each were matched with \$100 for endowment, raising more than \$50,000. ♦



An etching from Piranesi's *Vedute di Roma*.

Valerie's Piranesis

When Valerie Anne Spierling '89 died of cancer in the spring of 1994, her mother, Penelope Dean Robb '61, and a small group of friends determined that she would be remembered in a special way. Memorial donations were sought in lieu of flowers in the hope that an acquisition could be made in Spierling's name for the Colby Museum of Art.

This summer the product of that effort materialized when two prints by Giovanni Battista Piranesi, purchased with donations to the Spierling memorial fund and money from the Jere Abbott Acquisitions Fund, arrived at the museum.

The prints, which depict views of Rome, are from Piranesi's *Vedute di Roma*, a set of 137 etchings published in the late 18th century. Christopher Gaillard '90, who helped select the prints along with Mark Taylor '90, Catherine Long '90 and Robb, says they symbolize many things about Spierling. "Valerie was increasingly interested in the Old Masters, particularly eighteenth-century masters, and in architectural views," he said. "These prints also evoke her interest in the decorative arts—furniture and costume."

Gaillard, who works at Chris-

tie's auction house in New York, says the committee wanted to provide the museum with works that students would find useful in their study of art history. "When I was at Colby I curated a show on contemporary prints, and there was a lot in the museum to draw on. Piranesi is sort of an art historical chestnut—his prints are famous. We felt it was important for the College to own at least a prime example of that work," he said.

Spierling worked at a contemporary art gallery in New York soon after graduating from Colby, and from there went to London to study decorative art and fine art in a program operated by Sotheby's. She was working at the Tepper Gallery, a small New York auction house, when she became ill. She died in March 1994.

"It is our hope that the students of Colby will utilize the prints as milestones in print-making and art history and be able to examine the prints closely, as Valerie utilized other objects in the museum collection throughout her tenure at Colby," Gaillard said.

Spierling also is remembered through a memorial scholarship for New York City students established in 1994 by Peter Vlachos '58. ♦



Home By 11?

Parents of returning students say the old rules may not apply

By Marc Glass

Students usually spend summer vacation toiling for tuition dollars and having fun, but returning to the nest after a year of independence at Colby can be difficult. The student, delivered at Colby's doorstep a scant nine months earlier, may come home with different values, a changed appearance, new ambitions and, most certainly, a decreased dependence on his or her parents.

Mark Serdjenian '73, associate dean of students, says that despite attempts to counsel their children from home through phone calls and e-mail messages, parents may have less influence than ever before.

"At Colby, the students are in a position to go to Quebec and not tell anyone. This is a hard fact to accept, but when the son or daughter is away parents can't apply the same restrictions that worked when the child was at home," Serdjenian said. "As students walk a fine line between childhood and adulthood, parents sometimes feel left on the sidelines."

Serdjenian, whose son, Kerry, is home after his first year at Brandeis, says some parents have difficulty accepting the fact that the days of the midnight curfew are over.

Even though it's a courtesy for the student to indicate where he or she will be and when he or she will be home, when parents request this information it's sometimes seen as an imposition, Serdjenian said. "Whatever solution parents and students find, it definitely will involve less control for the parents."

His son didn't return home sporting a nose ring, tattoos or



College students returning home bring with them a new independence.

an arresting color scheme in his hair, but Serdjenian says parents who are treated to a change in appearance need to maintain perspective.

"My wife and I realize there are bigger issues than appearance, and we've seen some different hairstyles over the years," he said. "Students who express themselves through body piercing and tattoos find themselves saying, 'I'm still a good kid! I'm still working hard at school!'"

Regardless of the issues that arise when a student returns home, Serdjenian says he's reminded of a banner that was displayed at a nursery school where his wife used to teach: "There are two gifts we give our children, one is roots, the other is wings."

Sometimes students stretch their wings gently, giving notice of their independence without much affront. Nancy Anderson of Norwell, Mass., says that her daughter's phone calls home dur-

ing the sophomore year differed from those of the first year—they were occasions for catching up rather than seeking counsel. But Anderson, whose daughter, Jessie, just finished her sophomore year, believes this is a sign of maturity.

"She tended to handle the minor upsets without us this year because she problem-solved with a wonderful group of friends," Anderson said. "They talk about women's issues, graduate schools and career planning. Sharing these things with her friends represents a transition from us, but I'm very happy she's hanging around these wholesome kids and can work out solutions she's happy with."

Jack Nelson of North Andover, Mass., has particular concerns about how rules at home apply to both the returning student and their siblings.

"It's inappropriate to have a younger sibling adhere to one set of rules, while the elder child has

another. If the expectations are changing on a daily basis, kids will play that to their advantage," said Nelson, whose son, Graham, just finished his sophomore year.

Aside from good parenting skills, which he says he learned from friends and older families, Nelson credits a rigorous academic program for regulating student behavior when parents aren't around.

"Colby has taught Graham that with freedoms come significant responsibilities like attending classes and being prepared for exams," he said. "I think he realized early on, 'If I haven't taken advantage of the opportunities, it's my loss.'"

Sometimes a year at Colby causes students to reexamine hometown friendships once considered indissoluble. When her daughter, Jenna, returned home, Laura DeSimone of Winchester, Mass., was concerned that Colby friends had supplanted high school friends.

"She hadn't spent time rekindling friendships from home," DeSimone said.

Though DeSimone says Jenna initially was restless about being accountable to her parents after a year without supervision, the time apart actually improved their rapport.

"Before she went to college, she was unsure of what I had to offer her in the way of advice," said DeSimone, whose daughter just completed her second year at Colby. "Now through letters and phone calls we've never been more open. She says she can tell me things that she can't tell her friends." ♦

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Parents' Advocates

Scott and Jean Peterson, parents of Hilary '97, of Middlebury, Conn., will serve as chairs of the Executive Committee of the Parents Association for 1996-97.

The Petersons will lead the Executive Committee in its efforts to raise funds for the College and advise administrators on issues of concern to parents. Margaret Felton Viens '77, assistant director of annual giving and administrative liaison for the Executive Committee, says the group is called upon to assist the College in several ways.

"They're there as sounding boards for other parents and for President Cotter when he wants a pulse check on how parents feel about a certain issue," Viens said.

The Executive Committee also works with the Admission Office to conduct retention programs, including visits by current Colby parents to prospective parents. "They can give a parent's-eye view of what it's like to be at Colby," Viens said.

The Parents Association has been instrumental in adding more security lighting to the campus, creating after-hour study rooms in Miller Library, establishing quiet hours in residence halls and in improving dining services. ♦



Scott and Jean Peterson

Keeping Costs in Line

Returning Colby students will pay 4.7 percent more to attend next year, the smallest tuition increase in 21 years. President Bill Cotter explained the increase in a letter to students and parents, noting that although the full cost of attending Colby will go up, the comprehensive fee of \$27,900 still does not cover the expense of educating a student.

Although Colby's tuition increase is 2 percent higher than the national rate of inflation, Cotter points out that most costs associated with higher education rise faster than the general inflation rate. For example, he said, faculty compensation—about 45 percent of the College's total budget—generally rises 2 to 3 percent above inflation each

year. These increases are necessary to maintain Colby's position as a leading competitor for the nation's best teaching talent, Cotter said. Costs for computer equipment, library acquisitions and, most notably, financial aid all increased at rates well above inflation, Cotter said.

Colby has reduced its expenses in some areas by increasing efficiency and restraining staff growth. The size of both the faculty and administration are frozen and all future growth will be through substitution. The College has worked hard to keep costs down "while still providing (and expanding) the kinds of facilities, programs and quality of instruction that caused you to choose Colby in the first place," Cotter said in his letter. ♦

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A Great Beginning

The Class of 1996's commencement ceremony on May 26 marked the 175th time that Colby has granted bachelor's degrees to a graduating class. On this anniversary year it seems appropriate to remember the College's original commencement, held in August 1822, when Colby was known as Waterville College.

The first graduating class consisted of just two students—George Dana Boardman and Ephraim Tripp. There was one honorary degree recipient, Samuel Wait, who later founded Wake Forest College.

Colby's first president, Jeremiah Chaplin, who shepherded the College through its infancy, presided over the first commencement. He wrote the Latin phrases that still are used at graduation ceremonies and that appear on every diploma, including the often-invoked sentence, "All that your instructors have been able to do for you has been done."

The processional was big on pomp but small in number. In addition to the two students, the group included Albion K. Parris, Maine's first governor, trustees, Colby professors (there were only two) and Chaplin.

The ceremony took place in the meeting house in the center of Waterville, which was then a village of a few hundred people. Most of the audience were Waterville residents who at first were eager to witness the ceremony and stampeded in but grew restless during the long induction speeches. Many of them left before the proceedings had ended.



The meeting house, where the first Colby commencement was held, still stands today as the Park Street Baptist Church.

Goal Oriented

Women's lacrosse team scores big during 10-4 season

By Marc Glass

Before taking the field at every game this season, the women's lacrosse team broke from its huddle shouting "Pride!" It was an appropriate declaration. The White Mules finished the season with a 10-4 mark and their first ECAC playoff berth since 1989. Three regular-season victories were by a margin of more than 18 goals, and the Mules won the CBB championship.

Goalie Jennifer Pope '96 (Needham, Mass.) was named NESCAC Player of the Week for routinely exceeding 16 saves per game, and she was selected to play in the STX North-South Senior All-Star game, which featured the top senior Division III women's lacrosse players in the nation. Amie Sicchitano '96 (Wellesley Hills, Mass.) was named first alternate to the STX all-star game. Pope and Kara Marchant '97 (Lakeville, Conn.) were named second-team regional All-Americans by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association, and Marchant was given



Amie Sicchitano '96 was one of several individual stars.

honorable mention in All America voting by the United States Women's Lacrosse Association. Stacy Joslin '97 (Warwick, R.I.) broke the school record for most assists in a season with 23, and the team set school records for most goals (185) and most points (264) in a single season.

Why was the team successful? Consider the quandary of senior center Cindy Kelly as a measure of this team's devotion: A little more than a year ago, Kelly realized she

had a difficult decision ahead. Her sister Iris '91 announced that she would be wed on April 20, 1996—the same day Colby was scheduled to play nationally ranked Tufts at Seaverns Field. Though familial obligation and sisterly love won out, Kelly agonized over whether to miss the game or the wedding. Head coach Heidi Godomsky exerted no pressure, but she said Kelly's "heart-wrenching" decision reveals much about the team's dedication.

"Several years ago, players were missing games and practices unnecessarily. That's changed. Cindy was in tears about missing the Tufts game, and though her teammates understood her desire to be in two places at the same time, it was a big deal that she wasn't here for the game," Godomsky said.

Co-captain Sicchitano believes that self-discipline was another reason for the team's improvement. At the close of practice, especially in the two days before a game, the seniors and captains routinely admonished their teammates to stay well-rested and healthy. Accord-

ing to Sicchitano, breaking the team's "48-hour rule," which forbade the consumption of alcohol and late-night socializing before games, wouldn't be tolerated within the ranks.

"Everyone, including those who might not play much, is willing to sacrifice a couple of nights of fun for the team," Sicchitano said. "If one person isn't one hundred percent during a game, it jeopardizes our chances for success and team unity."

The lifeblood of any successful program is able newcomers, and Godomsky's recruiting efforts last year resulted in a talent-rich group of first-year students who often outshone the seniors and earned most of the playing time on offense. But instead of generating resentment, the first-years' contributions were welcomed, according to Kelly.

"We looked at the new players as the answer to our prayers," she said. "Their skills were above and beyond ours, but they pushed the upperclassmen to play better. We still had a lot of leadership and experience to offer, and the result was a stronger lacrosse team."

Christie Browning '99, an All-American attack player in high school, considered two Division I schools but says she's happy she chose Colby.

"The upperclassmen are always telling us how much they appreciate the first-years, but they're not giving themselves enough credit," Browning said. "The defense is all upperclassmen, and they've saved us in many games. Pope is the best goalie in the NESCAC. I don't know what we're going to do when they graduate." ♦

still kicking

Debbie MacWalter '91, an All-American heptathlete and four-time All-American in the javelin, knows her school heptathlon record (4,384 points) might fall to Cynthia Pomerleau '97 before too long. But MacWalter, who roomed with Pomerleau's older sister, Pam '91, at Colby, wishes the heir apparent well.

"I'm happy for her, but it's sad to see it go already," she said. "It's a big accomplishment."

MacWalter earned a master's degree in physical therapy from Simmons College in 1993 and practices at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, Mass. And she hasn't lost her desire to compete. She now runs up to 30 miles per week in preparation for her first sprint series triathlon this summer. She says her husband, Fred Bright '91, a real estate appraiser at Bank of Boston, will serve as her "support crew" for the event, which includes a half-mile swim, 12-mile bike ride and three-mile run.

Hurry Up and Win

If you attended women's track and field meets this spring, there were two sounds you were certain to hear: the report of the starter's pistol and frustrated officials saying, "We're waiting for Pomerleau!" Cynthia Pomerleau '97, who competed in at least six of the heptathlon's seven events in most meets, would be ripping through the 100-meter hurdles while a schedule-minded shotput official awaited her customary 40-foot throw. The javelin official waited while she blazed through 200 meters. Somehow, Pomerleau also found the time and stamina to launch herself more than 17 feet in the long jump and five feet in the high jump. While officials waited for Pomerleau to arrive, her rivals hoped for a no-show.

"She usually does her best when rushing from event to event," head

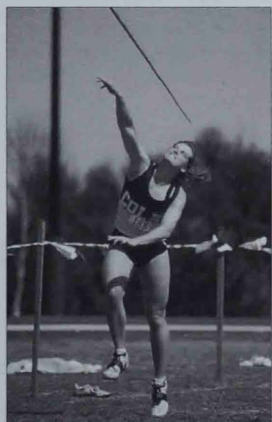
coach Debbie Aitken said.

"I like the heptathlon because I like to be busy and I like the challenge," Pomerleau said. "If one event goes poorly, there's always another to do well in."

But none of the events went poorly. She finished the outdoor track and field season with All-American honors in the heptathlon, a NESCAC title in the long jump and shotput and a sixth-place national ranking in the heptathlon. Her 4,384 heptathlon point total is only 105 shy of the Colby record held by Debbie MacWalter '91 (see Still Kicking). Pomerleau, who won the ECAC and New England Division III championship in the five-event indoor pentathlon last winter, has only one regret about her junior year of competition—a hamstring strain prevented her from competing on the cross-country team.

The three-sport schedule and all the necessary training leaves little time for anything else but studying, and Pomerleau, a biology major with a concentration in environmental sciences, demands as much of herself in the classroom as she does on the track.

"When I set a personal record in track, Deb always encourages me to do better by saying, 'Don't be satisfied with that,'" Pomerleau said. "I'm not satisfied with learning the minimum. If I'm not doing well academically, I don't feel good about athletics." ♦



Cynthia Pomerleau '97

Three Cheers. . .

... for the women's tennis team, ranked 19th nationally in Division III, which ended the season with an 11-4 record. Kim Cheah '99 (Pulau Pinang, Malaysia) finished as the Maine singles champion and was ranked No. 32 nationally among Division III singles players.

sports shorts

The Colby baseball team (14-12) enjoyed its best record in a decade and ended the season with a five-game winning streak. **John-Charles Panio '96** (Scarsdale, N.Y.) led the pitching staff with a 6-0 record, and hurler **Galen Carr '97** (Walpole, N.H.) posted a 3-0 mark. Outfielders **Jerrold**



Brian Emme '97

Deshaw '97 (Burlington, Vt.) and **Pat McBride '97** (Woonsocket, R.I.) were the team's top hitters with batting averages of .398 and .376, respectively. . . .

The men's tennis team posted an 8-4 record, including its first-ever undefeated spring-break trip. Top singles player **Gerry Perez '96** (Mahopac, N.Y.) was 10-1, while the top doubles team of

Perez and **Staunton Bowen '97** (Toronto, Ont.) went 8-2. . . .

The softball team posted a 14-12 record under first-year head coach Jen Holsten '90. Shortstop **Meghan O'Neil '96** (West Newbury, Mass.) was named NESCAC Player of the Week in May for getting nine hits in 13 at bats, and second-base player **Stephanie Patterson '99** (Margate, N.J.) was named NESCAC Player of the Week for her fielding prowess; she made only one error in 26 games. . . . The men's lacrosse team finished the season with a 7-7 record and a quarterfinal-round appearance in the ECAC playoffs. **Brian Frank '98** (Essex Fells, N.J.) broke the school record for most saves in a season with 241, and **Matt Williams '99** (Cape Elizabeth, Maine) set the school record for most assists (30) and total points (49) by a first-year student.

Brian Emme '97 (Evergreen, Colo.) and **Brett Nardini '96** (Scituate, Mass.) were named to the Brine/Lacrosse Foundation East all-star team. . . . Men's track and field was highlighted by the performances of **Patrick Fournier '98** (Bellows Falls, Vt.) and **Conrad Saam '96** (Skillman, N.J.) at the NCAA New England Division III Track and Field Championships. Fournier clocked a 31:06.37 finish in his 10,000 meters win and broke the Colby record in the event. Saam scored 5,858 points to break the school decathlon record. He won the pole vault, long jump, 100-meter dash and 1,500-meter run on his way to a second-place overall finish in the decathlon competition. **Donald Saucier '96** (Westport, Mass.) won the 100-meter high hurdles at the NESCAC championships. . . . In women's track and field, anchor runner **Rachel Ehlers '96** (Richfield Springs, N.Y.) came from fourth place to lead the women's 4x100-meter relay team to victory at the ECAC championships.



Fifty-Plus

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THIRTIES

Howard Ferguson '31, a man who has coached baseball all his life, finds that watching millionaire athletes try to play the game distracts him from the more serious pursuits of life, like trying to answer a questionnaire. Howard is 87 now and lives at St. Joseph's Living Center in Windham, Conn. When he entered the facility last year, he had trouble walking, but with physical therapy

and good care he is walking again and keeping fit. He only wishes he could move faster (how many of you wish you could move slower?), but he enjoys reading the newspaper every day and says he is working now at "cleaning out a bunch of files." Howard enjoys gardening and is able to have some garden space at his daughter's home in nearby Lebanon, Conn. He also has a son in Milford, Ohio. . . . Don '33 and

Dorothy Gould Rhoades '36 sent their 1995 Christmas letter—single-spaced, both sides—as an efficient means of passing the word. (Dorothy is the sister of Marjorie Gould Shuman '37, whose encyclopaedic knowledge of Colby alumni gave this column an authenticity hard to match.) The Gouldses and the Rhoadeses are numerous, and their sheer mass distributed over the northern half of the North

The Greatest Gift

Beth Pendleton Clark '35, an interim minister for the United Church of Christ, has always given of herself. So she was entirely in character last February 22 when she donated a kidney to her daughter, Barbara Daggett, who suffers cystic kidney disease, the same hereditary disease that took Clark's husband 40 years ago.



Beth Pendleton Clark '35

"I'm so grateful. I couldn't help him, but I could help her," Clark said of the operation at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "This was destiny. I just had to do this."

The daughter and wife of Baptist ministers, Clark followed her bent toward church and social work as a sociology major at Colby. Three years later she received a bachelor of divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School. She was ordained into the Christian ministry in 1967, received a master's of divinity in 1968 from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and completed her doctorate at Lancaster Theological Seminary in 1981.

In 1975 Clark served on the original committee that organized the Interim Ministry Network. As an interim minister for the United Church of Christ she took on full duties in 21 church assignments averaging nine months each. Five churches called her back for a second ministry and one for a third. For many of those churches, she was the first woman pastor. "I've broken down some barriers," said Clark,

who is listed in *Who's Who in Religion*. It's not that she's not been happy pitching in, but now, she said, "I'm 82, and I think it's time to enjoy life."

All she has done is attend a recent conference in Toronto on stewardship and giving, then return home to Selinsgrove, Pa., to her duties as chair of the nominating committee of her church. Her intensive study of grief for her Ph.D. dissertation at Lancaster not only helped with her interim ministries, she says, it also led to her current work in a local hospice program that serves several counties. Last fall she was the speaker at the program's memorial service. She also does book reviews for the magazine of the Alban Institute, where she trained years ago.

Although a national organization helps find donors for the 600,000 people in this country who have polycystic kidney disease, all of Clark's stress, heart and blood tests showed that she was in excellent health and the best donor for her daughter. "I've been tested for AIDS so many times," she joked with her doctor, "I don't know whether to be insulted or complimented on being still sexually active." When the transplant surgery also involved removing a rib from her upper abdomen, Clark told the surgeons, "If they're going to make a man out of that rib, I want to do the specifications."

Today Barbara Daggett, a Maine state legislator who missed only three sessions of the legislature, has been appointed chair of a committee to reshape the government and is gearing up for a run for the state senate. She's back playing tennis, too.

The transplant operation, Clark said, has given her "a completely new perspective about giving. It makes you think about what giving means. Giving is basic to your life."

American continent may well account for the wobble recently detected by astronomers in the path of the Earth around the sun. Their letter leaves no doubt that they paid countless delightful visits to countless delightful family members, to the great reward and enrichment of all. . . . The worst mistake **Evelyn Stapleton Burns '33** ever made was to buy a television set for the family. During her time at Colby, the banks were closed (remember!!) and she was lucky to have two pairs of shoes. Despite privation at times, Evelyn has always been super-active in community affairs. During spring break one year, she was in Rome personally to hear Mussolini addressing the crowds, a visit that was made possible by her Carnegie International Peace Scholarship. Says Evelyn, "Our age group has lived through a lot of history." . . . **Ruth Stubbs Frazer '34** asks, "In the upcoming election for President, why can't I be enthusiastic about any prospective candidate?" She lives in a lovely retirement community called Friendship Village in Pittsburgh, where she improves her physique by walking half a mile (one way) to the dining room. However, she doesn't weigh any more than she did 50 years ago. . . . **Robert F. Estes '35** wants to know what happened to **Wallace Bates McLaughlin '36** and **Larry Dow '35**. Mr. McLaughlin is deceased. Mr. Dow's

NEWSMAKERS

Bonnie Roberts Hathaway '41 was awarded the Shaklee Community Caretaker Award from the New England Shaklee Corp. for her work to raise awareness of environmental issues and to educate people on steps they can take to help protect the planet. . . . **B. A. Royal Spiegel '42** published a poem, "Lessons from the Pond," in *Highlights for Children* magazine.

address is Route 3, Box 829, Belfast, Maine 04915. Mr. Estes has "two girls, two boys and nine grandchildren, all doing well and keeping an eye on this old man." . . . The Reverend Doctor **Beth Pendleton Clark '35** donated a kidney to her daughter in February here in Boston (see profile on page 38). Personally, I am filled with admiration for Beth's courage and devotion. She has resumed her lifestyle of supply preaching, book reviewing, gardening and being active on several boards and committees. For exercise, she uses a treadmill. . . . **J. Warren "Joe" Bishop '35** wishes he could have been a better person and have lived a better life. However, if you read about the modest Mr. Bishop, you wish you could have done as well. For 10 years he was chairman of the Department of Business Administration at Colby. From there he went on to be controller and then vice president at Union Mutual Life Insurance Company. He has two adopted sons and, by having

been widowed twice, has acquired four stepsons, three daughters-in-law and swarms of grandchildren and greats—all doing well. . . . **Nat Gupta '39** is "getting a little tired of being a Republican." He extends greetings to **Sally Aldrich Adams '39** and **Elizabeth "Ippie" Solie Howard '39**. On August 28, Nat and **Helen (Carter) '39** will have been married 59 years. . . . During the Korean War, Lt. Col. **Charles E. McLean '39** flew 88 combat missions (4,000 pilot hours in 12 different models of fighter plane). He says he would love, once again, to get behind the stick of a fighter aircraft, the gull-winged Corsair in particular—a most demanding and beautiful plane. (During World War II, your secretary worked in the Chance Vought aircraft factory in Stratford, Conn., where Corsairs were manufactured. At the time, I knew every nut and bolt in that plane and feel, as does Lt. Col. McLean, that it was a beautiful iron bird.) . . . **G. Allan Brown**

'39 and wife **Priscilla** persevere despite grave problems of health. However, the retirement community to which they moved in the nick of time has provided wonderful help and support. Allan's main difficulty is loss of his sense of balance, which has affected his walking ever since the Guillain-Barré nerve disease hit him in 1993. However, a hip operation in November may help. ♦

FORTIES

Wendell Starr '41 has about as brief a write-up (one line) as you'll find in any copy of the *Oracle*. Yet these days as a scientist (electronics) and crusading environmentalist, he merits large write-ups. He regrets that he is not much help around the house for his wife, Anna ("just taking care of the weeding and pruning is a big job"). In the fitness department, he has resolved to quit jogging because his knees are giving out, but he feels lucky to have kept jogging for so long. In February when he wrote, Wendell was looking forward to a seminar led by **Norman Palmer '30**. I am deeply saddened to report that Dr. Palmer died on February 21, 1996. Dr. Palmer and I maintained a lively correspondence centering on the errors of omission, commission, grammar and taste and the general ineptitude shamelessly displayed in this column. I shall miss him. ♦

Homecoming '96 Colby Night

Friday, October 18, 1996

Honoring Sid Farr '55
1996 "C" Club Man of the Year

All alumni are invited and welcome to attend the Colby Night dinner, sponsored by the "C" Club. Watch for your Homecoming brochure, or call the Alumni Office 207-872-3190 to make your reservation!

The Forties

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Mary Hall Fitch

47 Roberta Marden Alden has three married children and, when she wrote, was expecting to be in Honolulu in May to welcome a fifth grandchild. She and her husband are both retired and do a lot of traveling, most recently to national parks in the Southwest. She continues to hear from Emily Gardell Hueston and Joan Hunt Banfield. . . . **Ronald Coe** is a physician still actively practicing internal medicine in Camden, Conn. He and his wife, Eleanor, have a married daughter who has one son and two stepsons. . . . **Tom Burke** calls himself a "professional amateur golfer" and his wife a "household engineer" and "life master bridge player." He plays golf three times a week, volunteers at his HMO clinic in town and loves cruises. He has cruised to Montreal, Quebec and Scandinavia and will be in the Orient for 14 days in October, when he hopes to see **Dana** and **Harriet Nourse Robinson**. Tom has four

sons. One heads affirmative action for Hewlett Packard in Oregon; the second is a banker/farmer in Indiana; the third teaches at ULSAN University in South Korea; and the fourth works for Pizza Hut in Phoenix while pursuing a master's degree in computer science. ♦

Correspondents:
David and Dorothy Marson

48 We received no response to our most recent mailing requesting news of the Class of 1948. Nevertheless, we will carry on by telling you that we just returned from a 10-day trip to Israel. It was Dorothy's seventh visit and my first. Before we left I

was concerned about our safety due to the recent bus bombings and the rockets up north, but we were never in any danger and the trip was very enlightening and enjoyable. . . . You do not have to wait for the Alumni Relations Office to send out a letter requesting class news. Just write to either **Dorothy** or **David Marson** at 41 Woods End Road, Dedham, MA 02026. This section of *Colby* is one of the first that everyone reads. We will include all the news that we receive. ♦

Correspondent:
Robert M. Tonge Sr.

49 Haroldene "Deanie" Whitcomb Wolf, who

lives at 21 Pippens Way, Morristown, NJ 07960, is retired and recently bought a tennis villa in Vero Beach, where she spends two or three months a year. She says she is currently unmarried and looking. . . . **Leonard Warshaver** and his wife, Elaine, are also retired. They have six grandchildren, four boys (the two oldest at Tufts and Columbia respectively) and two girls. Leonard says his golf game has deteriorated, with a handicap soaring like the stock market, and his tennis game is not as aggressive, but otherwise he's doing well physically. He gives his regards to all '49ers. . . . As class correspondent, I enjoy providing news of classmates, but please help me out by contributing to the flow of information! ♦

reunion 96

1946

My first memory of our 50th reunion will always be Betty Ann Riker and her husband, Roe Howell, getting up for a 7:30 a.m. tee-off at the Waterville Country Club.

My second vivid memory will be Charlotte Carrington Jameson seeing her freshman roommate after 53 years. Charlotte left to go to nursing school and hadn't seen Emily Holbrook Pelissier until this June.

It was great fun in the dorm to see everyone's names appearing on doors on miscellaneous scraps of paper. Present were 31 members of our wartime class and an additional 21 guests, husbands, children, etc. We all shared meals and catch-up conversations in Lovejoy Commons. The meals certainly have improved; I felt I was at a splendid hotel buffet. The lobster hash alone under the big tent was worth the trip.

Cloyd Aarseth and his wife, Joan, had set up a wonderful memorabilia display in the dorm sitting room. It included a tuition bill for less than \$200. I understand Colby now costs \$29,000 a year total.

At the awards banquet, Jean O'Brien Perkins received a Colby Brick for her wonderful work of keeping track of us and pursuing us to keep pledging.

At the Parade of Classes on Saturday morning, it was great fun to watch everyone march by and then parade ourselves through all the classes with applause resounding.

Our reunion banquet in the Art Museum was very classy. Betty Scalise Kilham, our president, introduced President Cotter and his wife, Linda, and led us through a wonderful program. The superb video of our war years at Colby was done by Cloyd Aarseth. If you would like to enjoy a flood of memories, the video is available for \$25. Also, our new class picture can be obtained through the College for \$6. Each of us looks healthy and happy.

One of my high points was the Sunday Boardman service in Lorimer Chapel. I am so proud when I see the accomplishment in someone I've known a long time. Hannah Karp Laipson gave the address and I was thrilled to see her in her professional role. I was also glad to see the other participants, a rabbi and a Catholic priest, the College chaplains.

Our reunion letter book by so many of our classmates was my late night reading and will be for years. It was edited by the great triumvirate, Hannah, Carol and Anne. Barbara Pattee Healey wrote a wonderful letter to us all.

There is a lovely new Colby with all new rules, coed dorms, new buildings in the future. But it was the place I began to be a real person. I'm proud of me, my classmates and the College where it all began.

—Nancy Jacobsen

The Fifties

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Virginia Davis Pearce

50 News from Chicago: Jerry Frank is the proud grandfather of triplets! One of his sons and his daughter-in-law had a girl and two boys, born in January. Lucky Jerry has his three children and now five grandchildren all living within a mile and a half of him. He recently visited Rona (Kopans '57) and Bob Rosenthal and reports all is well with them. . . . I had a nice letter from Patricia "Rusty" Jensen, who has retired after 44 years of teaching—the last 17 at the University of Rhode Island, where she has been honored with the rank of professor emerita. Now she is a full-time volunteer at South County Hospital in Rhode Island, working in express care and as vice president of the auxiliary. I guess we can't say you have really retired, Rusty. . . . Jerry Baker is not about to retire, he writes from New Jersey. He is the general manager of a Japanese company's subsidiary and enjoys the world travel. His family consists of wife Peggy, three children, two of whom are now married, and his 91-year-old mom. Jerry plays tennis three times a week and enjoys distance biking. . . . Richard Armknecht lives in Concord, Mass., and is retiring this year but will con-

tinue on the board of advisors of his daughter Beth's temporary placement business. Dick writes that he's planning to attend Warren Buffet's annual meeting in Omaha again this year since he had such a great time last year. . . . Foster Bruckheimer writes from Delray Beach, Fla., where he's adjusting to single life after the death of his wife, Selma. His daughter Elizabeth is working on her Ph.D. at Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, and daughter Ellen lives in Tucson, Ariz., with three children. Foster has retired from working in the jewelry trade to working in community affairs, such as the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and condo board. . . . Speaking of Arizona, Charlie '49 and I were in Green Valley, Ariz., for the month of March and spent some time with Beverly Deschenes Libby and her husband, Jim, who own a home there. They are in Maine all summer and Arizona all winter—the best of both worlds. Bev plays tennis about every day, goes skiing in Colorado every year and enters Senior Olympic swimming events. As you might guess, besides her nurse's training, Bev has been a physics teacher (in Portland, Maine, schools). Charlie and I also attended an Elderhostel program near beautiful Sedona, Ariz. This was our third one, and we've enjoyed them all. Those of you who have been to Elderhostels, let us know about your favorites. . . . Robert Bonner, of Newton, Mass., has retired from General Electric and keeps himself busy doing home repairs and woodworking. He has three children and seven grandchildren and two houses to maintain. I bet he's a handy grandfather to have around. . . . Charlotte Shoul Backman and husband Irving also live in Newton. They have a son and daughter and four grandchild-

dren. She writes that their youngest daughter died in 1984 at the age of 24 from a choking accident. Charlotte keeps herself busy taking courses, doing community service, fund raising, etc. They have traveled extensively and especially enjoyed two trips to Russia and one to China. About our days at Colby, Charlotte mentioned enjoying the teas that President Bixler hosted for us. . . . pleasant memories. ♦

Correspondent:

Barbara Jefferson Walker

51 Here's hoping the reunion has stirred up a lot of memories and therefore a lot of mail to your correspondent. Bargain! You send your "stuff" in and I'll send it out. . . . Keep your ears alert for the sounds of Maury Ronayne, Alexandria, Va., who as a senior citizen is taking voice and piano lessons at a local community college. . . . I appreciate continuing to receive the "Atomic Veterans" newsletter, courtesy of editor and national commander Dr. Oscar Rosen. . . . Harry Wiley has retired from NYNEX, AT&T and the Maine Turnpike Authority. He is now a director and official writer for the Maine Sports Hall of Fame as well as being involved with his church and condominium association. Joan (Kelby '52) and Bob Cannell as well as Jack '55 and Anne Burnham Deering '55 were among the celebrants at one of Harry's retirement parties. . . . Fenton Mitchell, Rolling Hills, Calif., writes that he is "founder, president and sole owner of CX and B United Corp., which is one of the largest promotional products companies on the West Coast." Among the highlights of his life since graduation, he says, are "constant personal growth and development, being the father of

five children, all of whom turned out well, and achieving peace of mind." What he wants to do now is to "keep building the company, travel and simply taste all the best that life has to give."

... **Sylvia Fredette Schurin**, Rockport, Mass., is a retired language teacher and antiques dealer who now is studying oil and watercolor painting. I appreciated her personal note reflecting on when we first knew one another as freshmen in Hedman Hall. That fall of 1947 with college looming ahead was a challenging adventure for the "shy girl with the fey sense of humor" that Sylvia recalls. ... I have just returned from yet another adventure—this one taking me to Botswana and Deception Valley in the Middle of the Kalahari Desert. Does news of your dreams and adventures to share with your '47-'51 classmates! ♦

Correspondent:

Edna Miller Mordecai

52 Thanks to those of you who have taken the time to write to me, but just in case it's getting harder to find the paper, search for the envelope, dig out the stamp and run to the mailbox, here's my e-mail address: MMordecai@AOL.com (I may not be proficient at matters Internet, but I will answer all mail as well as pass along anything you want to share with your classmates). You may want to share your own e-mail address. ...

People who wrote this time around seem to be finding new ways to invest their time. **Fritz Zeigler** writes from Ohio that although he's older and grayer, he's not noticing much effect of aging. He reports having some success "messing around" with thoroughbred racing. ... **Russ Wallace**, in Mill Valley, Calif., says that he and wife Kit are "probably slowing down." (Don't you love the probably?) From his reports it should read "probably not." They made three trips outside of the continental United States in 1995 to places like Tibet and Mongolia. Russ plays a role in the Pacific Interclub Yachting Association. Thoroughbreds and yachts, wow! Polo, anyone? ... **Art White** of New

Smyna Beach, Fla., and Bath, Maine, has retired as headmaster of Hotchkiss, plays golf and works in the Bath soup kitchen in the summers. ... **Stu West** from California writes that through the miracles of modern surgery his eyesight is as good as it was at Colby. His radiostations WEMR-AM and FM continue to serve (but Stu, you didn't say where, for any '52ers who might be in range). Stu also helped to revive the Wyoming County Fair in Pennsylvania, a successful 10-year revival of a fair that had run from 1857 to 1942. ... **Ray Keyes** boasts of having the job that everyone wishes for. Isn't that a

great way to feel? (Actually I have that job!) He teaches (half time) graduate students at the business school at Boston College. ... It may be hard for you to believe, but it is time to begin to plan to attend your 45th Colby reunion, June 1997! Your committee, **Barbara Bone Leavitt**, **Norma Berquist Garnet**, **Ray Keyes**, **Dave Lynn**, **Ben Sears** and I, **Eddi Miller Mordecai**, are having fun planning the event. Norma is planning a memorable video, which will require the participation of many. Look for more news of this. We'll be in touch frequently from now on with lures to tempt you to Waterville in '97.

reunion 96

1951

Our 45th reunion June 6-9 proved to be a huge success. Sixty class members attended and we had more than 100 people at our Saturday evening reunion dinner, including former Colby faculty members **Don Koons**, **Bob Pullen** and **Ronnie Williams**. Everyone who attended seemed to have a very enjoyable time meeting with old friends and generally "schmoozing" with each other.

Thirty class members attended the pre-reunion get-together in Portland that was organized by **Bob** and **Jane Perry Lindquist**. This event featured a wonderful harbor cruise on Casco Bay and included a delightful lunch at the Diamond Edge Restaurant on beautiful Diamond Island.

On Friday evening at the all-College dinner, classmate **Warren Finegan** was honored with the **Ernest C. Marriner Award** for his distinguished service to the College over the past 45 years.

The weather cooperated on Saturday for the Parade of Classes from the Student Union to the football stadium, after which it was announced that over the past two years the Class of 1951 has contributed to Colby in capital gifts and Alumni Fund donations the grand sum of \$2.9 million. Our thanks to all classmates who contributed and to **Ernie Fortin**, our class agent fund-raising leader. We were all mighty proud of that accomplishment and feel fortunate to have so many classmates who care so much for our college.

Our class dinner on Saturday evening proved to be the highlight of the weekend with 20 "Just-for-Fun" awards presented to class members for extraordinary accomplishments during their alumni years. These awards, which drew many laughs, were based on individual responses to the questionnaires sent out to all members of the class prior to reunion. A summary of these responses was prepared by **Bob Archibald** and assembled into a class directory that was distributed at the reunion.

The big surprise of our class dinner evening was the after-dinner music provided by a jazz combo made up of four classmates: **Bob Lee** (piano), **Fenton Mitchell** (trumpet), **John Lincott** (sax and keyboard) and **Bump Bean** (bass violin). Class officers nominated and elected for the 1996-2001 period were **Clifford Bean**, president; **Ernie Fortin**, vice president, chief class agent and Alumni Council representative; and **Barbara Jefferson Walker**, class secretary.

Thanks to all who helped to make our reunion such a success. Now let's all look forward to the 50th, which should be even bigger and better.

—Clifford "Bump" Bean

Don't tell us you're waiting for the 50th. Our motto is, "It's too late to wait. Carpe diem!" For now, please give some thought to your participation in the class gift. Sure, we hope for lots of big bucks, but the percentage of participation is a really crucial issue. In the past, only 42 percent of us have contributed. Just a little effort will raise us over our 50 percent target. When you hear from **Dave Lynn** and his committee, do whatever you can to make the drive successful. The College will be telling us more about some exciting opportunities for making our gifts count! ... One of the tasks of the reunion classes is to try to locate missing classmates. We have a number of these, and I will publish their names in lots of six or so from now till reunion. If you know the whereabouts of **Jeremy Amott**, **Joan Acheson Bridge**, **Lois Green**, **Ray Henderson**, **Harriet Clouter Horan** or **Howard Kent**, please make contact and urge them to let the College know of their whereabouts. ♦

Correspondent:

Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey

53 Just when I think there is little news coming my way, my mail box fills up. **Elaine Zervas Stamas** sent her notes too late for the last deadline and I'm sure thought I had left her out. In addition to her duties as a Colby trustee, Elaine still volunteers her time, as does her husband as chairman of the New York Philharmonic and many other boards. She reports her granny-standing is now "two." She has a new grandson to go with the first granddaughter. ... **Bob Wulfiger** is now retired and living in Wallingford, Vt., with his wife, **Joan**. His three children are on their own. His son is a minister in Portland, Maine, married, with four daughters. His daughter **Holly** was chief to the governor of Georgia and now has a home maintenance business with her husband. Their daughter **Amy** is also married. **Bob** is keeping himself busy as a trustee of Public Fund in Wallingford, playing a lot of golf, traveling and generally enjoying life. ... **Marty Friedlaender's**

many friends will be happy to know that she's back home after several months in the hospital following complications from scheduled spinal surgery. You can write her at 382 Central Park West #14A, New York, NY 10025. . . . **Mimi Price Patten** from South Harpswell on the beautiful Maine coast wrote that her three children and four grandchildren were all together at Christmas '95. Mimi acquired, via the surgery route, two new body parts: a new hip and new knee. We will all have to catch up to her next reunion. Last September she went on a cruise with Charlie Windhorst '54, Lou Ferraguzzi and Nick Sarris '54 and their wives, and I bet they all had a great time. . . . **Kitty Webster Smith** in San Bernardino, Calif., informs us that she is a school bookkeeper for the Del Rosa Christian School, where her husband is the administrator. He also is senior pastor of Grace Baptist Church. Kitty's family was planning a family reunion in July on two houseboats on California's Lake Shasta (they'd need all that space to accommodate four married children with the 12 grandchildren). She and her husband celebrated their 42nd anniversary in January. Neither one has imminent retirement plans. . . . **Alan Whittaker** thanked me and the Alumni Office for including him in the Class of '53. (He's not sure if he's in the right class year because he split time at Colby, '49-'51 and '55-'57, due to USAF duty.) Alan is now retired as a hospital CEO and keeping himself busy in real estate. He and his wife, Ruth, raise Maine Coon cats and do some traveling around to cat shows. And having reared six children, they are now enjoying all the grandchildren. . . . My roommate, Diane Chamberlin Starcher '54 (see profile p. 46), took the time to phone me from Groton, Mass., on her way to visit her son and daughter-in-law out in Washington state. I will leave the report on her trip up to her and hope to read about it in her class news. . . . I am sorry to have to tell you of two deaths in our class: **Gilbert "Gil" Sewall** on April 8, 1995, and **Robert Carr** on March 4, 1996. . . . As

usual, I look forward to your news. Thanks to the above for filling my mailbox again. ♦

Correspondents:
Bill and Penny Thresher Edson

54 Jackie Warendorf Beveridge Shelton writes from Naples, Fla., where she lives with her husband, John, a pilot/consultant. Jackie, a travel consultant, has two daughters and two granddaughters. Her question to classmates: "How about group travel for the Class of '54?" Sounds like an interesting idea! According to Jackie, "being a French major in college has allowed me to make the world my oyster." . . . **Philip Reiner-Deutsch** is a travel clerk for Amtrack Customer Services in Los Angeles, having shifted careers in 1973. He managed to survive a heart attack and subsequent coronary bypass and is coming back very well. According to Phil, "checking out current level of hospital care is a revelation in itself. Food not nearly as grim as the rumor mill would have it." His retirement tip: "only do it if you are absolutely sure the timing and the finances are right." When remembering Colby, Phil wonders "how a mixed-up big-city kid was ever going to fit into the academic framework demanded of me." He would like to ask classmates whether there is "any residual bitterness left over regarding the abolition of fraternities and sororities?" . . . **Lindon Christie** retired from private/public education in 1979. He serves as a lieutenant colonel in the Maine air wing of the Civil Air Patrol and was center director at Husson College in Portland, Maine. He spends a great deal of time at his seasonal home in North Brooklin, Maine. "Still fly occasionally in C-172, usually in Turner, Maine," he writes. "Maine looks awfully good from 2,500 feet." . . . **Diane Lee Stevens Brown** writes from Bakersfield, Calif., where she lives with her husband, Dr. Herman Brown, a practicing psychologist. Diane is an artist and portrait painter whose oils and pastels are all commissioned works. Diane plays tournament bridge and loves

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David Crockett '52 received a Johnson Hardy Memorial Fund Award from Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., for longest continuous service to the college. . . . **Philip Hussey '53** and the Hussey Seating Company of North Berwick, Maine, were recognized by the Maine Council of Churches for "the exemplary ethical and ecologically responsible standards by which ten generations of the Hussey family have conducted their business in Maine." . . . **Max Singer '53** received a 1996 University of Louisville Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order. Singer is co-author of *The Real World Order: Zones of Peace, Zones of Turmoil*. . . . The Scribner publishing company has reissued *Heart Songs*, a book of stories by **E. Annie Proulx '57** first published in 1988. Proulx also is the author of a new novel, *Accordian Crimes*. . . . **Mabelle McKevett Grolljahn '59** was appointed vice president of the Peterborough and Rindge, N.H., ERA The Masiello Group real estate offices.



Max Singer '53

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Marriages: Russell G. Longley '59 to Dianne LeMaster in Saxtons River, Vt.

to dance, swim, garden and help care for a 9-year-old grandson. The Browns have two grown daughters and a son. According to Diane, "we aren't retired yet, and I'm not ready for it. We like to entertain and party with friends." Diane, who did not anticipate moving over the whole country and finally settling in California, especially remembers lots of parties, studying play lines for Powder and Wig, singing in every choral group, dances and writing long English major papers while at Colby. She asks classmates, "Hey, what's going on? Doesn't anyone ever get to California?—love to see some of you." . . . **Marcia Curtis** is a retired dean at the Medical University of South Carolina. She lives in Charleston, S.C., and summers in Waterville Valley, N.H. Marcia enjoys keeping in touch with many good friends around the country, including Beth Young Baker '55, who lives with her husband in Boise, Idaho. Marcia has experienced arthritis and cancer. "My life is slower, more thoughtful and

sweeter as I get older," she writes. "Every day is a pleasure of keeping up my friendships, helping others and keeping involved." Gardening, exercise class in the pool, educational consulting, fishing and some travel keep her busy. Marcia's retirement tips: "keep busy . . . pay attention to your health . . . seek out friends with a positive outlook on life . . . enjoy every day as it comes—look to the future with anticipation of good things to come." Marcia never expected to become a nurse and receive an Ed.D. in education. She always wanted to be a doctor, but, she says, "It was hard in the '50s for a woman to get into medical school." Marcia remembers "the small classes, good faculty like Allen Scott in biology who encouraged me—a physics teacher who told me that women had no place in medicine—great stress—happy times—lifelong friendships and career goals unfulfilled." Marcia asks if there are any alumni in Charleston or in Waterville Valley. ♦

Correspondent:

Jane Millett Dornish

55 John Reisman writes that he and wife Jane (Daib '58) have retired. John was with Lazarus Department Stores in Columbus, Ohio, for 36 years and now finds time to volunteer and travel. One particular trip to Costa Rica in January was an ecology course that had them slogging through the rainforest and jungles. . . . Lou Zambello's advice to us all is to "reach out and call" a long-lost classmate, someone you enjoyed in years past. "It's a kick!" he said. He and wife Kathy (McConaughy '56) spent time in Bend, Ore., visiting friends and skiing Mt. Bachelor. Lou's golf game never gets any better, but he's "one lucky dude" because of family, friends and good health. . . . Karl and I missed seeing Diane Reynolds Wright when we were in Steamboat Springs, Colo., this winter. Diane lives in Milwaukee but spends winters in Steamboat. She and husband Dick take biking trips around the U.S. and recently biked in Italy—a great way to see the countryside. An interesting venture for this family involves

being entrepreneurs in European hard-crust bread bakeries—our favorite kind of bread. Check it out when you're in Wisconsin. . . . A quick note from Ellie Larned Wescott as she was going out the door says she was on her way to Beaverton, Mich.—a new adventure in her life. She has her first grandchild, Tamara. We wish Ellie well as she settles in Michigan. . . . David '57 and Anne Burbank Palmer are opening a new Burger King just off I-95 on KMD in Waterville. Anne's advice for any one of us who is faced with health concerns is to educate yourself about the disease or condition. Their son Todd suffered a serious head injury last summer in a motorcycle accident; each day is a learning experience as she and Dave handle Todd's recovery. . . . It's great to hear from you all. ♦

Correspondent:

Eleanor Edmunds Groat

56 When you read this last class column of mine it will be after our 40th reunion. New Class of 1956 officers will be ready to lead us for the next five years, and this seat will be very

capably occupied by Kathleen McConaughy Zambello. Good luck, Kathy! . . . Patricia Robinson Tucker wrote from Cambridge, Mass., where she is director of awards management and resource information, Harvard University. Patricia and husband Stephen, an architect, travel frequently—"To France at least once a year," she writes, adding, "my job also takes me all over the world." She has no plans to retire for a long time. . . . Sue Veghte Wilson keeps busy with real estate business and has an interest in the Special Olympics. Travels to Mexico and Rome are hoped for, and sports—tennis, golf, sailing and skiing—always keep Sue busy. . . . Harry and Lyn Brooks Wey live in Hingham, Mass. Harry is semi-retired from insurance, and Lyn is an interior decorator. They are both busy people—Lyn is a hospice volunteer and Harry works on the harbor development committee—and they enjoy golf, skiing and boating. They have three daughters and four grandchildren. Two grandchildren are adopted from Korea. . . . I was so glad to hear from Bill Wyman, who lives in La Honda, Calif. Bill is headmaster emeritus, The Thacher

School, Ojai, Calif., which he describes as a school where all students must clean up after horses as well as pack them. The theory: raking manure is the best way to keep out of writing their English papers. Bill, who has retired, sort of, and built a home in California's coastal mountains, loves to go packing in the Sierra Nevada Range and keeps busy writing and researching the Sierras and the West. He's also involved in helping scholarship programs and programs for inner-city kids around the country. . . . Thanks for all your news over the last five years. Au revoir. ♦

Correspondent:

Brian F. Olsen

57 By now you've heard from class president Sue Bean about the 40th reunion coming up in less than a year. "Forty for Forty" is our unofficial slogan for the gathering, since our goal is to have at least 40 classmates make the trip to Waterville. The last one was a great time, and if we can get 40 of us to "reune" in June of '97 this one will be even better! There is nothing quite like the chance to renew old friendships and recall old memories from the not-so-long-ago '50s. . . . Fred Hammond writes that he's nearing retirement after a career teaching American history and coaching track at Beverly High School in Massachusetts. Fred has been filling his spare time playing the saxophone in a concert band on the North Shore for several years. . . . I received a nice response to one of the questionnaires from Anne Schimmelpfennig Laszlo. Anne is living in Exeter, N.H., teaching education courses at Northern Essex Community College while proudly and happily facing the daily challenges of being a single parent. Anne's flower garden provides solace and relief from both of the above. . . . It was good to hear from Pete Hussey, still with the Hussey Seating Company (what a surprise!) and now the executive VP. Don't call Pete for your new dining room chairs; do call Pete if you are going to open a new arena like The United Center in Chicago, The Gund Arena

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The accolades are arriving daily—the verdict is in. Our 40th reunion was super. Fifty-seven classmates plus spouses, guests and visitors from the classes of '55 and '57 spent a memorable Reunion Weekend at Colby preceded by 65 of us convening earlier at the Samoset Resort. The weather cooperated until Saturday p.m. but nothing could put a damper on the special camaraderie that prevailed. There were many first timers to the great delight of those of us who called and wrote to send encouragement to attend. The overwhelming consensus was, "Why did we wait so long to return?"

First timers were Phyllis and Charlie Brown, Lois Weaver Neal, Dick and Domenica Tranquillo Rainer, Bobbie Moore Parsons, Sue Veghte Wilson, Bill Wyman, Peg and Dave Van Allen, Liz Russell Collins, Larry and Grace Mainero Andrea, and Kathleen Vogt.

If I missed someone, my apologies, please drop me a line. I'll be reporting in future columns on reunion activities and encourage input from all involved. As John Marshall has said, "Why ruin a good story for lack of a few facts."

We had responses from 37 classmates for our reunion memory book. Included are excerpts from baccalaureate and commencement plus Professor Cary's poem to the Class of '56 (30th Reunion). I will send a copy to anyone requesting one if a belated questionnaire is sent.

Let's keep the news coming, particularly of those mini-reunions that are now being planned. Everyone who attended the reunion surely agrees that the Class of '56 is indeed "alive and kicking."

—Cathy McConaughy Zambello



in Cleveland or Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami! Pete's wife, Kathryn, is the registrar at the Brick Store Museum in Kennebunk, Maine, and their four children are now scattered around the country. . . . **John Koehler** writes from California that he is happily remarried and continuing to work as a psychiatric social worker. John is playing a little guitar and singing with a couple of groups in his spare time. He also has stated for the record that he would not serve if elected governor of California! . . . It was great to see **Jim and Eleanor Jones Rogers** at the reunion planning meeting. Jim is now retired after working for Raytheon and Lockheed-Saunders as a purchasing manager for 36 years. Eleanor

writes about the struggles many of us are facing as we become parents to our parents. (The challenges of life never seem to diminish, as we move from one stage to another.) Eleanor keeps busy with her own small business, selling her dried flower arrangements. Jim and Ellie, who have retired to peaceful Fitzwilliam, N.H., have four children and five grandchildren. . . . Another happily retired classmate is **Eli Martin**. He and Pat are just taking it easy, doing some traveling and a little writing. Marty is still in Glastonbury, Conn. . . . This is about all the space I'm allowed, but look for plenty more news in the upcoming issues. Remember the 40th—June 6-8, 1997. If you haven't been back, you'll be

amazed. Mayflower Hill is spectacular, and your old friends want to see you! ♦

Correspondent:
Margaret Smith Henry

58 William Lochhead, who spent one year at Colby, became University of New Hampshire '61, but his daughter is Susan Lochhead Yardley '88. She is now pursuing her Ph.D. in psychology. A son, Jay, is a graduate of RPI. William had only one job, Lochhead Millwork Co. Inc. in New Hampshire, until he retired in 1991. . . . Jim '56 and Ann Harding Jamieson live in Boiling Spring, Pa. They have three married children and a fourth to

follow in September. Ann was a housewife for 33 years and for the past four years has been a bank teller. Jim is a retired Air Force pilot now in real estate. . . . In 1993 **Phyllis Hardy Peterson** and her husband, Dean, a retired biology teacher, moved to Green Cove Springs, Fla. Their daughter is married and teaches first grade in New Paltz, N.Y. Son Michael, also married (to an elementary school music teacher), lives in Waterville and works for Kennebec Mental Health. Before moving, the Petersons had lived in Belgrade and spent summers there since 1968. . . . **Peg Siebrecht Steffensen** is a professor of English linguistics at Illinois State University. Her husband, Dale, is a professor of genetics.

Credit Where Credit Is Due

Diane Chamberlin Starcher '54 left Colby with a degree in biology and although her career has not dealt with the study of life, she has sought ways to improve human lives ever since. Starcher, who earned a certificate from the Harvard-Radcliffe Program of Business Administration in 1955 and a master's degree from Vermont College of Norwich University in 1994, currently is conducting research on how small loans (also called micro-credits) given to women entrepreneurs without collateral or credit histories can close the gap between the wealthy and poor.



Diane Chamberlin Starcher '54

"Most of the [world's] five hundred million poor, self-employed people are women," she said. "In Africa, eighty percent of the food is grown by women. A micro-credit to help women bring food to market can fuel economic development as well as improve the quality of their lives. They have a very low default rate and generally reinvest whatever profits they realize in their business enterprises and their families."

At a United Nations conference on social development last year in Copenhagen, Starcher spoke about fostering women entrepreneurs through micro-credit lending. In February she will join thousands of participants at the Micro-Credit Summit in Washington, D.C. The summit's goals are to bring micro-credits to 100 million poor people by the year 2005 and encourage commercial lenders to offer more small

loans to fledgling entrepreneurs and the self-employed.

One motive for improving social and economic conditions stems from Starcher's Baha'i faith, which she says emphasizes self-realization, world unity and world peace. She and her husband, George, became acquainted with Baha'i in the late '50s when his service in U.S. Army Finance Corps took them to Orleans, France. While raising two sons, Loren and Bruce, Starcher has held several administrative positions in Baha'i, including secretary-general to organize the 1976 international Baha'i conference in Paris. She and George currently live in Chambéry, France, where she leads Baha'i classes for adolescents and is active in the European Baha'i Business Forum, a non-governmental organization that gives micro-credit loans to the needy.

"If we limit our goals to materialism, we will have the same societal and economic problems we have today," she said. "By serving others and the community we become more spiritually developed."

Starcher maintains regular correspondence with former Colby roommate Barbara Esterbrooks Mailey '53 and visits her whenever she's stateside. Oral exams and finishing her master's thesis prevented Starcher from attending a 40th class reunion in 1994, but she says she's hopeful about making the 45th in 1999.

Starcher, who fondly remembers afternoon tea with her first-year biology professor and spaghetti picnic suppers with music students at the home of Professor Peter Ré, has only one regret about her course work at Colby. "Had I known I would live in French-speaking countries, I probably would have made even more effort in my classes in French language and civilization," she said.

They have three children and five grandchildren. During the years they have done much traveling, including two trips to China during 1995 to do research with a former student. This summer they are to go to Finland, where Peg will read a paper at the International Association of Applied Linguistics. . . . **Phil Dankert** is a librarian at the ILR School, Cornell University, his wife, Ginny, is a daycare provider, and they have three children. Phil sent along a press release about the Philip R. Dankert Park commemoration. In September 1995 "in recognition of his exceptional commitment to youth of the Ithaca area, the park on Uptown Road, Village of Lansing was renamed in honor of Philip R. Dankert." Phil is characterized as the "patron saint" of volunteers. . . . (William) **Ding** and **Betty Cooper Cochran** overlook Skaneateles Lake, south of Syracuse, N.Y. Their beautiful home was designed and built by their oldest daughter for her own family; when they had to move, Betty and Ding bought it. They are both active in St. James Episcopal Church, the local historical society and the senior men's golf group and have "tons of family and friends visiting." Each of their daughters has a son and a daughter. Betty and Ding are definitely looking forward to the 40th reunion. . . . **C. Lynde Palmer** and his wife, Anne, have three sons, one of whom was Class of '91. The two younger sons are still in college. The Palmers live in Yarmouth, Maine. . . . **Phil Guiles** is now retired so he "can do important things." Phil was "an older vet" who lived in the vets' apartments and didn't mingle much with the "youngsters" of our class. He has served as a trustee and currently is chairman of the board at Opportunity Farm for Boys, a residential home in New Gloucester, Maine, for boys from dysfunctional families. The Guiles have four children. One son, Ethan '82, stayed on for several years as an assistant in the Geology Department. . . . **Nat Adams**, retired but still a "roving editor" for *Reader's Digest*, has been named director of the London-based Research Foundation for the Study of Terrorism.

He also was appointed an advisory member on the Organized Crime Task Force of Washington's Center for Strategic and International Studies. On a two-month trip to Asia and the Middle East last fall, he looked into the international network that supported World Trade Center bomber Ramzi Ahmed Yousuf. **Nat** and his wife, **Anneliese**, a member of the Austrian Embassy's press relations bureau, have two "unbearable" dachshunds and are completing a log home in Ennis, Mont. . . . **Larry La Pointe** is a professor of English at the University of Maine-Augusta, has traveled extensively and published articles. In 1994 and 1996 he was listed in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* and received an Annenberg KPB Grant. The La Pointes have four children and nine grandchildren. . . . **Sandy Doolittle Hunt** retired in 1995 from high school social work, and now she and her husband, **Buell**, own a 27-dealer antiques shop in Wallingford, Conn. Their daughter, **Allison**, a Colby graduate and professional singer, lives with her husband in Connecticut. Son **Skip** is an actor and singer who also followed his mother's profession—he works in the psych program at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, N.J. . . . I still have quite a few letters that will most definitely be included in future columns. ♦

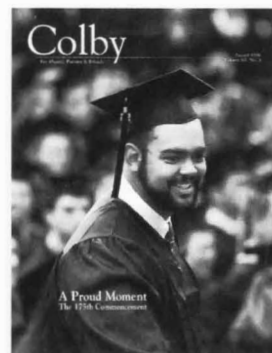
Correspondent:
Ann Marie Segrave Lieber

59 Congrats to **Tom Connors**, who has left Sweet Briar College to run a foundation at the University of Virginia. **Tom** and **Jocelyn** have moved to Charlottesville and would welcome visits from classmates, both to view the university and to tour beautiful central Virginia. . . . **Anne Worster** and husband **David** restored a Portland, Maine, townhouse to 1830s style. **Ann** co-edited *Ruby, An Ordinary Woman*, which has been well received, and is currently at work on a biography of her own mother. . . . **Carlene Price White** manages to keep most of what she owns tax-deductible, i.e., 139 animals including seven Great

Danes and 22 mini donkeys. Raising animals for the movies and media can even allow for an occasional trip to Germany! . . . Being an elementary school teacher affords **Corinne "Tink" Batchelder** Weeks the opportunity to return every summer to

Scotland and England. **Tink's** daughter **Jennifer** was married last year. . . . I regret to inform you of the passing of **Pat Walters Marier**. Our sincerest condolences to **Pat's** husband, **Bob '60**, and to their family. ♦

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Carolyn Webster Lockhart

60 What a great response to the latest questionnaire! I received business cards with pictures, brochures describing businesses and a lot of the word "retired." Now see what fits. **Nancy Shoemaker Dargle** is currently living in Seneca, S.C., with four offspring at home. She has three other married daughters and five grandchildren to date. Twin sister **Carol Shoemaker Rasmusen** has retired from teaching. . . . **Peg Hibbard Miller** wrote from Gardner, Mass., where she is a real estate associate. She and husband Don attended a ship commissioning in Newport, R.I., last October. Ted '61 and I were also there and wonder how many times we saw them and didn't know it! Some of you may remember when Peg broke her leg in a skiing accident. She now guesses that she didn't learn a thing because she is still at it—skiing, that is. . . . **P. (Pat) Anna Johnson** is president of Open Hand Publishing Inc. in Seattle, Wash., a company that publishes adult and children's books that reflect the diverse cultures within the U.S. . . . **Peg Jack Johnston** lives in Denver, Colo., and is a business broker and partner in an electrical services business. . . . **Dick Kenison** wrote from Topsham, Maine, where he is a semi-

retired music teacher and band director currently teaching instrumental music three days a week at the elementary level and loving it. . . . In St. Paul, Minn., **Eloise "Didi" Camerer Klein** is a writing instructor and consultant and is also developing a business in which she teaches illustrated journal writing and storytelling. . . . **Penny and Henry Lapham** are retired in Manchester, Mass., but keep busy with many activities in their community and in Boston. . . . **Larry Lathrop**, retired high school principal, and wife Donna live in Falmouth, Maine. . . . **Bob Levine**, a dentist in Wellesley, Mass., writes that he has become an accomplished scale model shipbuilder, with some of his work on exhibit in the Boston area at the Constitution Museum and Rowes Wharf Hotel. . . . **Chet Lewis**, a lawyer and assistant district attorney, state of Michigan, plans to retire eventually but says "the pattern in the Department of Attorney General is to continue working as long as the mind and body allow (and sometimes even when the body is pretty far gone)." . . . **Rebecca Hamaker Loose** is a fashion coordinator living in Ephrata, Pa. She and husband Larry own a farmers' market and auction. They travel a lot, love it and hope there is time to see everything on their list. . . . **Bruce and Charlotte Wood MacPhetres** reside in Scituate, Mass. They are planning a Boston-Bermuda cruise with George '58 and Wendy **McWilliam Denneen**, Doug '58 and **Judy Ingram Hatfield**, Ted and **Liz Boccassile Mavis** and **Debbie Wilson Albee**. . . . From Falls Church, Va., comes word that **Pete McFarlane**, retired USAF colonel, is now working for Delfin Systems, has three children living nearby and no grandchildren, plays hockey twice a

week when in town, travels a lot and looks forward to retirement, maybe in Colorado or Utah. . . . **Doug Mathieu** retired from IBM and moved to South Harpswell, Maine, and into the real estate business. He says it was a great change, and he will be happy to help anyone who would like to relocate to the Maine coast. . . . **Sandra Myers Paap** wrote from Shorewood, Wis., where she is a psychologist for the public schools. . . . **Dick Peterson** lives in Bryn Mawr, Pa., and is CEO of Minet, Inc., an insurance brokerage in New York City. . . . On a sad note, just before I sent this column off, Colby notified me of the death of **Judy Miller Heekin** on March 8, 1996. Judy fought a lengthy battle with cancer, and our thoughts go out to her family and friends. . . . I look forward to hearing from more of you during this next quarter. Please don't feel that you have to wait for a questionnaire—your news is always welcome. ♦

Correspondent:

Penny Dietz Sullivan

61 I hope you will have seen all of the following at reunion and learned more. . . . **Diane Scrafton Ferreira** is still on the Big Island in Hawaii with her retired husband, John, on a ranch with more than 40 animals. Since she is still a professor of English at the Hawaii Community College, she commutes to Honolulu by plane. . . . **Janet Haskins Mandaville** in Portland, Ore., is a writer and was going to Australia before the reunion (she was looking forward to seeing **Judy Hoffman Hakola** and **Amy Eisentrager Birky**). . . . **Susan Parmalee Daney** and her husband, David, a research engineer at Los Alamos in New Mexico, hope to return to Boulder, Colo.,

where Sue can return to teaching. Their youngest daughter just graduated from college. . . . Norm Macartney in Beaufort, N.C., owns a ceramic tile business called Tileworks in Morehead City and is a member of the masters swim team of North Carolina. He hopes someone knows how to find Bill Byers.

. . . Tom and Dorothy Boynton Kirkendall live in Potomac, Md., where Tom took early retirement from COMSAT and now works as a consultant, which allows them more time to visit their camp in Maine. . . . The remaining respondents are in New England. Richard Gibbs was in the oil business and now has his own company creating industry business deals.

. . . Willie DeKadt Juhlin is an ESL teacher, and she and Thor manage a nonprofit youth lacrosse club for middle school kids. She had talked to Nancy Larkin Connolly, who had attended a five-day national security seminar at the War College in Carlisle, Pa. Nancy and her husband, John, have just retired.

. . . Scotty (Judith) MacLeod Folger has, in the last two years, been divorced, then retired, so she is loving being a "free agent" for at least a year before starting a new career, possibly in polarity therapy (massage). She crewed on a 75-foot schooner from Maine to Florida last fall and spent Christmas in Nepal with her daughter Phoebe. Daughter Hilary, a senior at Stanford, will attend grad school there. Scotty has visited Judy Chase and her husband in northern California. (I hope Judy has let Colby know her new address and name, since my records show she is still single in Nepal.) . . . Dick Fields changed jobs to get out of New York City and is now senior VP of Danecraft Inc. His wife, Kathy, retired as VP of Federated Department Stores and bought a business, The Crafty Yankee. Dick's daughter, Alison '95, was magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa and captain of the Colby women's soccer team. . . . Judy Hoffman Hakola will take over the job as class correspondent. Thank you for all the kind notes along with your responses. I re-

NEWSMAKERS

Mark G. Edelstein '68, formerly vice president for academic affairs at the College of the Redwoods, was named president of Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, Calif. . . . A. Marshall "Buck" Lawton '62 is the new executive director of the Sharon Arts Center in Jaffrey, N.H. . . . Robert S. Gelbard '64 was the subject of a feature profile in the *Miami Herald*. The paper said Gelbard, the government's point-man on the battle against drug importation, is "Technicolor" in his professional style. Gelbard recently was elevated from ambassador to career minister, a top State Department designation. . . . Doris Kearns Goodwin '64 was elected overseer at Harvard University. . . . Tom Easton '66 was promoted to adjunct professor at Thomas College in Waterville. . . . Carl D. Glickman '68, professor of education and chair of the program for school improvement at the University of Georgia, was guest speaker at a seminar, "Educational Reform: Yesterday's Lessons, Today's Decisions," held at Colby in May. . . . Susan Wakeman Davis '69 was named partner in the Gately & Associates certified public accounting firm in Wellesley, Mass. . . . The *Hartford Courant* profiled Rosemary Lung-Mei Shu Cleaves '69, president of Connecticut General Pension Services Inc. in Bloomfield, both for her business accomplishments and for her volunteer work in the Hartford community, including the Loaves & Fishes soup kitchen.



Mark G. Edelstein '68

ally have enjoyed my stint as class correspondent. ♦

Correspondent:
Judith Hoagland Bristol

62 Bob Reinstein, who left government service in April 1993 after 20 years, is executive vice president for Washington International Energy Group and has lived since 1994 in Rockville, Md. Bob served as U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state from 1990 to 1993, chief negotiator on the U.N. treaty on global climate change and chief negotiator for the U.N. treaty on ozone layer protection. His partner, Satu Nurmi, is a lawyer in Brussels, where Bob also lives and maintains an office. He has traveled all over the world and says that maybe he will "retire in 10 years to teach at the university level." . . . Craig Malsch married in April 1995 and moved to a new house on a canal in Venice, Calif. Craig is vice president of sales in textile printing and wife Barbara is in medical lab marketing. Craig's son just started at Vanderbilt and his daughter is a sophomore at St. John's School in Houston. The Malschs cruised to Alaska at the end of June and take weekend trips on their Harley-Davidson '95 Dyna Wide glide. Craig also enjoys playing with classic cars. . . . Cy Theobald is director of college guidance at the Kent School, wife Jean is an admissions officer and their two grown sons are in Kansas and New Hampshire. Cy retired as varsity football coach after 22 years and used one of his first free Saturdays to watch Colby beat Trinity on a last second TD catch by one of his former Kent captains. Cy went to Colorado on school business a while back and hooked up with Bink Smith and John McHale. . . . Garth Chandler writes that Bill Bryan '48 now is at the Maine Veterans Home in Bangor and suffers from Alzheimer's disease. I agree with Garth that all of us were blessed to have Bill as Colby's director of admissions and endorse Garth's request that we write to Bill at the Maine Veterans Home, Room B13, 44 Hogan Road, Bangor, ME 04401. My

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Members of the Class of '61 enjoyed a wild ride on the Kennebec River as part of Reunion '96. Pictured above are: Wendy Ihlstrom Nielsen, Liz (Rowe '63) and Beverly Lapham, Diane Scrafton Ferreira, Claire Lyons, Sandy and Dee Ann Arens and Margie Chamberlain Davis

and is married to Judith (Thompson '63), a computer programmer with Garland Middle School in Bangor. Garth was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease last year but reports that chemotherapy worked, and he and Judy planned to travel the northern U.S. this summer. . . . **Bill Barnett** is a special investigator for insurance claims, and wife Marjorie is an emergency room RN at the Lowell General Hospital Trauma Center. Until 1991 Bill traveled extensively throughout the U.S. as corporate director of safety for OmniHotels. Bill is active in fresh and saltwater fly fishing and is an avid hockey fan. They have two sons. . . . **Jim Bridgeman** and wife Jean (Eielson '63) retired January 1 after Jim's 28 years with Allstate. Their new home in Park City,

Utah, has the Wasach Mountains as a backdrop for their skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, biking, golf and water sports, and Salt Lake City is nearby for cultural activities and professional sports. They invite Colby friends to look them up. . . . After 25 years in the ski business with Head, Lange and Raichle, **Henderson Colley** is also retired. He has a wonderful goal of 100/100/100, which means 100 days each of skiing, golf and tennis. With places in Denver, Vail, Vermont and Florida, he keeps moving. Is retirement boring? He says he's "too busy to work." . . . **Bruce Brown** is a high school special education teacher in Freeport, Maine, where he has been for 25 years. He's also been an English teacher, assistant principal and coordinator of the gifted

and talented program. Last summer he spent six weeks in England and Scotland with teachers at Oxford and later went to the Edinburgh Festival, the Orkneys and the Outer Hebrides. . . . **John Chapman** lives in Brunswick, Maine, with wife Allison, a middle school music teacher. Son Brian is a musician, daughter Abigail is college hunting and son Joe is at Kent's Hill School. . . . **Brenda Wroblewski Elwell** is still a national account manager, having survived three major layoffs. Her daughter is working on Wall Street, but her son is entering college, so although she says the corporate treadmill is wearing her out, she has to work into her 70s! Last year she and her son hiked Arizona and New Mexico and also made a European trip. This sum-

mer she planned a trip to the Middle East and a visit to a Syrian friend. . . . Plans are underway for our 35th next June. Who wants to be a class officer or rep? Any ideas for activities? Please let me hear from you. ♦

Correspondent:
Barbara Haines Chase

63 I know you will be reading this issue of *Colby* in the heat of midsummer, but as I sit at my computer, I see daffodils nodding in the woods and the small-est of buds at the tips of the tree branches—a welcome sight after this endless winter! . . . As the owner of Wellesley Farms Landscape in Wellesley Hills, Mass., **Richard Sharron** also welcomed

Looking Out for the CIA

What's a philosophy major and Quaker pacifist doing in a place like the CIA? After 19 years with the agency, Marjorie "Midge" Walton Holmes '63 has no doubts. "The CIA is keeping us out of war," she said.

Holmes, who is deputy of strategic planning in the CIA's Office of Public Affairs, has been with the agency since 1977 and recently was honored as one of the 1996 Outstanding Women of the Central Intelligence Agency. Until three years ago Holmes was head of the CIA library, helping analysts "put pieces of puzzle together" and informing policy makers about what's going on at borders or hot spots all over the world. "This is important stuff for policy makers," said Holmes. "You've got to get it right. If something breaks in Bosnia, we'd better be on top. This job has a lot riding on it."

The questions brought to the CIA are different from those at a public library, says Holmes, who earned a master's in library science in 1967 and worked as a reference librarian for nine years in Fairfax County, Va. At the agency, she said, "It's 'Are the cattle dying of anthrax or is it biological war?'" The CIA library, for employees only, contains vast amounts of material on economics, science and technology, she says, and no fiction.

In her public affairs position Holmes says she deals with the broadcast media and Hollywood. She's aware that a public affairs office in a clandestine agency is an oxymoron but says that what she does is "not just infomercials."



Marjorie Walton Holmes '63

After a call from Disney Adventures, a magazine for kids, for instance, she set up CIA training for the writer, "Mr. Adventure." Two pieces on the agency appeared on the Discovery Channel and another on ABC's *Good Morning America* with Joan Lunden. Holmes says she's most pleased with helping a Make-A-Wish Foundation child's dream come true when the 9-year-old boy was ushered in to the CIA's inner sanctum to do spy stuff like wear night-vision goggles, take clandestine photos and learn the craft of disguise. She also arranged the filming at the CIA's front door of a scene in the movie *Mission: Impossible*.

The agency encourages job rotation, says Holmes, who won a competitive position in 1989-90 with Maine Senator William Cohen. ("I wasn't supposed to supply him with information," she explained. "I was a legislative assistant on health care.") That led to a post in the CIA's Office of Congressional Affairs providing new members of Congress with information about the agency.

With three grown children, she and her husband, Chris, a senior CIA official, are "a tandem couple, overt, not covert." Both, that is, could go abroad openly and with no attempt at concealment.

Nevertheless, she still can't talk about some things—the number of CIA employees, the number of women, not even the specific language of the award the agency presented her, although she says it was given for "mentoring, leadership, networking, helping junior people progress through their careers."

Holmes admits that "you give up a lot of privacy to come here" but says she's never regretted working for the CIA. "It's a great way to prevent wars," she said. "And every day was interesting."

spring, I'm sure. Richard enjoys hiking, is active with the National Weather Service and the American Meteorological Society as a weather observer and is involved with his golden retriever, Bismark, in pet therapy at nursing homes. He is also interested in birding and traveled with the Massachusetts Audubon Society to Alaska in 1993. This man claims to be "happy, healthy and active," and it sure sounds that way! ... **Owen Mark Sanderson** and his wife, Freda, a property manager, live in Coventry, Conn., where Mark is an attorney. He enjoys golf and investing in stocks and bonds. The Sandersons recently traveled to Europe and the Hawaiian Islands.

... **Richard Varney** is facing the challenge of building a new business at a time when some of us are contemplating retirement. His business, The ChangeCrest Group, Inc., a human resource management consulting firm, started in 1994 and, he reports, is doing well so far. Richard's wife, Donna, is a hospital volunteer in Morristown, N.J., where they live. The Varneys enjoy vacationing in Bermuda, apparently often. ...

Fran Jones Vitaglione is coordinator of the Discovery Room at the N.C. State Museum of Natural Sciences. During the Christmas and New Year's holidays, she and her husband, Tom, visited—via Hawaii—their younger son, Sandro, at his Peace Corps assignment in Thailand. She says, "It was the trip of a lifetime!" ... **Jim Westgate** is a teacher of English as a second language and of cross-cultural communication at the International School in Bangkok, Thailand. He sent me an article, published in a parent auxiliary newspaper, titled "Twenty-six Years After: The Reunion of an American Teacher and his Vietnamese Students." It is a moving account of Jim's return to the town where, as a volunteer for an international organization, he taught boys in the local school from 1966 to 1968, the height of the American war. This April Jim planned another trip to Vietnam. ... **Ed Winkler**, a neighbor of mine in Claremont, N.H., is self-employed at Wink Inc. as a private consultant. His artistic talents are seen in his

wood sculpture, large abstract shapes carved from cherry, butternut and pine. He also writes poetry and is active in the men's movement. Ed, who is a member of the 35th reunion committee, says this will be the first he has attended, but as the son of a Colby student and the parent of a Colby student it's about time he joined in a reunion celebration. ... **Pen Williamson** writes that his son, Joshua, is teaching theater at Bates. He also reports seeing Al Carville teaching skiing at Sugarloaf on weekends. I heard that Al had retired from Hanaford. Way to go! Sail in the summer, ski in the winter. 'Tis a good life. ... **Ralph Kimball**, class president, would like all to know that Renaissance '98! is coming to Colby in June 1998. That's the theme for our 35th reunion, selected by the planning committee at a meeting in Waltham, Mass., on April 20. Twenty-four volunteers met and appointed three committees: theme, chaired by **Ann Bruno Hocking**; publicity, chaired by **Ed Winkler**; and gift, chaired by **George Swasey**, our class agent. Renaissance '98! promises to be a fun time for all. If you would like to help, please give Ralph a call at 508-755-1873. ... Bill and I enjoyed watching spring come to our new home. We are very busy working outdoors to repair the damage done by construction to the land surrounding our house. Basically we're encouraging things to grow—plants, that is, not black flies. Please keep in touch. ♦

Correspondent:
Sara Shaw Rhoades

64 I'm a little fragmented as I write in late April. Both Dusty and I lost our fathers within two weeks of each other this month. Along with all the services and memories and family gatherings, we became suddenly aware of the inevitability of change. Our lives now need to be restructured, but we haven't figured out how. Meanwhile, life and events march on. It was a pleasure to see how faithful our class has been in contributions to the College in the recent publication *Accepting the Challenge*,

1994-1995 Annual Report of Contributions. I'm relieved to see so many people adding their support to our dear old alma mater, many with extremely generous gifts. It's also a pleasure to announce that our nephew has chosen Colby (having fallen under the influence of our son Andrew '90) and will enter in the class of 2000. ... **Charles Fallon**, after seven years as a financial advisor, found that he missed being in school with children and teachers. He is now the principal of a residential school for emotionally disturbed children. "This exciting position involves the design of therapeutic programs for children aged 10-18 that hopefully reunite them with their families and communities," he wrote. "We plan to design model programs that will reduce the amount of time children spend away from their homes." He also reports that one son, Abraham, is a junior at Skidmore and another, Benjamin, is a junior at a magnet school in Rochester. ... **Ted Malley** says he's "still flying—spotting tuna and swordfish" and last year got in two months in Tunisia and two in the Bay of Fundy. Son Teddy was starting defenseman on the B.C. High championship team in the first schoolboy Super 8 Championship at the new Fleet Center in Boston. Daughter Kaitlin is 15 and Greg is 8. "That's right, 8 years old!" he says. "I'll still be freezing my posterior off in some rink long after the rest of you are struggling through your one mile walk in St. Augustine." ... **Bill Pollack** responded to my "What percentage of your children are financially independent?" by saying 100 percent and then adding, "Your question really should be, 'When does parenting end?' The real answer is apparently never. 'Financially independent' is a very relative concept." ... I've received the first four responses to my new questionnaire, the "1996-97 Information Census." **John Brassem** writes, "I am gaining in recognizing that time is the most important commodity I have. Instead of being a driven business man, I'm spending more time 'smelling the roses' and enjoying life." In response to my questions about Maine, he, a New

Yorker, remembers thinking of Maine in 1964 as "a run-down state, subject to the vagaries of tourists" and hasn't changed his opinion since then. His favorite commercial: Pepsi's saga of the goldfish flushed down the toilet. ... **Phil Choate**, a lifelong Maine resident, doesn't remember having a perception of the state when we graduated and admits he hadn't traveled much. "Today I think it is a great place to live six months out of 12," he said. "Economically, Maine is hurting. But, when I weigh my choices, I do like it here. It can get cold, it snows every now and then, but crime is low, people are friendly, and we don't have tornadoes." He also reports that he is "generally gaining—in personal relationships and in weight," and he too votes for the Pepsi commercials. He also urged me to lighten up on my dislike of the tire and baby commercials. ... **Linda Spear Elwell** has moved to Florida, and her views of Maine are misty: "I've always loved Maine and spent summers at Wells Beach since I was 12 so I'm prejudiced and love the beach area ... not too knowledgeable about other parts of the state. Love Maine lobsters, clams, beaches and people, not necessarily in that order!" She reports she's gaining more sunshine and exercise and golf and losing more weight since she can get outside more. Her favorite ad is the one about the children thinking of their parents going to Disney World. ... **Karen Knudsen Day** says she's gaining on time to ski and losing companions to go skiing with. She remembers Maine from the 1960s as "a safe place to support the experience of experimenting with becoming a responsible adult. Nowadays it is still valid for raising my own son, compared to California [where they spent a lot of years]. However, I'd vote for moving from winter straight into spring. April and May are long, brown, muddy months." Amen. ♦

Correspondent:
Richard W. Bankart

65 New news: **Eric Beaverstock**, senior software en-

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Pre-reunion at the Samoset: the 18 or so of us that met at the Samoset in Rockland, Maine, started off the summer with renewed friendships under blue skies at a wonderful location. On Thursday, 11 of us teed off on what *Golf Digest* rates the seventh most beautiful golf course in the country, and it certainly lived up to its billing. Friday saw repeat rounds of golf for some while others took the boat trip to Outward Bound Camp on Hurricane Island. There they participated in Outward Bound team building exercises. Oddly, shortly after our departure, a local news item reported a sudden local shortage in lobsters.

Once on campus, our numbers swelled to more than 40 classmates who made at least a visit to Colby during Reunion Weekend. If you haven't been back to Waterville lately, you almost wouldn't recognize the school. The trees and plantings have all matured, and the new educational and cultural facilities are impressive. The campus is more beautiful than ever.

Significant events included Meg Fallon Wheeler being presented a Colby Brick, the first in our class to earn this honor. Meg was rewarded for her tireless support of the College and her lifetime dedication to the field of education.

Brian Shacter, a finisher in this year's Boston Marathon, won the Saturday 5K race in 19:37, blowing



Front (from left): Deborah Anglim Higgins, Susan Spencer Ebinger, Brian Shacter and Linda Mitchell Potter. Back: Dick Gilmore, Fran Finizio and Larry Eckle.

while Fran Finizio, our new class VP, promises to try to keep John away from the geese. (John's a hunter, don't cha know.) Natalie Bowerman Zaremba will assume the duties of class secretary and correspondent and Mary Sue Hilton Weeks will succeed Stu Wantman as class agent. Stu finished out his amazing 10-year tenure with another strong performance, enticing us to donate another \$250,000-plus to Colby.

Other interesting news tidbits include the fact that the Class of '66 still holds the all-time record for highest rate of participation and largest turnout for a 25th reunion. How many classes can report that four members traveled all the way from Washington state for their 30th reunion?

More important, and something I'm sure you'll hear more about very soon, Colby will be listed in the next Barron's Elite 45, the 45 best educational institutions in the country. Colby rated number one in student satisfaction. We all benefit by this improved stature even now, and it is gratifying to know that Colby continues on its route to excellence.

Class of '66 reunion attendees included Beth Peo Armstrong, Ken Astor, Wes Barbour, Garry Barnes and Gayle Jobson Poinsette, George Cain, Katherine McGee Christie-Wilson and husband David, Betty (Savicki '68) and John "Daisy" Carvellas, Sally Leighton Clutter, Pam and Gil Congdon '67, Larry Eckel, Fran Finizio, Ed and Lynn Seidenstuecker Gall, Dick Gilmore, Carol Severance Glenn, Deborah Anglim Higgins, Pam Harris Holden, Bill and Ruth Loker Ingham, Lea Kouba, Rick Lund, Pat and Sal Manforte, Linda O'Connor McDonough, Susan (Brown '65) and Frank Musche, Len Nelson, Ed Phillips, Lee '67 and Linda Mitchell Potter, Phil Proulx, Joan and Bill Rynne, Brian Shacter, Christina Simpson, Karen (Day '64) and Bill Snow, Sam and Sue Ebinger Spencer, John and Laura Holmquist Tara, Donna (Kievit '68) and Bob Thompson, Pete and Linda Buckheim Wagner, Stu Wantman, Mary Sue Hilton Weeks and "Whizzer" and Meg Fallon Wheeler.

—Russell Monbleau

gineer at Crostfield Inc. in Manchester, N.H., was named "1995 PPI person of the year." (Endless speculation on the possible origins and implications of PPI are omitted, but fellow techies will figure this out in a nanosecond.) He also reports starting a new business, Simplified Computer Systems Inc., for which he developed some new investment tracking software for Windows. Last summer he and Elizabeth traveled in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. He's also on the board of trustees of his church in Hudson, N.H. Their daughter graduated from UNH in June '95, PBK and magna cum laude with a dual degree in English-journalism and psychology. Eric was a math major at Colby, an ATO, a member of Newman Club, Powder and Wig and Math Club and manager of varsity basketball. Eric arrived at Colby in Sept '61 from Nashua, N.H. (Since he was the only one to respond to the list request for news, you may detect some padding in this column. Hint, hint.) . . . A call to Lew Krinsky brought news that he was host to a college fair in Houston last April. There is growing interest in Colby in Texas, he says, due to the glowing reports in the press and positive feedback from recent area graduates. Last January, Lew hosted a dinner for Houston area folks featuring President Cotter. Later, his daughter, Li: Cotter, and four up with People cast members were Krinsky house guests when Li: and her choral group put on several concerts. In May, Lew's daughter Lauren was married and daughter Dorey graduated from U of Texas. . . . Your correspondent will be in Prague as you read this. . . . News from the past: Bucky and Anna Owens Smith's son Nathaniel graduated from West Point with the class of '94. . . . Leah Aranovich reports that her son Zachary is at Dartmouth, class of '97. . . . Sometimes it all comes together: Denis Carter writes he is "watching my adult children raise children who are healthy, happy human beings and knowing I have contributed something very special to the next generation." . . . Russ and Karen Jaffe Brown saw their daughter, Stephanie,

graduate from Kenyon College in '93 as an English major. Son Gregory followed at Kenyon in '95 with majors in political science and music. . . . For those of you writing out college checks: annual charges are tuition \$1,250, room \$300, board \$450, sickness and accident insurance \$22, student activities fee \$24—\$2,046 (textbooks, supplies, beanie, personal expenses are in addition). Well, perhaps I've gone too far back! \$1,046 of this amount was due 1 Sept '61 for our first year on the hill. . . . Ma Tripp is barking "No signs—no eat." You have finished *Alice Through the Looking Glass*? . . . Hail, Colby, Hail! ♦

Correspondent:
Russell N. Monbleau

66 You know you are getting old when you just can't stand people who are intolerant. . . . This being my last column, I have run through the records to see how close to my original objective I got. Over the past five years, between the columns in the magazine and the annual class letters, I've reported news of 154 of the 336 names on our class list (30 of them hadn't been heard from in the previous five-10 years). Somehow, I had this silly idea that I'd get to cover 80 percent or more of the class, but I guess five years just isn't enough time. . . . Dr. Charles Rabeni has been invited by the New Zealand National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Ltd. to attend meetings and collaborate with other scientists to exchange research and design and execute field research in river restoration. Charlie was selected for this project due to his unique research in stream ecology. I only found out about it because Jane Farnham Rabeni, mentioning Charlie's modesty, slipped the article into the return questionnaire. Thanks, Jane. . . . The University of Louisville held a memorial concert for Dr. Randall Holden '65, late husband of Pam Harris Holden. The program, held last September 3—what would have been their 29th wedding anniversary—included music by Bernstein, Verdi, Coltrane, Schubert and others and readings from Shakespeare, e.e. cummings

and Esther Wood '26. Randy's lifelong dedication and accomplishments in the world of music were celebrated. A chair in the North Recital at the university also has been dedicated in Randy's memory. . . . David "Dee" Erdman's upcoming trip to Alaska conflicts with our 30th reunion, and he regrets that he will not be able to attend and renew old acquaintances. Dee is the dean of admissions and enrollment at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla. He is also the director of the Foundation of Excellent Schools, a non-profit organization that raises support from foundations and individuals to improve the quality of public education. (So who's helping the lousy schools?) He is also a consultant for independent schools. Dee and Susan have just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary and have a daughter, Lindsay, 12. Dee and Lindsay are golf partners. . . . Janna Vaughan Kasarjian recently earned a master's degree in English as a second language. She reports that her older daughter just completed her own master's degree and that her second daughter has a big wedding coming up in the next year. . . . Barbara Ackerson McClure was to marry Bob Vogler, her business partner, on May 25. They have purchased a new home in Ridgefield, Conn. . . . Bill Snow joined Barber Foods in Portland, Maine, as the VP of human relations. . . . Erik Thorson reports that the major event in his life over the past year was joining AARP. Please. . . . In a sign of the times, Karen Riendeau Remine took an early retirement package from NYNEX and has been hired back as a consultant. She also has earned the title of docent for the Staten Island Zoo, where she is a certified rabbit and guinea pig handler. (Karen asks that you not laugh, and I believe I need to add no editorial comments here.) . . . Linda (Brooks '68) and John Perkins recently celebrated John's sabbatical with travel through the UK, study at Oxford and a ride on the Orient Express. . . . Frank Neal and wife Stacey were part of a group that flew to China last summer and combined sightseeing with adoption. The

Neals now have a 13-month-old daughter, An Fei, meaning "safe flight," who is reported to be happy, in good health and showing signs of developing a good sense of humor. . . . After many years of searching, Claudia Fugere Finkelstein succeeded in finding her birth mother in Montreal, Canada. She also has discovered two half brothers, a niece, a nephew and aunt and uncle. Claudia's journey was the subject of an extensive article in the *Portland Press Herald*. . . . Connie Day proves that there are still gains to be made in life, even at our age. She reports that as the children have gone out on their own, she has become the primary breadwinner again. "It has been my fate to finance one husband's education, one husband's incorporation and one husband's retirement, but hey, this one cooks!" . . . Natalie Bowerman Zarembo has graciously accepted the responsibility of class correspondent for the next five years. It has been my pleasure to serve you, and I trust you will all support Natalie as she takes on this task. . . . We are starting to reach that point where we have too much room in the house and not enough in the medicine cabinet. Best wishes. ♦

Correspondents:
Robert Gracia and
Judy Gerrie Heine

67 Joe Candido, professor of English at the University of Arkansas, has recently published a text explicating the subtleties of Shakespearean drama. Joe was considering attending our 30th reunion if he could arrange a different date for his yearly trip to the home of The Bard, where he teaches a group of graduate students. . . . Marty Gliserman, associate professor of English at Rutgers University, has published *Psychoanalysis, Language, and the Body of the Text* (University Press of Florida), a fascinating study examining the presence of the body as the core phenomenon of the novel. . . . Bill Vanderweil writes that his son Peter was a freshman at Colby as he follows in the footsteps of Bill and wife Cathy (McManus

'68). They live in Hingham, Mass., where both are active in community affairs. . . . Susan Monk Pacheco and husband Jaime live in Dayton, Ohio, where they practice medicine. In their precious spare time, they work on their brick Colonial house, which, according to Susan, needs some medical attention. In June her daughter, Cristina, graduated from Colby and her son, Benjamin, graduated from high school. Susan has just completed two years as chief of staff at Children's Medical Center in Dayton and has been teaching pediatric residents and medical students at Wright State University Medical School. . . . In Cape Elizabeth, Maine, Dick Lemieux continues in his practice of oral surgery. After a period of adjustment following the dissolution of a 25-year marriage, Dick reports that he recently spent 12 days aboard a 100-foot boat in the Red Sea with eight other scuba divers. The diving has led to a new hobby, underwater photography. When not diving and sea kayaking in Casco Bay, Dick finds time to play an occasional hockey game—for instance, the alumni game at Colby, where he teamed up with former mates Paul Cronin and Lee Potter. . . . Caroline Kresky informs us that her law firm, Branch, Pike and Ganz, has merged with a Florida firm, creating an organization with nearly 500 attorneys in three states. Caroline continues to practice in Atlanta, specializing in commercial litigation and products liability. . . . Clemence Ravacon Mershon teaches and tills the soil in Pennsylvania, where her son, Andre, skipped his senior year of high school and is a dean's list student at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Clemence's daughter, Claire Helene, is also a top-ranked student. Clemence traveled to southern Africa a couple of years ago and also took a 10-state tour in the States on behalf of a Quaker organization. She reports that the ventures were eye-opening regarding differences in thinking about ecology, sociology and theology. . . . Tom Watson remarried in December 1994. His wife, Karen, has a daughter, Kristen, 16. Tom has three children: Katherine, 26,

Willy, 25, and Bonnie, 21. Besides being a Colby overseer, Tom is a lawyer in Wilton, Conn. . . . If you need a real estate attorney in the San Francisco area, look up **John O'Reilly**. He writes that he's never been married but enjoys the freedom and great social and cultural activities in the city. He takes a six-week vacation every year for recreational travel and so far has been to 37 countries. He's active with Zero Population Growth and the SF bar association. Even with that busy schedule, he works out at the club four times a week! . . . The 30th reunion is in the planning stages. Be sure to keep your calendar open for June 6-8, 1997! The committee will be meeting again on September 28 in Boston, and we invite anyone who'd like to assist to contact us so that you can be kept posted about the meeting location. So far, the plans include the possibility of a "pre-reunion" at the Samoset on the Maine coast, a "Hopeless Open" golf and tennis tournament, a BBQ at Johnson Pond on Saturday and a video for the class dinner. Please dig out your boxes from the attic and plan to send along whatever you find to aid us with the video! . . . We're sorry to hear that **Jean Philson Sommers'** husband passed away in May 1993 after an extended illness. She's still at her job at Coopers & Lybrand in Wayne, Pa., and has agreed to help the committee make calls to classmates about the reunion. Her dad is still in Oakland, Maine, so she plans to combine a visit with him and the reunion. We agreed that she should ask him along to be part of our class activities. ♦

Correspondent:
Mary Jo Calabrese Baur

68 Lee Urban is now executive director of Peabody House in Portland, Maine, a home for people in the advanced stages of HIV disease. He manages operations at the home and has formed a new organization to provide home health care to those with AIDS who still live in their own homes. Lee shares his life

with his wife, Nan, a school social worker, and their four children, ages 5 to 18. . . . **Thomas Rippon**, a business executive in White Springs, Pa., has been appointed an overseer of Colby. Tom has three children—two adults and a 10-year-old. . . . **Steve Ward** of Darien, Conn., serves as VP of finance for a company that was sold by Kodak and bought by Sanofi, Inc. His family includes wife Sandy and children Steve IV, Chris and Kimberly and two golden retrievers. . . . Writing from Stamford, Conn., **Jay Sandak** and his wife, Mary Sommer, are law partners at Sandak, Friedman, and Sommer, where they deal with general litigation, excluding criminal law. They have three boys, ages 14, 13 and 10, who are involved in soccer and weekend ski trips to their winter home at Bromley Mountain in Vermont. Trips to Park City and Whistler have proven that the kids are quickly outpacing their parents. . . . Last year **Mary and George Rideout** officially became "empty nesters" as their youngest, Kevin, left for school, but they were extremely busy establishing a new school, Westgate Christian Academy, in Weston, Mass. As of February 1996, it enrolled children from preschool to grade one and in September will expand to grade six. Much work was needed to receive state licensing. George runs two foundations, chairs missions and is also chairman of the elders at Westgate Church. . . . **Betty Savicki Carvellas** is kept busy serving as president of the National Association of Biology Teachers as well as continuing to teach full time. She writes that her good friend and mentor, Jane Abbott, is a past president of NABT and a '41 Colby grad. . . . **Chris Austin Barbour** writes that their daughter, Karen, is a freshman at Goucher College in Baltimore, and that makes her think of the college experience from a brand new perspective. She thinks more highly of Colby than ever. . . . **Stewart Armstrong** of Concord, N.H., sends news of a different job. He's now the principal of a 5-8 school, where he's excited to be bringing about the

growth of a true middle school. He and his wife, Jov, a high school drama coach, have moved and are enjoying condo life (no yard work!). Their daughter Kristen is a sophomore acting major at Emerson College in Boston, and Jennifer is a freshman dance major at NYU. ♦

Correspondent:
Diane E. Kindler

69 Cheri Stitham White lives in South Portland, Maine, and is the principal at an elementary school in Freeport. She reports that she has changed neither her address nor her spouse nor her pride in her two children, Dillen and Ian. Her cross-country drive in the summer of 1995 in a 24-foot U-Haul with trailer was fun but uneventful, other than some funny business with some poor birch tree in Bozeman, Mont. Let's just say that Motel Six no longer leaves the light on for Cheri, who notes that although the trip may have lacked a certain "Thelma and Louise" quality, she really didn't want to drive off of a cliff anyway. . . . **Susan Magdefrau Werkhoven** has returned to teaching math at The Gunnery, a Connecticut prep school. She lives in Washington Depot with her husband, Dave. Her two children just graduated from college, Scott from Lafayette and Karen from Hamilton. . . . **Laurie Killoch Wiggins**, who really knows how to fill out a class questionnaire, is working about a zillion hours a week as a leader of the development of competition policies and deregulation of the telecommunications industry. She describes her work at AT&T with a small group of economists and analysts who were the architects of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 as the most exciting of her 27 years in the industry. She gives credit to the Colby economics faculty, especially Hogendorn, Breckenridge and Cox, for much of her work in guiding telecommunications into the free market. (What I remember from economics is Saturday mornings with Wilson Brown. They don't have

Saturday classes at Colby anymore, which is probably a very good idea.) Lauri says she rises between 4 and 5 a.m. to get started on her workout and relies on Tai Chi and treadmill workouts, her reading of poetry, and the love and support of her husband, Wayne, to maintain her physical and emotional well being. She also reports proudly the birth of her grandnephew, Connor Maxwell Feron, named for her father. . . . **Judy Holden Wray** reports that she has had a great 24 years with her husband, Harry. Their children are 19 and 14. Judy wonders what most matters to and worries our classmates at this time in life. . . . **Debbie Van Hoek Abraham** finished her M.B.A. at Babson College, magna cum laude. She continues to enjoy her work as director of the Parlin Library in Everett, Mass., and is planning a trip to Japan. . . . **Rosemary Shu Cleaves** was the subject of a feature article in the *Hartford Courant* in which she was recognized as having quietly inspired others to provide food for people in need. Rosemary, the president of Connecticut General Pension Services, a division of CIGNA Corp., is described as helping corporate clients "turn millions into billions." Through her membership in St. James Episcopal Church, she has been involved in a number of charitable projects. On her own initiative she began making 250 bag lunches once a month to be distributed as the evening meal for people eating at a local soup kitchen. Several groups have followed her lead and begun to contribute their own lunches to the kitchen. Rosemary, who lives in West Hartford with her husband, Tom, and whose daughter, Rebecca, is at Brown, describes her efforts as an attempt to maintain balance in her life: "You have to factor in the hungry. Then you come back and have to take care of the wealth." Wise words from a very accomplished classmate. . . . I hope your summer has been full of good weather, good gardens and good times. Please stay in touch. ♦

The Seventies

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70 It actually happened. Phil Norfleet called home! He reports from San Diego that he's alive and well and working with Jack Nicklaus (yes, the Jack Nicklaus) in developing golf courses and resort communities. Phil keeps in touch with "Big Bill" Anderson, who, according to Phil, lives in Massachusetts but spends much of his time traveling around the country shooting wonderful photographs. . . . One of the most interesting of many e-mail messages came from Ann McEwen, letting me know of the arrival of Michael McEwen Thomson on March 7. Michael weighed in at a healthy 11 lbs. 15 oz. Mom, Dad and older brother Jamie are proud as can be. In addition to caring for her new son, Ann is working on a retail catalogue for Sheaffer Pen's worldwide market. (By the way, if anyone else in the class is thinking about giving birth, please note: there will be an award for newest mom or dad at our next reunion. That's the good news. The bad news is that the next reunion is in the year 2000. So far, Ann, you're in the lead.) . . . I feel honored that Jean Macalister Royall sent me her first response in 25 years. Jean lives with her physician husband, John, in Rumsen, N.J. The Royalls have a daughter who graduated from Princeton in 1994, a daughter

who graduated from Skidmore this year and a third daughter who will be a junior at Duke. That's a tough road to follow for their son, who is still in high school. . . . "Little Bill" Aldrich is a veteran of the Internet. In fact, he and two partners have founded Jacquard Systems Research, a company that re-engineers legacy software. (Sounds impressive. I have no idea what that means!) In his spare time, Bill is an avid outdoorsman who has skied through the Pemigewasset Wilderness to make a mid-winter ascent of Owls Head.

. . . Chris Crandall e-mails from the great Northwest that she recently "retired" (at least for a while) from her job at Microsoft to spend more time with her son, Sam, 6. Chris managed a high-end developer training group. Chris's husband, Chris Harris, carries on at Microsoft alone while Chris is learning how to weave and enjoying being a full-time mom. . . . Not quite as far west is Clare Bonelli. Clare and her husband run The Old Benton Place, a bed-and-breakfast in Sonoita, Ariz. I have the brochure if you're interested. Clare is the clerk of the local elementary school district governing board, on which she serves with another Colbian, Foster Drummond '52. . . . Jon Weems writes from wild and wonderful West Virginia, where he has been at his "temporary" job on the staff of West Virginia University's Core Arboretum for the past 18 years while he figures out what he wants to do with his life. Jon and his wife, Donna, designed their own home on the shore of Cheat Lake, and he serves as the commodore of the Hog Wallow Yacht Club. . . . Deborah Thurlow recently was promoted to director of teacher education at Lyon Col-

lege in Batesville, Ark. Deborah writes that she recently earned her doctorate in instruction and curriculum leadership. Congratulations, Deborah! . . . I do have more responses, but I don't have more room, so you'll have to tune in next time to see which classmates I can embarrass the most! There has been some interest in putting together a Class of 1970 e-mail directory. If you're interested, e-mail your e-mail address to me at my e-mail address and we can mail everyone's e-mail address to everyone at their e-mail addresses. Simple, isn't it. . . . We've found Phil Norfleet, so, Stu Rothenberg, phone home! ♦

Correspondent:

Nancy Hammar Austin

71 This is my last article, written just before our 25th reunion. Since the reunion update book includes so much information about many of us, I thought I'd end my tenure as correspondent with another kind of reminder about the things and the times that were our days on Mayflower Hill. Here's the play list for the first '67-'71 musical retrospective being created to help set the stage for the reunion. This is the Love Song section. (Other themes include Sun and Rain Songs, Songs about People, Places and Getting to Them Songs, and of course Protest and the Counterculture Songs). Enjoy this blast from the past, and as always, Be Brave. With Love, Nancy. . . . "Eyes of a Child" (Moody Blues), "Hello, Hello" (Sopwith Camel), "Happy Together" (Turtles), "Reach Out, I'll Be There" (Four Tops), "The Rain, the Pack and Other Things" (Cowbills), "Sunny" (Bobby Hebb), "59th Street Bridge Song"

(Simon and Garfunkel), "Daydream Believer" (Monkees), "Brown-Eyed Girl" (Van Morrison), "Love Is All Around" (Troggs), "Laugh, Laugh" (Beau Brummels), "Walk Away Renee" (Left Banke), "I Ain't Gonna Eat Out My Heart Anymore" (Young Rascals), "You Keep Me Hangin' On" (Vanilla Fudge), "Sunshine of Your Love" (Cream), "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida" (Iron Butterfly), "Midnight Confessions" (Grassroots), "Do You Wanna Dance" (Mama's and Papa's), "Moon-dance" (Van Morrison), "Love Story Theme," "These Eyes" (The Guess Who), "Without Her" (Blood, Sweat and Tears), "One" (Three Dog Night), "Once I Had a Sweetheart" (Pentangle), "Maybe" (Janis Joplin), "Need a Man to Love" (Janis Joplin), "Somebody to Love" (Jefferson Airplane), "Love the One You're With" (Stephen Stills), "Touch Me" (Doors), "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face" (Roberta Flack), "Something" (Beatles), "First I Look at the Purse" (J. Geils Band), "Happy Birthday, John" (Janis Joplin). ♦

Correspondent:
Janet Holm Gerber

72 Susan Buttner Lavelle says she is "getting wrinkles, but I still don't feel like a 'grown-up!'" She and her husband, Allen, live in Irvine, Calif., with two sons, three dogs and a cat. Susan is a social worker for Orange County, working with the developmentally disabled. . . . The menagerie at Judy Moreland Spitz's home has been trimmed significantly. She and Bob are down to a guinea pig and a Labrador retriever but "still have three kids." Who took the goats? Judy is back to teaching. Mom, Dad and the three sons will drive to Atlanta for the Olympics this summer and hope to see Ann Bonner Vidor. . . . Congratulations to James Vigue of Waterville upon the success of Firstmark Corporation. He's president of the NASDAQ company, which is seeing record profits. Jim made a point of recommending William Cooper's *Town* as good reading for us all.

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Our 25th reunion was a four-day event that seemed to go much too quickly! Our weekend began Thursday evening at the Portland Country Club, with a wonderful dinner that was arranged by Terry Wyman. The food was outstanding, and judging from the conversation level in the room, it took no time for classmates to begin where they had left off years before!

The next morning we gathered at the docks for a short boat trip to Peak's Island, where we enjoyed a Down East lobster bake. It was reported that Jerome Layman was anxiously soliciting votes to ensure his election as class president the next evening.

Friday evening found us all at Colby, in the Foss-Woodman dorms, which we must report do not look substantially different than they did when we arrived as freshmen just a few years ago. We gathered in the lounge and traded stories and pictures. Special thanks go to Nancy Austin and Macy DeLong, who gathered many bits of memorabilia for the displays, and to all who added their pictures and mementos. Linda Wallace deserves special mention for bringing (all the way from California) a tape of our graduation ceremony.

Jim Hawkins and Pat Montgomery manned the reception desk and the Polaroid camera Friday evening and Saturday morning, and the "Rogues Gallery" of snapshots was a help to those of us who needed a bit of prodding to put names with faces. Background music was provided by tapes compiled by Bill Glennon and Nancy Austin. Keep those for the next reunion, Bill and Nancy.

Saturday morning's panel discussion, "Colby Then and Now," brought back lots of memories and laughs, as well as some serious insights into how tumultuous our years at Colby were. Bob Gordon ably organized the event and invited Charlie Bassett (no introduction needed), professor of sociology Tom Morrione '65 and Ken Eisen '73, owner of the Railroad Square Cinema. Tom shared a video he compiled of the changing scene at Colby from the Sixties to today. The discussion could have continued for hours longer, but we needed to don our t-shirts and march in the Parade of Classes. The logo on the t-shirts and on the *Reunion Handbook* was the work of Leslie Anderson, to whom we owe a sincere thank you. The parade was great fun, and our class's donations to the Alumni Fund and the Campaign for Colby were certainly noteworthy.

Our class barbecue had been moved into the field house due to the prediction of rain, but because it didn't rain, we exercised our right as rebellious Colby students and ate outside anyway. Chefs Paul Speiss, Ron Lupton, Dennis Cameron and Ken Bigelow outdid themselves at the grills. Jon Stone organized the second Reunion Softball Game, which produced some good plays and even better stories. There were many classmates who brought their families, and the age of our children ranged from 1 to 21—quite a spread! Thanks to Peggy Gilfoy for coordinating child care arrangements with the College.

Rested and dressed after the day, we arrived at the Cotter's home for cocktails Saturday evening, then headed over to the Student Union for our dinner. The highlight of the dinner was a slide show, presented by Jerome Layman and Leslie Anderson, titled "Colby A-Z." Whatever memories hadn't been resurrected were brought forth with their show. Dean Earl Smith gave us some insights into our years at Colby from his perspective. The class officers for 1996-2001 (oh my, that's a scary thought) were elected, and congratulations and thanks go to President Jerome Layman, Vice President and Alumni Council Representative Debbie Messer Zlatin and Secretary Jim Hawkins. Bill Glennon also deserves our applause for securing the band, the Night Lites, for the evening's entertainment.

There were so many classmates at the reunion that I hesitate to mention names for fear of forgetting someone, but there were two "cameo" appearances that can't go by without notice—Barry Kelley and Mike Smith, it was great to see you both. Next time stay a little longer!

Thanks to all who helped to make the reunion so enjoyable. It was successful only because so many people helped, and so many people came, relaxed and had a good time. It's amazing that after 25 years we can still have such a good time together, and we can connect with classmates whom we never had the chance to know years ago. For those who couldn't make it, we missed you, and we hope to see you next time on Mayflower Hill.

—Sue Sammis Spiess



Written by Colby grad Alan Taylor '77, it is the story of the founding of Cooperstown, N.Y. . . . **"Mex" Verrengia Woessner** is in Denver with her husband, Bill. She is owner/director of the Denver Bar Association Placement Service, he is an attorney, and they have two daughters, Amy, who works for an ad agency in N.Y.C., and Katie, a junior at the University of Puget Sound. . . . **Jack Williamson** and his wife, Jody, live in Birmingham, Mich. Jack is professor of design studies at the University of Michigan and executive director of the Design Michigan Program. He had two books published in 1995: *Community Design Management* and *Our Design Universe*, which he co-wrote for a public design center in Nagoya, Japan. . . . On a much smaller scale, I continue in the art field, teaching preschool through eighth grade art at a private school in Rockville, Md. I also teach preschool cooking and preschool "fitness." I keep fit by running—I still enjoy marathons—but my two boys, Justin, 12, and Taylor, 9, are my primary focus and keep me entertained and challenged with their thrills and spills. ♦

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73 **Lois Leonard Stock** is happily self-employed as an artist/illustrator in Portland, Maine. She is teaching herself to draw and paint on her computer and would love to receive e-mail (Loie@eworld.com). . . . **Michael Savage**, his wife, Martha, and their two children have moved to New Zealand. Michael and Martha are both teaching there and loving it. . . . **Mark Serdjian** has been men's head soccer coach at Colby for 20 years. Mark is also Colby's associate dean of students for academics. He and Tina (Murphy '72) have three children, the oldest a freshman at Brandeis. . . . **Kathy Stover Spencer** is the director of rehabilitation at Goodwill Industries in Portland, Maine. She and husband Larry have two teenage children and are aging gracefully (like the rest of us!). . . . **Anne**

Douglas Stanek is very busy as a mother of four, kindergarten/first grade music teacher and host to an AFS student from Paraguay. . . . **Ellen Kornetsky** has made many changes in her life in the last year. She has moved into a house, graduated from the University of New England with an M.S.W., been hired as assistant director of an adoption agency and married Dennis Pickering, inheriting two teenaged stepchildren and two dogs. . . . **Robin Barnes** is a full professor of history at Davidson College. He and his wife, Ann Lee Bressler, have two children and find life in North Carolina pleasant—but they still miss the North! . . . **Gwynelle Dismukes** has challenged the status quo in her books *Affirmations for a Year-Round Kwanzaa* and *African Alchemy*. A quote from the latter: "Time is the very expression of our lives. The gift of life, however short or long, however productive or wasteful, is only a gift of time." Gwynelle performs *Spirits of Our Ancestors*, a celebration of African-based spirituality, which involves poetry, music, dance and original songs. . . . **Ingrid Svensson Crook** is feeling the freedom of having both children in school! She took a trip to Germany, Sweden and Denmark with her parents and visited the place where her ancestors lived for many years. Uncannily, the names of the children living there now are nearly identical to the names of her own two children! . . . **Ron Majdalany** is busy maintaining a veterinary practice and running a llama farm in Great Barrington, Mass. He and wife Jane Laning have a 3-year-old daughter. . . . **Margaret Lichtenberg** is delighted with her son, Michael, and works the "mommy track" at her software development job. . . . **Jonathan Miller** is an attorney in Boulder, Colo., and has been publishing articles on the law. He, Arlene and son Jonah ski, bike, sail and ride horses. . . . **Susan Rennau** works as nurse coordinator for a fertility clinic at University Hospital in Salt Lake City. She and husband Rick Hoffman have twin girls. . . . **Ken Eisen** was married to Ann Hutchinson

in November 1995. Congratulations, Ken, and good luck with the rebuilt Railroad Square Cinema! . . . Please be sure to send me news of your adventures. The requests for information come only once a year, so don't put them aside! ♦

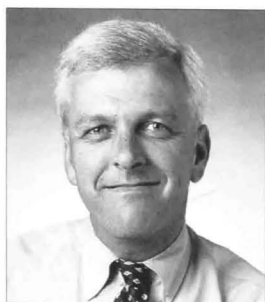
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Shelley Bieringer Rau

74 Congratulations to **Norm Rattey** on the birth of their daughter, Juliana Mary, on March 13. Juliana was welcomed by her sisters, 9 and 11, and brother, 4. The Ratteys live in Brunswick, Maine. Norm practices law in Auburn while Chris holds down the fort at home. . . . **Cindy and Herb Landsman** are in Sudbury, Mass., where they also have four children, ranging from 1-1/2 to 13 years old. Herb works for TJ Maxx as VP and sales manager, while Cindy manages the kids, fund raising, chauffeuring, etc. Herb, who also reports on the "unfortunate combo of hair loss and weight gain," says he is possessed by fatherhood. . . . **Mark Pestana** and wife **Mary Beth** write from Grand Rapids, Mich. They have a daughter, Stephanie Simone, now 1-1/2. Mark is an assistant professor of philosophy at Grand Valley State University. . . . **Schari and Mike Royare** are in Waterville, where Mike is Oak-land town manager and Schari is a pediatric nurse. They have two children, Molly, 8-1/2, and Carolyn, 9-1/2. . . . **Gay (Emme-King) Peterson** lives in N. Yarmouth, Maine, with spouse Rob Wood and teenagers Abby and Anders. She is an RN who says she likes being middle-aged. (Speak for yourself—I now think middle-age must start at around 60; therefore, I'm still young). Gay is spending more time at home weathering early adolescence and less time at work struggling with managed care. . . . On the road again is **Jeff Seip**, who has relocated from Saudi Arabia to Shanghai, China, as controller for Westinghouse in joint ventures with Shanghai Electricity Corporation. . . . **Jay '72** and

Robin Sweeney Peabody have been in Littleton, Colo., for eight years. Rob is a sales manager with Calgon. Robin recently returned to work as a sales/merchandising rep, a varied and fun job that she says gives her the time and flexibility she needs to parent Alan, 13, and Kate, 11. They really enjoy Colorado and are visited yearly by **Linda Krohn Kildow** and her children. . . . **Ronda Fay Luce**, M.D., and "≠1 house spouse" **Nathan Sessions** live in Bremerton, Wash., where Ronda is training with a search dog to become part of a certified wilderness search team. She reports that she has given up her ER job for a day job and loves being home evenings. . . . On the East Coast, **David Roulston** is a lawyer in Greenfield, Mass. He and wife Melinda have two children, Michael, 10, and Marielena, 4. Dave is president of the board of directors of the Franklin Area Survival Center, an emergency food pantry. . . . From Shelburne, Vt., write **Paul '76** and **Carol Wood Philbin**. Carol recently "retired" from Merchants Bank and is considering launching a new career in decorative arts and crafts. She'd love to hear from anyone who has a career in arts/crafts/related fields. Paul is director of information services at the University of Vermont. . . . **Laura and Jim Lazourare** in Arlington, Va., where Jim is a dentist and Laura is a county supervisor. Jim has coached four Greater D.C. champion youth basketball teams, is team dentist for the George Washington University basketball team and has played golf with Bill Clinton. . . . In Fairfax, Va., are **Bill and Prudence Hoerter Parks**, who is an attorney/federal lobbyist. They have two children, Nathaniel, 14, and Maggie, 11. Pru is learning to ride a horse and looking forward to exchanging the rat race of Washington for riding the range in Montana or Wyoming, some day. . . . Here in Auburn, Maine, we are recovering from a serious skiing injury to our son, Lucas, 10, so had a particularly house-bound winter. His last surgery was in late April, and it appears he will recover fully. On to bigger

Getting NASA Off the Ground

American children may grow up with stars in their eyes, but Jeff Lawrence '72, a high-level administrator for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), has his feet firmly on the ground. On the ground of Capitol Hill in Washington most of the time.



Jeff Lawrence '72

Three years ago Lawrence became a special assistant to the president of George Washington University after the congressman he had worked for lost in the 1992 election. After 16 years on Capitol Hill as a staff member for various representatives and congressional committees, he was considering getting an advanced degree and trying teaching when he answered a call from the White House. The Clinton Administration needed an associate administrator for legislative affairs, and Lawrence had the skills and contacts. He knew most of the people in the space agency and most of the people in the halls of Congress. As legislative director for former Rep. Bill Green (N.Y.), Lawrence was staff member on the House Appropriations Committee and the subcommittee that oversees independent agencies. In that capacity he had traveled extensively overseeing NASA projects. His experience with NASA and his record of developing legislative strategies and drafting legislation were the credentials that landed him the Presidential appointment.

For Lawrence, the appeal of working for the space agency lies in the earthly workings of Capitol Hill, not the mystique

of space exploration. His role is "to keep Congress educated on what we are doing and [to] ensure a healthy outcome for the President's budget," he said.

In the early 1990s, a pattern developed in which NASA's budgets, and particularly funding for the space station project, were resolved in annual cliffhanger votes. Since Lawrence joined the legislative affairs office in 1993—a week and a half before the agency's budget was approved by a single vote—congressional budget approval has come more decidedly.

Lawrence meets with some 250 members of Congress each year. "The key," he said, "is to build up enough of an intelligence network so you know who needs what and then get it to them." Last winter, for example, he returned to his native Maine with NASA administrator Dan Goldin and astronaut Mary Ellen Weber to visit schools and businesses. The trip was organized, in part, to counter the notion that NASA offers nothing for rural areas like northern and western Maine. Lawrence explained to Bangor-area business groups that technology developed by the agency is available to private enterprise, sometimes simply by asking. That kind of "technology transfer" is how ear thermometers first used by astronauts ended up on store shelves and how digital imaging used for the Hubble Space Telescope improved the reliability of mammograms in detecting tumors, Lawrence says.

Lawrence was a history major at Colby. He recalls Professor Clifford Berschneider as a mentor who "beat me up because of my lazy academics and helped me see that just being glib wasn't enough."

Lawrence said he visited Berschneider in Pittsburgh after Berschneider's retirement. "He gave us a vision of the world that was greater than the little high school and the great little college on the hill," Lawrence said. "He really changed the way we looked at things."

and steeper slopes! Hope all is well with each of you! ♦

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75 For those of you searching for that next unusual adventure, follow Tom and Jean Crowley Huebner to the North-east Kingdom of Vermont. Last summer they canoed inn to inn, enjoying such memorable stops as the Craftsbury Bed-and-Breakfast. Broad vistas and lush lawns framed their dining spots at day's end. . . . Paddling along in a different mode are Marty and Karin Litterer Womer, who circle Friendship Long Island, Maine,

in their sea kayak. When not afloat, Karin works as managing editor at Down East Books while Marty hits the books, studying for his law degree at the University of Maine School of Law. . . . Deep in the woods, elsewhere in the state, you may run into Deborah Seel Palman, who is a game warden specialist in Aurora. She and her husband, Gregory, count their three dogs as family—two German shepherds, who help with search and rescue, and one Brittany, whose dual role includes hunting and playing pet dog. . . . Cathy McGerigle Taylor writes from Waterville, where she is a medical assistant in a surgical office. She says she is whittling down her golf score af-

ter a humbling outing with Harold Joseph '44. . . . Calling in from the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston is R. Patrick Wood, M.D., F.A.C.S. Patrick is chief of three liver transplant programs at the center, which performs about 50 transplants each year, half of them children. . . . Kevin Zorski, D.O., also specializes—in osteopathy. He and his wife, Elise, have a son, Jesse, 9. . . . Alan '73 and Deborah Morrell Polackwich roost year round in Vero Beach, Fla. Deborah is working in fimo clay, decorating wine glasses and Christmas ornaments and marketing them through the local art center. When not designing, she assists with the mentor program

for Vero Beach elementary children. . . . Sarah Vetault writes from Tucson, Ariz., where she recently gained simultaneous responsibility for a new home and a plumber's nightmare. While holding her finger in the dam, she found time to read *The Double Helix* by James D. Watson. She described the book as a "must read" (and she's not even a scientist). . . . Stephen Smith has moved from Richmond, Maine, to Newton, Mass., after 11 years at Bowdoin. If anyone wants to own a home in wonderful Maine, the Smiths' is still for sale. . . . Who could believe that Tiny, the boa constrictor, would still be squirming after all these years? It's true. Doug Schwarz says that

Tiny celebrated his 30th this past year. (Details on the guests' attire later.) Doug regularly sees Colby friends Dave Peck, Scott and Patti Cass Smith, Carol Foss (his landlady) and John and Ann Gage Conant. . . . Marian Hartman Rogers reports that she and Stephen '76 were married in October of 1995. They now live in Ithaca, N.Y. . . . "Life is Good!" in Incline, Village, Nev., where Kim and Jim Schmidt and their two children make their home. Jim is a senior software engineer programming Macintosh computers, but something tells me he's in Tahoe for other reasons as well. Can Jennifer and Dave downhill like their dad? . . . Twila (Purvis '74) and Russell Sehnert have been busy building a freelance writing business. Included with his advertising work, Russ is creating Web sites on the Internet. The Sehnerts and their two "wild" boys live in Summit, N.J., but ski in Maine. . . . Deborah Vose and Steven Roman have also been busy with their two: Molly, 4, and Woodrow, 1, who arrived home from Korea at four and a half months. Molly adores her gigantic brother (26 pounds at nine months), and Deb says it's been wonderful. . . . Richard and Susan Staples Smith have other challenges. Susan claims seven children, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandsons (by marriage, which, she notes, is the easier way). When not occupied with her extended family, Susan designs database systems for NIH-funded research studies on AIDS and on improving the health of the elderly. . . . If you're in the Boston area, you may be able to catch one of Carolyn Anderson Pope's operatic duet performances. Carolyn and Dana '76 have three girls, Lindsay, Cecilie and Laurian, who accompany mom on the piano and violin. . . . Stay tuned for Boyd Allen, Will Tuttle, Lisa Turtz and others! ♦

Correspondent:
Leslie A. Ramsey

77 I heard from seven freshman friends. Remember Freshman Week? I remember Stefan Karas from Dana's second floor. Always around 5 p.m. he

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The 20th reunion of the Class of 1976 was a fun-filled weekend of revival of old friendships and the beginnings of new acquaintances. Although the entire class was not in Waterville, those in attendance were treated to a weekend of relaxation. We were awed by the physical changes that have occurred on Mayflower Hill since we left.

Highlights of the weekend included the cruise in Portland Harbor, the awards banquet on Friday and the class dinner and dancing to live music on Saturday. The class parade was an opportunity to finally meet as a class and the class picture was wonderful. The traditional class cookout

on Saturday gave me an opportunity to see all of our classmates one-on-one even though I had to sling hamburgers and hot dogs to do so. Special thanks to the Class of 1971 for lending me an apron.

The class dinner on Saturday, preceded by a cocktail hour in the bowels of the library (how many of you ever drank in the library before then?), allowed us to catch up on old times and renew old stories of fraternities and sororities, intramural sports and our favorite professors. Special guests included a surprise visit by Professor Charlie Bassett, who ably substituted for Sandy Maisel, and President Cotter, who spoke, among other things, of Colby's prominence as a forerunner of gender equality in higher education. Professor Bassett *did* say we were better than those behind us. "More fluent" was more precise. "The kids just want to watch that damn television all the time," he said.

The reunion committee should be recognized: Mark Janos (outgoing president), Scott McDermott (incoming president), Paul Boghossian (Mr. Everything), Marian Lord (class agent), Joel Swets and Jennifer Ford. Thank you all.

—Mark Janos



would walk down the hall to and from the cafeteria downstairs. I'd time it right and be studying classics, English, art history, etc. out in the hallway, right at the L, hoping to trip somebody cute. Stefan is chief of the department of ophthalmology at the Straub Clinic and Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii. His wife, Deanna, is in the film industry and their daughter, Kelsey, is 3. His "special thrill" is watching his wife on episodes of *Magnum PI* and *Jake and the Fat Man*. . . . Mark Lyons I remember from freshman English, definitely with John Misner (and maybe second with Joe Martin?). Mark now lives in Hampton, N.H. (near several brothers whose names ring a bell), and is vice president marketing/sales for Wheelabrator Environmental Systems. He has been married to

Geraldine for eight years, and they have a daughter, Vanessa, 6, who shares her dad's love for fishing and skiing. His job has taken him to Japan, England, France, Holland, Belgium and Bermuda. . . . Jeff Sanderson I remember because we were part of the N.H. contingent that fall of 1973. Jeff's "family unit" is a Civil War-era home in Alexandria, Va., purchased in December 1994. Jeff is a hospital management consultant and since 1990 has moved in the international arenas of Egypt, Russia and the Czech Republic. Jeff was to be married in May to Andra Zalzal, who is a vocational services counselor/supervisor. His career in international health care has worked for him in terms of income and perhaps has been an emotional "safety net" for dealing with two family deaths.

Jeff has cycled for Dana Farber, raising an impressive problem-solver figure. Jeff is happily in tandem—and I would say an internationally oriented import/export business sounds great, too. . . . Peter Cohn I will always remember for his Foss Woodman creativity and energy. He gave me an origami bird on a stick that he paperfolded himself around Valentine's Day that year. Peter enclosed a Knothole newsletter of the Christopher Morley Knothole Association, which keeps alive the memory of the famous Long Island poet. He sent a holiday card, too, of his wife, Joanne, and their two children, Aaron and Sarah. . . . Jane Williams Blumberg had such a nice smile. She is an elementary school teacher after having been an at-home mom since her eldest,

NEWSMAKERS

Earle Shettleworth '70 is co-author of *Gardiner On The Kennebec*, a new book about the Maine town. . . . Danny Smith '72 was an organizer of the Edwin Arlington Robinson Festival in Gardiner. . . . Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi has appointed William Mayaka '73 permanent secretary of the African nation's Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources. . . . Gregory White Smith '73 is co-author of a new book, *On a Street Called Easy, In a Cottage Named Joye*. . . . John Ladky '74 represented Colby at the inauguration of Mary Bullock as president of Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, Reginald Blaxton '74 at the inauguration of Howard University's president, A. Patrick Swygert, and Thomas Suddath Jr. '78 at the inauguration of Constantine Papadakis at Drexel University. . . . Wanda Hinckley Brill '75 has been elected to the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. . . . Peter Kraft '76 is a partner in a new law firm, Kraft & Winger, in Portland, Maine. . . . Gerry McDowell '76 has been named head men's basketball coach at Wesleyan University. . . . Frank Malinoski '76 is the new vice president of medical affairs for NABI of Boca Raton, Fla. . . . Jane Brox '78 won the L.L. Winship/PEN New England Award for her memoir, *Here and Nowhere Else: Late Seasons of a Farm and Its Family*.



Earle Shettleworth '70

MILEPOSTS

Marriages: Sean Drummey '76 to Alison Wetherill in Wilmington, N.C.

Births: A son, James Shigeo, to Tracey and Henry Osborne '76. . . . A son, Joseph Alfonso, to Gerard '75 and Alicia Rodriguez Connolly '78

Philip, was born. Gwen came three years later. She writes that her husband, Bruce, is a doctoral student at MIT and that she's happy to be back in the classroom again. I bet the kids love you, Jane. (Thanks for thanking me again for being class secretary. It's basically fun, Jane.) . . . Karen Gustafson Crossley wanted to wave hello again, too. She and her husband, Alan, live in Madison, Wis., and keep Sam, 9, and Hannah and Caleb, 6, in tow. Karen is the director of development at the School of Business's University of Wisconsin Foundation, and Alan is a wildlife biologist with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Karen is current-

ly enrolled in the executive M.B.A. program at UW-Madison's School of Business. . . . Richard D. Conant Jr. lives in Mystic, Conn., with his wife, Catherine. She is a French teacher and he is an environmental biologist. At the end of the summer, a new little one will join Richard III and Gregory David. Richard is the final friend we'll hear from . . . until sophomore year. ♦

Correspondent:
Nicholas Levintow

78 The mailbag was bulging this month despite the fact that someone in the Alumni

Office decided I had moved to Alexandria, Va. False! So some of your letters took the great circle route, leaving me with more news than I can really do justice to. My apologies go out to any faithful correspondents who do not see their news in this column. I'll try again next issue. . . . Susan Pollis writes from Falmouth, Maine, that since late 1994 she has been working at L.L. Bean. Susan still travels back to the Far East and Japan and served as a special delegate celebrating the 10th anniversary of Portland, Maine, and Shinagawa, Japan, as sister cities. Susan is married to Ted Reed '80. . . . Tim Hussey passed on some news from his old roommate, Les Morgan, who is living with his family in Bangladesh. Les writes: "We are still a family of five and living in Rajshahi next door to the Christian Mission Hospital. Our yard is a garden of fruit trees, and I wake up to the sounds of tropical birds every morning. We have pets everywhere—three cats, five rabbits, two turtles, 23 fish, 10 doves, one pony and eight guinea pigs at last count. After six years, we feel pretty comfortable in Bangladesh, we travel everywhere with ease, and our Bengali is getting better and better. . . . I finally feel comfortable in my job and am able to put my mind and energies toward seeing patients, advising health programs, visiting congregations, studying and corresponding with folks back home." Tim reminded me that Les has been working at the Presbyterian medical mission since 1990, and he and his wife, Cindy, have been raising three children there. Les was to return stateside this June for a year of studies. . . . Peter Jeffries dashed off a note to let folks know that he and his wife, Pamela Thompson, recently celebrated the first birthday of daughter Ailsa Morison Jeffries. Peter and family are living in Canton, Mass. . . . Peter Bothwell has returned to New England, Weatogue, Conn., to be precise, after two years in Maryland. Peter is in the insurance biz and thinks he survived the Travelers/Actua merger. Peter and his wife, Kathy, have three children, Jennifer, Laura and

Gregory, and so must be pretty good at zone defense at this point. . . . Former class correspondent Susan Gernert Adams wrote me recently with all kinds of news. Last year was a biggie for her: she turned 40, won an Emmy (Susan is a national producer for NBC's *Dateline*), climbed a mountain in Olympia National Park and got married to Pope Brock, a freelance writer. Congratulations, Susan! . . . Alicia Rodriguez and husband Gerard Connolly '75 celebrated the first birthday of son Joseph. The Rodriguez-Connollys recently moved to Annapolis, Md., and Alicia completed her M.A. in interdisciplinary studies with an emphasis on women's studies. Gerry is the headmaster of a private school. . . . If you're a martial arts movie aficionado, keep an eye out for Tony Lopez, who has been selected to play roles in upcoming films to be produced by the same outfit that makes the Chuck Norris films. Tony is still living and working in Rome, Ga., at the Darlington School. . . . Lisa Klein Boldt and husband Michael now have a second son, Alden, to join older brother Ian. Lisa has been active in Ian's cooperative school as well as helping a local parenting organization with their fund-raising program. . . . Ted Bristol, just across the river from me in Falls Church, Va., writes that he is now the VP for Sagamore Assoc., a government relations consulting firm. Ted and wife Nellie have two children, and Ted reports that he still gets out and rows on the Potomac River when he can. . . . Please continue to write. Anyone who actually flips over that survey and sends me real news about what they're doing, who they've seen, or what they would like to see at the next reunion (only two years off) will get top billing in the next column. ♦

Correspondent:
Robert Kinney

79 After seven years at home, Gayle Amato and husband Jerry Lusa have "traded places," with Jerry taking the helm

as a stay-at-home dad while Gayle returns to the working world as an instructor/consultant for Destiny Corporation, a software company outside Hartford. The new job has resulted in some travel and has enlightened spouse Jerry to the heavy but rewarding workload at home taking care of Amanda, 8, Jacob, 6-1/2, and Tucker, 3-1/2. Gayle also has time to sing in the Hartford Chorale. . . . **Liz Armstrong** and husband Erik Lofgren adopted daughter Rebecca in August 1995 from China, which she describes as the event in their lives. She would be happy to act as a resource for anyone interested in adopting from China. . . . **Laurie Borden Ahearn** is still happily ensconced in Middlebury, Vt., with husband Daniel and children Colin, 9, and Haley, 5. . . . **Leslie Chanler Brooks** sent along an updated picture of a happy and rambunctious William Tucker Stuyvesant Brooks, now 2-1/2. Leslie stopped working this year to spend more

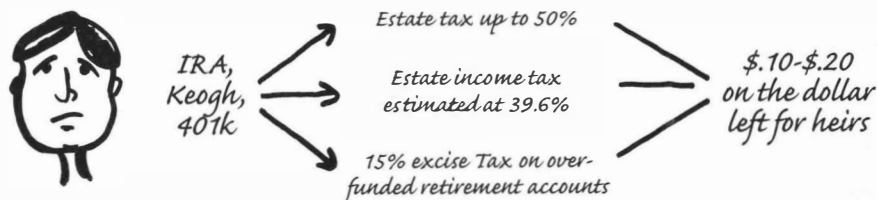
time with Willie. . . . **Kathy Bleakney Pawley** also dropped me a note from southern Virginia. The hard winter we had here in the south made her homesick for New England, but she admits that her southern husband, Keenan, has little enthusiasm for a move north. Travels to Colorado last fall included visits with the families of **Cheri Bailey Powers** and **Carol Mordecai Myers**. . . . Since many of you so kindly inquire, a little news on the Kinneys. I've been an attorney at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for almost four years now, mainly working in the Water Enforcement Division of the Office of Regulatory Enforcement. In September 1995 I began a detail to the RCRA (Hazardous Waste) Enforcement Division, where I've barely scratched the surface of this complicated area of the law. EPA was at the forefront of the budget battles here in Washington, and between November and April I was fur-

loughed twice (including almost a month over Christmas and into the New Year) and nearly furloughed twice more, only to be saved by 11th-hour negotiations between the White House and Congress. With a fiscal year 1996 budget finally in place, Kay, Matthew and I can look forward to a little breathing room. I've had an interesting and varied career so far at EPA, and recently was awarded my second EPA Bronze Medal in two years, this one for work on a litigation team that settled a complicated civil enforcement action against a large company in Pennsylvania. When not rooting for her beloved national champion Kentucky Wildcat basketball team, my wife, Kay, is executive vice president for the National Association of Mortgage Brokers in Rosslyn, Va., and we co-chair the Habitat for Humanity committee at our church. I also do a little pro bono work for Legal Services of Northern Virginia. Matthew is a won-

derful, expressive, buoyant boy of 2-1/2 and the absolute joy in our lives. He's already a bit of a jock (unlike his dad) and can dribble a full-sized basketball and hit a tossed baseball. In our recent travels we saw **Steve Singer** at Kay's 15th Kennedy School reunion at Harvard. Steve is director of communications and adjunct lecturer at the Kennedy School. We also saw **Peter Goodnow** during his recent travels back East. Pete is chair of the history department at the Robert Louis Stevenson School in Pebble Beach, Calif., but misses the East Coast and is contemplating a relocation. He and wife Catherine have a beautiful 4-year-old, Elizabeth. And I am taking the liberty of announcing the arrival of John Edward Veilleux Jr. ("X squared"), first child of our good friend and Class of '80 correspondent, John ("X") Veilleux, and his wife, Diana. Please write or e-mail me at KINNEY.ROBERT@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV ♦

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80 I'll be the first to claim bragging rights to the title of proudest new dad (and certainly newest proud dad). Diane delivered John Edward Veilleux Jr. on April 25 and is enjoying a temporary assignment as stay-at-home mom. By August, I hope to have replaced her for a few months in the role of Mr. Mom. . . . Also contending for the title is **Weld Butler**. "He has big hair. We're going to keep him," says the gushing father of Calvin Koch Butler. Weld, an investment advisor and president of Harbor Advisory Corporation in Portsmouth, N.H., describes wife Sarah's occupation as "engineering domestic." . . . **Tony Cunningham** teaches at St. John's University in St. Joseph, Minn., where he was the first recipient of the Robert Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award last year. He has run St. John's honors program for the past two years and last fall directed the school's international education program in Galway, Ireland. Spouse Mickey (Mullen '81) is also teaching (art) and is an art historian. They have two girls, Flannery Claire, 4, and Maeleine Louise, 2. . . . **Scot Lehigh** is now a columnist with *The Boston Globe*, and he and wife Marsha are the parents of twin baby girls. Scot reports that

he is co-director of the New England Chapter of PET.A (Society for the Protection and Ethical Treatment of Animals) and would like all Colby alums to know that lobsters have feelings too. . . . **Cornelia Armbrrecht Brefka** recently surprised husband Mark '77 with a 40th birthday party. The big Colby crowd included Terry O'Brien '78, Bill '78 and Joann Barry Getchell '78, Dotty Farrell Shelton '78, Hilary Morton Shontz and Susan Sullivan Hinrichs. Cornelia and Mark live in Greenwich, Conn., with their two boys, Paul, 5, and Henry, 1-1/2, two dogs and 202 worms (Paul's), courtesy of godfather Terry O'Brien '78. . . . **Valera Butler Crofoot**, a chef and food writer, was the 1996 recipient of the Julia Child Award from the International Association of Culinary Professionals. She and musician husband Charles live in Monkton, Md. . . . **Cathy Palmer** is development director for the Lund Family Center in Burlington, Vt. . . . **Julia Greenwood Kreutz** writes from Decatur, Ga., where she lives with husband David and daughters Johanna and Gretchen. They were all looking forward to the Olympics, particularly since Decatur is host to Ireland. As a physical therapist/rehab program manager with Theratx Inc., Julia recently made the transition from patient care to management. In addition to her professional life, she enjoys teaching her girls to play piano and to swim. . . . **Jonathan Covell** owns a landscaping business and is assistant boys' hoop coach at Nauset Regional H.S. He and wife Susan live in Brewster, Mass., with their daughters Jessica, 7, and Katherine, 5. . . . **John Carpenter** writes from North Yarmouth, Maine, where he and wife Ronni-Jo (Posner '78) live with their twin boys, Scott and Robert, 8,

daughter Allison, 5, and a large yellow lab named Dusty. John's a partner at the Portland law firm of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson and reports that Ted Tinson is CFO of Health Plans, a managed care provider, and that **Dan O'Halloran** recently married and moved with wife Jane to Yarmouth. . . . **Susan Clark** lives in Alexandria, Va., where as president of Bryce Executive Air Catering she caters to the needs of business and political highfliers. The firm serves corporate and private jets at the major area airports, and Susan is particularly looking forward to catering another Presidential campaign. . . . **Marjorie Smith Bose** moved into a new home in Derry, N.H., and traded in her title as marketing manager of a small software company in Cambridge to start a consulting business out of her home. She and husband Ron also are expecting a baby. She recently received a visit from Janet Fisher Gronneberg and had lunch with Mary Lynah Bishop, Robin Gathany Shea and Debbie Pugh Kelton. . . . **Linda Alter** also has moved her office "in-house" and now represents software manufacturers selling educational software to schools in Minnesota, Iowa and the Dakotas. She lives in St. Paul, Minn., with writer Carol Krawczak. . . . **Ken Branch** is a lieutenant commander, CEC, USN, and waxes poetic about the challenges of his new job as operations officer for Naval Amphibious Construction. During the last nine months, his group has been responsible for moving Marine, Navy and Army units from ship to shore in Korea, Thailand, Campuchea, Central Europe and Egypt. When at home, Ken, wife Maria Murrell-Branch and daughter Makalea Mae live in Coronado, Calif. ♦

Correspondent:
Beth Pniewski Wilson

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81 Darlene Howland has been elected vice president of the Boston Association for the Education of Young Children. Darlene is the director of the early childhood program at the Wellesley Community Children's Center. In her spare time she is active in community theater and recently played the role of Anna in *The King and I* with the Wellesley Players. Nancy Welsh Isbell, Ellen Owens Dion, Lynne Winter Bruen, Janet Blau Cobb and I went to see the play. Darlene was marvelous as always! . . . Mimi Pratt Valyo has moved with her family from California to Simsbury, Conn. Now Mimi is able to visit with Brian Picard and his wife, Gisele, who also live in Simsbury. Brian and Gisele have four children—Christopher, Andrew, Michael and Laura. Mimi says she is glad to be back in her home state, but it has been an adjustment after being away for many years. Mimi's daughter Alison called her to the window to see a man "mowing the snow" (using a snowblower). She and her husband, John, are building a new house in Simsbury. . . . Scott Murchie is living in Mt. Airy, Md., and is a geologist working at Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Md. Scott writes that he is working on a camera and spectrometer on Near-Earth Asteroid Rendezvous spacecraft, which was to be launched by NASA in February. Scott and his wife, Karen, have a daughter, Andrea, and two cats. . . . Sarah Swager is living in Hartsville, S.C. She is the dean of students at Coker College in Hartsville and is in the final phase of her dissertation at the University of Michigan for her Ph.D. in higher education administration. She hopes to graduate this year. . . . Victor and Ginny Bulford Vesnaver are busy with three children in Glen Ellyn, Ill. Victor is a assistant vice president of sales for Regency Systems Solutions, a division of Hyatt, and Ginny is a full-time mom and part-time administrative manager at Deloitte & Touche. . . . Karen Baumstark Porter is a clinical psychologist and lives in Omaha,

Nebraska. She and her husband, Randy, have a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, and two dogs. Karen got her Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 1990, got married in 1991 and went into private practice the same year. This year Karen became a partner in the private practice where she has been working, Kairos Psychological, P.C. . . . Glenn Currier is a physician in Wellington, New Zealand. His wife, Linda, is also a physician, and they have a son, Thomas Harry Currier, born in September 1995. They have trav-

eled throughout the South Pacific and Australia and now call New Zealand home. . . . I received two e-mails. One was from Dale Oak, who has been working for the Committee on Appropriations for the U.S. House of Representatives, managing the computer operations office. Dale and his wife, Janet, spend most of their free time chasing their 2-year-old daughter and 4-year-old son around. He saw Jim and Laura Littlefield Bourne at an event last fall of the Maine State Society, an organization in Wash-

ington, D.C., for people with a Maine connection. Dale ran into Champe Fisher in Arlington, Va., where they both live. . . . Kim Hokanson, also an e-mailer, married Dennis Stein last September at the Bowdon (!) College alumni house. Several Colby grads were in attendance: Cathy Dwyer, Sandy Whatley '80, Alastair Caperton '85, Sara Hill '84 and Eliza Dorsey '81. Kim is still working at the development office at Harvard and is living in Watertown with their two dogs, Kodak and Brownie (Dennis is a photog-

Our reunion weekend got off to a good start on Friday evening with a cocktail party in the Sturtevant Lounge, which served as our reunion headquarters throughout the weekend. The award for longest distance traveled went to Kim Wadkins Seymour, who traveled from San Francisco with her two children. We had one classmate from out of the country: Marisa D'Andrea Barber came from New Market, Ontario, just outside Toronto. Unfortunately, her husband and fellow classmate Bruce Barber was unable to make the reunion. Friday evening Scott '82 and Lynne D'Angelo Many had an unexpected visitor in their room. A very blond-haired little boy came into their room and announced he was getting into bed with them. Lynne told him she was not his mother, but he didn't believe her. So he climbed in. Finally he realized Lynne was not his mother and Lynne was able to return Andrew Dion to Ellen Owens Dion. Andrew, I can relate. Those "new" dorms are really strange. I couldn't find the women's room all weekend long and ended up using the men's room.



—Beth Pniewski Wilson

rapher), both rescued from the Humane Society. . . . Please keep writing! ♦

Correspondent:
Mimi Rasmussen

82 In Rockport, Mass., **Susan Hartley Brisson** and her husband, John (an assistant professor at MIT), have two children, Sarah, born in 1991, and Jack, born in 1993. Along with part-time consulting work for a telerecruiting company (college admissions), Susan is kept busy with carpooling, volunteering for Sarah's preschool—and two large Newfoundland dogs! . . . **Jonathan Baskin's** relocation to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., has resulted in an increase in the purchasing of SPF 15 sunblock! Jonathan has a top PR job at Blockbuster Entertainment as a VP of corporate relations. This is a new job for him, and he enjoys the professional challenge. His wife, Elizabeth, is working part time in the PR field. Their daughter, Catherine, was born in 1995, and they have two cats, Felix and Roger. A great book that Jonathan recently read is *The True and Only Heaven* by Christopher Lasch. . . . **Chris Cameron** has started a marketing communications firm that specializes in the recreation and food industries. With his experience at Smartfoods and more recently at *Mountain Bike Magazine*, the business is pulling together much faster than expected. His wife, Susan, is a direct marketing consultant, and they are expecting their second child in October. (Peter Wilson Cameron was born in 1994 and rode his two-wheeler without training wheels on his second birthday!) Chris occasionally sees **Carson Stanwood** and **Tim Dawson**. . . . **Paul Veilleux** is currently director of instruction, Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course. Since 1988 Paul has been stationed in Belgium and in Frankfurt, Germany, and was deployed to Saudi Arabia for Desert Shield/Storm, for which he earned the Bronze Star. At the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., he served as a trainer for logistics units from all over the U.S. Since 1994 Paul has been in Fort Lee, Va. He and

his wife, Andi, have two children, Christopher, 9, and Ryan, 6. Andi organized and runs a family support group for 350 employees and for all the students in CLOAC (up to 360 at any one time). Rounding out the family are Charlie the dog and Samantha the cat. . . . **Mary Rudolph Black** is practicing law with her partner and law school classmate at their firm, Black & Pontisakos. Her husband, Peter, is a manager, and their twins, Sophia and George, were born in 1994. Mary is curious about **Ingrid Gunderson Lombardi**—please write in! . . . **Jeffra Becknell** moved to California. She and partner Liz drove across the country in a U-Haul towing a Ford Explorer while Wilbur the cat got to fly TWA. Jeffra is getting an M.Ed. at UCLA and is teaching at Dorsey High School in inner city L.A.—just like *Dangerous Minds*—only she says she doesn't look like Michelle Pfeiffer and has yet to learn karate. She's finding L.A. fun, has managed to find a hockey team to play on and has been an extra on a sitcom. . . . **Tim Cross** and his wife, Ann Philbin, have recently returned from two years of working in Warsaw, Poland, where he was country coordinator of the Civil Society Development Program. They were expecting their first child in July. . . . After four years in Dubai, UAE, **Suzi Teare Morris** has moved back to London. Her husband, Mark Morris, returned to London with Merrill Lynch as executive director, International Private Banking. They have four daughters—Logan, Nellie, Cathryn and Annie. Suzi and her family get back to the States every summer to visit Princeton and the Cape, and they also get together with **Janice McKeown**, Annie's godmother. They also keep in touch with **Colleen Glovins Casey** but have not seen her for a few years. . . . **Terry Smith Probst** is a bank administration officer with Atlantic Bank in South Portland, Maine. She and her husband, Steve, had their first child in November 1995—Adam Morrison Probst checked in at 8 lbs. 12 oz. and 21.5 inches. Everyone is happy and healthy. . . . I want to thank you all for taking the time to write and send news. I

also want to remind everybody that next spring we'll be having our 15th reunion! As the time gets closer, we'll be sending out more information. ♦

Correspondent:
Sally Lovegren Merchant

83 I had too much news for a column, so watch for a newsletter. If you don't receive one, it could be time for you to check on whether we have your current address. Write me! Hope you're having a happy summer! ♦

Correspondent:
Barbara Knox Autran

85 Tom Claytor says hello to the Class of 1985. "If you're interested in what I've been up to, please visit my Web site (<http://allicat.mck.co.za/bushpilot/>)," he writes, "or drop me an e-mail (100077,711@compuserve.com)." . . . **John M. O'Connor** reports that after seven years in private practice as a trial attorney he has changed careers. Please contact him if you want to buy or sell real estate in Boston. . . . **Elisa Maxwell** married Todd Tetreault, relocated to Rexford, N.Y., and had a son, Luke, born February 24, 1996. Congratulations! I'd also like to congratulate my friends (and former roommate!) **Andy and Barbara Wilkes Sheehan** on the birth of Kyle Tanner. . . . **Wendy Ronan deMontbrun** changed jobs and had a son, Kevin. She writes, "1995 has been a challenging year—lots of work and little play. But it's been rewarding—wonderful kids, interesting careers." . . . **Maureen "Mo" Cyr** is currently living in the Los Angeles area after driving cross country by herself. She works in banking during the day and is attending grad school at night (M.S.W. at USC). Mo has been doing some great things since she left Colby. She volunteered as a therapist-in-training at the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Community Center's counseling services department. She also worked on Capitol Hill and later in health, economics and policy research. . . . **John Schleck** had a great time in Or-

lando managing an office for PNC Mortgage. He relocated to Connecticut earlier this year. . . . **Sheryl Larson Mortensen** had her second child, Erika, this past August. Sheryl completed her administration/supervision certification while taking a couple of years off from teaching. She enjoys spending more time with her children. . . . **Christopher Leherz** writes that the most significant change in his life has been his wife's pregnancy. "Family commitments have been a change for the better," he says. Chris participates in a baseball competition every year with **Keith Turley**, **Brad Whitaker**, **Elliot Kolodny**, **John Prorok**, **Rich MacNeille** and **William McDermott '86**. . . . **Hathy MacMahon** Simpson is a graduate student and mother of two sons, Graham and James. She lives with her husband, Richard, in Westport, Conn. . . . **Wendell Perkins** would like to announce the birth of his daughter, Ellen Margaret. He recently moved to Lake Forest, Ill., where his wife teaches college. . . . **Beverly Rice Tedeschi** said she never anticipated teaching high school when she left Colby, but she loves it and is glad that she chose it as a career. . . . **M.J. James-Pirri** married Michael G. Pirri last September. They met at the University of Rhode Island, where she was getting her Ph.D. in biological sciences. ♦

Correspondent:
Gretchen Bean Lurie

86 I guess this can be considered my retirement column. After writing to you for 10 years, I am turning my pen over to **Wendy Lapham Russ**. With her wit, creativity and knack for journalism, I know she will do a great job. Let's help her out with a great response to all those questionnaires! . . . **Julie Archer Tunney** and her husband, Sean, were married in July 1995 and are living in Zimbabwe, where Julie is a health advisor for the American Refugee Committee. Her work has sent her to Mozambique, Rwanda, Kenya, Malawi and Thailand, but Julie hopes to return to the States in early

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The 10th Reunion of the Class of 1986 was a rousing success with lots of classmates (80 at last unofficial count) in attendance. We were incredibly lucky with the weather—although rain was threatening all day Saturday the showers held off until we were safely inside partying on Saturday night.

Some lucky classmates started the weekend festivities early by playing golf on Friday afternoon and then joined the rest of the working folk on Friday night and were treated to good food and drink. Later Friday night, we gathered in our class headquarters in Mary Low Lounge and, with the help of some background music and a nice beer and wine bar, settled in for a catching-up session that lasted late into the night.

Saturday morning, our class made quite a picture parading to the football field, blowing bubbles and getting sticky, thanks to the cheerleading efforts of our class host, David Hanauer '97, plus Hank Yelle's insistence that bubbles were mandatory. Jay Allen and Chris Engstrom did a great job as banner bearers, with support from Brian Cornwall waving our class year sign. We also admired the great class T-shirts designed by Leslie Greenslet Perry and wished we'd all worn ours for the parade—next time! Tom Fisher didn't really surprise us when he admitted he'd had a hard time getting up in time for the parade, but did surprise us with his accurate identification of a Baltimore oriole near Dana—by sound alone.

At the presentation of gifts, we wowed everyone, including ourselves, when we saw how well we'd done in supporting Colby: just a few dollars shy of \$200,000 from the Class of '86, including all our campaign pledges. Several classmates asked for and received a minilesson in fund raising and learned about annual vs. capital giving.

In the afternoon, we gathered on Dana lawn—and, back to basics, cooked our own burgers and hot dogs and lounged around doing lots of catching up and catching rays. Ted Wolff, Sue Whitney and Chris Engstrom had a good time reminiscing about their Sea Semester



Norma Delaney (left) and Sue Whitney wear balloon hats.

experience. Professors Pete and Jane Moss found our barbecue, despite a last-minute location change, and held court on the lawn. All the kids were in their glory, too: Eve Ermer's Erik and Andrea, Deb Pernice Duffy's Hannah and Joe, Jay Church's Connor, Chapman Mayo's Hugh, John Habershtock's Taylor, plus the darling little tykes of Geoff Alexander whose names did not get written down. Each one was cuter than the next. Everyone seemed to have a great time. During lunch, Ted Wolff, Jay Church, Sue Maxwell Reisert, Heather Frasier Chabot and Anne Butter all agreed to sign up as class agents and, with the help of Bill Northfield's handy yearbook, even chose the folks they'll be contacting in our class.

After dispersing a bit to take tours of the beautiful art museum, impressive new Olin Science Center, or expanded Alford Athletic Center, we came together again for our class banquet in Roberts

on Saturday night. Our nifty bottle coolers were a big hit all around, as was the night in general. We were greatly entertained by our visit from Jan Hogendorn, who regaled us with stories of Colby Then and Now. President Cotter's incredibly timely entrance created a sensation, unequaled throughout the weekend. Jay Church might argue that the highlight of the evening was having his picture taken with his "personal harem" of Teri Appleton, Lisa Foley, Robin Clisby Pelczar, Jessica Flood Leitz, Amy Barnes Hurley and (of course!) Imogen Mintzer Church. We had a great time dancing—Deb Brooks won the prize for her spunky duet with our mysterious guest. For a while, we thought Brian and Laurie Clark Cornwall were the only ones who knew how to dance like grown-ups, until we saw Peter and Linda Flight Lull waltzing to the Smashing Pumpkins.

Sunday morning, we lingered over Bonnie's coffee cake in the dorm and reluctantly said our good-byes, mixed with promises of "next time!" and "see you sooner!" Let's start thinking about what we want to do next time!

—Hank Yelle

1997. . . . **Gretchen Miller Crowley** and her family will be living in the Bath-Brunswick, Maine, area until they relocate to Hawaii in July 1997, when her U.S. Navy commander husband's ship moves. Gretchen is a busy "housefrau" with Thomas, 5, and 3-year-old twins, James and Kelly. . . . **Paul Buckley, M.D., Ph.D.**, started residence in July at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in N.Y.C. after finishing his medical program at the Mayo (Clinic) Foundation in Minnesota. . . . **Scott Croll** finds his life as a seasonal national park ranger becoming increasingly migratory. While he misses having a home and garden, he has enjoyed the

opportunity to travel (Glacier Bay Alaska in summer 1995 followed by last winter in the Florida Keys). He recently spent three months in Hawaii volunteering with an archeologist and learning to scuba dive. . . . **Wendy Birbrower Solomon** returned to work full time as a manager of systems and administration for her husband's manufacturing company. The many perks include the flexibility to work a schedule around daughters Jordan, 4, and Rebecca, 2. Wendy and her family still enjoy their trips to Stowe, Vt., for skiing and bike riding. . . . **Joyce Sutton Anderson** and her family have been living in Egypt since September 1995. With

daughter Lindsay, 5, and son James, 3, Joyce and her husband have enjoyed travels to Luxor and the Karnak temples, a cruise on the Nile and spring holiday at the Giza pyramids. . . . **Chris '88 and Heather Fasier Chabot** are enjoying their home in the foothills of the White Mountains. Heather received her master's in social psychology this spring and is currently working toward a Ph.D. . . . **Midori and Steve Bridge** are living in Alabama, where Steve is busy with four part-time teaching (ESL) jobs and managing Levi, the Great Dane puppy, who is getting "really big!" . . . **Renata and Bob Cobuzzi** are both working in the Valley

Forge area for Astra Merck, a pharmaceutical company. Bob completed his postdoctoral fellowship last fall, and he and Renata are enjoying a brand new home. . . . **Chris and Cynthia Lloyd Brogan, Lars and Barb Falcone Smith and Brian and Laurie Clark Cornwall** shared a fun weekend at Stowe, Vt., last February. The six enjoyed a few days of downhill and cross-country skiing, but their bodies felt the 30-something syndrome afterwards! . . . **Suzanne Swain Masiello** nearly broke a hospital record last December—in the hospital by 9 a.m., her baby delivered by 10 a.m.! She is enjoying motherhood, with little Stark

Thomas keeping her quite busy. . . . **Jill Myerow Blinderman** writes from Connecticut that with mommyming (Ryan, almost 5, and Tyler, 18 months) and working as a sales manager, "who has time for anything else?!" . . . **Peter Taubkin** is vice president of government relations and public affairs for Time Warner Cable, Albany (N.Y.) division. . . . **Tracey and Bill Yardley** live in Needham, Mass., with their first-born, who arrived in February. Bill was promoted to manager at Boston Gas Co. in October 1995. . . . **Sue Whitney** returned to her teaching post at Shady Side Academy in Pittsburgh following her travels to Ghana, West Africa, where she worked to start a program for high school and college students to spend a semester abroad. . . . **Melanie Megathlin Flaherty** continues work in government relations in Hartford, Conn. She and her husband, Brian, purchased their first home last spring. . . . I'm a busy full-time mom to Paige, now 4, and Hunter, almost 6. This fall I'll be serving my third year on the nursery school board as well as volunteering at Hunter's new school—he starts kindergarten at a nearby private school in September. My kids' involvement in soccer, ballet and gymnastics keeps us on the go in Southern California! Many thanks to all of you for your help and support during the past 10 years. Best wishes to everyone for continued happiness and success! ♦

Correspondent:
Sara Dickson

88 Nicola Rotberg and **Robert Cloutier '89** were married in June 1993. They both graduated from the University of Vermont's College of Medicine. Nicola is currently an OB/GYN resident at Temple University, and Rob works as an emergency medical resident at Medical College of Pennsylvania. Both hospitals are in Philadelphia. . . . **Rok Zajec** was married last October, and **Jonathan Selkowitz** and **Chris Brown** were in the wedding. Rok works as an assistant treasurer. . . . **Hank and Cindy Hudson Whittenberg** enjoy their

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Amy Haselton '81 is the new president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of the Blue Ridge in Roanoke, Va. . . . **Jennifer Strode '81** was a featured artist in the Valley Artisans Market arts show in Cambridge, N.Y. . . . **Timothy Carstens '82** represented Colby at the inauguration of John Bardo as president of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. . . . **Nancy Briggs Marshall '82** was an invited speaker at three Maine trade group conferences in the spring. She spoke about public relations and marketing techniques. . . . **Ethan Shapiro '83** was named associate dean at Phillips Academy in Exeter, N.H. . . . **Jackson Hole, Wyo.**, ski instructor **Nathan Emerson '85** was asked by Jordan's King Hussein to ski with the monarch's family for a week last winter. Emerson also published an article on cross-country skiing in *Snow Country* magazine. . . . **Ann-Meg White '85** is the new assistant director of Tufts University's Fund for Arts and Sciences. . . . **Nancy Di Bernardo '87** has been promoted to director, synergy for Capital Cities/ABC Inc. . . . **Charles Ferris '88** has joined another Waterville trial attorney to form The Law Offices of Geller & Ferris. . . . **Kenneth Ginder '88** has been named senior associate in the tax practice of Coopers & Lybrand in Boston. . . . **Jodie Caruolo '89** has opened a law practice in Seekonk, R.I. . . . **Neil Menard '89** is new director of executive and employee benefit plans at The Kaleb Co. Inc. of Boston. . . . **Jeffrey Smith '85** has been named vice president of community banking for Key Bank of Maine.



Nancy Di Bernardo '87

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Marriages: **Daniel O'Halloran '80** to **Jane Mahoney** in Cumberland, Maine. . . . **Wende Davis '82** to **Joseph Schultz** in Beverly Farms, Mass. . . . **Katherine Keller '86** to **Michael Garfield Jr.** in Holderness, N.H. . . . **Holly James '87** to **Jeffrey Michael** in Granville, Ohio. . . . **Sean M. Sullivan '87** to **Amy Drury** in Islesboro, Maine. . . . **Jeffrey Tracy '89** to **Kimberley Jenkins** in West Barnstable, Mass.

Births: A son, **Sean Michael**, to **Jon and Mary Beth Whitaker McIntyre '82**. . . . A daughter, **Catherine Mary**, to **Louis '85 and Susan James Geremia '85**. . . . A daughter, **Julie Spencer Feiss**, to **Christopher Feiss '85 and Hadley Hubbard '86**. . . . A daughter, **Emily**, to **Katherine Gates Karlik '87**. . . . Two sons, **Nicolas and Nathan**, to **Andrew Rudman '87**. . . . A son, **Alan Osamu**, to **Tetsuya and Paige Alexander Sato '88**. . . . A daughter, **Haili Kasaks-Moyer**, to **Ingrid Kasaks-Moyer '89** and **Quin Moyer '89**. . . . A son, **Mitchell Thomas**, to **Stephen '89 and Karen Faunce Rand '90**.

two children, **Kyla Quay**, 4, and **Jenna Lee**, 2. **Hank** works as a tax attorney and president of North American BioSystems, Inc. Like many Colby alums, they reside outside of the Boston area. . . . **Beth Henry Russell** made the last payment on her Colby stu-

dent loans the same month she decided to quit her job with the Maine State Housing Authority and stay at home full time with her son, **Thomas**, born in September 1994. "I think it took years at Colby to really prepare for full-time parenthood. While it's by

far the best 'job' I've ever had, it's certainly the most challenging." . . . Last December **Paige Alexander Sato** had her first child, **Alan Osamu**. She and her husband are calling him **Sam**. She has been busy with her job in N.Y.C. as a public affairs coordinator at a Japanese major food ingredient company called Ajinomoto. One of the company's best-known products is MSG, so there is never a dull moment! She and her husband also do freelance translating from Japanese to English. . . . **Bill Reed** says that after finishing a master's in history at the University of Vermont, he has been teaching seventh and eighth grade history at Berwick Academy in South Berwick, Maine, and coaching soccer, skiing and baseball. . . . **Craig Welch**, co-founder of a financial software company based in Boston, spent 1994 exploring possible investment opportunities in former Soviet aircraft companies. Professor **Al Mayrinac** helped with some of his investigations! ♦

Correspondent:
Deborah A. Greene

89 Roger '88 and Danielle Nowak Archambault live in Tuckahoe, N.Y., where Danielle is a clinical research associate for pharmaceutical drug studies and Roger is an orthopedic surgery resident. Their professional commitments keep them busy, but vacations to Greece and Hawaii provide some quality relaxation. . . . **Sonya Hall Morrison** and her husband, glass artist **Christopher Morrison**, moved to Bellingham, Wash. Sonya teaches French at a high school and, I'm happy to hear, in her spare time is still dancing. She and Chris graduated from the Mountaineers Scrambling Class and are putting their new skills to good use in the wilds of eastern Washington. . . . **Brad Mitchell** has left VERSYSS, Inc. in Boston and is now a first-year law student at Vermont Law School. He's specializing in environmental law, an interest that developed during campaign work for Senator **George Mitchell** in 1988. In 1994 he founded a

Candid Camera

Some of those dramatic documentary-style public service announcements delivered on network television in July by young, recovering drug addicts for Partnership for a Drug-Free America were directed by freelance film director, producer and editor Cabot Philbrick '86.

"As a director I have a lot to say about the visuals," said Philbrick, who conducted on-camera interviews with one addict's mother and with three young people who are successes in a drug rehabilitation program. He and another editor then constructed 11 30-second stories, each with a beginning, middle and sobering conclusion focusing on marijuana as the doorway to ruptures with friends and family, dropping out of school, crime and other drugs. (As one young woman says, pot led her to "crack, hash, angel dust, everything.") Philbrick feels his questions and responses to the young people established a rapport that produced the compelling footage. "Anecdotally was the best way to go," he said, "because it makes a connection with kids watching."

Philbrick says that going to films when he was growing up was "like going to the circus," but it wasn't until his junior year at Colby that he realized "it's not this magical thing. People actually do this for a career." The next year he took film study classes with Professor David Lubin, who opened his eyes, he says, to the classics of film history. An English major



Cabot Philbrick '86

and creative writing minor, Philbrick had produced "nothing visual," however, so after graduation he took a film class in Boston to build up a portfolio, which led to a year of experimental filmmaking at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. In 1991 he earned an M.F.A. in film production from Syracuse University.

"Harry Devlin—An Artist's Odyssey," Philbrick's film on the commercial and fine arts artist whose career spans more than a half century, won the First Place Gold Camera Award for Documentary at the U.S. International Film and Video Festival in Chicago last May. Philbrick hopes to land his production on a Public Broadcasting System national rotation, although he recognizes "that would be a stretch. You can be creative and good, but it's a whole other job to market and distribute," he said. "I'm painfully freelance."

Currently living in Hoboken, N.J., Philbrick also produced an industrial documentary, "The Making of Mountain Bike City," in association with International Film Design Group Inc. in New York City. Film Design gives him an office that is "only a little shell of a place," he said, but its Manhattan phone number "makes me look bigger than I am. It's a tough road, freelance. You're never unemployed, you're just between projects."

The commercials and a "noble day job" at the American Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria, N.Y., where he demonstrates new technology and teaches school groups about filmmaking, support his ongoing documentary labors, Philbrick says. Currently he's working up subjects and pursuing funding. Although he thinks he'll make a feature film someday, his experience on the Devlin and other projects has him hooked. "More and more," he said, "I love the documentary."

"We just wanna finish Runner's Club" to raise money for charity while running the Boston Marathon. He raised \$3,000 for Rosie's Place and did more than just finish the race in 3:52! ... **Andy Simons** is enjoying the student life again at Boston College Law School; his wife, **Amy (Momenie)**, is the dean of students at the Walnut Hill School. They worked for four years at a private high school in Southern California and are happy to be back East with their black lab, Sam, adopted after being abandoned in the Southern California mountains. ... **Shelly Horton Olson** and husband **Brad** are living in N.Y.C. Shelly got her M.B.A. with honors from Columbia in 1993 and is an equity research analyst at Smith Barney; **Brad** finished in the top 5 percent of his class at

The Wharton School of Business in 1995 and is the VP of strategic planning, also at Smith Barney. ... **Mark Sicinski** and his wife, **Ellen**, were expecting their first child. **Mark** is a vice president at the Bank of New York and **Ellen** is an assistant VP for Natwest USA. They are living in Ossining, N.Y. ... **Christin Haight** is working toward a master's in social work at Columbia University while still working full time as a psychiatric counselor in White Plains, N.Y. ... **Kim Murphy Brewer** married **Paul Brewer** in June 1995 and is living near **Adrienne** and **Jim Connolly** in Arlington, Va. **Kim** works at the National Academy of Sciences and tells me that **Sasha Carey** is in medical school at Howard. ... **Mark Silvern** is a law student at Suffolk University. He and his

wife, attorney **Bettina Toner Silvern**, live in Melrose and saw many classmates at **Scott Wentzell's** wedding to **Lisa Krikorian**. **Mike D'Agostino**, who is in an M.B.A. program at Case Western Reserve, was there, along with **Scott Williamson**, **Brad Lord**, **Bruce Whiting**, **Quinn Moyer** and **Ingrid Kasaks-Moyer** and **Peter Arsenaault**. **Anthony Mazzola's** M.B.A. studies at Texas Christian University prevented him from attending. ... **Cherie Poulin Szustak** is a full-time mom after the birth of her son, **Christopher Michael**. She and husband **Michael**, a pilot, live in Lewiston, Maine. ... **George Stevens** graduated from Western New England College School of Law in 1993 and is now the in-house counsel for ASA Real Estate Services in Newing-

ton, Conn. ... Traveler **John Semple's** motto, "That which does not kill me makes for a good travel story," is definitely true, and I wish I had space to print all his tales. He wrote before embarking on a three-year journey through Europe, Northern Africa, Israel, Jordan, Syria and wherever the wind takes him on his BMW R80 a/s motorcycle. ... **Scott Turtel** is an M.B.A. student at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Northwestern University. His wife, **Erin (DeChristopher '88)** is an account exec with SBA in Evanston, Ill. ... **Davis Russell** received an M.A. in political science and is now a graphic artist/production engineer. His wife, **Carolyn (Baker '90)**, is an environmental consultant. ♦

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90 Sheri Berger wrote to let me know that she graduated from Cornell business school and is now working as a recruiter for J.P. Morgan. Her job takes her to campuses around the country to recruit people for entry-level positions. She sent word that Eileen Kinney was to graduate this May from Cornell business school. Last summer they lived together in New York while Eileen worked for Hewlett-Packard. Sheri also ran into Andrew Grossman, who is working on a campaign for "someone in New Jersey." . . . Jim Clifford wrote to tell me that he spent some time after graduation teaching in Portland, Maine, but is now pursuing a "career as a professional student," working on a law degree and living in Newton, Mass. He sends lots of news on friends and classmates: Bill '89 and Bebe Clark Bullock are moving to Manchester, Vt., where Bill will be working for Orvis (the fly-fishing/outdoor equipment manufacturer). Bebe plans to teach after the birth of their first child. John and Nori Sterling Gale are living in Caribou, Maine, where John is an assistant district attorney and Nori is a graphic artist. Their son, Tate, is about 1-1/2 now, and they are expecting another baby soon. Jim also tells me that Rich Robin was married to Nurit Goldman this past January in New Orleans and that they now live and work in Los Angeles. Brian Lee is living in New Canaan, Conn., where he works in industrial auctioneering and sales and "travels too much." Peter Sylvester lives in Brookline, Mass., and works for a small insurance company. (Jim said that he, Brian and Peter are perfecting their

handicaps.) Mark Driscoll recently moved back to Boston from Vail, Colo.; he's looking for an interesting job in real estate. Jim also says that Jocelyn Jones is in her first year of law school (he didn't say what school) and that Kaki Martin graduated last spring from Harvard's landscape architecture program and is now living in Cambridge. Thanks for all the news, Jim! . . . Karen Cuiffo Booker and her husband, Nate, are living and working in Connecticut. Karen works as a program coordinator at the Hartford Graduate Center and Nate is a business analyst with CIGNA. In their spare time, Nate was training for a spring marathon and Karen was rehearsing for a dance recital and working on a second master's degree. . . . Anne Pollock Briggs lives in Tennessee with her husband, John, a computer consultant. Anne will graduate from Vanderbilt University with an M.B.A. in finance and accounting. After graduation, they will move to New York City, where Anne will work for Chemical Bank in corporate finance. . . . Anne Cirillo wrote to let me know that she and her family (husband Robert Freedman, Hayden Marie, 2-1/2, and Riley Suzanne, 8 months) recently moved to Boise, Idaho. Anne is happy to be close to her family again. . . . Lisa Bove Baker and her husband, Mike, are still living in North Carolina. Lisa has been working there with the National Health Service as a physician's assistant for the past two years and was expecting a baby in August. She tells me that Anne Band is getting married (she has been commuting between Wyoming and Montana, where she is enrolled in graduate school). Lisa also mentioned that she's been in touch with Randy Grover, who is now an optometrist and is stationed with the

Army in Germany, where he will be for another two years or so. . . . And finally, if any of you will be passing through the Washington, D.C., area and want to do some hiking, be sure to get in touch with David Coleman. David leads bi-weekly hikes through the Shenandoah National Forest and usually has about 10 to 15 people with him. If you're interested, you can contact David via e-mail at colemand@advisory.com. . . . Thanks again to all of you who wrote in with news. I enjoy getting your letters and passing the news on, so keep those cards and letters coming! ♦

Correspondent:
Portia Walker

91 Charlie Allen is pursuing his M.B.A. down in Atlanta. . . . Peter and Margaret Curran Bailey are enjoying married life in Austell, Ga. She is now the senior youth supervisor in a shelter for abused/neglected children and started her master's of science and community counseling at Georgia State University, and Peter is a student at Life Chiropactic College. They were married last September 30, with Amy Davis and Mike Schwartz at the wedding party. They report a visit from Josh Green, who is currently at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Ga. (are we starting to see a pattern here?), where he is training to be a special agent with INS. Speaking of Amy, she'll be spending some time with the Baileys during the Summer Olympics. . . . And the final word from down south: Deanne Newton is a grad student in exercise science and cardiac rehab at the University of Georgia. . . . Mike Doubleday is not married. (My mistake.) . . . Corinne Hauser Tardio, recently married to Doug Tardio and new

home owner, loves her career as a marketing manager for EJ Krause Associates International Exhibition and Conference Management. . . . **Chris Caponi** and his wife, Heather (Hews '93), have a little boy, C.J. (Chris Caponi Jr.). They moved to Milwaukee in September after Chris left the U.S. Marine Corps (he was promoted to captain and is still in the reserves and recently spent three weeks in Norway). Chris is now a sales rep for Toyota Industrial Fork Trucks and Heather is teaching. He has become good friends with **Jen Scott** and **Eric Johnson** '92, and the three of them have started their own unofficial Milwaukee Colby Club! He says, "Heather and I are enjoying being parents very much." . . . **Jen Cos** is now an environmental health intern for the Brookline Department of Health and is getting her master's in public health at BU. She and **Jim Brayer** '89 are marrying this month. . . . **Trish Biros** co-wrote the first of at least four scientific papers that will be presented in the *Journal of Pediatric Pulmonology* in the near future. It's based on the research she and her colleagues have been conducting for the past three years on children with asthma. Her work has taken her to major research centers such as The Texas Asthma Camp for Kids in Tyler, Texas. . . . **Trevor Braden** and **Jen Porter** '93 are full-time teachers in biology and Spanish, dorm heads and outdoor education leaders at the Verde Valley School in Arizona. In between semesters they have visited Chile and Mexico for the last four years. Trevor ultimately would like to start a school down in Chile. . . . **Susan Cummings** did her first triathlon last summer and says, "although I did not break any records, I finished without drowning! (That's all I cared about.)" At one of the triathlons she ran into Dave Fernandez '89 at the finish line, who she says was far out in front of her during the race. . . . I hope everyone had fun at the reunion! ♦

Correspondent:
Katie Martin

92 I had so much news that some of it is dated by

now. . . . **Anne Maddocks** is living in Brookline and working at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute doing non-Hodgkins lymphoma research. She plans to head to medical school in the fall. She had news about some other classmates. **Josh Steinberger** is living in Brookline and working at Keystone Mutual Funds. **Jen Nehro Patriacca** recently married and is working as a research analyst at Bank of Boston. **Kelly Wenger** lives and works in Boulder, Colo. **Meg Ewing** lives in New York and is working for Goldman-Sachs Co. **Sarah Block** is teaching and skiing in Crested Butte, Colo. **Kristin Wallace** is pursuing her Ph.D. at MCP/Hahnemann in Pennsylvania and is engaged to Tom Livey '91. **Elaine Bueschen** is in her second year of law school at American University in D.C., and **Sura DuBow** is head swim coach at Colby! . . . **Curt Stevenson** is living in Norwood, Mass., and recently took a position as a project manager at Fidelity Investments. In December 1994 he married his high school sweetheart. He has been singing with some Colby Eight alums, including **Kris Boynton**, **Mark Longsjo**, **Chris Frothingham**, **Mark Winieki** '90, **Dave O'Shea** '93, **Pete Caruso** '93 and **John Frothingham** '94. His other news: **Pete Andrews** is married and in law school, **Kyle Barnard** is operating a construction and renovation company in Cambridge, and **Stephen Bell** is an editor for *Lawyers Weekly*. . . . **Kimberly Kennedy** is living in Sarasota, Fla., working as a licensed massage therapist. She hopes to attend graduate school this fall for physical therapy. . . . **Eric Johnson** lives in Milwaukee and is thoroughly enjoying his job at Strong Capital Management. . . . **JC Klick** is living in Worcester, Mass., and loving his second year at UMass medical school. . . . **Dan Starr** is living in Ithaca, N.Y., and is in a Ph.D. program in genetics at Cornell. . . . **Becky Sawyer**, also in Ithaca, is pursuing a master's in nutrition at Cornell. . . . **Jeannette Riddle** is living in Denver, Colo., and working at the Children's Hospital there. She skis as much as possible. . . . **Melissa Small** is living in Glen

Arbor, Mich., where she works at the Leelanau School, teaching math, coaching track and cross country, acting as assistant dorm master and coordinating enrichment programs. She has spent summers pursuing a master's degree at the University of Connecticut in educational psychology and was to graduate this summer. She hopes to begin a full-time Ph.D. program in the same field within the next two years. . . . **Thokozani Kadzamira** is in school in Washington, D.C., pursuing her Ph.D. in economics with the hope of one day living in Atlanta. . . . In November, **Gary Anderson** and **Jessica Graef** '93 were engaged and were planning an August wedding. . . . And **Anne Bowie** is in Cambridge working on her final internship and was to graduate in May from Washington University. After two years in St. Louis, she is happy to be back on the East Coast. ♦

Correspondent:
William Miller Jr.

93 **Genevieve Stevens** is an architect at the Smithsonian Institution. She is challenged greatly but desires to go back for an M.B.A. . . . **Dave O'Shea** works in one of the dean's offices at Radcliffe College and is still singing with the likes of **Pete Caruso**, who is a third-year law student. . . . **Joe McKenna** is a technical trainer, training the staff of Delphi Internet Services how to use and support Internet software. He was married to Danielle M. Paulus this past fall on the Cape. . . . **Emilie Abair** is working at EF Au Pair in Massachusetts, a nonprofit organization that matches Europeans with American host families. She has many travel opportunities. In San Francisco this spring she and **Beth Montgomery** met **Kristin Winkler**, who is studying at Stanford for her master's and hopes to return to New England soon. **Kristin**, **Emilie**, **Beth** and **Romany Rehkamp** attended **Jen Curtis**'s wedding. Emilie also writes that **Sabina King** has returned home after her two-year stay in Guatemala with the Peace Corps. . . . **Beth Cronin** is teaching English at a high school in Arling-

ton, Mass. She spent last summer leading Outward Bound trips for at-risk high school students. She lives in Massachusetts with **Nancy Richards** and **Sally Zimmerli**, who received her master's and is certified to teach high school. . . . **Kristen Schuler** graduated from Boston College Law School and is living in D.C. . . . **Ben Clough** is in Newport, R.I., where he is a first mate on *Conquer*, a racing sailboat. The boat is 10 feet longer than the America's Cup boats, and he is enjoying a fine sailing season. . . . **Chris Baynes** is a marketing specialist at Capital One Financial in D.C. He ran the Boston Marathon with **Mike O'Neil** and **Jack Higgins**. . . . **Ken Wilcox** is living in Hollywood, Fla., and is in his second year of graduate school in psychology. He provides therapy to sexually abused adults as well as anger management in Florida prisons. . . . **Andrew Stanley** is living in Virginia and working for KPMG Peat Marwick. He is a consultant and travels extensively. . . . **Chris Wilder** is an associate in the investment banking division of Yamaichi Securities in New York. He travels occasionally to South America for work and sees **Scott Reed** and **Mike Rosenblum** quite a bit. . . . **Déw Tandon** is living in L.A. and working as an account executive at BBDO, an advertising firm. His accounts include Apple Computer. . . . **Jeff Baron** is working for Media Map, a software concern in Cambridge, Mass., where he is in software sales. He has begun the B-school process and worked as a coordinator for the Dole campaign in Brookline, Mass. . . . **Heather Hews Caponi**, her husband, **Chris** '91, and their son, **C.J.**, 1, have moved from San Diego to Milwaukee, Wis. She graduated first in her master's degree class at the University of San Diego. . . . **Kris Balser Moussette** was married on February 24 to John Moussette. She has graduated from Boston College Law School and will be an attorney in Massachusetts. . . . **Sarah Steindel Blood** is an international admissions counselor at Keystone College in Pennsylvania. She and her husband are refinishing an old farmhouse. . . . **Jen Bierwirth** is living in Boston

and working as a health care consultant. She recently spent two months working and traveling in Korea and Japan. . . . Sarah Burditt is a systems specialist in Little Rock, Ark. She is involved in a home brew club "where home brewers get together to sample and critique each other's products." Sarah recommends that we read *Ishmael* by Daniel Quinn. . . . Libby Repass is a research microbiologist living in Portland, Maine. She is enjoying her job, which challenges and teaches her much. . . . Dan Connolly was recently married and is living in Massachusetts with his wife. . . . Jeff Zlot is in San Francisco, having moved from D.C. He is working for Montgomery Securities. . . . Tasha Worster is a second-year medical student at the University of Vermont. She has started her clinical rotations and enjoys Burlington very much. . . . Doug Satran is a second grade teacher in Randolph, Mass. He is "loving every minute of it" and still keeps in touch with Colby friends. . . . Karen Beauchesne is an inventory buyer for L.L. Bean. She recently traveled to Hong Kong and South China, loved Hong Kong and hopes to return annually. . . . I wish I could include all submissions. More next time! ♦

Correspondent:
Alicia S. Hidalgo

94 Congratulations to Chris Rogers and Andrea Bowman, who were looking forward to their wedding and Jamaica honeymoon this month! Chris is the coordinator of computer programs at Cushing Academy in Massachusetts, where he also coaches three sports. Andrea is the store manager at The Limited Too in Faneuil Hall. Chris wrote that Ed Ramirez works for Fidelity Investments in Boston. . . . Cate Czernicki has been working for a law office and will enter the UConn School of Law in the fall. . . . Katy Warrington is at the Purdue School of Veterinary Medicine and plans to specialize in equine internal medicine. She wrote that Meredith Gregory finished her courses and started her doctoral research at Loyola U. in

NEWSMAKERS

William Priestley '90 has joined the law firm of Conn, Kavanaugh, Rosenthal, Pleisch & Ford in Massachusetts. . . . Peter Sekulow '90 was named director of earned media for the Republican National Committee. . . . John Daileanes '92 is coordinator of athletics for the Dracut, Mass., school system. . . . Leslie Campbell '93 is an account specialist at Sharon Merrill Associates in Boston. . . . Jeremy Samuels '93 was promoted to physical education coordinator at the Jewish Community Center in Houston. . . . Kerry Enright '94 was honored by Massachusetts' Attracting Excellence in Education program. . . . Gillian Kiley '95 won a poetry teaching fellowship at the University of Iowa's Writers' Workshop.



Leslie Campbell '93

MILEPOSTS

Marriages: Leslie M. Couture '90 to Peter Mourmouras in Portland, Maine. . . . Garin Arevian '91 to Kelly Evans '92 in Chatham, Mass. . . . Sean Lucey '91 to Megan Fitzpatrick '94 in Chatham, Mass. . . . Devon Tucker '92 to Jeffrey Bozard in Tracey's Landing, Md. . . . Thaddeus Gemski '93 to Sarah Scott in Sanbornton, N.H.

Births: A son, Mitchell Thomas, to Stephen '89 and Karen Faunce Rand '90. . . . A daughter, Sarah Sterling, to Jon '90 and Nori Sterling Gale '90.

Chicago. Also Heidi Silver, at Northeastern U. Law School, finished a co-op at the U.S. Attorney's Office. . . . Chris Roosevelt, completing his M.A. in archaeology at Cornell, designed and taught a writing course for freshmen. In the summers he works with an archaeological expedition in Turkey and has applied to a Ph.D. program in archaeology. . . . Robert Underwood, an English teacher in Japan, went scuba diving in Malaysia and has visited Singapore, Australia, India and Vietnam. . . . Since graduation, Carolyn Read has become a certified EMT, volunteered in a N.Y.C. prison with women who killed or assaulted their abusive partners and spent a summer in Singapore researching and writing articles for a tourist magazine. She is now in the Peace Corps in Madagascar, where she is working as a health communicator and planned to visit Melissa Wilcox in Tanzania. Carolyn wrote that Hollis Rendleman is in Seattle doing advocacy and education on domestic violence issues. . . . Jason

Sudano enjoys working for the N.Y. Stock Exchange and was planning to visit Amy Clapp in Taos, N.M. He wrote that Adam Furber, his former roommate in N.Y., is working for a law firm in Germany, and Marina Grande has a new job in Latin American research at UBS Securities. . . . Jen Zwick and Jason Somer were married last October in Connecticut and enjoy living in Boston. Jen is employed in financial services at Fidelity Investments, and Jason is an attorney completing his master's of law in banking at BU. Jen wrote that Greg Christopher is studying architecture at Columbia and Alyssa Schwenk is in law school in Vermont. . . . Erin Crossland loves working for Arthur D. Little in Cambridge as a consultant/Russian translator and has traveled to Belarus, where she is involved with a project on environmental restoration and nuclear threat reduction. . . . After working on a congressional campaign, Paul Matthews became a legislative aide for a Massachusetts state representative. He wrote that Jeffrey Cohen is a

second-year law student at Villanova and lives with Shawn Keeler, who works for an economic consulting firm in Philadelphia. He also saw Erik Hassing works in Portland, Maine, and Matthew Salah is a computer programmer at Meditech, Inc. in Framingham, Mass. . . . Ramsey Ellis, formerly a research assistant at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, planned to travel in Europe and work in Milwaukee before beginning medical school at Washington U. in St. Louis this month. Ramsey sees Jay Allard, who is living in Allston with Ken Dupuis and Ben Damon '95. Jay is a research health scientist at the Brockton VA Hospital and doing research on schizophrenia at the Harvard Medical School. Ramsey is also in touch with Laura Pavlenko, who finished her master's in journalism at Northwestern and works at a newspaper in the Chicago area. . . . I am now working in the human resources department of Houghton Mifflin Publishing Co. in Boston and completing the HR management program at Bentley College. ♦

Correspondent:
Alyssa Falwell

95 Congratulations to Sara Palmer, who was planning to marry Mike Perfetti on July 20. Sara teaches math in Michigan and also coaches basketball and soccer. She said Erin Carmichael is working in Chicago and Ali Fields is teaching middle school Latin in Massachusetts. . . . Congratulations are also in order for Ariana Talbot, who married Kevin Vance in Bountiful, Utah, on January 5. Both are students at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. . . . Wendy Oram-Smith got engaged last June and is planning a June 1997 wedding. Wendy is with Teach for America on the border of Texas and Mexico. She writes that the experience has been amazing, and she now plans to continue in the education field. She also informed me that Tasha Walker is also teaching—in southern Maine—and planning a wedding for this August. . . . Gillian Kiley recently was awarded one of three prestigious poetry teaching

Something to Sing About

When Mark Longsjo '92 and Poppyann Mastrovita '93 were married in November 1994 it was, naturally, a beginning, but not just for them. Also at the wedding were several current and former members of the Colby Eight, including a handful who, along with the bridegroom, provided music during the ceremony. They didn't know it at the time, but it was the premiere of a new singing group.

"We had so much fun practicing in the weeks prior to the wedding and the performance was so well received that we decided to just keep it going," Longsjo said. After 8 was born.

The Boston-based, nine-member group, ignoring the obvious numerical discrepancy, adopted its name as a tongue-in-cheek bow to their Colby choral history. All of the current members—Longsjo, Marc Winiecki '90, Kris Boynton '92, Jun Shirahama '92, Chris Frothingham '92, David O'Shea '93, Peter Caruso '93, Mark Griffin '95 and Jonathan Frothingham '95—sang for the Colby Eight and jumped at the opportunity to perform again, Longsjo says. "This has nothing to do with income or wanting to quit our day jobs," he said. "We all love to sing, so we're doing something we



Back: Marc Winiecki '90, Jun Shirahama '92, Dave O'Shea '93, Peter Caruso '93, Mark Longsjo '92. Middle: Chris Frothingham '95. Front: Mark Griffin '95, Kris Boynton '92.

will be here for the next year, so we set our goals for three months and play it by ear after that," Longsjo said. "I hope we can establish a revolving membership by bringing in new Colby Eight singers who graduate and move to Boston."

The group has become well established, usually lining up engagements weekly at local restaurants, civic organization meetings, weddings and private parties. Their first official gig was as a warmup for a comedian at the Comedy Connection at Faneuil Hall. "We've been doing this for about eighteen months now and it has developed its own momentum," Longsjo said. "I hope we can keep it going well into the future."

enjoy and we're doing it with our best friends."

Longsjo said the guys in the group lost touch with each other shortly after graduating and After 8 pulled them back together. Busy personal lives and career opportunities mean occasionally losing a member. Curt Stevenson '92, a charter member of the group who often held rehearsals at his home, left After 8 a few months ago, and Griffin will depart soon to return to his hometown of San Francisco. "Nobody can promise they

fellowships at the Iowa Writers' Workshop. Gillian will be teaching intro lit class at Iowa in the fall. . . . **Abe Rogers** was one of three men recently selected to the USA Triathlon's first-ever National Resident Team at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Abe will be training and competing with Team USA while preparing for a shot at the Olympics in 2000. . . . **Brian Schwieger** spent six months as a farmer in the Czech Republic before setting down to work on his Ph.D. in anthropology at the University of Chicago. He told me about going to a Colby track team reunion at a bachelor party for Matt Trainor '94. In attendance were John Dunbar, Zach Nightingale, Kehba Tolbert '94, Jason Bologna '94, Terry Meehan '94, Jorma Curry '93 and Jason "Grimes" Smith '96. . . . **Annie Gorton** is working as an editorial assistant for

Greenhaven Press, a publishing company in San Diego. . . . **Meg Sweeny** and **Deb Norris** are working in Jackson Hole, Wyo. . . . **Bill Bradley** is working at 3Com, covering Wall Street for computer networking equipment, and **Dennis Nations** is working at Putnam in Boston. The two of them saw **Matt Tangney**, who is also in Boston. . . . **Jason Hallee** is living in Portland, working at Dexter Shoe and taking classes at USM. . . . **Lauren Pelz** is teaching Spanish and coaching basketball and lacrosse at Lawrence Academy. She planned to teach and do administrative work at Loomis Chaffee over the summer. . . . **Regina Wlodarski** recently returned from training in London with Credit Suisse Financial Products. She is now based out of New York at their office at Park Avenue Plaza. . . . **Brett Santoli** recently completed his first year at

Cornell Law and was going to spend the summer at Cornell's Legal Aid Clinic. . . . **Pat Tedesco** has been accepted to several Ph.D. programs for history. . . . **Peter Murphy** is going to Tufts for his M.A.T. . . . **Jon Fox** is in Jerusalem, where he was studying the May elections. . . . **Jennifer Rock** is working for KLM airlines in New York. She was also taking in Kung Fu, which she says is an excellent way to balance out the rest of her life. . . . **Jennifer Packard** is going to attend UC-Davis in the fall to begin her Ph.D. in sociology. She has been working as a Spanish tutor and bookstore clerk and taking pottery and photography classes. She also planned an archaeological dig on Cape Cod over the summer. She mentioned that **Wing Tam** is working for the Asian Cultural Society in L.A. and **Katrina Greenfield** is in Portland, Ore.,

hoping to travel to Japan in the fall. . . . **Mike Rosenthal** is in Erie, Pa., as a financial analyst in the financial management program at General Electric. Also in Erie is **Bram Lutton**, who spent last summer researching sharks. Mike writes that **Mark Rubin** is working for DRI in Boston, **Yugho Yamaguchi** is in New York City and **George Hamilton** is in Boston. . . . **Maureen Finn** is going to begin work on her master's in social work at Boston University in the fall. . . . **Heather Johnson** is in Seattle, working as a vet assistant and taking classes to prepare for vet school. She mentioned that she saw **Tachou Dubuisson**, **Rachael DeCosta** and **Dan Marsh** at a wedding. . . . **Drew Matus** is a research associate with the Health Care Advisory Board in D.C. . . . Keep all the news coming! ♦



DEATHS



Harriett Lawler Davis '12, a Maine school teacher, February 4, 1996, in Eastport, Maine, at 104.

Maurice E. Coughlin '21, a U.S. Post Office clerk and postmaster, May 1, 1996, in Waterville, Maine, at 97.

Hazel Dyer Town '22, a New Hampshire high school teacher, March 21, 1996, in Peaks Island, Maine, at 96.

Vivian Hubbard Pillsbury '24, a homemaker, March 29, 1996, in Brewer, Maine, at 95.

Russell M. Squire '25, a bank president and Colby trustee, November 4, 1995, in Exeter, N.H., at 93.

Josephine Warburton Wilkinson '25, November 1, 1995.

Edith "Ducky" Grearson Moncy '26, a high school history teacher, May 3, 1996, in West Medford, Mass., at 92.

Leola M. Clement '27, a Maine high school teacher, February 20, 1996, in Waterville, Maine, at 90.

Helen Leighton Niesley '29, a teacher and homemaker, February 9, 1996, in Falmouth, Maine, at 87.

Sterling C. Ryder '29, a Union Carbide manager, December 25, 1995, in Oak Ridge, Tenn., at 88.

Robert E. Seaman '29, a hardware company owner, September 10, 1995, in Woodstock, Conn., at 88.

Lucy Parker Clements '30, a Maine school teacher and principal, March 17, 1996, in Searsport, Maine, at 91.

Norman D. Palmer '30, internationally known political scientist, historian and writer and Colby professor, February 21, 1996, in Seattle, Wash., at 86.

Carroll C. McLeary '31, a Rhode Island school teacher, February 13, 1996, in New Port Richey, Fla., at 86.

William M. Hardy '32, a broker and exporter, January 15, 1996, in Chester, N.H., at 86.

Lucille Cunningham Lovett '32, a Jordan Marsh sales clerk, in Daytona Beach, Fla., at 86.

Leigh B. Raymond '32, a New Haven, Conn., business executive, March 18, 1996, in Milford, Conn., at 85.

Ella Huff Compton '33, a J.J. Newberry Co. employee, March 11, 1996, in Bradenton, Fla., at 82.

John P. "Paddy" Davan '33, a teacher and coach, February 21, 1996, in Portland, Maine, at 89.

Howard B. Greene '33, president and CEO of Connecticut companies, May 8, 1995, in Marco Island, Fla., at 85.

Otis B. Read Jr. '34, a Baptist minister, April 12, 1995, in Baltimore, Md., at 84.

Edward J. Gurney '35, a Florida U.S. senator, May 14, 1996, in Winter Park, Fla., at 82.

Harold M. "Pat" Salisbury '35, a chemist, November 3, 1995, in Rochester, N.Y., at 82.

George H. Cranton '36, an oil company owner, August 2, 1995, in Boca Raton, Fla., at 88.

Robert C. Thomas '38, an Army captain, September 12, 1994, in Ellsworth, Kan., at 80.

Paul G. Winsor '38, a sales agent, September 16, 1995, in Sanford, Maine, at 80.

Henry L. Bourassa '39, a dentist, March 30, 1996, in Augusta, Maine, at 79.

Constance Knickerbocker Harley '39, a homemaker, March 29, 1996, in Frankfort, Mich., at 79.

Earl W. Higgins '39, a school teacher and principal, April 23, 1996, in Lewiston, Maine, at 81.

Richard W. Hopkins '39, a Maine high school teacher and principal, 1995, in Virginia Beach, Va., at 72.

Kenneth G. Stanley '39, an executive, May 19, 1995, in Asbury Park, N.J., at 78.

Jean Pearson Burr '41, a school district employee, January 30, 1996, in Rochester, N.Y., at 75.

Ruth Stebbins Cadwell '41, an editor, August 30, 1995, in Doylestown, Pa., at 75.

Abdo "Turk" Hassan '41, an automobile dealership owner, October 4, 1995, in Baintree, Mass., at 76.

Geraldine Steffen Jones '41, a homemaker, September 28, 1995, in Needham, Mass., at 74.

Keith K. Thompson '41, a teacher, coach and principal in Maine schools, April 12, 1996, in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, at 76.

Jane Soule Engert '42, a U.S. government employee, April 22, 1996, in Washington, D.C., at 74.

Raymond M. Flynn '42, a postmaster, December 29, 1995, in Biddeford, Maine, at 77.

Shirley Wagner Lurette '42, a social worker, October 4, 1995, in Augusta, Maine, at 74.

Melvin N. Lock '42, a manufacturing company president, February 6, 1996, in Boca Raton, Fla., at 75.

Madeleine Hinckley Gibbs '43, a teacher and librarian, October 30, 1995, in Bethel, Maine, at 74.

Ronald M. Reed '43, a personnel director, February 23, 1996, in Montpelier, Vt., at 75.

Malcolm D. McQuillan '44, a teacher, January 25, 1996, in Wayne, Mich., at 79.

Paul V. Witham Jr. '44, a Maine state employee, February 8, 1996, in Bangor, Maine, at 77.

Robert W. Holcomb '45, a hospital chaplain, March 11, 1996, in Lewiston, Maine, at 83.

R. Weston Pierce '46, an insurance executive, May 22, 1995, in Tequesta, Fla., at 72.

Patricia Murray Richards '50, a homemaker, March 31, 1996, in Winchester, Mass., at 67.

Robert W. Small '50, a Navy employee, May 1, 1996, in Camaxillo, Calif., at 67.

Robert A. Stander '50, a physicist, September 24, 1995, in Lafayette, La., at 67.

Lawrence E. Wattles '50, a farmer and lumberman, March 17, 1996, in New Vineyard, Maine, at 72.

Robert A. Carr '53, a management and insurance consultant, March 4, 1996, in Ocala, Fla., at 65.

Harold A. Leathe Jr. '53, November 7, 1995, in Danvers, Mass., at 66.

Gilbert B. Sewell '53, a teacher, April 8, 1995, in Prescott, Ariz., at 64.

Pelham W. Brown '57, a manager and president of several businesses, February 25, 1996, in Naples, Fla., at 61.

Gordon D. Daugharty, Jr. '57, a physician and medical director, January 5, 1996, in St. Clair, Mich., at 60.

Judith Miller Heekin '60, a Comerica Bank officer, March 8, 1996, in Ann Arbor, Mich., at 56.

Phyllis Campobasso Flannery Senn '61, a teacher, October 12, 1995, in Blackville, S.C., at 56.

David Almy '63, a real estate company president, March 8, 1996, in Boston, Mass., at 54.

Joan L. Nelson '63, an insurance underwriter, in Worcester, Mass., at 53.

Martha Beck Webber '67, an inn owner and interior decorator, December 3, 1995, in Carabasset Valley, Maine, at 52.

Lawrence Martel '71, a psychiatric technician, September 5, 1994, in Los Angeles, Calif., at 45.

N. Michael Belt Jr. '75, a computer specialist, January 8, 1996, in San Francisco, Calif., at 42.

Honorary

Edmund S. Muskie, L.D.D. '57, March 26, 1996, in Washington, D.C., at 81.

Lessons to Live By

For Condon Medalist Matthew Russ, college was a real education

By Kevin Cool

Every morning last summer, before the mist had lifted from Johnson Pond and before the first car showed up in a Colby parking lot, a young man emerged from a tiny tent atop Runnals Hill, stretched and stood for a moment to look out over the campus that had been his home. For Condon Medalist Matt Russ '96, those were special moments.

"Just waking up in the field and walking down to campus before anyone else arrived was a nice feeling," said Russ, who was working as a student assistant in the Admissions Office. Then he added, laughing, "It wasn't entirely rugged. I did take showers."

Living in a tent for an entire summer is a very Matt Russ thing to do. A native of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, he says his love of the outdoors was one of the reasons he transferred to Colby from Brown University after his first year of college. "When I'm out in the wilderness, especially the Maine wilderness, it's a time I can think clearly," Russ said. "I seem to have a double life—the solitude of hiking and canoeing and the enjoyment I get from being with my friends."

Colby has given much to Russ and he to it. Admired for his



Matthew Russ '96 leads a campus tour for prospective students.

achievements in the classroom and elsewhere, Russ also is just plain nice. Which probably explains why he was such an effective ambassador for the College when leading campus tours for prospective students and parents, and why he was selected to represent the graduating seniors this spring as class speaker. His speech, which celebrated the power of stories—how they are shared and why they are treasured—conveyed to the com-

mencement audience the importance of community. "The most important thing that Colby gave to me was a community of friends," Russ said. "That's what I was trying to get at in my speech—for all of the classes and activities that I've participated in, the common denominator was the people I met. That's what I'm going to remember most about my time here."

"Specific conversations, experiences shared with other

people, things I've learned about other kinds of lifestyles. When you meet kids from other parts of the country and from other countries and you hear how they spent their childhoods, whether in L.A. or Mexico or wherever, you just come away with this different vision of humanity," he said.

Now, Russ and his classmates begin another journey on another plot of soil. Russ is returning to Ireland, where he spent his junior year in the Colby in Cork program. He isn't sure what he will do there except that it will involve an "artistic project." He may write and illustrate a children's book about traditional Irish fishing vessels known as curraghs, he says. There is no definite plan. Russ is simply, in the parlance of Joseph Campbell, "following his bliss."

"It's a tough time," Russ said. "A lot of my friends are going to New York City into investment firms and I admire them. They're doing some high-powered stuff next year, but I can't see myself finding fulfillment in that. At least not yet."

No word yet on whether Russ will end up sleeping in a tent on an Irish hillside. "We'll see," he said.

Indeed we will. ♦

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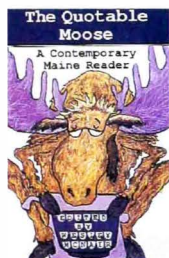
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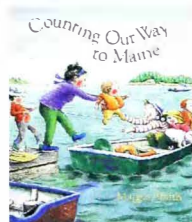


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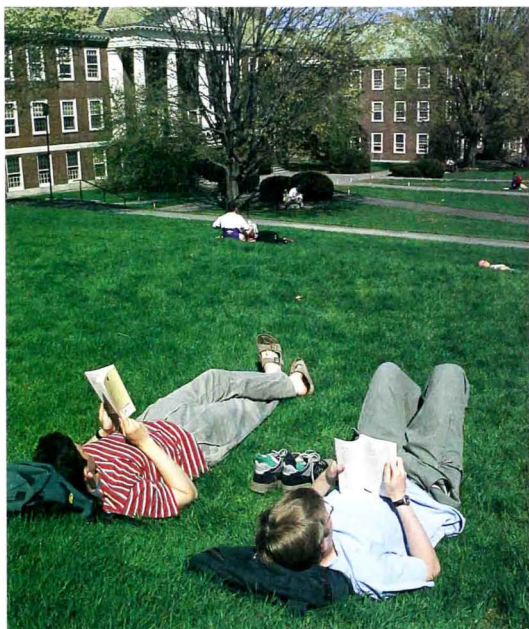
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