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Family Snapshots

How five Colby families decide what's important—and what isn't



Dick Whitmore, Dick McGee and Carl Nelson

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Dick McGee

*Former professor of physical education,
head football coach and athletic director*

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'Stylish and Surprising'

It occurs to me after reading the latest issue of *Colby* to write and congratulate you on what a pleasant and handsome magazine it has become. It is stylish and surprising—witness the most current cover. This is not your father's—assuming your father attended—*Colby*.

Scott Stein '83
Annapolis, Md

Echo and Response

The magazine is great—keep it up!

Having been on the *Echo* staff many years ago, it was great fun to read the article on today's *Echo*.

Ann Jennings Taussig '49
Williamsburg, Va.

Good Coverage

No doubt your cover [on the spring issue] will trigger a number of responses from

those of us who identify with that picture!

The caption probably changed over the years—mine would have been "What do you mean the train didn't come in from Gardiner?" (Where the *Echo* was printed, typeset and proofed, then delivered [to Waterville] by train, picked up at the station and delivered around the campus.)

Ironically, I spent my career in "electronic publishing." No doubt the shrinks would understand why.

Charlie Morrissey '56
Echo editor '53-'55
Irvine, Calif.

Not Her Type

As a onetime staff member of *The Colby Echo* (1942-1945)—which as far as I remember never skipped an issue during wartime years—I was much interested in reading your article about the student newspaper in the spring 1997

Colby. However, I stopped reading when I reached the pages of six teeny-weeny, six-pica-wide columns. They simply stopped the flow of the narrative.

The other bit of typographical mismanagement I would like to complain about is the use of type that is far too small for its purpose. One of the things that everybody in the advertising business knows, and we're willing to share the secret, is that 90 percent of the population over 40 is farsighted. That means they have a hard time reading the nine point [type] used in the class notes and the even smaller type used in the reunion notice. Aren't the "over-40s" the graduates the Alumni Office mosts want to cultivate? The wonderful world of computers gives us all sorts of typographical and graphic options. But that doesn't mean we should use them if we're trying to get people to read our material. You have a good-looking publication with good material. Please make the contents more readily accessible.

Joan Gay Kent '45
Port Washington, N.Y.

Clarification

An article on the Pulver Family Professorship in Judaic Studies in our last issue requires some clarification. Changes suggested by Professor Rob Weisbrot prior to the article's publication were not made because of a breakdown in the magazine's fact-checking process. According to Weisbrot, the chairholder will be qualified to teach a broad survey of Jewish history and civilization, courses from the Jewish Enlightenment onward and at least two of the following: Jewish literature; Jewish spiritual traditions; Jewish thought; anthropology or sociology of Jewish communities; and American Judaism. The chairholder's courses will augment a current list that includes, among other offerings, Biblical Literature; Athens, Rome and Jerusalem; Biblical Hebrew; The Holocaust in Poetry, Fiction and Drama; Israelis and Palestinians: Conflict and Accommodation, and a seminar on American Jewish literature.

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By Earl Smith

New Government

Students have overwhelmingly ratified a near-total revision of the Student Association (now the Student Government Association) constitution, the principal feature of which is a separation of governing functions from social programming. The brainchild of Stu-A President Josh Woodfork '97, the new constitution proposal received 565 (98 percent) of the 576 votes cast.

Just Plane Nice

There are many examples of the generosity of Colby students, but few as touching as the recently reported tale of a sophomore international student, unable to return home since arriving as a freshman, who was given a round-trip ticket home for spring break by her roommates.



How Sweet It Is

It is one thing for men's hockey to win its first ECAC title in three decades, but it is extra sweet to have the crown delivered by arch-rival Bowdoin, three-time losers to **Jim Tortorella's** Colby team in the '96-'97 season. Congratulate them and also **Trish O'Brien's** freshman-laden women's basketball team, which made its way to the ECAC final four before losing to eventual champion Middlebury. The men's basketball and

women's hockey teams got to the big dances as well. Find another college in the country where these four teams all got post-season tourney bids. We think there isn't one.

Moosecellaneous

Although Maine students comprise less than 12 percent of the student body, they make nearly a quarter of the newly elected members of Phi Beta Kappa (13 of 55). . . . It defies national norms, but 83 percent of Colby freshmen say that their parents are living with each other. Fifty-seven percent of the fathers and 36 percent of the mothers have graduate degrees. . . . More than 5,000 area school children enjoyed one of the many acclaimed Colby student productions of *Charlotte's Web*, performed through January in Strider Theater. Some 20 central Maine grade schools sent youngsters to attend the free performances, directed by **Tina Wentzel** (performing arts). . . . For the period 1966-96, Colby ranks 19th among selective undergraduate colleges contribut-

ing to Ph.D.'s in the geological sciences. . . . **Dave Kirtley '00** (Katonah, N.Y.) has won the Isaac Asimov Award for Undergraduate Excellence in Science Fiction and Fantasy Writing, sponsored by Asimov's *Science Fiction Magazine*, the University of South Florida and the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts (IAFA). . . . Colby was 184 years old on February

27. . . . A national student group, the Forget About U.S. News Coalition, is urging colleges to ignore U.S. News & World Report requests for information used to compile its annual rankings. . . . Participation in the Colby alumni Web site doubled following a promo in the last Colby magazine. The site now boasts home pages for several classes from the '70s, '80s and '90s.



To Name a Few

Jim Boylan's (English) next novel has been optioned for development by New Line Cinema. The working title of the novel, not yet sold to a publisher, is *A Guide to the Colleges of New England*. It is about two families in a Winnebago doing the college tour with their high school-age children. The chapters are: Yale, Harvard, Bowdoin, Colby, Dartmouth, Middlebury, Williams, Amherst and Wesleyan. . . . **Jeri Roseboro** (associate dean of students) has been elected president of the executive committee of SOAR (Society Organized Against Racism). Organized to combat racism on college campuses, SOAR has chapters throughout the Northeast. . . . **Larissa Taylor** (history) has been appointed book review editor for *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, the major interdisciplinary journal for the period of the Reformation, with worldwide membership. . . . **Cal Mackenzie's** (government) expertise on U.S. Presidential appointments got him much in the national news, commenting on the failed nomination of Anthony Lake to head the CIA. . . . **Cheryl Townsend Gilkes** (sociology) has received the Education Award from the Cambridge (Mass.) Branch of the NAACP. . . . **Marc Stein** (history) has been appointed to the editorial board of *The University of Chicago's Journal of the History of Sexuality*.

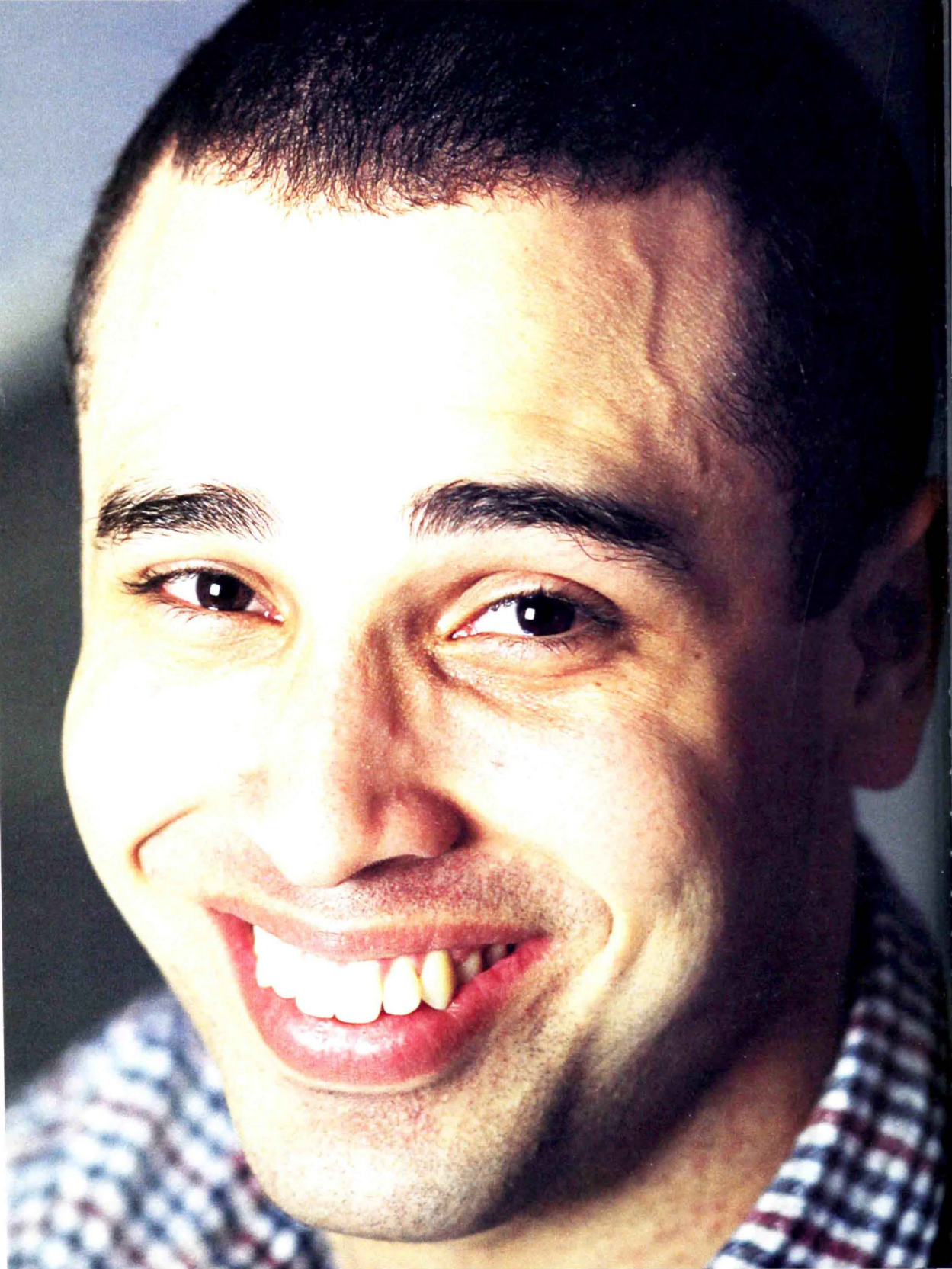


Cotters Honored

Bill and Linda Cotter accepted this year's Diamond Club Award from the United Way of Mid-Maine at the agency's annual dinner in February. The Cotters were singled out for their leadership as was the College, not only for employee contributions to the United Way but also for Colby's broad commitment to the economic and cultural welfare of the Waterville area.

Smart Colleges

Colby, Williams and Middlebury are the only NESCAC institutions on a select list of 150 colleges described in Peterson's new *Smart Parents Guide to Colleges*. "The best measure of an institution's quality is its commitment to the needs of undergraduate students," contends Dr. Ernest L. Boyer in the book, written with his son, education writer Paul Boyer. The elder Boyer, former president of the Carnegie Foundation, died before the book was published.



The Face of Change

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By Sally Baker

The February faculty meeting began promptly at 4:30. Old business was attended to. The first item of new business was presented for discussion. Discussion ensued—for an hour and a half. Prof. Charlie Bassett, dinner-less and late for a seminar, moaned, finally, “Le-e-e-t’s vote!”

They voted.

The motion on the floor passed by an overwhelming margin.

And the meeting adjourned.

Bassett looked at Josh Woodfork '97, sitting across the aisle from him. The president of the Student Association had cooled his heels throughout the debate, waiting for the faculty to move on so he could present an issue on behalf of the student body.

“Are they *always* like this?”

Woodfork, incredulous, asked.

“I told him,” Bassett said later, “to wait till he gets to General Electric or wherever and sits in one of those board meetings. He’s going to have to queue up to get anything he wants done there.”

The anecdote reveals two truths about Joshua C. Woodfork. First, he likes to get things done, and efficiently. Second, almost everyone at Colby who knows him thinks—as Bassett does—that Woodfork will one day occupy a position of power. Whether he is a future corporate CEO, elected official, prominent academic, lawyer or advocate for a social cause or takes off on a course no one can predict, Woodfork seems, decidedly, to be going somewhere.

One of the most visibly successful student body presidents in recent memory, Woodfork ran for the office mostly *in absentia*, conducting a campaign last spring from Washington, D.C., where he was an exchange student at Howard University. He and Student Association Vice President Graham Nelson '98 ran on a platform that promised specific actions—splitting the association into separate legislative, executive and activity-planning entities, for instance—as well as general responsiveness to student needs. Woodfork says he considers himself, first, a conduit for student requests and opinion.

"People decide what your job is for you rather than you deciding what your responsibilities are," he said. "You get

Woodfork urged students to go beyond the classroom in examining potential hot-button issues like affirmative action and race relations. "We have a lot to learn from each other," he said. "We need to ask questions and hear what people are saying."

"He was really speaking to some of the conservative members of the community who may feel, sometimes, that their own voices are not welcome in some of these debates, that there is too much of a uniform view on some issues," Cotter said. "He was welcoming, talking about civility and respect for all points of view. It wasn't that he was saying *his* point of view wasn't represented or he couldn't get it across; he was talking to the others. And that's unusual."

Proof of the speech's effectiveness came minutes after it was delivered, when a first-year student went to a microphone, credited Woodfork with inspiring him to speak his mind and said he didn't approve of affirmative action. "That was so brave," Woodfork said later, "because he put the question out there. We don't do enough of that. It will have a life-changing effect on people if they can talk about these things in the residence halls

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calls—"The broccoli in the dining halls wasn't good today. What are you going to do about it?" From that to "I want to have a bowling team" or "I want to bring this speaker to campus." This job is a lot of helping people find out where to take issues. Because what do you say to people, "That's not my job"? Well then, why did they elect you?"

"The best interest of the student body is what is his focus," said Kim Parker '97, a friend of Woodfork and a colleague in student government. "I think that's what makes everyone believe in him, because we know he's not saying one thing and doing another."

Woodfork has done much more than simply react to student initiatives, however. In the State of the College address, delivered in conjunction with Colby President Bill Cotter last September, he made it clear that he intended to lead. For instance, he tackled a crucial area of campus discussion—the importance of semantics—in a deft phrase near the beginning of his speech. "If my name is Joshua and I ask you to call me Josh, you should respect me enough to do that. And if I am an African-American man and I ask you to call me African American, you should do that, too," he said.

and the dining halls as well as in the classroom."

Woodfork and the other members of the 1996-97 Student Association have tried to provoke that kind of discussion by bringing to campus speakers such as writer Jonathan Kozol (*Death At An Early Age, Amazing Grace*) who are unabashedly partisan, holders of strong and sometimes controversial opinions. And to some extent, Woodfork says, their efforts have succeeded. "People I'd never dreamed would go to these things are there, and they come away wanting to talk about them," he said. "Both of my parents, my grandfather and my aunt are social workers. In my family we talked about these issues around the dinner table. But some students have never been confronted with them before."

He is careful to expand his efforts beyond multicultural concerns, noting that he was elected by a variety of students who have disparate needs. When a proposal to institute a comprehensive fee at Colby went to the Trustee Meeting in January, Woodfork mounted a last-minute lobbying effort to ensure that the trustees were aware of student opinion, particularly their opposition to a reduction in the rebate Colby now pays students who

live in off-campus housing. In the end, the trustees voted for the comprehensive fee but, in a compromise proposed by Bill Cotter, elected to postpone the rebate reduction for two years as additional housing is built on campus.

"Josh handled the off-campus rebate issue well," said James Crawford '64, chair of the board's Student Affairs Committee. "It was a controversial issue. He was afraid the students wouldn't be heard and that it would quickly pass a trustee vote. So he worked through the committees and the issue was reconsidered."

"That's a victory for student voice," Woodfork said. "That really is a validation that students do have a voice here at Colby and that we are being listened to, even at the highest levels."

Charlie Bassett calls Woodfork "a very, very, very astute politician."

"From the beginning," Bassett said, "he figured, 'I can be a revolutionary, a bomb-tosser, on the outside of the system, and yeah, I can get some things done. But sometimes oil is as good as sandpaper.' He's a—and I don't mean this in any pejorative sense—he's a player."

Another facet of Woodfork's agenda for this year is, perhaps, closest to his heart. This month a project he first began touting in his sophomore year, Colby Cares Day, comes to fruition as hundreds of Colby students, faculty, staff and administrators do volunteer community service in Waterville. Woodfork says that he hopes Colby Cares Day will become an option during fall orientation for all students, so those who are bitten by the service bug will sign up, early, for programs sponsored by the College's Volunteer Center. "I think volunteering is part of a liberal arts education," he said. "You should recognize your privilege in some meaningful way. But it has to be student-led, not from the administration." (Woodfork himself has volunteered at a local elementary school and for Adults Reading To Children and coached Waterville Youth Soccer.) He also says Colby students should observe a Staff Appreciation Day to acknowledge that the College "couldn't run without custodians and secretaries and dining service workers and other people who sometimes seem invisible. We need to do a better job of showing them we care about them," he said.

"I think that's the legacy he wants to leave, that Colby people do care," said Kim Parker, who has known Woodfork since their sophomore year and who also spent the spring '96 semester at Howard. "I don't think he cares that his name is attached to it, he just wants to make the Colby community and Waterville aware that Colby



PHOTO BY MARK GAY

students are more than selfish rich kids up on the hill. And he gets so caught up in his projects that *you* can't help but get caught up in what he wants to do."

Woodfork's drive was manifest well before he came to Colby. He was class president for three years and a three-sport captain at Swampscott (Mass.) High School and was a proctor during the postgraduate year he spent at Brewster Academy in New Hampshire—among many other activities at both schools. He and his brother, Peter, now an undergraduate at Harvard, were noted in their hometown for their success in high school.

Woodfork says it was a shock to arrive at Colby and "not to have all this involvement right off the bat." When his classwork began to suffer, he said, "I decided either to leave or to get more involved." It didn't take him long to make an impression.

"When Josh was a freshman he came to a Campus Community Committee meeting, and he raised some very important issues," said Bill Cotter, who chairs the committee. "He had been trying to do research for a class and was frustrated because the materials he needed on African-American topics weren't available here. Because of his initiative a meeting was set up with the librarians, and some of the things became available fairly quickly. It was a good indication of someone who saw an issue that hadn't been picked up elsewhere who was willing to raise it, even as a freshman."

Woodfork also stood out in the classroom—not because he was always the best student but because he was extraordinarily interested in learning.

"He was eminently teachable," said Charlie Bassett, who taught Woodfork's freshman composition class. "Once you said, 'No, no, no, Woodfork, no, no, no,' you didn't have to say that again. . . . After thirty years at this place I've met a lot of bright kids who aren't very teachable. They don't benefit from being taught; they just kind of go their own way. Josh did not do that. On the other hand, he didn't just go my way, either. He forged a path between his way and my way and struck a pretty good balance."

Associate Professor of English Cedric Bryant, who taught Woodfork as a sophomore, remembers the first time they got together privately to discuss one of Woodfork's papers. "These conferences are famous around Colby for their—what?—pointedness," Bryant said. "I said to him, 'There is a disjunction between the level you think at, the level you speak at and the level you write on.' I outlined the problems, none severe. Some students don't take that well—you can see them begin to enoble. Josh didn't. There was no resistance in either his body language or his responses. . . . I looked at his eyes and I saw the light go on. His expression said, 'Here is someone who wants to help me get better.' From then on for the rest of the semester he was on a mission [to] learn to write and think the way an English major does, to read texts with analytical depth. I forgot within a matter of months that he wasn't an English major." (Woodfork has a joint major in African-American and American studies.)

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As a member of the Student Organization for Black and Hispanic Unity and of Society Organized Against Racism, Woodfork brought a fresh perspective to discussions about racial polarization on campus.

"For a lot of students of color, when they arrive on campus there's an underlying choice: are you going to be involved with black students or be involved with white students? You have to make a conscious decision. I never liked to make that choice," he said. "My mother is white and my dad is black—for me it's like I'm choosing between my parents."

Woodfork was one of the Students of Color United For Change who went to the Campus Community Committee in the spring of 1994 and asked that a residence hall be built to house students interested in multicultural issues. Although the experience was positive, he says, he was

dismayed by the rage many of the seniors in the group seemed to feel. "I remember saying to myself, 'I don't ever want to become like they are, so angry and so bitter. I'd rather drop out of college,'" he said. He decided to work within the system, as he had in high school, and ran for Student Association vice president on a ticket headed by Bryan Raffetto '95. The two won the election, and Woodfork also was selected as a student representative to the Trustee Commission on Multicultural and Special-Interest Housing, which was formed to address the concerns of the Students of Color United For Change.

James Crawford chaired the commission. He says Woodfork had to overcome a certain amount of skepticism among the trustees. "As a freshman he'd been a member of the student group that wanted separate housing," Crawford said. "So he was seen as a spokesman for an issue that could be a problem. But as time went on and the commission did its work, I found Josh to be a very thoughtful person willing to look at all sides of the issue, not a proponent for one side alone. . . . He was a major contributor on the commission because he could represent student opinion as well as understand the broader issues involving student life."

In the ensuing years, Woodfork's capacity for straddling the lines among students, faculty, trustees, staff and administrators without bamboozling anyone has been nothing short of ambassadorial. He is a sincere, intelligent

man who holds strong opinions, but what sets him apart, those who have worked with him say, is his willingness to listen and to keep an open mind. And, says Kim Parker, "he doesn't compromise his integrity for anything."

"It may seem as though he's always self-assured, always knows the answer before he opens his mouth. But that is not the case," said Cedric Bryant, who also served on the trustee commission. "He agonizes as much as the rest of us but does so in a way that allows him, ultimately, to make a decision based on what is reasonable and fair and serves the common good." A prime example, Bryant says, was Woodfork's endorsement of the trustee commission's recommendation that Colby build what is now the Pugh Center rather than opt for special-interest housing. "I was enormously impressed with his ability to understand all points of view and to set aside his own emotional invest-

ment—and even his political investment—in the multicultural issue and try to come up with the solution that would serve the greatest need and benefit the largest number of people and do what was best for Colby,” Bryant said.

Woodfork says he felt then—and continues to feel—that Colby “is not ready” for multicultural housing. “We’re too divided a community, racially, and we don’t understand the issues well enough,” he said. “We’re not there yet. We don’t have enough faculty of color; we don’t have enough

administrators who are people of color who are empathetic, who understand these issues.” And students, he says, haven’t done enough to challenge the stereotypes that exist on campus. “Students should get in relationship, so they can ask the questions: What is it like to be a student of color? What is it like to be white? They should become friends so they can say, ‘Hey, what does x mean to you? Don’t run up to an international student and say, ‘What is it like in Zimbabwe.’ Know people who are different from yourself.”

Indeed, he says—and his friend Parker confirms—that the anonymity of an act carried out against him last fall, when someone wrote “Nigger” across Woodfork’s picture on a poster, was almost as wounding as the act itself. “I think the randomness unsettled him,” Parker said. “He didn’t want to confront the person who did it, but he did want to know who it was.”

“This is not the first time someone has called me a nigger and probably won’t be the last,” Woodfork said. “But when administrators and others were sympathetic because it happened to me I wanted to say, ‘Don’t be upset because this is me. . . . This is not about me as a person, it is about how someone felt about black people.’ I was elected to deal with situations like this and take a stance, and I felt like we’d given someone with a green marker the power to take me out of my role.”

At a rally the following day on the Miller Library steps, Woodfork faced what he says was his most difficult moment at Colby. And, tellingly, his task in that moment—running on almost no sleep and still “in limbo” over the incident—wasn’t to stand before the student body



and discuss the obscene epithet on the poster. It was, instead, to announce that a student, Christine Callie ’98, had died that morning in Salamanca, Spain.

“Whatever had happened to me, someone else had died,” Woodfork said recently. “Her life was gone. And I was going to be telling this to her friends, who didn’t know. I didn’t know how to mention it at a rally we’d called for a different reason without trivializing it. . . . but it put into perspective what had happened to me. Then I was able to process that. I asked myself, what does it mean to be part of this community, and when you lose a member, how does that make you feel?” The rally turned out to be a high point for those who admire Woodfork’s administration, because he carried off his role with the intelligence and dignity for which he is known—no matter how ambivalent he may have felt about the Colby community at that juncture.

Woodfork says that after he graduates on May 25 he will “miss being able to really do things, get people motivated, effect change. This is a positive place, and I hope people appreciate that. You can’t get involved as easily at a Howard and actually do things.”

If he’ll miss Colby, so will Colby miss him.

“Josh is one of those graduating seniors whom you look for at each of those five-year reunions and the kind of student you not only hope you’ll hear from often but you know you’ll hear about frequently over time,” Cedric Bryant said. “Not because they send postcards, but because they’re going to make a real contribution to society. I have no doubt that he will.”

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people
with kids
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What About the Children?

In 1699, John Locke, whose ideas about civil government influenced generations of thinkers, including Thomas Jefferson, departed from his usual province to proffer some advice about raising children. The book was called *Some Thoughts Concerning Education*, and in it he said, essentially, that children were miscreants looking for an opening. Locke held that the young should "go without their longings, even from their very cradles." Imagine what he would say about MTV.

From John Locke to Benjamin Spock, "experts" on child rearing have dispensed their wisdom for hundreds of years, and yet most parents are still trying to get it right. There have been schools of thought on virtually every aspect of parenting: discipline, moral development, socialization, Little League. What to do, what not to do and why. And still parents wonder: How am I doing?

Being a parent today has moved way beyond the simple decisions about what little Johnny gets and what he doesn't. Today it means deciding whether to move or stay put, remarry or stay single, take a new job or turn it down. The stakes have never been higher.

We went looking for a few Colby people to find out how their children are doing and why they have made the decisions they've made. What we learned was that their families are a diverse lot, dealing with everyday dilemmas that Ozzie and Harriett never dreamed of. But despite the differences in composition, in circumstances or in parental philosophies, every family we talked to had this in common: the kids come first.

Here are the stories of five of those families.

By Kevin Cool

Leitz says she has "immense respect and admiration" for two-earner families who use evenings and weekends to give their children the love and guidance they need. "I don't know how they do it, really. We can't seem to find time to do anything on weekends," she said.

Every decision the Leitzes make is weighed according to its effects on the children. Trade-offs are made. When her husband, Christopher, was offered a job in western Massachusetts, the couple agonized over whether to leave their suburban Boston home. They liked the prospect of living in a smaller

Being There

Jessica Flood Leitz '86 doesn't like the word "homemaker," but she likes the job.

A former legislative assistant for Massachusetts state representative Paul Casey, Leitz decided 18 months ago to give up her career to stay home with Keegan, 6, and Nils, 3, when Keegan was preparing to enter pre-school. She has not regretted it.

"My husband and I decided that as long as we could get by without food stamps, pay the mortgage, live comfortably, the benefit we would give the boys now [by having a parent at home] would be worth whatever sacrifices we made," she said. "We thought, 'What can we do without?' We realized we could do without a lot of things."

For Leitz, being an at-home mother goes deeper than simply being available to care for scraped knees and hurt feelings. She believes her presence will help her children understand and appreciate unselfishness and make them more likely to make sacrifices for others. "I want the boys to grow up with integrity and a sense of honor like their father has," she said. "I want them to want to do what's right because it's right, not because they will get something in return."

Her sons' moral development is the primary advantage of being at home all the time, Leitz says. "When they were at the babysitter's they didn't have to pick up their toys. Here, they do. They have expectations. Developing discipline, knowing right from wrong—the schools aren't responsible for that, parents are," she said. Her presence also allows her to discuss with the boys issues like family economics. "They know they can't go to Toys 'R' Us all the time because we don't have the money. They know because I tell them. We talk about it."

town, Leitz says, but chose to stay because the move would have put the boys two hours farther away from their grandparents. On the other hand, that decision means a certain loss of freedom for her sons, which Leitz says makes her sad. She drives Keegan to school and walks him into his kindergarten classroom every day because she fears for his safety. "We live in a good neighborhood, but there still are a few wackos out there. Keegan would love to hop on his bicycle and go around the block, but I won't let him," she said.

The proximity of grandparents enriches her sons' lives, says Leitz, whose mother drives from New Hampshire regularly to spend time with the boys. "There's nothing like that relationship [between children and grandparents]," she said. "It's important for many reasons, but one reason is that it exposes the boys to older adults, gives them a greater range of people to know and learn from."

Leitz's third child is due to be born this month, which means she will be home for at least a few more years. "There are days I wish I had somewhere to go," she admits, "but I wouldn't change my situation. There's no job I want to do more than be home with my kids."



The Leitz family, Nils, 3, Jessica, Christopher and Keegan, 6.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JESSICA LEITZ '86

Professor of English Phyllis Mannocchi was well into the process of adopting a child nine years ago when she asked the agency with which she was working to suspend its search. "I had to stop and ask myself, 'Can I raise a Haitian kid in Waterville, Maine?'" she said. The answer, it turns out, was an emphatic "yes."

Mannocchi adopted her daughter, Jackie, from a village near Port Au Prince when Jackie was 10 months old, starving. "She already had the beginnings of a sticking-out, undernourished belly," Mannocchi recalled. "When I saw her picture, I knew 'This is the kid.'"

Jackie has grown up surrounded by love and support, which appear to have more than compensated for her difficult beginning. But Mannocchi, who is lesbian and who adopted Jackie along with her ex-partner, says she almost didn't go through with her plan because of the challenges she knew the child would face growing up. "I delayed the whole process for a year and just needed to think about what [adopting her] would mean, especially for her. I mean, how much can you burden a child with?" she said.

A white, lesbian, single mother raising an Afro-Caribbean child confronts more than the typical complement of parental challenges. First, there is the issue of race. Mannocchi says that she has educated Jackie about her heritage, shared the story of her biological family—her mother died two weeks after giving birth to Jackie—and continues to talk with her about one day meeting her father and siblings.

"I knew that she would be very exotic looking [compared to other Maine children] and that she might face some problems. When she was four, a group of boys chased her on their bicycles and yelled the 'N' word," she said. "Jackie had never heard that word and didn't know what it meant. I hate it that she has to live with that."

Mannocchi says Jackie is pretty much like any 9-year-old kid. "She's more interested in whether I'm going to buy her the new Whitney Houston album than she is about where she comes from," she said. "She knows about her family in Haiti, and she loves to tell her story. But she sees herself as a kid from Maine."

Mannocchi always has been open and honest with Jackie about her sexuality while insisting that her daughter follow her own feelings. "She asked me recently about when I was heterosexual and what my boyfriends were like and why I didn't stay



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Weighing the Adoption Option

with them," she said. "She wanted to know if it was okay for her to have boyfriends. I told her that that was fine, that she doesn't have to make the same choices her mom did. I think she knows that it's okay for her to be different from me."

Mannocchi says her orientation should not affect Jackie's sexual identity, but she worries about how well her daughter will be accepted by peers and their families. "When she's sixteen, will parents let their sons go out with Jackie? I hope so," she said.

Despite the many differences between them, Mannocchi says her and Jackie's relationship is like that of a lot of pre-adolescent girls and their mothers: "Pick up your dirty clothes, comb your hair, that's what we usually are dealing with, not the other stuff."

Jackie has a sophisticated understanding of people's differences, which Mannocchi thinks stems from the diversity in her family and friends. "She has spent a lot of time around adults, including older people, and kids from all types of families, so she's very aware and sensitive to those differences," Mannocchi said. "She has a kind of political correctness without me even cultivating it. She's very aware of the poor kids in her class, for example. I think part of that is hanging out here with me, seeing what I teach, hearing discussions with my students. Meeting my students, too, who oftentimes are different themselves, has been a positive influence."

However, her students were shocked to learn that Mannocchi allows Jackie to play with Barbie dolls. "She has about 35 of them, and a bunch of Kens," Mannocchi said. "I'm not going to inhibit her. I can't impose anything on her. She has to be who she is and what she is. If she grows up and wants to be a hairdresser, that's fine."

being with me so the adjustment was easier than it might have been otherwise," Morgan said. "Of course, it was still a very difficult time."

Today, Morgan says, Sara, 12, is a confident, mature and well-adjusted girl who speaks frankly about her mother's death and its consequences. "She gets all of the credit," he said. "I don't know that I've done anything by design to make life easier for her. We've continued to live our lives and look to the future, but we haven't blocked out the past. We observe Patti's birthday when it comes. I get sad once in a while and so does Sara."

Just Me and You

We talk about it. We will never get over Patti's death, but we're doing okay."

From the time his daughter, Sara, was born in 1985, John Morgan '68 was a "house husband." A freelance photographer, he built a studio and darkroom at his home so he could be with Sara while his wife, Patti, taught school. He recalls carrying Sara in his backpack on photography assignments when she was an infant. "We were always together," he said.

"I don't want to say we had an ideal lifestyle, but we were very happy," Morgan said. "The three of us went skiing, took trips, had wonderful times together. It was a great life."

Then, in 1993, Patti was diagnosed with leukemia. She got better, then worse, was hospitalized for a bone marrow transplant, improved briefly, then began slipping again. John and Sara left their small Colorado town for several weeks early in December 1993 to live in an apartment near Patti's hospital at the University of Nebraska. For at least two hours every morning, John tutored Sara in her basic third grade subjects and the two spent the remainder of the day at the hospital. When Sara turned 9 on February 15, hospital staff threw her a party. Two months later, her mother died.

The bond that John and Sara had forged during her early years softened the blow for both of them. "She was used to

Morgan says that as Sara enters adolescence, the challenge to fulfill her needs grows. They recently attended a class on girls' health issues despite Sara's insistence that she "learned all that stuff in Girl Scouts." Morgan was the only father in the class. "I do worry a bit about whether I can give her what she needs, but she seems to be very comfortable with herself. I don't want to be too protective, but I jokingly tell her that she won't have her first date until she's about thirty-five," he said.

Morgan says he has not consciously altered his life to accommodate Sara's, but some decisions are driven by his single-parent status. He retired recently as the Green Mountain Falls volunteer fire chief, partially to take advantage of the department's pension plan, but also because "I didn't feel good about getting calls in the middle of the night and having to leave my daughter home alone. And I can't afford to get injured. I'm all Sara has."

As Sara ages and the time since her mother's death lengthens, Morgan says her friends play a larger and larger role in her life. "Most of her friends are from families who fall outside the traditional norm," he said, "so she has something in common in that respect. One [other friends] lives with grandparents, some are from divorced families; in fact, I can only think of one close friend who is from what you might call a traditional family."

Last summer Morgan sent Sara to a summer camp so she could sample life in a different environment and make friends outside of her regular circle. He wants to ensure that the closeness he and Sara enjoy does not restrict her development or inhibit her willingness to try new things. He thinks he is succeeding, perhaps too well. "When she leaves home it probably will be much tougher on me than on her," he said, chuckling.

"She's growing up. She has good self-esteem. She's involved in a lot of activities, has many, many friends. She's suffered a terrible loss, but she's going to be fine. I really think she's going to be fine."

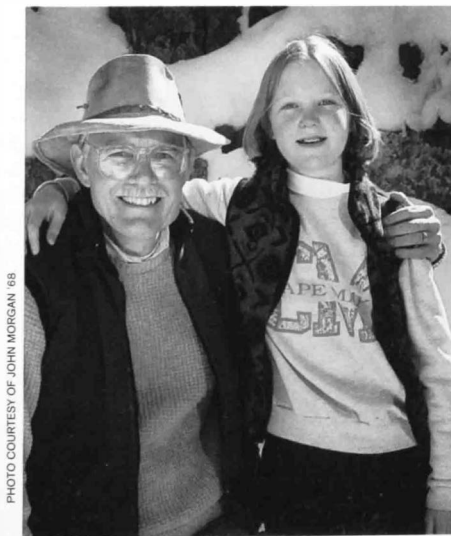


PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN MORGAN '68

John Morgan '68 and his daughter, Sara.



Annie, 9, Lousa, Liesl, 9,
Sam, Charlie, 11,
Annie, 9, and Eban, 11

A Careful Mixture

Every weekday afternoon at around three o'clock, Lousa Kenney Bliss '79 looks out the window of her middle school classroom and wonders whether she is doing the right thing. She imagines her children walking from their schools to the town library, where they will spend the next hour doing homework. "Some days it is pouring rain and I can't get there to help them," Bliss said. "That hurts. It hurts a lot."

The implications of her decision to be a working mother are constantly being assessed by Bliss, whose family situation calls for additional introspection. Bliss and her partner, Sam, have lived together since 1991 with five children—her two and his three—from their previous marriages. She teaches middle school science and math, he is a woodworker. They live on a small farm near Franconia, N.H., and share custody of the children with their ex-spouses. "We're making the best of a bad situation," Bliss said. "It isn't always perfect."

Her children, Eban, 11, and Liesl, 9, and Sam's children, Charlie, 11, Annie, 9, and Olivia, 6, have been together most of their lives and have good relationships, Bliss says. Still, they face peculiar challenges. "Sam and I agonized over how our decision to live together would affect the kids," Bliss said. "We decided early on that we would stay in this area so they would have access to all of their parents. If we didn't have the kids, there's a ninety percent chance we would have moved somewhere else."

The dynamics of her family are complex, Bliss says. There is a natural tension between children whose biological parents live in different houses and who must learn to deal with "siblings" to whom they aren't actually related. According to Bliss, "there is a gap" between the children and their respective stepparents that probably always will be there. "Sam's kids don't want to get too close to me because it feels to them like they're betraying their mother. And my kids keep a certain distance between them and Sam. We have stuff to deal with that some families don't," she said.

Bliss says finding time to share with each child is difficult, but essential. "It's really important that [Sam and I] each get time to spend alone with our kids so that it's not always crowd control," she said. "The kids have retained their own identities; they don't always want to have to share their mom or their dad. It's tough for them. I think about what they might be missing; I think about it all the time."

Bliss believes that the children will have special skills and experience as a result of growing up in a blended family, and that may help them avoid poor decisions later in life. "They don't like being in a divorce situation," she said. "We have talked a lot about why our marriages didn't work and what we should have done differently. Maybe [the children] will be more mature about relationships; have a better understanding of what to look for."

The kids also have learned, out of necessity, to be good communicators. "They have to be very clear about what they want," Bliss said. "They have to find a way to express what their needs are, which is not something kids usually are good at. But they do it very well."

A large, blended family "can be a mess sometimes," Bliss says, but she and her partner are making it work. "The boys built a treehouse during school vacation and the girls and I are learning to sew together," she said. "We're not the 'The Brady Bunch,' but we're a close family. We're in it together."

The telephone call came at 4 p.m. Two hours later, a social worker dropped off two girls, ages 1 and 3, at a pleasant suburban Toronto home. The girls had no luggage, no jackets, no shoes. Their parents had left them with a babysitter and disappeared. And just like that, the family of Christi Pope '73 and Stephen Capaldo '74 grew by two.

Episodes similar to this have been played out several times at the home of Pope and Capaldo, who have four children of their own and who have been foster parents to 13 children since 1989, some for a few days, others for more than a year. They are more or less on call for abandoned and neglected children in the metropolitan Toronto area. "We're just trying to help," said Pope. "We feel called to do this."

Pope and Capaldo's first foster child joined their already bustling household eight years ago. She was 8 years old and had been sexually abused by her stepfather, who dropped her at the Children's Aid Society with nothing but a suitcase of clothes. She lived with Pope, Capaldo and their children, Nick, Mike and Charlotte, for 15 months. By then, the couple was expecting a fourth child, Emily, who was born in 1991. Over the past six years, the couple have had boys and girls ranging from infants to teen-agers in and out of their home while the children dealt with divorce, abandonment, neglect or loss of family.

Pope says the experiences have been stressful, demanding and occasionally disruptive, but worthwhile. "Foster parenting is definitely outside of my comfort zone sometimes," she said. "These kids usually have a lot of problems, poor social skills, lots of needs. We try to be parents to them while they're here, and during that time they're part of our family."

The presence of strangers in their home on a fairly regular basis has been accepted by the couple's children, who Pope says have extended their hospitality and friendship. "The whole idea of seeing other people's needs and trying to help, I think they benefit from that," Pope said of her four children. "Our kids live in a fairly affluent part of the city, and they don't see poverty. They might not appreciate having a mom and a dad and a house and meals three times a day, but they see that not every kid can take those things for granted."

She and her husband always must consider their own children's welfare when accepting a foster child, Pope says, but only once have they asked that a child placed with them be removed. "He just had too many problems and was too disruptive," she said. "You have to draw a line sometimes."

Fostering Hope

Pope and Capaldo must be aware of how their own children perceive the behavior of their visitors and establish guidelines for parenting foster children. For instance, what happens when a foster child grabs a toy from another child simply because they have not been taught that such behavior is inappropriate? "It's tough because you don't want to have one set of standards for your own kids and another standard for the foster children, but sometimes you have to," Pope said. "Some of these kids just need more slack because they have gaps in their development. We just have to talk it out with our kids to explain why we're doing what we're doing. You don't want your kids to think they are the only ones who have to follow rules."

She often feels sad when the foster children leave, Pope says, especially since they are sometimes returning to troubled homes. "You have to be able to let go," she said. "You have to remain somewhat detached or you'll go crazy."

Pope sees definite behavior and attitude benefits for her children as a result of having been part-time siblings for so many others. "They are more tolerant and more compassionate than a lot of their friends," she said. "They're not angels, but they understand that people have needs. They're better for it."

After more than a decade as foster parents, Pope says she and her husband have no plans to stop opening their doors to kids who need a home. "There is a lot of need and somebody has to fill it," she said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRISTI POPE '73

Christi Pope '73 and Stephen Capaldo '74 and their two foster children, 1 and 3, and their biological children, Emily, 5, Charlotte, 9, and Mike, 14.

The Time Is Right

The new library clock will last 300 years and keep perfect time. Darn.

By Kevin Cool

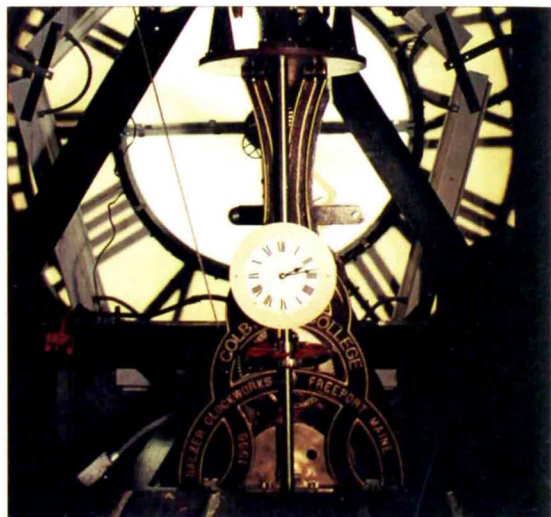
Well, there goes that excuse. Students for many years have used the Miller Library tower clock to get a fix on the time. The clock's eccentric time keeping—its four faces occasionally featured four different versions of the current time, take your pick—offered a convenient excuse for tardiness to class. But not anymore.

Old Unreliable has been replaced.

The tower clock has been a fixture of the Colby landscape since it was installed during the construction of Miller Library in 1939. However, the clock itself was not finished until 1947. For the intervening eight years, the clock faces were permanently set at 8 o'clock—a time chosen because that was when classes convened. At some point, the original clockworks were replaced with an electric motor and most of the mechanical parts were discarded. Since then the

clock's performance has been uneven—the gears were too small to operate its 10-foot hands—and maintenance was a headache. Enter Richard Balzer, a banker-turned-clockmaker who restores and builds old-fashioned, pendulum-regulated time pieces. He is the only clockmaker in the United States—and one of a handful in the world—who still produces mechanical clocks by hand. Balzer, who was asked to repair the clock in its current condition, instead offered to build a new one. It would last 300 years, keep perfect time and require less maintenance than the electrical kind, he said. The College gave the go-ahead and Balzer went to work.

The clock was constructed in Balzer's home-based Freeport workshop, where he not only manufactures most of the working parts but also makes the machines that make the parts. He is a meticulous craftsman



Three hundred years from now, this clock will still be ticking.

whose passions reflected in the integrity of the workmanship. When he asks visitors to his workshop to run their hands over the supple curve of a Balzer-cut stainless steel pinion—with edges as smooth as a Mercedes-Benz fender—he does so not because he wants to show off but because he truly is in love with a thing well made. "The art of clockmaking is about gone and we hope we're making a contribution in keeping it alive," Balzer said. "But this is not about us—this is about creating something that will outlive our kids and their kids and their kids."

"This clock is something the College will have for several generations to come."

The clock is housed in a cast iron carriage and supported by

an iron and steel Queen Anne platform. The entire assembly stands more than six feet tall and weighs more than a ton. The components are made with such precision that the clock runs virtually silently.

The Balzer family also restored the clock faces on the Miller Library tower, which included replacing the glass on each dial.

The clock was installed on March 28. It was a daunting procedure. Clock pieces were hauled up a narrow, winding staircase to finally reach the cupola, where they were reassembled. Afterward, students looking up at the tower noticed something peculiar about the time on the clock's four faces. They were the same. ♦



The Balzer crew spent two days assembling the clock.



Charles Conover



Jill Gordon



Julie Millard

Tenure Times Three

Three faculty members were granted tenure on January 18. Charles Conover in physics and astronomy, Jill Gordon in philosophy and Julie Millard in chemistry all will be promoted to associate professor effective September 1.

"These three scholars embody Colby's tradition of excellent teaching by people who are committed to serious academic research," said Dean of Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert McArthur. The three candidates received extraordinary praise from students in addition to the recommendations of President Bill Cotter and the College's Educational Policy Committee. The common denominator among them is "substantial achievement as teachers and scholars," McArthur said.

Conover came to Colby in 1990 from the University of Virginia, where he earned his Ph.D. and served as a teaching assistant. He earned a bachelor's degree at Middlebury College in 1985. Conover's research interests include atoms and molecules in strong fields, spectroscopy of atoms and molecules, control and shaping of atomic and molecular wave functions and physics of atomic and molecular clusters. He received a National Science Foundation grant (with two colleagues) in 1996 for conventional and laser spectroscopy of atoms and molecules. He has written articles about his research for *Physical Review*, *Contemporary Physics* and *The American Journal of Physics*,

among other publications.

Gordon arrived at Colby from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1990. She has a bachelor's degree from Claremont McKenna College in California, a master's from Brown University and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. Her academic expertise is in ancient philosophy, especially Plato, and in social and political philosophy. She won a Marguerite Eyer Wilbur Foundation Fellowship in 1994-95 and has been published in *Philosophy and Rhetoric*, *Classical Quarterly* and the *Journal of Social Philosophy*.

Millard began at Colby in 1991, coming from the University of Richmond, where she was a Camille and Louis Dreyfus Teaching and Research Fellow. She received a bachelor's degree from Amherst College and earned a Ph.D. at Brown University in 1988. Her research involves drug interactions with DNA, especially anti-tumor drugs and cancer-causing agents. In addition, she has studied and lectured about the use of DNA as courtroom evidence. Millard currently is assistant professor of biochemistry. Her articles have been published in the journals *Biochimie*, *Anti-Cancer Drug Design* and *Chemical Research in Toxicology*. In January, the Research Corporation of Tucson, Ariz., announced that Millard received a grant to support basic research as part of the Cottrell College Science Awards. The \$30,389 award is to support Millard's research on DNA and cellular proteins. ♦

Presidential Pieces

Some of America's most extraordinary hand-crafted objects are on view at the Colby College Museum of Art this spring and summer when The White House Collection of American Crafts comes to Waterville. The exhibition includes works in glass, ceramic, fiber, wood and metal—72 items that were displayed in the White House before a tour that has taken them to the Smithsonian's National Museum of American Art, the American Craft Museum in New York and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art in California. The exhibit opens at the Colby museum on May 10 and will remain through July 13.

A virtual tour of the White House Collection of American Crafts can be viewed on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nmaa.si.edu/whc/americancrafts> or through a link on Colby's Web site.



Back: Jen Holsten '90, Connie Crosby '76, Karen Smith Gowan '76, Katherine Cowles Berkely '82, Sue Conant Cook '75, Valerie Jones Roy '76, Sue Yovic Hoeller '73 and Rick Drake '75. Front: Amy Butcher '80, Grace Jeanes '96, Anne Boatright Beaney '85, Molly Couch Ward '86, Linda Churchill Noll '82, Wanda Wright L'Heureux '78, Kate Diana '94, Jeffra Becknell '82.

Silver Reunion

More than 30 former players and coaches returned in February to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the birth of women's ice hockey at Colby.

Sue Yovic Hoeller '73, who organized the first women's team, was among those who returned to skate against each other. Also returning for the anniversary was Rick Drake '75, who, as a goalie for the junior varsity men's team, was recruited to coach the first women's squad.

The earliest women's teams scavenged used equipment and practiced at 6 a.m. and 11:30 p.m.—the only times the ice was available—and inspired an earnest and enthusiastic following. Within three years of its inception as a club, women's ice hockey was elevated to varsity status, making it the third oldest program in the country. It also became a catalyst for an aggressive expansion of varsity athletics for women at Colby in the middle and late '70s.

Can I Get Popcorn With That?

At Colby these days students can find *The Meaning of Life*. Help! is available. They can have *Breakfast At Tiffany's* and *Dinner With Andre*, hope for *Glory* and pray for *Deliverance*. And if they have *Vertigo* they won't have it long. It's on reserve.

Miller Library's video collection, once a scrawny and seldom-used adjunct to printed texts, has reached blockbuster proportions. It contains more than 3,300 titles, ranging from esoteric documentaries to mainstream hits, and is frequently employed in classes across many disciplines.

Most of the films were purchased individually because faculty requested them, but several hundred were added when James M. Gillespie Professor of Art and American Studies David Lubin arranged to buy the stock of videos from a Waterville store that was going out of business. Lubin and his research assistant, Lincoln Farr '97, who spent most of one summer previewing the videos, nabbed "masterpieces and trash" alike, according to Lubin. "Which titles fall into which category is a matter open to debate," he said.

"My goal was not only to rescue as many old movies as possible but also to provide our students with a good representa-

tive sampling of different periods, styles, and genres in American film history," Lubin said.

Use of the collection has doubled in the past six years. In 1995-96, the 8,173 videos loaned by the library accounted for roughly 8 percent of the library's total circulation.

Based on figures since 1989 (when circulation records were automated), Stanley Kubrick's *A Clockwork Orange* is the library's most frequently borrowed video. Reference librarian Frances Parker notes that a recent fast-moving entry on the "most popular" list—it's currently ranked 25th—is poised to overtake *Terminator II*. *Star Wars* and some other Hollywood heavyweights. The title? *Ion Chromatography*.

"It's hot," Parker said.

The Top Ten

Title	Total Check Outs
1. A Clockwork Orange	366
2. Casablanca	261
3. Manhattan	248
4. Taxi Driver	196
5. Dead Poets' Society	171
6. Raiders of the Lost Ark	167
7. 2001: A Space Odyssey	154
8. School Daze	151
9. The Pink Panther	147
10. Au Revoir les enfants	141

wit and wisdom



"In my judgment, the crisis of the black male in America is fundamentally, although not exclusively, a spiritual crisis. What's at stake here is nothing less than the souls of black men."

—Robert Franklin, president-elect of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta and author of *Liberating Visions*, at a Black History Month event.

"How deep is one's commitment when regular portfolios are coming in at 6 percent and your Whole Wheat Organic portfolio checks in at 2 percent or in negative territory?"

—David Brancaccio, host of National Public Radio's *Marketplace*, on the dilemma facing investors who want to support socially conscious companies.



Living With HIV

For four days in mid-February, residents of Pepper in Chaplin Commons played host to Jody Hartley, a 28-year-old man from Portland, Maine, who has been HIV-positive since he was 14. Hartley's educational outreach, sponsored by Maine's HIV Residency Program and coordinated by Wendy Rice '99 of Colby's HIV/AIDS Task Force, included living and dining with students and guest lecturing in several classes.

Becky Golden '98, head resident in Pepper, says living with an HIV-positive person provided unexpected insight on the disease. "Jody had to go to Mid-Maine Medical Center one night while he was here because he was having a reaction to some new medication," she said. "A student from Pepper chose to go to the hospital and spend the evening with him

there. His visit showed us that AIDS isn't a distant disease.

In Professor Frank Fekete's Bacteriology and Immunology class, Hartley told students that even though treatment with new protease inhibitors has reduced his viral load to an undetectable level, the cocktail of drugs is expensive—\$1,800 each month—and has harsh side-effects, including kidney stones and loss of control in his hands and feet.

Hartley says the drugs are no defense against prejudice associated with HIV and AIDS. His mother didn't speak to him for 11 years after learning of his condition, and, even now, she won't use the same bathroom.

"He gave us the emotional issues of the disease, not just the technical/biological information," Golden said. ♦



High Grade Help

Colby commencements are usually flawless. Here's why.

By Stephen Collins '74

In a span of about two hours on May 25, more than 400 Colby seniors will pick up their diplomas, and they and their families will leave Mayflower Hill euphoric about the Colby Commencement experience. That's how the script has gone for many years, at any rate.

Commencement is not so much a two-hour ceremony as a 48-hour marathon of luncheons, dinners, receptions and events, and it doesn't happen spontaneously. Intensive planning begins in March, and behind-the-scenes maneuvering often averts what might otherwise become last-minute catastrophes.

Karen Bourassa, manager of scheduling and facilities, compiled a 19-page, single-spaced work order for last year's Commencement. She keeps track of the formidable details with the help of a voice-activated recorder next to her bed. "I'm not a person who needs a lot of sleep anyway, and it's a good thing during the weeks before Commencement," she said. "If I wake up, I'm thinking about something and I start working."

Keith Stockford, in charge of grounds and moving crews, worries about the big picture—90 acres of fine lawns, and more than 3,000 chairs to herd around campus—as well as details like the clean, white rope he'll need to designate special seating areas if the ceremony gets moved indoors. (On a pre-Commencement Saturday a few years ago, he appropriated his wife's new clothesline at 1 a.m. just to be prepared.) His office walls hold snapshots of empty chairs set up for graduation—evidence of his crew's past efforts to create a near-

perfect setting. They use string to meticulously arrange the chairs in symmetrical rows and columns, and each seat is wiped and dried Commencement morning.

If you count the sheer number of events during the weekend and consider that alternate sites must be ready in case of bad weather, you'll begin to understand why Associate Dining Services Director Bill Bayle says his three years of Army experience are as valuable as his culinary arts degree and two decades in food service.

Bayle's closest brush with disaster came one year when a truck loaded with 300 hot meals arrived for the dinner in honor of retiring faculty and trustees but couldn't get past cars blocking the road to the Student Union. He recruited every available body and formed a food brigade, passing trays hand-to-hand. Every time a visiting dignitary approached, Bayle shut down the line and closed the truck door to maintain professional appearances.

Student Activities Director Ben Jorgensen '92, who co-chairs the Commencement Planning Committee with Bourassa, likens the experience to choreography. Jorgensen commands 15 people and a half-dozen two-way radios to organize seniors in the "street" beneath Miller Library on Commencement morning. "Try lining up 450 high-spirited seniors in alphabetical order and getting them to march out on time," he said.

"I was congratulating seniors as they left the library two years ago, and this guy got ten feet past me before I realized he was a junior," Jorgensen said. Knowing the seating arrangements for everyone would be thrown off,

Jorgensen used the radio to save the day. (The international student explained that since he wouldn't be able to attend his own Commencement, he decided to march a year early.)

Carol Welch, assistant to the president, begins working on Commencement in the fall. She knows how many things can go wrong—from baccalaureate programs locked in the mailroom moments before the service to an honorary degree recipient who had a heart attack during the procession. "I don't know any time when problems didn't get straightened out, though sometimes it is at the last minute," she said.

Occasionally, Commencement workers try too hard to please. Prior to the post-graduation luncheon at the Millett Alumni House in 1995, attended by Commencement speaker George Bush, Bayle instructed his wait staff to stop serving when Colby President Bill Corter got up to introduce the former chief executive. When the luncheon was underway and Corter stood, one waitress was on her way to deliver a cup of tea to a diner at the opposite end of the building. Acknowledging the prohibition on walking through the dining room but eager to deliver the tea, she improvised. Bayle, standing in the wings with a Secret Service agent, saw her through a window as she sneaked past the shrubbery outdoors, tea cup in hand. A moment later, Secret Service radios began crackling alerts about a person in the bushes.

Bayle vouched for the waitress's intentions, the tea got delivered and another Commencement Weekend ended without a crisis. ♦



Commencement is not so much a two-hour ceremony as a 48-hour event. Behind-the-scenes maneuvering often averts what might otherwise become last-minute catastrophes.

Muse You Can Use

Hanna Roisman tackles an ancient question: Do the classics still matter?

By Kevin Cool



Hanna Roisman

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Professor of Classics Hanna Roisman loves a good argument. Or, to be more specific, a good arguer.

She enjoys jousting with ideas and admires the mental agility required to leap from position to position during a discussion, of, say, what makes a virtuous human being. "The ancients really knew how to argue," she said. "They saw persuasion almost as seduction."

Roisman says she wants her students "not to see the world in black and white, but a great many shades of gray; to learn that there are no simple answers to questions and to problems in life." Classics education provides the means for exploring those problems, she says.

"The classics will be important as long as humans struggle with their own humanity," Roisman said. "We have the same problems now that they did three thousand years ago. We're still trying to figure it all out."

Trained to believe that details count, Roisman brings a variety of scholarly opinions to her classroom and helps her students analyze them. In upper-level classes students discuss these opinions, ferreting out weaknesses in the arguments and developing their own perspectives. But they can't reach that level of scholarship without first experiencing the emotional, human dimension of the works, Roisman says.

"I don't see the ancient Greeks and Romans as frozen figures sitting there in the 'thinking' position. When they went to a performance and didn't like something they threw food at the actors. They were arguing all the time. For me, those people

are breathing. They are living," she said. "I like my students to get the same feeling of relevance and living emotion that I have for them. It is not just an intellectual exercise; I want the humanity to be part of it."

Roisman's 1996 book, *The Odyssey Re-formed* (with Frederick Ahl, Cornell University Press), presents a sophisticated treatment of Homer to persons who cannot read the Homeric epics in the original ancient Greek, a book she says was needed because translations often do not adequately address the subtleties of the text. Although it is essentially a scholarly book, *The Odyssey Re-formed* is aimed not just at scholars but also at a more general audience of "adventurous readers" who want a more enlightened view of Homer. The book has received good academic reviews and was favorably mentioned in a *New Republic* article on developments in Homeric scholarship.

Roisman encourages her students to draw parallels between Greek mythic heroes and contemporary figures because, she says, the lessons of classical literature and mythology still resonate today. She may be the only classics professor around who includes the movie *Star Wars* in the syllabus. "When I first saw *Star Wars* in graduate school, Captain Solo reminded me of Odysseus," she said. "Odysseus has a very stubborn instinct to survive, and he overcomes his problems with resourcefulness. Solo also is a canny, resourceful fellow, and he gets out of impossible situations either due to luck or some basic guile."

"Odysseus has no technology to get out of these situations, and Solo's technology is not impressive compared to the Empire; Chewie is all the time making repairs, and the two of them are kicking the ship and hitting it to finally make it go. I could go on forever with it."

Yoda, Luke Skywalker's Jedi master, is similar to the educators from Greek myth, like Chiron, the centaur who taught Achilles, Roisman says. "What is important to see here is that both of these educators are outside of humanity and they have some kind of superior knowledge. They are wise and just," she said.

Roisman's approach may be unorthodox, but her scholarship is not. Study of the classics remains primarily a matter of meticulously dissecting the ancient texts, she says. And that process is the source of many students' success in fields far from the Homeric province. "It teaches them the importance of not skipping steps," Roisman said. "It trains the mind to be precise and thorough."

Classics students take the discipline of their discipline with them into their various careers. Their problem-solving skills make them good managers, diplomats and consultants, Roisman says. Classics students are coveted at law firms, too, because they excel at reading documents with a critical eye, she says. "[Classics] students know how to synthesize; they develop intellectual discrimination. They know how to develop an argument and how to support it."

She makes a good case. ♦

Report: Loose canon or much ado about nothing?

A new study places Colby among 70 top colleges and universities targeted for criticism for the way they teach English.

The report, "The Shakespeare File: What English Majors Are Really Studying," was produced by the National Alumni Forum. According to "The Shakespeare File," only 23 of the 70 colleges and universities surveyed—the 50 best accord-

ing to *U.S. News & World Report*, plus 20 "added for regional balance"—require a Shakespeare course for English majors.

"The remaining 47 schools allow students to graduate with a B.A. in English without studying the language's greatest writer in any kind of depth," the report says.

The NAF study was picked up by a variety of media outlets. The typical story lamented the ouster of Shakespeare for courses in "popular culture" and implied that the Bard's disappearance from lists of required English courses is a recent phenomenon.

The last year that Colby English majors were compelled to take a course in Shakespeare was 1974. Since then, the department has required courses on critical theory and textual analysis, the historical context of literature, period and genre courses including three in literature written in English before 1800 and three after 1800, two advanced courses in English or American literature and a senior seminar.

But it would be almost impossible for an English major not to encounter Shakespeare at Colby, says English Department Chair Cedric Bryant. "Eighty to ninety

percent have taken at least one formal Shakespeare course, either here or abroad in Colby programs in London and Cork," he said. In addition, he said, "Many of us use Shakespeare in the introductory courses, 172 and 272."

According to Registrar George Coleman, of 54 English majors who graduated in 1996, 87 percent took

at least one formal Shakespeare course, 20 percent took two and others had seminars on Shakespeare that would not be listed in the registrar's records as such.

Bryant says he is frustrated with the notion that classes on

Shakespeare and other writers have been supplanted in the curriculum by trendier courses. For one thing, Colby's English Department offers more than a dozen more courses in 1996 than it did 20 years ago; many new classes have been added without replacing older ones.

"The idea that new courses are pushing canonical literature out of the curriculum is nonsense," Bryant said. Colby students are grounded in basic literature—which gives them the tools they need to become critical readers and to study a wide range of writing.

"Responsible people teach African-American literature [for example] as comparative literature, within the context of history and culture, in order to locate writers and their work legitimately," Bryant said. "There is nothing wrong with teaching entire courses on African-American women writers, for instance, but their work has to be read in the larger context of the culture." ♦



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Homer Meets Hollywood

Professor of Classics Hanna Roisman's book *The Odyssey Reformed* (see story, opposite page) was featured in a *New Republic* roundup of recent scholarship on the mythic Greek hero. Essayist Peter Green says the problems the book (written with Frederick Ahl) raises about Odysseus "compel our serious attention." In a *Newsday* article, "Where Homer Met Hollywood," Roisman is quoted comparing *Star Wars* character Luke Skywalker to Achilles and Yoda to Chiron. "Achilles is trained by the centaur, Chiron, who is part horse, part man," she said. "In both cases we have the main training and education of a hero done by someone who is out of the human sphere."

Bedrock Principles

And speaking of Homer—Simpson, that is—Richard "Pete" Moss (history) was quoted about the long-running cartoon series in an *Albany Times Union* story that compared *The Simpsons* to *The Flintstones*. Moss said the show's most significant running theme is its parody of consumption as the route to happiness. "Both Bart and Homer are rendered almost muscleless by the prospect of food or drink or candy or a new car, and when they get what they want it almost always ends badly," Moss told reporter Rob Owen.

Feeding Information

The Boston Globe and *The Halifax* (N.S.) *Daily News* spent time at the bird feeder this winter with Associate Professor of Biology Herb Wilson. Wilson is the author of a study of the impact of feeders on birds. "[T]here's been an explosion of backyard bird feeding," Wilson told the *Globe's* Paul Bush. "It struck me that for many birds in the East, it's unlikely they'd ever go through their lives without experiencing a bird feeder." The *Halifax* paper noted that Wilson's research has found that birds will extend their range if feeders are available. But both papers assured their readers that they shouldn't worry too much about keeping an abundance of food on hand, even in harsh conditions—the birds don't depend on it. "Birds are too smart to rely on a single food source," Wilson said in the *Daily News*.

Figure It Out

Don't try to tell Associate Professor of Economics David Findlay that the balanced budget amendment floating around Washington these days makes sense. In an "Eye on Washington" column for the *Maine Sunday Telegram*, Findlay wrote: "[I]f a balanced budget amendment were in place, policy makers would have to initiate some combination of spending cuts and tax increases to make up for the budget shortfall. In short, a balanced budget amendment would make recessions deeper and, more generally, act to destabilize the economy. It is for this simple reason that economists oppose any rule that requires a balanced budget."



Poetic Justice

Peter Harris connects his craft to his convictions

By Robert Gillespie

"I had to do it," said Peter Harris. Writing a poem's the only way to deal with a fatal auto accident when you're 16.

"Poetry begins in tension," he said. "Robert Frost said it begins with a lump in your throat. A poem can begin in anger but it has to end in understanding, or healthy respect for your own ignorance. It's about redeeming something from loss or conflict or tragedy." It's not a matter of saying great things, says Harris, Colby professor of English and author of *Blue Hallelujahs*, winner of the 1996 Maine Chapbook competition. "Auden said if a writer says, 'I have important things to say'—Harris makes a dismissive gesture. Then he lights up. "But if he says, 'I like hanging around words listening to what they say . . .'"

Peter Harris listens, and he quotes what he hears—poetry, poets, educators, public personalities. "I have soundbytes in my head," he said. "I can remember fragments. It's all that lead paint I ate as a kid."

Lead paint, whatever, Harris is going full tilt in a second. You wonder what intuition or insight he'll come out with. Another quotation? An anecdote, an irony, an intimidating castigation of the state of the world or himself? What will he teach you next?

"Do you know Leonard Cohen? He's so mellow now," Harris said. "He says, 'There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in.'" He smiles and nods his head. Cohen's lines are about consciousness and imperfection and healing, all of them



Peter Harris: "Poetry begins in tension."

close to the heart of Peter Harris.

"That's why it's a joy to teach writing—it's an integrative activity, a coming into consciousness," he said. "Writing's a means of understanding. It's not intellectual understanding. In poetry image is fundamental. You find the gesture that says more than any idea. The idea has to be deeply embedded—because it's more profound than anything you could state. You consciously process your own experience—and redeem it. When you explain what it feels like to be human, there definitely is a redemptive element."

Harris's own poetry ranges through the emotions. In the mirror he sees his face, "a bulging white duffle bag . . . my features/tattooed on a gravity-ravaged fanny." He worries about his unborn children, fearing that "Our home might end up as a ward for quads or quints"

or "the future/might be filled with pale green corridors." He is anguished and outraged about contemporary battlefields, both real and figurative: Desert Storm, part of the secret poisoning of the planet by "the little puff your eyes can't see . . . won't be over for two-hundred-fifty-thousand years." This is a conscience that talks to itself in public. It talks back to a world it knows is messing up.

The force behind the eight sections of Colby's English composition course with a community service component, Harris also challenges students to be aware of that world. Volunteers in the elementary, junior high or high schools as teachers' assistants help in classes or with recreation or after-school enrichment and, through an abundance of reading and writing, reflect on economic inequalities or the

school system in America. The effect of community service, Harris says, is to raise men in moral development (where women rate higher) and women in self-confidence (where men rate higher).

"I'm not redeeming them from selfishness," he said, noting that 200 or 300 Colby students volunteer on a regular basis. "It's not good for people who have been given so much not to do something."

The sardonic part of Harris believes that the faculty generally lags behind in community service because they have "what Northrup Frye called 'the myth of concern.'" But teaching is a helping profession, he says, citing Marian Wright Edelman. "It's a form of service to give something back to the country. Leaving the world and the country better than you found it is worth shooting at."

Making a good poem is, too. Even though you shouldn't think you're doing something for somebody other than yourself, Harris says, being completely engrossed for two hours making something as good as you can make it is a pleasure, and the work is important.

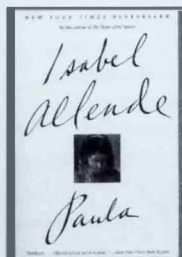
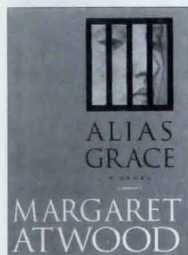
"I shudder at my blind spots and inauthenticities," he said. "But if you're conscious of the things going on in your head, then they have less hold on you. Then you're not as angry—you've got more perspective on life. You become happy. Keep it up long enough," said Harris, preaching what he practices, "joy begins to stick its toe in the door." ♦

Recommended Reading

Each year at the baccalaureate service, President Bill Cotter counsels graduates to take a good book wherever they go. Now, because of the efforts of Trang Nguyen '97 and Associate Dean of Students Rob LaFleur, they will know about a few more good books from which to choose.

Nguyen, with LaFleur's help, compiled a list of favorite books chosen by faculty and staff members. The list will be printed and distributed to the Class of '97 before commencement. It reflects both disciplinary influences and eclectic tastes of faculty and staff, 29 of whom contributed suggestions. Below is an abridged compilation.

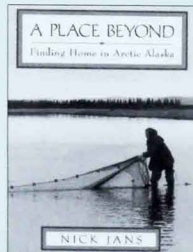
- *The Spirit Level and the Redress of Poetry* by Seamus Heaney (Douglas Archibald, English)
- *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* by Thomas Kuhn (James Fleming; science, technology and society)
- *Divine Comedy* by Dante (Fernando Gouvêa, mathematics and computer science)
- *God is Red* by Vine Deloria (Sandy Grande, education and human development)
- *Galapagos* by Kurt Vonnegut (Paul Greenwood, biology)
- *Fortunata y Jacinta* by Benito Perez Galdos (Meriwynn Grothe, Spanish)
- *Influence* by Robert Cialdini (Bill Klein, psychology)
- *Pig Earth* by John Berger (Mark Leighton, music)
- *Nobel Prize Winning Women in Science* (Julie Millard, chemistry)
- *The Constellations* by James Finney Boylan (Robert Nelson, geology)
- *Alias Grace* by Margaret Atwood (Pat Onion, English)
- *Wilhelm Meister's Apprenticeship* by J.W. von Goethe (Raffael Scheck, history)
- *Giovanni's Room* by James Baldwin (Marc Stein, history)
- *The Social Construction of Reality* by P. Berger and T. Luckmann (Mark Tappan, education and human development)
- *The Interpretation of Dreams* by Sigmund Freud (Larissa Taylor, history)
- *American Visa* by Wang Ping (Pamela Thoma, American studies)
- *World Commission on Environment and Development: Our Common Future* (Tom Tietenberg, economics)
- *Paula* by Isabel Allende (Dace Weiss, French)



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A Place Beyond: Finding Home in Arctic Alaska Nick Jans '77

Alaska Northwest Books



Nick Jans '77's second book of essays, *A Place Beyond: Finding Home in Arctic Alaska*, solidifies his place as an insightful commentator on the Alaskan north. Twenty-eight short narratives and some stunning black and white photos depict Jans's adventures in the Brooks Range mountains, the changing lives of the native Inupiat people among whom he

lives, the hardships of Arctic winter and the wonder of encounters with caribou, bountiful fish, Arctic wolves and grizzly bears.

A Place Beyond, even more than his first book, *The Last Light Breaking* (1993), is unsentimental about the last American frontier. Jans describes frankly his own preference for jet-boats over canoes and his first reaction on seeing Atlantic Richfield's facilities on the North Slope. The sudden appearance of man-made clutter strewn wide across the wilderness startled him. "But Prudhoe is the largest oil field in North America, and it looks like what it is," he writes.

In his preface, Jans tell about his friend Clarence Wood, an Inupiat elder, encountering thousands of caribou and repeating a single word, "lots." "The longer I live here and write, the more I find myself following Clarence's cue—turning to simpler words and fewer of them," Jans says. *A Place Beyond* succeeds with spare prose and vivid images from one of the few residents who writes well about living in the Arctic.

The Trick of Singularity: Twelfth Night and the Performance Editions

Laurie Osborne (English)

University of Iowa Press

Straddling textual criticism and theater history, Osborne's book discusses how Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* can be understood through various interpretations, from early stage productions to contemporary videos.

Osborne contends that *Twelfth Night* and, by extension, any play, exists not as an original but as a synthesis of its editions. She points out how inconsistencies in early performance editions suggest that there is no "original" *Twelfth Night*, but that a series of competing variations, considered collectively, form the basis for scholarly criticism.

Debate about the origins of *Twelfth Night* and its historical place in Shakespeare's work, Osborne says, is further evidence of the "multiplicity of the text."

Uncertainty about differences in the early performance editions has contributed to the acceptance of multiple versions and an unwillingness by critics to disregard one over the other, she says.

Not Your Typical Sideline

Illness benched Jessica Stitt '00 and netted Waterville High a great coach

By Marc Glass

Moments before the Waterville High School freshman girls basketball team took the court on February 18 to face Morse High School, a parent bearing a corsage ran up to Jessica Stitt '00, a 6-foot, 3-inch, 19-year-old from Amherst, N.H. "It's a tradition that the coach gets flowers for the last home game," the parent said as a slightly embarrassed Stitt pinned the arrangement to her sweater next to a button made by the team that read, "We love you, Coach!"

When she came to Colby, Stitt, who captained a state champion girls basketball team at Souhegan (N.H.) High School, declined a chance to play intercollegiate ball because she has a form of muscular dystrophy. But she couldn't stay away from the game she loves. When she saw the coaching position at Waterville High advertised in the local newspaper last fall, she applied, despite having no experience in coaching. She was hired and by season's end was adored by both her players and their grateful parents.

"I've learned so much about basketball, and I've grown so much as a person all because of you," wrote one player in a card tucked inside a gift bag full of Sunburst and Jolly Ranchers candy.

Stitt was more than a coach. When a player's Spanish grade began to slip, Stitt held tutoring sessions in her room in Foss. She drove players to and from prac-



Jessica Stitt surrounded herself with grateful players.

tices and games, listened to their boy troubles, acted like a big sister. The team raided her closet for shirts and sweaters and then wore them as good-luck talismans on the day of a big game. Stephen and Susan Stitt, biological parents of the coach and adoptive parents of the team, twice made the three-hour drive from Amherst, N.H., to sponsor team dinners at Pizza Hut.

For Stitt, who says the experience reinforced her desire to become a teacher, the chance to stay involved with basketball brought unexpected fulfillment. "When I first came to school, I kind of lost my sense of immediate family," she said. "The team became my family away from

home. When I told my mother how much I was enjoying the work, she said, 'You are what they needed, and they are exactly what you needed.'"

Though Waterville defeated Morse to close out a winning season, the joy was short-lived on that afternoon in February. Players sobbed, clutched each other and their coach and admonished each other not to lose touch.

"It's not behind me at all," said Stitt, who currently is being lobbied by her players to start an A.A.U. team this spring and to apply for the junior varsity coaching position next year. "I'm going to get the spring schedule so I can attend their softball games and track meets."

A letter given to Stitt by a parent following the season-ending Morse game speaks to the level of respect the Colby first-year student earned. "I felt like you were a breath of fresh air for these girls," the letter said. "Not once did I see any crying, never did one player belittle another who was not quite as skilled, never did I see you yell or shame a player that might not have carried out the play you intended. Never once did you blame a loss on referee calls. You accepted a loss gracefully, and you were a shining example for these kids. Thank you!"

"I didn't realize I had done so much," said Stitt after reading the letter. "I've never been so proud of myself." ♦

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Twenty-seven
straight.

That's how many years at least one Colby student has earned a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship for overseas research. This year's winner is Zahid Chaudhary '97 of Manchester, Conn., who will spend a year in the United Kingdom examining the influence of literature, film and theatre on the national identity of Scotland.

Bidding For Help

When a recent statistical report ranked Maine 49th in the nation in the percentage of high school students going on to college, Adam Elboim '97 (Needham, Mass.), an economics and government double-major, saw a need for more financial aid. With the help of Associate Dean of Students Robert LaFleur, Elboim is organizing a silent art auction this month, the proceeds to establish a scholarship fund. The recipient will be an academically worthy Waterville High School student who shows financial need. Why a Waterville student? "We live here," he said. "It would be good to give back to the community."

Elboim, who is head resident of Butler residence hall in East Quad, wanted to find a "tradition-oriented thing East Quad could do" for a community service project. He came up with the idea of the silent art auction and received the support of the Campus Community Committee, the Photography Club and the Art Department. Colby students, faculty and staff were solicited to donate art, crafts, photography and other personal work or pieces they have acquired. By mid-March, Elboim had received a baby quilt made by Assistant Professor of Biochemistry Julie Millard, ties donated by Associate Dean of Students Paul Johnston and several paintings, photographs and pieces of artwork from students, including hand-knit hats and a collection of poetry. Elboim hopes the auction not only benefits the scholarship recipient but gives Colby artists more exposure. "There are a lot of people here who are really talented, and [selling their work] is a good way to generate money," he said.

Elboim is meeting with Waterville High School guidance counselors and Colby administrators to set up the fund and select a recipient.

Elboim would like the art auction to become an annual event, he says, because the College needs more ways to build connections between the campus and Waterville. "My hope for the auction is that it generates enough good feeling between the Colby and Waterville communities that we can hope to work together more in the future," he said. "I know how much Waterville does for Colby students, and this is my way of thanking the residents." ♦



Tickets for the Jewel concert were precious.

Finding A Gem

Last spring, when Student Activities began to consider asking recording artist Jewel to play for a February concert this year, she was a rising but still relatively little-known act who was being compared to singer Joan Osborne, and her fee was \$8,000. When Jewel was signed in early January, the cost had risen to \$30,000. By the time the concert date arrived, she had garnered an American Music Award, appeared at the Grammy Awards and had her top-10 album "Pieces of You" go double platinum with two million copies sold. "I heard recently

that her price just doubled," said Ben Jorgensen '92, director of student activities.

Landing big-name acts for Colby concerts is not always financially possible, Jorgensen says, but luring bands that are "ready to break out" has been a Colby tradition. In 1991, the College hired a then obscure group called Spin Doctors for \$2,500. The band soon had a hit album and lots of MTV play and was commanding \$100,000 a show. A year before that, Phish, a band that now is one of the most popular college acts in the country, came to Colby for the paltry sum of \$3,000.

graffiti

Cabin Vandalized

A cabin constructed by members of the woodsmen's team was vandalized in early March, according to a report in *The Colby Echo*. The partially finished cabin, located about 150 feet behind the team's practice area on campus, was spray painted with obscenities and a small fire was set.

Team members had been working on the cabin for more than two years when the incident occurred, and they vowed to clean it up and complete its construction. "I don't think it was an attack on the woodsmen's team, I think it was an act of stupidity," co-captain Frank Struwe '99, told the *Echo*.

McClain Moves On



Joey McClain, manager of Foss dining hall and a friend to many students, has left Mayflower Hill for a job at Southern Vermont College in Bennington, according to the *Echo*.

McClain told the *Echo* that after nine years at Colby, "I feel like an alumnus. Colby is a part of me."

A guitarist, he was well known as a performer at the Mary Low Coffeehouse and for his rapport

with students. He recalled a night when he was stranded on campus during a snowstorm—his home was in Hallowell, 30 miles away—and he spent the night in the dining hall. Several students brought him blankets, pillows and mattresses to make his stay more comfortable, then joined him in an impromptu sing-along. "It was wonderful," he said. "It was the true community of Colby."

"The students really drive the [selection] process," Jorgensen said. "They have broad enough musical tastes that they have a good intuitive sense of what's coming up. And we have a very good agent in Boston."

The Jewel concert sold out in a few days. On the day of the show, patrons queued up hours ahead of time, creating a line that snaked from the Wadsworth Gymnasium entrance down the sidewalk and across the athletic center parking lot all the way to North Street.

The Indigo Girls appeared at the College on April 13. That show also sold out quickly, Jorgensen said. ♦

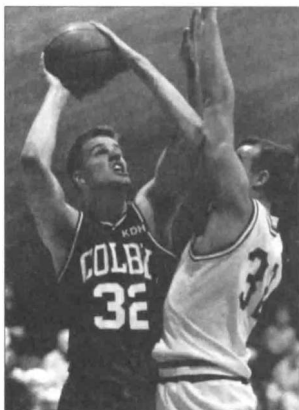


Exceedingly Good

Defying expectations, Colby's basketball teams won and won

Although most men's basketball teams would consider 20 wins a historic season, at Colby it has practically become the standard. Last season's dip to 16-11 and the loss of All-American David Stephens '96 to graduation might have signaled that Colby fans should lower their sights a bit. No need. Led by a corps of unseasoned but talented upperclassmen, the Mules returned to prominence, compiling a 20-5 record and a top-10 national ranking.

John Hebert, a senior from Van Buren, Maine, was the only returning player with any significant experience, and he needed someone to help take charge. Enter Andrew Black, a 6-foot, 8-inch senior center from Lincoln, Mass., who was named a First-Team All-Star in NESCAC and Player of the Year by the Maine Coaches and Writers Association. With Black scoring inside—he averaged 18.4 points and 10.4 rebounds per game—and Hebert hitting three-pointers from outside, the Mules surprised several early season opponents and kept right on winning.



Andrew Black '97

"Andy Black enjoyed a fantastic senior year in which he led by example, met the challenge of every man he faced and excelled under pressure," said head coach Dick Whitmore, who was named Coach of the Year for the fifth time by the Maine Coaches and Writers Association. "John Hebert was outstanding, and we received strong performances from Lucas Penney and Dave McLaughlin as starters and Chad Higgins and Mark McInnis in reserve. Whenever you are fortunate to have a large group of seniors, the results are usually very positive."

The Mules spent a week atop the New England Division III rankings and were rated as high as eighth nationally. Though they lost games at Tufts and Bates late in the season, the team capped the schedule by defeating Bowdoin for a third time and garnering an NCAA playoff berth. Seeded fifth among the elite eight, Colby traveled to Amherst, where they lost 83-60.

Hebert, who was named a New England Division III All-Star and won the AT&T Long Distance Award for the highest three-point shooting percentage among all Division III players, collected his 1,000th career point in the quarterfinal game.

Next season, with Black and Hebert gone and Paul Conway, a junior from Manchester, N.H., the lone returning starter, Whitmore again will be looking for younger players to step into leading roles. Mules opponents probably won't underestimate his ability to find them.—Pat McBride '97

Coming off of a 7-17 record last year and laden with newcomers, the women's basketball team wasn't burdened with high expectations at the start of the 1996-97 season. But a top-10 New England ranking midway through the year raised some eyebrows. Opponents' scouts became a familiar sight among the noticeably bigger crowds in Wadsworth Gymnasium, and even a hard-boiled *Echo* sportswriter proclaimed, "This Team Is Good."

Second-year head coach Tricia O'Brien, who was voted Coach of the Year by the New England Women's Basketball Association (NEWBA), guided the Mules to a 19-7 record and the top seed in the ECAC Division III tournament. Middlebury defeated Colby, 72-65, in the semifinals, but for a program that hadn't been to the playoffs since 1991, there was a lot to celebrate.

"The victories were that much sweeter," said co-captain Lynn Kenoyer, a senior from Augusta, Maine, who was named to the NEWBA All-Star team. "The first-year students may not know how frustrating it was [in previous seasons], but it's nice to know that because of Coach's recruiting, the program will flourish after I've graduated."

Erin Cole-Karagory, a first-year student from Caribou, Maine, was part of the infusion of new talent. The starting forward averaged 18.1 points per game, was voted Rookie of the Year by both the Maine Women's Basketball Coaches Association and New England Women's Basketball Association and was NESCAC Freshman Player of the Year. She says she's glad she passed over Division I programs, including Boston College and UNH, for the success and friendships awaiting her at Colby.

"From the moment the first-years started working with the team at captain's practices, the seniors made us feel welcome," she said. "We were a tight team on and off the court. People would see us in the dining halls or around campus and say, 'Uh-oh, here comes C.W.B.'"

O'Brien, an All-American who played on a national champion team at Salem State College, enjoys the new respect for Colby women's basketball. "It felt good to hear other coaches say things like 'I love watching your kids play,'" said O'Brien, who will lose only two starting players to graduation. "One of the questions prospective players frequently ask concerns our seating capacity and average attendance. I'll be much happier answering that question in the next recruiting cycle."—Marc Glass



Lynn Kenoyer '97

So Long, Swisher

Alumni, community members and friends of Colby basketball honored John "Swisher" Mitchell on April 12 for his many years as a basketball coach in central Maine and at Colby.

Mitchell, one of four basketball-playing brothers (including former Sen. George Mitchell), was a member of Waterville High School's legendary team of 1944 that won the New England championship. He was head coach of Colby's freshman and junior varsity teams for more than 20 years and later served as volunteer assistant coach of the varsity team.

"The dinner was a chance to honor a person who's given a tremendous amount to Colby over the past 30 years and to basketball in Maine for more than 50 years," said Colby men's basketball coach Dick Whitmore.

Men's Hockey Ends ECAC Drought

A return trip to the NCAA Division III championships, a pre-season goal of the men's ice hockey team, didn't materialize, but Colbyfans couldn't have been more proud of what the Mules delivered—the first ECAC championship since the 1965-66 season, clinched with a 3-2 win over Bowdoin. Even though the team was only 4-4 after its first eight games, the championship came as no surprise to sophomore goalie Jason Cherella (Onset, Mass.), whose 27 saves in the final game earned him tournament MVP honors. "Everybody on the team knew we could do it," he said. "It was a matter of everyone coming together at the same time."

First-period goals by senior Todd McGovern (Toms River,

N.J.) and sophomore Terry Flynn (Scituate, Mass.) put Colby ahead after Bowdoin's early 1-0 lead. Midway through the third period, senior defenseman Bob Doak (Wayzata, Minn.), who had only two goals during the regular season, went the length of the ice and beat two Bowdoin defenders to score the game-winning goal.

Other highlights of the 19-7-1 season included a 5-4 victory at Bowdoin—the Mules' first win in Dayton Arena since 1968. And senior Dan Laverne (Bellingham, Mass.) joined the best Division I, II and III players on the ECAC Hockey East All-Star team. Laverne also was selected to play in the ECAC-East Division III All-Star game along with Doak and senior Nick Lamia (St. Louis, Mo.).

still kicking

Todd Coffin '83, the nation's best Division III steeplechase runner in 1983 and the New England Division III cross country champion in 1982, still runs and still wins. Last year, he celebrated the nation's birthday by winning the Freeport (Maine) Fourth of July 10k. An hour later, Coffin celebrated his son Alex's second birthday by strapping him in a baby jogger and pushing him to victory in a hometown race, the Bath 5-miler.

Coffin, who in 1989 was ranked 48th among the nation's marathoners, earned a master's degree in geology from Purdue University in 1986 and worked for geology consulting firms in Houston and Cambridge before returning to Maine in 1989. He's now a senior environmental geologist for Jacques Whirford Inc., an environmental consulting firm in Freeport.

sports shorts

The **women's ice hockey** team advanced to the ECAC playoffs, losing in the first round to Brown University, 9-1. Forward **Barb Gordon '97** (Glendale, Calif.), who finished her career as Colby's all-time points leader with 110 goals and 112 assists, had her No. 24 jersey retired in a postseason ceremony. Forward **Meaghan Sittler '98** (East Amherst, N.Y.) was named to the first team All-ECAC for the second consecutive year. . . . The women's **nordic**



Barb Gordon '97

ski team finished eighth overall and the men's team was ninth at the EISA Championships. . . . The **alpine ski** team finished ninth overall at the EISA Championships. **Brian Hanseth '00** (Lake Oswego, Ore.) became the first-ever Colby skier to qualify in the downhill and super-G for the U.S. National Alpine Championships. The women's team finished eighth overall at the Eastern Alpine Collegiate Championships. . . . The **women's swim** team placed eighth in a 32-team field at the New England Championships. **Morgan Filler '97** (North Potomac, Md.) earned All-New England honors and a trip to the nationals for her third-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle. . . . The **men's swim** team finished eighth out of a field of 26 at the New England Championships. **Peter Bowden '98** (Guiderland, N.Y.) won the 100-yard backstroke title in a time of 53.47, and **Geoff Herrick '98** (Topsfield, Mass.) claimed the 200-yard butterfly title in a time of 1:53.65. They are the first men's swimmers from Colby since 1975 to win events at the New England's. Head Coach **Sura DuBow '92** was voted Men's Swimming Coach of the Year by the 26 coaches of the New England Division II and III swim teams. She is the first woman to win the honor since the league began the annual vote in 1979. . . . The **women's track and field** team

boasted two All-Americans in **Kara Patterson '97** (Falmouth, Maine) and **Cindy Pomerleau '97** (Bowdoinham, Maine). Patterson finished sixth at the NCAA Championships in the 5,000 meters with a time of 17:33, and Pomerleau was sixth with a personal-best throw of 42 feet, 11 inches. Earlier in the season, Pomerleau broke the ECAC pentathlon scoring record with 3,336 points, and Patterson became the first Colby athlete to win an event at the Open New England Championships, clocking a 17:39 finish in the 5,000 meters. . . . The **men's track and field** team placed 13th at the New England Division III Championships. **Adam Westaway '00** (Andover, Mass.), who finished second in the triple jump with a mark of 44 feet, 4 inches, and **Emmanuel Thomann '00** (Prospect Harbor, Maine), who ran a 50.64 in the 400 meters to take second place, won All-New England honors. . . . The **women's squash** team finished its season with a No. 14 ranking in the country. **Sonia Totten '98** (Tokyo, Japan), **Sarah Molly '97** (Jakarta, Indonesia), **Laura Pitarys '00** (Weston, Mass.) and **Lindsay Hayes '99** (Darien, Conn.) qualified for nationals.



Worthy of Superlatives

Innovative 'super scholarships' benefit four students each year

By Kevin Cool

Simply super. That's how Colby's most recent infusion of financial aid funds is being characterized.

The superlatives began when an anonymous donor, who already had given a \$300,000 financial aid scholarship, decided to increase his commitment to \$1.2 million and establish a "super scholarship" as part of a renewed push to make Colby affordable to any deserving student who wishes to attend. "We had been hoping we could talk to him again before the end of the Campaign," said Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Randy Helm, "but he called us before we had a chance."

The concept of the super scholarship is a Colby innovation. It was created, says Helm, in an attempt to emulate the College's success in attracting endowed faculty chairs. "We need

to have the same kind of progress in financial aid that we've had in endowed chairs," Helm said. "Super scholarships are equal in cost and prestige to endowed chairs."

"What is super about a super scholarship is that it is sufficient when fully funded to provide an average grant to one student in each of the four classes every year," Helm said. Last year an average grant would have provided \$14,000.

Lucia Whittelsey, director of financial aid, said the super scholarships are particularly valuable because they recognize the "true need" of today's students. "The average grant is a whole lot more than it was just five or ten years ago," she said. "The idea of having enough income to cover an average grant is very forward thinking."

The anonymous donor presented his gift as a challenge,

hoping to lead the way to a total of four super scholarships by the end of The Campaign For Colby, Helm says. "This donor has a passion for financial aid. Always has. This is his way of demonstrating his commitment to that cause and inspiring others to do the same," Helm said.

Before the college even had a chance to publicize the challenge adequately, the second super scholarship had been pledged by William '57 and Judith Proppett Timken '57, according to Helm. "I barely had a chance to mention the challenge before Bill and Judy let me know that they already felt as strongly about the importance of endowed financial aid as the anonymous donor. They simply bowled me over with their eagerness to help" he said.

Judith Timken said the decision to provide money for scholarships was based on logic. "Without financial aid schools can't compete," she said. "Without qualified students schools lose prestige. It doesn't matter how good your faculty is if the students can't do the work. Colleges need financial aid to attract those top students."

She recalls that as a student in



William '57 and Judith Proppett Timken '57.

the late '50s "you could almost make enough in one summer to pay for the next year's tuition. Obviously that is no longer the case."

"We've seen what Colby can do for young people; it did a great deal for us," said Bill Timken.

The Timkens are returning this summer for their 40th class reunion. It will be the first time Bill has been on campus since graduation. "Over the years, even though I've never been back, I've been able to see what Colby has done for a lot of lives. This is a chance for us to help some young people who otherwise wouldn't have access [to Colby]," he said. ♦

Museum Gift

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations has contributed \$150,000 toward the construction of a new wing at the Colby Museum of Art in response to a \$1-million two-for-one challenge from an anonymous donor.

The Florida-based Foundations, which in 1991 awarded Colby \$100,000 toward the renovation of the Bixler Art and Music Library, ties their gifts to specific projects deemed important by the recipient's leaders, according to Assistant Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations Linda Goldstein. "The Foundations' proposals are rigorous, demanding much data to confirm the quality of the institution and its programs. Once they are convinced of the excellence of a school and its leadership, they will then consider requests based on the president's priority," she said.

The 9,700-square-foot wing will house exhibitions featuring works from the museum's permanent collection. In addition to paying for construction, the \$3-million fund-raising project includes money for support of student assistants, traveling exhibitions and conservation, and endowment to provide a full-time security guard.

Helm Gets Service Award

Randy Helm, vice president for development and alumni relations, received the Carol and Stephen Hebert Award from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) for his "distinguished service" and "extraordinary devotion" to the organization.

Helm has served as chair of District I and chair of the nomi-

nations committee, and he has been a frequent organizer of and presenter at CASE conferences.

"Randy is not the type to just show up; he leads, performs, contributes and leaves his mark with a special style and grace that is at the same time understated but rich in content and empowerment to others," said Helm's citation. ♦



Early Years Correspondent

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Percy "Pacy" Levine '27, a man known to the last 100 years' worth of Colby students, professors, staff and friends, died at the age of 91. For most of his years, Pacy divided his life into five parts: family, clothing store, church, philanthropy and Colby (sports particularly). He and his surviving brother, Lewis "Ludy" Levine '21, were College benefactors for many years. In the words of President William Cotter: "We will miss him greatly." ... Basil B. Ames '23 died September 19, 1996, in Skowhegan, Maine. As a lifelong resident of Norridgewock and an attorney for more than 60 years, he was prominent in the region as well as in national affairs. While at Colby he was active in public speaking and took part in the Murray Prize Debate and the Hollowell Prize speaking contest. ... Rev. Carroll D. Tripp '26, an American Baptist minister living in Burlington, Vt., died on June 1, 1996, at the age of 92. He served as pastor to churches in Maine, Vermont and New Jersey. ... A problem for which I am seeking the solution is that of the mislaid letter. At the least, it is not fair to the writer—or to all you readers who might like to share the news. I just unearthed a letter (dated May 23, 1996!) from Melva Mann Farnum '23. She complains that the death on Nov. 28, 1995, of her sister, Arline Mann Peakes '27, was not reported in Colby magazine. Neither was the passing of Mildred Todd Weir '24, who died in October 1995. Mrs. Farnum notified the College promptly in both cases. On calling Mrs. Farnum up in Portland, Maine, to apologize for my unique filing system, I found that the next day (February 8, 1997) was to be her 96th birthday. We had a delightful chat. All of her children are now retired, and she keeps track of a small army of descendants, culminating with 18 great-grandchildren. ... A clipping, from a mid-Maine newspaper, tells of a \$300,000 gift by M.D. Clarence McLaughlin '26, in Gardiner, Maine, to an Alzheimer's care center in his area. (Half of those over 85 are afflicted by the disease.) Dr. McLaughlin was a general practitioner for 30 years before his retirement in 1966. In the 1970s he was president of the Gardiner Savings Institution. His winter home is in Sarasota, Fla., where he is active in golf and yachting. ... The Very Reverend Harold Lemoine '32 still lives in Honolulu although he visits, preaches and does administrative work all over the world: California, Ohio, Long Island, England. He was 88 on Nov. 19, 1996. ... Donald '33 and Dorothy Gould Rhoades '36 sent me a single-spaced, two-page Christmas letter, which in reality is an infinitely detailed travelogue sweeping from the crunching icebergs of Alaska to the

therapeutic breezes of Newton Centre, Mass. At many places along the way, relatives lay waiting to smother the Rhoadeses with warmth and cheer. ... I hold here in my hand a charming letter from a minister's wife and Colby graduate who asks that her name not appear in this column! While revealing no clues as to her identity, I will state that her roommates were, variously, Jean Congdon Deneke '40, Margaret Johnson Kenoyer '40 and Frances Gray '40. At her 50th reunion, on campus, she met Kitty Coffin Mills '39 and Nannabelle Gray Carter '40. She praises me for having the gall to follow Marjorie Gould Shuman '37 in this job. Says this mystery writer, "Marjorie and her roommate Betty Wilkinson Ryan '37 were an unusual pair." (I'll drink to that.) ... Martha Burrill Nelson '38 died on June 4, 1996, at Mercy Hospital in Portland, Maine. She was a lifelong resident of Winslow, Maine, and worked as a secretary for the Hollingsworth & Whitney Paper Company and the A.P. Wyman Construction Company. ... Ed Hooper '38 says the best decision he ever made was to go to Colby even though money was very scarce and he was being helped by his widowed mother. Age hinders Ed from appearing as a player at Wimbledon, and you can tell how he feels about politicians because there is a scorched hole where he wrote his opinion. He adds, "Breckenridge and Chapman are two of the greatest you will find on any college campus." ... Once a year, the Elijah Parish Lovejoy Award is given to a journalist who best exemplifies the life and work of Lovejoy, a Maine native who was murdered in Alton, Ill., in 1837 in defense of freedom of the press. The award was suggested in 1951 by Dwight Sargent '39, who attends each year's presentation at Colby. Clippings from Dwight's hometown paper, the Pelham (N.Y.) Weekly, and an unidentified publication fill in the details of the Lovejoy Convocation and Dwight's important role in the proceedings. ... In a July 1996 issue of *Down East* magazine, readers are challenged to identify a lighthouse in a photograph. The caption for the photo is: "Where in Maine?" In an August letter to the editor, Nathaniel Gupitl '39 responds: "I don't know where it is. But I can tell you where it isn't." And he does. All this by way of a clipping included in a lovely note (she never writes any other kind) from Violet Hamilton Christensen '39. ... Emanuel Fruman '42 reports on some catastrophic weather in his parts (Wilkes Barre, Pa.). In a 30-day period they had 48 inches of snow, three inches of rain and tremendous snow melt in the mountains due to 60-degree weather resulting in severe flooding. Manny, his wife and 100,000 others in the area were evacuated from their homes one evening from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Damage: \$350,000,000. Manny's letter, from which the preceding was extracted, was postmarked Feb. 23, 1996. You never know what's under the pile on your desk, and yes, Manny, I'm sorry to be so late. ... You can take pills or read a letter from Vivian Max-

well Brown '44. Vivian's letter, filled with news and sunlight, will do you more good. She is now the exclusive and official correspondent for the Class of 1944 after Sue Conant Cook '75, director of alumni relations, asked her to do so. (Sue wrote similarly to me, except my cutoff date is 1940. At age 80, celebrated January 14, 1997, I am no longer of average age for my group but one of the youngest. The almost 60-plus gang can now marvel at my youth and vigor.) In her January Class of '44 letter, Vivian reports that C.F. Hathaway (shirts) and Harris Bakery in Waterville are still in business. I, born and raised in Waterville, had heard otherwise and was saddened by the news. I used to unload loaves of bread from the ovens at Harris Bakery during high school and sold Hathaway shirts during the war. I was cheered no end to hear that Hathaway is still going and that Harris is back in business. Vivian and I lived only houses away in our youth in Waterville.

—Fletcher Eaton

43 The magazine editor has invited our class to have its own column in each issue of the magazine. Is there a classmate who would be interested in serving as class correspondent? Please contact Demetra Giatas '88 in the alumni office at 207-872-3190.

44 The news that the classes from 1940 through 1949 will have their own columns in Colby magazine was greeted with enthusiasm. However, Fletcher Eaton should be praised for the fantastic job he has done and is still doing as coordinator for the older classes. A very special thank-you from me, Fletcher, and I hope you are feeling better. ... Nancy Pattison McCarthy writes from Carlisle, Pa., that she was pleasantly surprised to learn that John Wood's son is practicing medicine in Carlisle. She added that when she registered for our 50th reunion, the gal at the desk exclaimed, "Oh, my granddaughter was in that class!" ... Nancy Bell Martin is still living in Kermit, Texas, and still doing a great deal of traveling. Because of her cholesterol problems, she walks or rollerblades an hour a day, does floor exercises, climbs stairs and eats very little fat or fried foods. She continued, "I don't have the stamina I used to have, and that's aggravating. I guess I get being a tomboy from my dad. He was out flying kites when he was 85, just before he died." ... Priscilla Keating Swanson writes from Wilmington, Del., that she and her husband were in Maine in July but had guests, so were unable to contact Fred '43 and JoJo Pitts McAlary, much to her dismay. ... Tacy Hood Finney is enjoying her new apartment in Brighton Apartments, St. Johnsbury, Vt. She is still in a walker—she has a fused right leg—but able to manage her own affairs, with help in cleaning and driving on errands. Her daughters, Melissa and Cindy, with their husbands and families were to be with her at Christmas. Cindy is coordinator of emotion-

ally disturbed day people at St. Johnsbury Mental Health and is working part time on her master's. Melissa is executive director of the Tri-County Area for the Blind in Harrisburg, Pa. Tacy is the proud grandmother of three granddaughters. . . . Freda Staples Smith is still living in Waterville, her hometown. She is very busy with her tole work and is very active in the Tole in Maine chapter. They have national teachers come for seminars and put on a tole festival in the fall at the Augusta Armory. Freda's son, Scott, teaches music at Ohio State and plays in symphonies and brass quartets. He is also on the faculty at New England Music Camp for eight weeks in the summer. Her daughter and husband have two grown children: Eric is a junior at the University of Detroit and Lauren is a sophomore at Rockland High School, where her father is a teacher. All of them spent Christmas with Freda. . . . Fred and Jojo Pitts McAlary spent Thanksgiving with the whole McAlary family at the home of their son in North Andover, Mass. Fred Jr. is assistant district attorney and prosecuting attorney for Essex County, Mass., with offices in Salem, Mass. They spent Christmas more quietly at home in Rockport, Maine, with a neighbor for a guest. Last September they visited me in Corning, N.Y., and we had a lovely reunion. . . . Our prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to Helen Watson Boldi on the unexpected death of her husband, Louis, on November 28 in Hartford, Conn. Helen's address is 62 Prospect St., East Hartford CT 06108-1649.

—Vivian Maxwell Brown

45 First of all, many, many thanks to the Colby staff for hearing our appeals to them to introduce an individual class column for more of the Fifty-Plus years. I'm sure it's been no easy task to expand coverage while holding a tight rein on the magazine's size. . . . This start-up column gets underway without the lead time needed to solicit '45ers news. However, there should be ample time for me to obtain news to include in the August issue. So you can guess what's coming next: a special plea to you to take just a few minutes to fill in a questionnaire when you receive one so that we can all keep up with each other and know what's happening. The information you supplied in the 50th reunion book may well serve as good background for updates. . . . Here in New York I'm lucky to have Joan Gay Kent and Helen Strauss to enjoy outings with. And Rae Gale Backer '44, who's planning a trip to Australia and New Zealand this spring, came down last fall from Newton Centre for a little visit with me. . . . About the time you read this issue of Colby, I'll be deep into preparations for a June barge trip in

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France (the Loire Valley and all those swell castles) with Muriel Marker Gould. Then I'm going with her to her home in Florence, Italy, for a week. Muriel also has a house about three blocks from me here in N.Y.C., and we get together when she comes to the States once or twice a year. One of her daughters, an M.D., lives in New York with her M.D. husband and their baby. Another daughter, also married and a mom, lives in Milan. . . . Anyone else coming to New York? My phone number's 212-929-5277, which I'm giving here because I'd love to have you call, and you won't find my number in the phone book.

—Naomi Collett Paganelli

47 Because this winter has brought in the most responses to my request for column news, we'll all have a chance to bone up on classmates' activities before June. . . . Francis Ward is a retired small-business owner and reports seeing Charlie '48 and Libby Hall Cousins '48 and Harry '48 and Peg Horsch Lightbody '48 during the winter in Florida. Fran is married and has a daughter who graduated from UNH and two grandchildren there now. . . . Still living in Beijing and planning a vacation in Thailand are Dana and Harriet Nourse Robinson. She says he works a day and a half a day (!) and plays tennis weekends while she teaches English to their hotel staff, serves on the board of International Newcomers Network and does crafts. They recently had a visit from Tom Burke. . . . Lester Soule spends winters in North Carolina, where his neighbors are Dick and Marge Collins Marcyes. Activities include golf, tennis, biking and repairs on a 205-year-old home. Les and his wife have two daughters and three grandchildren. . . . Carl Wright lives in Skowhegan, where

he is a trial attorney. I doubt if anyone can hear his record of attending all but one Bowdoin-Colby football game since 1950. He still plays golf, spends considerable time with his grandsons and has constructed three Little League ballfields in town. He serves on the board of trustees at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield. . . . Alice Billington Rexsees Shirley Lloyd Thorne occasionally and lived until recently near Stan and Ellie Farnham Frolio in S. Dartmouth, Mass. She is widowed, but she and her husband, Don, raised six children. She now has five grandchildren. . . . A five-week trip to New Zealand was Louise Kelley Rochester's 70th birthday gift from her six children, who are all married and have families of their own. She has 10 grandchildren, and husband Nat, a retired IBM engineer, has five. She says they are busier than ever, visiting friends and family and playing tennis. . . . After years of working for the N.Y. State Library in Albany, Jane Rollins now volunteers

there one day a week. . . . Sylvia Gray Noyes reports on having time for reading (at last!), church work, traveling and writing. She has stayed in touch with Dorie Meyer Hawkes, Carolyn Armitage Bouton '46 and Jean Rhodenizer Fontaine '46. One of her four daughters is married to a Colby grad and another to Jeff Earickson on the Colby staff. . . . David Weber is director emeritus of Stanford University libraries. His oldest son must have inherited his love for books, for he runs a firm carrying antiquarian books, especially on science, medicine and technology. David continues to write, publish and volunteer and recently won a 5K road race for men over 60. He and his wife recently vacationed in Scotland. . . . Richard Sampson is involved in various aspects of political activity such as poll-working, candidate petitions, rallies, etc. He continues to be involved in church, support of Public TV, concerts, visits with family and Elderhostels, the last one in Lake Geneva studying Mozart, old-time radio and astronomy. . . . Tossie Campbell Kozen reports that a good three-day program is planned for June 5-8, and Dorie is busy assembling our reunion book. I hope you'll all be there to receive your copy in person.

—Mary Hall Fitch

48 We heard from Janet Gay Hawkins in Shelter Island, N.Y. Her husband, Harman, has retired but is still active in international yachting events, her older son, Chris, is breeding Scots Highland cattle in northern New Hampshire, and Janet received a kayak for a "significant birthday" (I had one of those last October). Three years ago they sold their sailboat and do not miss it at all. Now they enjoy OPB, "Other

People's Boats." Janet says, "Same old me—plus a few pounds." . . . Phyllis O'Connell Murray wrote from Kure Beach, N.C., a North Carolina seaside community hit by two hurricanes last year with minimal damage. She taught K-3 for many years in Vermont but has been retired for the past six years. She has a daughter, two sons and two grandchildren. She's planning to come to our 50th. . . . Betty Damon Marsh wrote from Vero Beach, Fla. Both she and her husband, Fred, are retired and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with all 18 family members at Lake Morey Inn, Fairlee, Vt. She says life is great with summers on Cape Cod and winters in Florida. . . . Murial Howard Deacon and husband John D. Jr. retired and moved to New London, N.H., and love it. She provided us with a litany of the family's seven Colby graduates—all are married. They have eight grandchildren, all living in New England. . . . Gene Hunter retired in 1983 and now coaches his grandson's eighth grade basketball team, but he did not provide us with their won/loss record. He has seven children (all college graduates) and 16 grandchildren. . . . Elizabeth Coombs Corke Meyers and her husband, Charles, have some impressive family statistics. For her, three children and eight grandchildren. For him, six children and 13 grandchildren. She says she spent a wonderful month in Europe in October visiting Switzerland, Italy, Spain and London, where she met her girlhood pen pal and her husband from Norway. She has seen them a few times since "finding Julie again in 1987." . . . Gordon Miller said that his wife, Jane, retired at the beginning of 1996. Now they have more time to travel together and do Elderhostels, Windjammers in the Caribbean, etc. Gordon exercises by doing aerobics and pushing weights on Nautilus and other machines. He says he still plays some golf but his handicap continues to rise. He serves on four boards and tries to do his share since they are mostly nonprofit. He hopes our 50th is well attended, and so do we. . . . Jack Kimpel sent us his customary good-natured communication complete with a full-page, single-spaced small type "Christmas Doggerel" poem (well, some of the lines rhymed). He said if I published it he would sue. He also added that he didn't major in penmanship at Colby. (You didn't have to tell us, Jack!) He and his wife, Fran (Benner '49), are both retired. They have four grown children, "all happily self-supporting," and nine grandchildren. Under the category of changes in his life, he lists grandchildren, travel to Hawaii and a deteriorating golf game. He says he still skis but not like he used to. . . . We have our boat put away for the winter and will leave in a few weeks of this writing for St. Barts. Then Dorothy is off to Israel, leading a trip for women only, so David will take a few days off in Florida visiting family and Colby friends. David still is working as a consultant for his old company.

Our daughter Marsha is the CEO. . . . We had an excellent response to our last mailing, and that is why this column is full of news. Let us hear from some of you who may not have communicated recently. There seems to be a lot of enthusiasm for our 50th, so make your plans. Spring '98 is not that far away.

—David and Dorothy Marson

49 Mary C. Hathaway, 12 Indian Pond Road, Kingston, MA 02364-2003, writes, "It's a good day if I get one thing accomplished, avoid left hand turns, drink eight glasses of water and don't fall down the cellar stairs." . . . Sid McKeen, 8 Seaside Drive, Belfast, ME 04915, writes about his triple heart-bypass surgery in August 1996. His old roommate, Bud Nanning, had a bypass a few years ago and told him it wouldn't be that bad. (Bud, I don't remember you talking

to my question in the November Colby, "Where are you, Robert Bedig?" Seems that Ralph and Bob were good friends while at Colby and (of all things) spent many evenings together at Onie Noel's. Ralph, you will be happy to know that Bob answered my "where are you" and called me with news of his family and others we both knew while we were at Colby. He says he has not met his maker and that he and Phyllis now live in Florida. (I wonder if Phyllis was aware of Bob spending time at Onie's?)

—Robert M. Tonge Sr.

50 Lillian Meyer Haning writes from Palo Alto, Calif. Lillian, now a widow and recently retired after 20 years in publishing as a writer for *Western Sunset* magazine, cares for her nearly 100-year-old mother. She's enjoying working on her house and garden and seeing her son and

first grandchild who live nearby. Another son is in Oregon, and a daughter is in Arizona. In 1994 she took a walking tour of southwest England and is now planning another one, this time to Scotland or Ireland. . . . Richard King, retired from the U.S. Government, Martin Marietta and GE, lives in Albuquerque, N.M. He is active in the

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Sidney J. Rauch '43 received the Outstanding Article Award from the *Journal of Reading Education* for "P.S. Tell Judy Blume I Say Hello" about his experiences with children as a visiting author in elementary schools. . . . Eugene Hunter '48 was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame.

about this!) Sid, who says he is doing well, has two grandchildren, a boy in Vermont and a girl in Maine. He adds, "Nice that some of us managed to get '49 in our tips." . . . Cynthia "Dickie" Crook Lieck, 2652 Ogletown Road, Annapolis, MD 21403, reports a wonderful reunion in October 1996 with her two roommates from the old Dunton House era. Barbara "Bobbie" Starbuck Marshall came from northern Virginia to her Annapolis home, and Betty "Beamo" Beamish Jolley came from Orlando, Fla. "We had not all been together for 17 years," Dickie writes. "It was a wonderful week. Beamo teaches conversational English to people new to our country. Bobbie is active in her community affairs. I am involved with volunteer work, too, especially concerning the arts, as well as some community work. My husband and I love boating on Chesapeake Bay in our trawler, and on a trip north in September '95 we stopped at Colby. What changes, but so nice to be there. However, we were totally lost in downtown Waterville." Dickie and her husband, Chuck, have two married daughters. There are two grandchildren, three step-grandchildren—"All great, of course." . . . As class agent, I am aware of the letters you send to me in response to the letter the Alumni Office sends out each quarter. However, I also am aware of the number of classmates who never write about their journey through this world. Surely there are close friendships that developed during your memorable years at Colby or roommates you would enjoy hearing about. If you're wondering about someone, let me know and I will try to find these people. . . . Ralph S. Braudy '44, 10354 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90024 wrote to me in answer

Barbershop Society and competed at the international the last two years. His other activities are golf and metal detecting (as in ghost towns). Dick traveled to Massachusetts last year for his 50th high school reunion. Let's hope he'll plan a trip to Maine in 2000! . . . Allen Pease of Hollis Center, Maine, has retired from a career in state administration and real estate to become the president of the Maine Association of Retirees, which has 12,000 public school and government retired members. He also is active in Democratic politics and local fund raising. Allen's daughter Pamela is academic dean at the International University College in Denver, Colo., his son, Sanford, is a mason in Buxton, Maine, and daughter Belinda is a graphic artist with L.L. Bean. Allen wonders if anyone knows the whereabouts of his roommate, Warren Southworth, who became Class of '56? . . . Charles Robinson retired in September 1996 after 33 years as director of the Baltimore County Public Library in Towson, Md. Now he's working part time as an editor of *Library Administrator's Digest*. He still has an office so hasn't changed his wife's routine. Besides, he says, "It's a quiet place to nap!" . . . Sad to report the death in November of Neil W. Collar, a returning veteran who graduated with our class. He founded the Collar and Kimball Insurance Co. in Oakland, Maine, was an active member of the Lions Club and a recipient of the Outstanding Citizen Award, among other honors. . . . If any of you are spending time in Florida in the Fort Pierce area, be sure to watch TV channel 13 and the program *The Lively Arts of the Treasure Coast* with Charmian Herd. Charmian has complete artistic control of the

program and enjoys the hectic pace of chasing interview subjects. She's also involved with other theatrical pursuits, such as appearing in a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta and going on a 10-country tour with the Vero Beach Choral Society. She has just been appointed a member of the St. Lucie Cultural Affairs Association. Congratulations, Charmian, on such a successful career.

—Virginia Davis Pearce

51 New Year 1997 found me on a balcony of the Festival Hall at the City Center in Vienna hearing both the loudspeakers outside and the hall-room orchestra behind me playing the unofficial Austrian national anthem. On top of the special concerts and events of both Christmas and New Years' in Vienna during the coldest weather in 35 years, "The Blue Danube" has made a warm spot in my soul. . . . **Gerald Michaud**, Waterville, Maine, having enjoyed his work in operations planning at Keyes Fisher, has retired. He now wants to live to be 100, see his grandchildren graduate from college and, after 46 years already, still be married to Dolly. . . . **Phil March**, Monroe, Conn., vice president, sales, List Services Corp., writes that he has spent his career in advertising, publicity, public relations, direct marketing and mailing lists. He now would like to "become a newspaper columnist to unspin the spinners and observe the passing scene with a fresh perspective." He also would like to take an extended sailing tour in a cruising catamaran. . . . **Donald Maheu**, Downingtown, Pa., has retired from Scott Paper Co. (now Kimberley-Clark) as engineer and money manager. A career highlight was building and redesigning paper mills in Spain, Mexico, Malaysia, Costa Rica, etc. Now he would like to "break 80 on the links," tour northern New Mexico and study Indian cultures of the Southwest. . . . **John Linscott**, Annandale, Va., is an account manager (sales) of Safelite Auto glass. He has a jazz quartet, Two and Two, that plays in the Washington, D.C., area. He would like to visit Alaska. . . . **Bill Burgess** sent me a detailed account of his 48-day, 18,484-mile trip to the South Pacific on a container freighter! He was a Fulbright exchange teacher in Australia in 1957-58 and had long hoped to return. I suggest contacting Bill if you are interested in freighter travel. Thanks, Bill, for sending such an interesting narrative. . . . **Henry Fales**, Orleans, Mass., says he is primarily a caregiver to a 90 year old. He volunteers as "Mr Wizard" in a classroom of 9 and 10 year olds and is involved with an amateur radio group that monthly provides emergency communications for local non-profit organizations. . . . **Fred Boyle**, Springvale,

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Maine, is a genealogist and has 30 years teaching experience in history, criminal justice and social studies. A volunteer reader to first through third grade children, he was seeking a third term on the Sanford school committee. He also is a singer at North Parish Church. . . . **Joan Cammann McIntyre**, Marblehead, Mass., works as both a paid and a volunteer swim official and swim coach. She would like to become a better musician and learn another language. . . . **Nadeen "Skip" Finberg Liebeskind**, Corona, Ariz., is a part-time child care director. A highlight for her after Colby was moving to Israel. Now she hopes to "travel, relax, be well." . . . I quote from **Sylvia Fredette Schurin**, Rockport, Mass.: "I remember YBLOC (of course Colby spelled backwards) and the occasion when I, someone else and Audrey Bostwick stuffed the poor creature in the back seat of Audrey's VW and drove him from the farm to Colby. Can you imagine the unbelievable looks on observers' faces as we drove through Waterville downtown." Will the "someone else" please identify herself! Are there any more YBLOC stories?

—Barbara Jefferson Walker

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It is a cold, rainy February day as I write this, but I take pleasure in knowing that when you read it, May will have arrived and you will be preparing for your trip to celebrate our 45th. . . . Only one classmate used e-mail to

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contact me. **Davy Crockett** wrote from Pennsylvania that he'd like to have e-mail addresses from any of us who have caught up with the times. He has retired from the faculty at Lafayette College and plans to come to reunion. . . . **Nita Hale Barbour**, also a retired academic, writes from Deer Isle, Maine, that she will have a new publication in the fall of 1997, a text with a timely title, *Families, Schools and Communities: Building Partnerships for Educating Children*. . . . **Robert Bechard**, from Nashua, N.H., writes that he has retired after 29 years of teaching high school biology. . . . **Carolyn Stigman Burnham** lives in the Florida Keys from January to April and from May to December at Sebago Lake, Maine, where she and her husband run Wind-in-Pines, a family camp. . . . **Bob and Nancy Weare** Merriman report a great mini-reunion at their place in Rye, N.H. Celebrating with them were Paul and Mimi Russell Aldrich from Bristol, Maine, **Diane Sargent Larsen** from Jacksonville, Fla., **Barbara Mellin** from Boston and **Barbara Scott** from Calgary, Alta. Great time was had by all! . . . **Pete and Chris Christenson Honsberger** are both retired now and live in Waldoboro, Maine. Grateful to return to New England, they took their grandchildren up to the campus

and lunched at the "new" Spa . . . starting early to introduce them to the fun stuff. . . . **Bob Keyes** wrote from Vero Beach, Fla., that he and Mary enjoy golf outings with **Al and Joan Martin Lamont**. . . . **Bill and Barbara Cheeseman Hooper** spend six weeks in Florida every winter. They have just experienced what Barbara termed "the agony and the ecstasy" of planning and building a new house in Wilmington, Mass. So many of us do this after all the kids are gone. Wonder why! . . . Some of you have answered my question, "What have you done that you never would have anticipated at Colby?" **Richard Crummet** never anticipated that, after flying 50 missions in WW II, he would fly some 40 more for the military. . . . **Rodney Howes** wrote from Nevada, where he lives with wife, Mary Ann, that he never expected to build an experimental airplane. He didn't mention whether he flew it. . . . **Caroline Wilkins McDonough**, who has continued her lifelong devotion to the theater as president and artistic director of the Cameo Theater in Connecticut, never expected to live abroad for 30 years. . . . **Dale Dacier Meagher**, whose husband is a cattle farmer in Utah, said she never expected to "work so hard." . . . Colby sent a copy of an article from the *Underwriter's Report* about the retirement of **Walter Sherwood** after an "impressive 40-year career" with Lumbermens Mutual Insurance Company in California. Also from southern California, the *Rancho Bernardo*

News Journal announced that a certain Bill Taylor was holding an organizational meeting to form a New England Club. Maybe with some planning you can take it with you! . . . Nancy (Ricker '50) and Ben Sears will receive a Colby Brick at the awards banquet at reunion. Join us to celebrate and honor them for all their volunteer work for the College.

—Edna Miller Mordecai

53 John Lee still teaches at Virginia Commonwealth University (a course in history) and at Park College (a course in foreign policy). He says his health remains good as long as he eats whatever he pleases. At this writing he was still waiting for proofs of his book. . . . Joan (Chandler '59) and David Harvey enjoy their place in Venice, Fla., each winter. David has retired but is doing volunteer work for the Connecticut Counseling Association. He says he has taken up tennis again, adding this to his regular routine of walking and jogging. Dave and Joan have two grandsons. Their daughter, who lives in Warwick, R.I., has Bob "Bato" Gordon for her medical needs. . . . Ted Lallier is looking forward to our 45th reunion. He and his wife have traveled extensively lately, looking at colleges for their two sons, 15 and 18. He says his determination to succeed in basketball at Colby has carried over in his business ventures. He still has his law practice, and he helps others start up in business in addition to trying to start an international company himself. He keeps active by coaching basketball in his community. I am prejudiced, but he owns a great family dog, a golden retriever named Tyler. . . . Gilly Washington Hufsmith is now retired but hikes and swims every day in the winter, a definite advantage to living in Arizona. Just lately she traveled to the Havasupai in the Grand Canyon and Phantom Ranch. Gilly's question to classmates: any radio amateurs among us? If so, you can get Gilly's address from the Alumni Office. She, her husband and daughter are all licensed. Farming has paid off for her family, but quilting is now her passion—says she has created some wonderful heirlooms. Her son, Derrik, plays guitar professionally besides his work on the farm. Thelma, her daughter, a P.A. in Albany, N.Y., also plays the guitar and sings in Portuguese and Spanish. Gilly has two grandchildren. During the spring of 1996 she and her daughter spent three weeks in northeast Brazil. They also visited the Island of Fernando de Noronha, an ecological paradise off the coastal city of Natal. . . . Barbara (Burg '55) and Frank King have four children and 10 grandchildren. His favorite pastimes these days are golf and bowling. After 40 years in the insurance business, he is planning to retire and spend winters at Ft. Myers Beach, Fla. . . . Dick Hawes has moved from the West Coast to Sunset Beach, N.C., where he lives on a golf course near the

ocean. Visitors are welcome, with notice, of course, just to make sure they will be home. Dick plans to schedule a golf game with Frank P and Keh C in the near future. He says that the golf "leg-work" helps his new left knee replacement; the right knee is to be replaced soon. The Haweses have seven children, three grandchildren and one dog. . . . Phil Hussey and his wife, Martha (de Wolf '55), have seven grandchildren. In July of '96 Phil relinquished his CEO title to his oldest son, Timothy '78, and is in partial retirement, which gives him a chance to mix business and pleasure trips, the most recent to Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, Kenya and England. He adds that his African safari was a wonderful experience. He keeps fit by walking, golfing, sailing and skiing. Phil has made one request of classmates: please support the Colby capital campaign. . . . Anita Schlosser MacIntyre has retired from teaching as has her

Gilly Washington Hufsmith and her daughter spent three weeks in northeast Brazil. They also visited the Island of Fernando de Noronha, an ecological paradise off the coastal city of Natal.

husband. Anita's daughter is a portrait artist and illustrator living in London; her son is a production engineer in Conway, N.H. Anita's horses and property keep her busy, and her travels have taken her to British Columbia, England and Scotland. . . . Bruce McRoy and his wife, Sandra, live in Rocky Mt., N.C., and have two sons and five grandchildren. He retired in January and is doing research for two books on the Civil War after attending a seminar at Virginia Tech on the subject. He keeps his figure through five-day-a-week YMCA workouts. His latest travels came via the cruise routes to the Caribbean. . . . Chase and Nan Murray Lasbury are looking forward to their 45th wedding anniversary. Their daughter Becky will be married on that day, and Becky's oldest sister celebrates her 20th. Nan says that Barbara Best has agreed to co-chair the class gift committee for reunion. . . . It is not too early to start thinking of our date with Colby, June 5-7, 1998. Let's encourage others to attend. . . . Colby reported the deaths of two classmates in the February issue. Alan Mowatt died at his home in Wayne, Pa., last October 5 after a year-long battle with cancer. Robert Southwick died October 31 at his home in Peabody, Mass., following a brief illness. Our thoughts go out to the members of their families.

—Barbara Easterbrooks Mailey

54 C. Freeman Sleeper and his wife, Mamie, a U.S. Air flight attendant, moved to Richmond, Va., last August. Freeman took early retirement as professor of religion at Roanoke College last year and spent eight months as a

visiting scholar at Union Theological Seminary. He was able to finish a book, *The Victorious Christ: A Study in the Book of Revelation*, recently released by Westminster John Knox Press. In his spare time, Freeman enjoys occasional golf and flea markets. He anticipates a trip to the Middle East in early 1997 with a class from Union Theological Seminary. . . . Carol Robinson Kurth and her husband, Robert, live in Santa Fe, N.M., where he is a teacher and she enjoys a part-time job caring for office plants. They have three sons, one a doctor, married with two daughters, another a teacher and the youngest a grad student. Carol and her husband sold their adobe mud house, which took 20 years to build, to their oldest son. In her spare time, Carol enjoys gardening, family, exercise and friends. When she thinks of Colby, she remembers "the beautiful campus, good school, good people and for me a lot of growing up to do.

Also snow and meals of lobster, which I never learned to appreciate." Carol would like to ask classmates, "how do you view life some 40 years later?" . . . Last spring we sat next to Robert Hawkins at a Colby luncheon in Beverly Hills. He subsequently sent us a newsletter. His wife, Jeanne (Hallee '52), passed away in 1987 after a two-year battle with cancer. Two of their five children are volunteers in the Peace Corps. Bob has traveled to Kenya, Africa and Uruguay to visit them. According to Bob, both trips were "exciting and a marvelous experience in being with grown-up children . . . and having them in charge." Bob has kept active socially and for the past three years has been dating a lady whom he has known for years. For the past six years, he has been business manager for a large parish church and church school. His first 20 years after Colby were with W.T. Grant, followed by management positions with three different retailers. Bob is not sure what the future holds, but he wished to continue working for several more years to build up a little more financial reserve. . . . Last April, Judy Holtz Levow '55, wife of the late Barry Levow, sent two news clippings from Florida regarding their son, Larry, who had just been hired as head golf professional at the Boca Raton Resort and Golf Club, reported to be one of the most exclusive private clubs in the United States. Sounds like a proud mom! Judy added, "Colby golfers are invited—maybe a discounted lesson!" . . . Dave and Betsy Powley Wallingford write from Sudbury, Mass., where Dave is owner of a petroleum and chemical equipment business. Betsy keeps busy as homemaker, wife and volunteer. She loves cooking, perennial gardening, bicycling and being a good friend, mother and grandmother. One of their three sons is married with a daughter—and the others are eligible bachelors! Betsy and Dave love to travel both in the U.S. and abroad. They spend occasional weekends with her brother, Mark '57, and his wife, Larry Walker

Powley, on their boat, cruising the waters of Long Island Sound and islands off Cape Cod. . . . **Eleanor Turner Swanson**, a biology major at Colby, ran as an incumbent town councilor in the Brunswick, Maine, election. She has served four years on the council and been a strong advocate of environmental issues. She also worked to bring back passenger train service. . . . Another civic-minded classmate in last November's election was **Herb Adams**, who ran for a district 46 seat in the Maine House of Representatives. After earning his degree at Colby, Herb graduated from Harvard Divinity School and later earned a doctorate in education from Harvard. He is a retired Unitarian Universalist minister, having served congregations in Maine, Massachusetts and Illinois. Herb and his wife, Mary, have seven children and 10 grandchildren. . . . **Derek Tatlock** and his wife live in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he works as an oil and gas consultant. They have three daughters and four grandchildren. Sailing and skiing are his favorite spare-time activities. Derek and his wife took a three-week trip to Turkey, half on land, half sailing the southern coast. He says, "Turkey is the best kept secret in the world."

—Bill and Penny Thresher Edson

55 It is Superbowl Sunday, cold, sunny and not much snow; your letters are a bright spot I want to share. As a result of the FAA age 60 rule, **John Philbrook** retired from American Airlines in 1993, but today he happily works in general aviation at the Beverly, Mass., airport. He is proud of his youngest daughter, a sophomore at the University of Michigan, who is playing on the varsity field hockey team. John sees his freshman roommate, **John Turner**, who also lives in Marblehead. . . . **Betty Harris Smith** is celebrating the 20th anniversary of *The Lincoln Review*, a magazine she owns and edits. She and husband Harold have traveled to Alaska (Denali and Kenai were very special) and Bermuda. As Betty is clearing out her kids' things, she wonders how many classmates are moving to condos. . . . Not **Dot Dunn Northcott** and husband John. They have moved and are remodeling an 1800s farmhouse in Marlborough, N.H. Dot says they have gone from two acres to 200. Their travels recently have taken them on a whale watch in Baja, Calif., on a small ship with "75 nature nuts." . . . Retirement has led **Hugh MacDonald** to become a "beach bum" at Nantasket Beach. He remembers the great Winter Carnival blizzard of 1952—what a great few days we had marooned on the Hill! Hugh lives in Brockton, Mass., has a working wife, Lillian, and is proud of his four children and five grandchildren. . . . **Beverly Mosett Levesque** is not moving. She and Paul will continue to call Springfield, Va., home because they like that area and because Bev, although mostly retired, finds it difficult to leave her adult education teaching. Last summer Bev and Paul traveled across country and plan on Italy and southern France next. . . . It's

Deep-Seated Success

Retirement is no big vacation for Philip Hussey '53. Last fall, after giving up his chair as president and CEO of the Hussey Seating Company, one of the leading suppliers of spectator seating in the world, he headed off to the Far East—on business.



Philip Hussey '53

"We realized we can give better service if we're in the same time zone," said Hussey, whose family-owned company has been operating in North Berwick, Maine, for 162 years. Every year, Hussey says, a company officer calls on its network of distributors in Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea, China and Taiwan. They're building school gymnasiums, theaters, stadiums as they hurry to westernize and as professional sports catch on. Hussey, who remains chairman of the board, sees the same expansion of business in Australia and New Zealand, Europe, Asia and South America and says he feels "a lot of personal pride."

The company seats more than 5 million people around the world. They've built stadium seats for the 1976 Olympics in Montreal and the 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympics and for the Capetown Civic Center in South Africa. With operations in England and Canada, a plastics company in Massachusetts and a sales company in Portsmouth, N.H., the five operating units or profit centers now employ about 550 people, Hussey says, and are doing \$80-million worth of business.

He and his brother, Peter '57, the company's executive vice president, are the fifth generation of Husseys to lead the business; their great-grandfather started in 1835 as a manufacturer of agricultural plows. The brothers

"have taken our shot at it and improved the company," Hussey said, and now it's in the hands of the sixth generation. Last summer his son Tim '78 became company president and CEO. His daughter, Anne '80, is general manager of Hussey Products Company, and

another son, Jonathan, is with Hussey Plastics Company. Richard '88 is a teacher.

At a testimonial dinner last May, the Maine Council of Churches honored the company for its more than 160 years of service to the community and for the exemplary standards by which the generations of the Hussey family, descended from Quaker farmers who came from England in the late 17th century, have conducted business.

"The important thing is that we've maintained the family tradition and a relationship with the town and the people who work for us," said Hussey. He believes that the company's history "speaks well for an ethically managed operation that tries to conduct itself by the golden rule. We haven't short-circuited those old Quaker ethics."

Hussey served six years on Colby's Board of Trustees and received both a Colby Gavel and a Colby Brick. In 1995 all the family members who attended Colby, including Philip Hussey's wife, Martha (DeWolf '55), established the Hussey Family Scholarship, which stipulates a preference for students from Maine.

Hussey says his father, Philip Sr. '13, always had a strong attachment to the College because President Roberts gave him credit for his tuition. "My father paid it back," he said. "We've maintained that tradition, too."

—Robert Gillespie

fun to hear about classmates' travel plans. Karl and I will again go to Abaco and have the villa next to Paul and Germaine Michaud Orloff. . . . Mary Ellen McGoldrick McGowan wonders who might like to join her on a trip to South Africa. Now that her teaching years are over, she is enjoying writing poetry, her grandchildren and choice time in general. She'd like to hear from Kathy Flynn Carrigan and hopes others in the Lock Haven, Pa., area will get in touch to reconnect. Remember that Mary Ellen cooked for President and Mrs. Bixler, to help pay for her education? She'd tell this tale of cooking for the president to her first graders, and they would wonder which president. Reagan, Bush, Clinton? . . . Last but not least, Lou Zambello writes of a great weekend of reunion of ATOs at his camp at Damariscotta Lake. The golf journey matched the Schickers, the country boys, versus the Slickers, the city guys. Among our classmates at this gathering were Hank Taron, Bill Rosen, Payson Sawyer, Dave Roberts and Gil Alfano. It was a special time for good friends to catch up on 40 years!

—Jane Millett Domish

56 As you read this column it will be nearly a year since our big reunion at Colby. News of mini-reunions continues to arrive along with some great photos for my official class "album." Lois Latimer Pan and husband Ed hosted "The Great Colby Sleepover" in November. Included were Heidi Pauly Lansing, Nancy Ann Wormuth Thomas, Pete and Ginny Birnie Byrnes, Phil '57 and Nancy Carroll Luce, Johnny Lee '53, Kathy Vogt, Vonnice Noble Davies, Barbara Preston Hayes, Joanna McCurdy Bruno and husband Jorgen. Lois reports that reconnecting with the old gang reinforced her feeling from June's reunion that attending Colby was a really solid decision. Thanks, Lois, for the note and great pictures and e-mail addresses. It is awesome how many classmates have e-mail. We'll be hyping our 45th on the Internet! . . . And thanks, Shirley Verga Montini-Turiansky, for your nice letter with all the Colby memories. Shirley returns to campus almost every year for Reunion Weekend. Initially she brought her boys on the bus from N.Y.C. every June so they could share the place and people that had meant so much to her. Shirley now lives in Waterbury, Conn. . . . Ruth Ann Head Horner would love to hear from any classmates now that she has moved to Sunapee, N.H., after the death of her husband. She has started a new career in real estate but still manages to enjoy "The Big Apple," where her two daughters work. Old friends, please drop Ruth Ann a note at P.O. Box 794, 03782. . . . Gloria Livelli Moscatello was a member of our class for one year before transferring to N.J. State Teachers College. She still keeps up with our class news and would like to hear from Katie Coon Dunlop. She has lived in Springfield, Va.,

for 28 years, teaching elementary education while husband Art travels the globe for the Department of Defense. . . . Frank Huntress reports that he is not retiring. His change in careers from pre-med to the ministry has enabled him to live in England and Jerusalem, but he continues his ministry here in Massachusetts. Do you ever come out this way to preach, Frank? . . . Janet Nordgren Meryweather has decided to concentrate on her own gardens now that her two-year presidency of the Garden Club Federation of Maine is finished. She and Steen spend part of each winter in Florida, where they see Otto and Nancy Hubbard Green. Janet reports that the Greens are building a place back up in Maine. . . . Mary Ann Papalia Lacubue ended her lengthy teaching career (high school math) in June '95. She and husband Ron have enjoyed several trips to Italy since then. Mary Ann and Jean Pratt Moody were able to have a Thanksgiving weekend mini-reunion in Dallas, where both were visiting their sons and families.

—Kathleen McConaughy Zambello

57 As I write this, the year has just turned, and we here in New England are having a far easier time than usual as we wait for the warm sun of spring. The anticipation is even greater

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this year, as we look forward to our 40th reunion in June. If you've never been to a reunion, this would be a great one to catch. Everything is in place for a great time, and the joy of being with old friends is unsurpassed. . . . One of the most faithful correspondents over the years to the questionnaires has been Ed White, who is retired in Carlisle, Pa., after a 30-year career in the Air Force. (Although the days of ROTC are long gone at Colby, many of us owe our careers to that program, which gave us our start.) Ed's joy now is in seeing his three daughters all out on their own and starting families. Among Ed's many profound comments, I like this one—on life's lessons—the best: "Pass it on! Just because you got it, it doesn't count, unless you pass it on." Hope to see you in June, Ed. . . . It was good to hear from Charlie Smith, who is in nearby Cambridge. Charlie is still working in real estate development and investment as well as continuing his passion for restoration, both Victorian buildings and automobiles. . . . Leslie Wyman Randolph is still adjusting to the sudden loss of her husband, Randy, in November of 1995. Leslie points out that her lasting friendships, begun at Colby, have been a great source of strength and support for her. Irrepressible as always, however, Leslie is still busy with all sorts of volunteer work in Brunswick, Maine, and is

looking forward to her son's return from his teaching work in Europe. . . . I had a terrific note from Warren Kinsman in a recent batch of responses. Warren and his wife, Barbara (Faltings '56), are staying young with car pools, Little League, football games etc., courtesy of grandson Nick, who is living with them. Warren and Barbara are in Newington, N.H., so I hope we see them at the 40th next month. . . . Dave Palmer is trying to get closer to full retirement by passing on much of the everyday workload of the family business to daughter Laurie Anne. Dave and Anne (Burbank '55) are still in Waterville. Dave once again can win the prize for traveling the shortest distance to the reunion. . . . I have just a few more responses left, so I'll save them for the next column, my last. In the meantime, there is still time to make some last minute plans to join us on Mayflower Hill in June. I hope to see every one of you there!

—Brian F. Olsen

58 Al '57 and Kay German Dean maintain residences in Massachusetts and Maine. Al is president of S & D, Inc. and has eight Midas Auto Systems in Maine. As director of the National Midas Dealers Association, Al has been responsible for developing, with Central Maine Vocational College, a national training program to train Midas managers on interpersonal skills. Asked what he considers success, Al first listed having three sons (all gainfully employed) who have become mature men and of whom he and Kay are very proud. Al is starting construction of an airplane to fly to our 40th reunion! . . . Bradley and Helen Payson Seager are now both retired but still live in Nantucket. After 10 years of having married children live with them, they are free to do what they want when they want. Helen is involved with the Friends of the African Meeting House on Nantucket and this past summer developed a self-guided Black Heritage Trail for the island. Helen leaves us with some words of wisdom for people of our age: "If we thought we'd do something 'someday,' now's the time to do it. Our 'somedays' are getting shorter and shorter." . . . Ludmila Winter Hoffman and her husband, Herbert, are former psychologists who own and run a bed-and-breakfast in La Garita de Alajuela, Costa Rica. In case you're ever in that area, you might consider staying with them at La Pina Dorada, where Herb and Mila are "dedicated to making your vacation free from frustrations, full of fun and relaxation." . . . Bob Hesse and his wife, Gail, have retired and are living in Massachusetts. They have raised three sons (one of whom was in the Class of '84). Last summer Bob enjoyed a Zete mini-reunion at Boothbay with Warren Judd, Ed Rushton and Bob Walther and their wives. . . . Judy Brown Dickson is still an educator and English language leader way up in Kongiganak, Alaska, although she has purchased a town house in Anchorage, which is

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civilization. Judy raised three children, all now married and/or out of college. She has been a presenter at a math/science conference and a multilingual conference in Anchorage and will be a presenter for a National Council for Teachers of Math regional conference in October 1997. . . . Virginia True Masterson is a special education paraprofessional, teaching remedial math to children in grades six through eight. She lives in San Jose, Calif., with her husband, Paul, and they have their own word processing business at home. Unfortunately, Jean has been "in the rocking chair" as she recovered from chemotherapy and radiation for breast cancer in February 1996. She now feels about ready to take a long-awaited trip to Hawaii this spring. . . . Ron Moran is an associate dean and professor of English at Clemson University. He and his wife, Jane, have twins who now have made the Morans grandparents three times. Ron writes that he's had a good life and this past year received an "award for Faculty Excellence" by the Clemson Board of Trustees. (Your freshman-year English professor would be proud of you, Ron!) Like others of us at this stage of life, Ron has experienced knee surgery, which he says made him walk and feel like the tin man. . . . Flint and Helen Roberts Moger have retired from their teaching careers and from Merrick, Long Island, to Kennebunk, Maine. They bought in southern Maine because of the milder winters and proceeded to have 144 inches of snow last year. Then they bought a bigger snowblower and a bigger wood stove! . . . Another couple making the retirement move as of November 1996 is Charlotte (Clifton '61) and Norm Lee. They live in Sarasota, Fla., for six months and the other six months in Maine. Both places afford them the opportunity to travel, hike, ski, play tennis and golf. Travel plans include taking their daughter, son-in-law and expected grandchild to Alaska this coming August. . . . John Ludwig writes from Fort Washington, Md., where he and Sandy have had a home for the past three years. Sandy is a bankruptcy attorney with the Administrative Offices of the U.S. Courts. John says he is "trying to improve his skills as a marine electrical and corrosion control specialist, working primarily with marine services in Ft. Washington." Both are active with the Tantallon Yacht Club in Ft. Washington and have enjoyed many weeks over the past eight summers cruising the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. . . . Please respond to the next questionnaire or personalized mailing, or just drop me a line, no questionnaire required.

—Margaret Smith Henry

59 New Jersey teacher Lee Oberparleiter is expanding his educational consulting business to encompass 15 states and Canada. He'd love to share his active life with a "good woman"! . . . Sally Phelan McIntosh has become a reference librarian at Lehigh University after many years as a government documents librarian. Jim is a sociology professor at

Lehigh. . . Dr. Bob Younes has had it with the turmoil and instability of managed health care and has begun a private practice in the treatment of vein disorders. He continues his fundraising efforts for the wonderful St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

. . . Rolf and Arleen Larsen Munk have moved to Annapolis, Md., near to their new granddaughter. Arleen is playing duplicate bridge in an effort to meet new people. . . . Sandy and Steve Levine have been hosts to more than a dozen foreign exchange students, mostly from Italy, and have returned the visits. Steve has become fluent in Italian as a result. They often see Dave Bloom and Dennis Ting '60 and their families. . . . Gedeon '58 and Annette Wyman Picher have started their own engineering business and are currently spending a year in the D.C.-Virginia area before returning to Maine. . . . Freelance writer Jackie Bendelius Davidson edited and coordinated the publication of a book on the wildflowers of Deer Isle, Maine, and is active in a community swimming pool project. . . . Consultant Bob Keltie is a goal judge at Florida Panther (NHL) hockey games. He also teaches a course at Florida Atlantic U. Great business card, Bob! . . . Denny Kellner Palmer is a resource room teaching assistant and is also a regular literacy volunteer and soup kitchen volunteer. . . . Joy and Pete Lockwood plan to take their New Beginnings program to Northern Ireland this year. Originally designed as weekends for Episcopalians, the program now has been introduced to Methodists. . . . Leslie Nichols Kremer's daughter Kristen wrote to say that her mom is in the Peace Corps in Lithuania. Leslie and John find the language a challenge but are really enjoying their two-year stint helping people start small businesses. . . . Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Earl Stinneford, who passed away last October in Branson, Mo. Earl was a retired history professor. . . . Speaking personally, I've had my first mammography and blood work since last January's surgery and got an A+, making me an official survivor. My dear lady classmates and wives of my gentlemen classmates, is it time to make your mammography appointment? Keep in touch!

—Ann Segrave Lieber

60 Thanks to all of you for making this assignment a pleasure. Have you noticed that our class column is moving closer to the front of the magazine? It must be that we are getting more important! . . . Don Freedman is now a math teacher and living in Sheffield, Mass., with his wife, Susan, who is a psychoanalyst.

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Son Derek, 26, is a ski and snowboard instructor at Vail. Don sold his business in N.Y.C. in '92. His leisure activities include singing barbershop and "refing" rugby. . . . Ralph Galante and his wife, Jane, became grandparents for the first time in April. Ralph will be retiring from American Airlines in October after 36-plus years of flying. He and Jane currently spend half of the year in Bonita Springs, Fla., and the other half in New Durham, N.H. . . . Arthur '59 and Louise Robb Goldschmidt still live in State College, Pa. When Louise wrote, she had just resigned as the community editor of *Voices of Central Pennsylvania*, a monthly newspaper, and was looking forward to a new project. Arthur is a history professor at The Pennsylvania State University, and they became grandparents in March. . . . Jim Haidas and his wife, Frances, are in Osterville, Mass. They have two sons, both at Milton Academy, and Jim says that with no prodding from him, his oldest fell in love with Colby and had just applied. Jim owns Cooke's Restaurants. . . . When Jane Holden Huerta wrote, she had just accepted a new job with Lotus Development and is now Lotus Education Manager, Latin America. Other than spending a lot of time on American Airlines,

she loves traveling all over Latin America from Mexico to Argentina, including the Caribbean. She is based in Mexico City, where her husband, Juan Manuel, spends most of his time as a management consultant. They have two sons, both Colby grads. . . . Moretown, Vt., is still home for Bob and Liz Chamberlain Huss. Bob is a full professor in the accounting computer systems division at Champlain College, and Liz is self-employed tutoring and teaching. They have two daughters, and each one has presented them with a grandson. Bob and Liz spend their spare time skiing and playing tennis and golf. They spend their summers on Martha's Vineyard and are looking forward to retirement in a couple of years and sailing the Caribbean in their Catalina 42. . . . Peg Jack Johnston is still a full-time business broker in Colorado and says that entrepreneurship is alive and well, especially out there. She is very involved in Rotary and is working with Explorer Scouts on school to career programs. Peg has three sons and writes that life is wonderful and that growing older is a kick. She says it gets better every year. . . . Eloise "Didi" Camerer Klein is a writer, teacher and writing consultant. She lives in St. Paul, Minn., where she freelances as a writer and is developing a business teaching journal keeping with words and images. She also teaches creative writing to an energetic group of senior citizens. She

writes, "I never imagined myself an entrepreneur, and here I am. My five 'children' live along the East Coast between Hanover, N.H., and Philadelphia, and I visit them regularly. I spend as much of my summers as possible in Wyoming in the Sheridan/Bufalo/Big Horn Mountains area. Retired? you ask. Noway!" . . . Sally Walker Simpson is a professor of education at Tri State University in Angold, Ind. Attendance at a national education convention raised her level of concern for public education, and she says she has been brought up short by the inequities that currently exist in education across our country. She says she truly hopes to really "retire" one of these days, but she loves to be in the thick of the action. Sally has a daughter who is a teacher, and her son is a student at Indiana U. . . . Ted '61 and I joined the "Grandparents Club" in mid-November. Our son and his wife live in Palo Alto, Calif., so the frequent flier miles are probably going to accumulate rather rapidly. . . . I look forward to hearing from more of you when the College sends out the next questionnaire.

—Carolyn Webster Lockhart

61 Three cheers to those of you who didn't let your class news questionnaires get lost in the

holiday mail. Without you there wouldn't be much of a column. . . . Dick Fields writes from Lexington, Mass., although he works in Providence, R.I., as senior vice president for corporate sales and marketing for Danecraft, Inc. He is proud that as a single parent he raised Alison '95, who he claims was "a better student and athlete than I ever hoped to be." . . . Wes Jordan, who was with us for a while before transferring to the University of Maine, is retiring in June after 32 years at Maine, where he became head athletic trainer and associate professor of physical education. Wes is an internationally respected trainer who has been honored by election to the National Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame (1992), the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame (1995) and the State of Maine Hall of Fame (1996). . . . Scottie (Judith, actually) MacLeod Folger is another recent retiree, although she "retired" into another profession. After many years in special education, she has become a practitioner of polarity therapy, which she describes as a field focusing on energy as a healing force. She has twice made extended trips to Nepal, once to see her older daughter, Phoebe, and once to visit her Colby roommate, Judy Chase. Her younger daughter, Hilary, is a graduate student at Stanford. . . . Ginny Wriggins Hochella is another multi-career classmate. She worked in cancer research in Philadelphia, taught zoology at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and now is an elementary school librarian in Massachusetts. Her son and daughter graduated from college last year. . . . This issue's prize for most dramatic career change, however, goes to Bob Gannon, R.N., who went from being assistant to the president and division general manager at Martin-Marietta to gas station manager in New Hampshire to staff/charge nurse at Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough, N.H. Bob unknowingly revealed that he is nonetheless a mere mortal when he admitted that, although he has a new Gateway 2000 computer, he hadn't yet figured out how to turn it on. I'm sure that by the time you read this column he will have conquered that challenge too and will be using it in his efforts to help reintroduce wolves to northern Maine and New Hampshire, another of his interests. . . . Speaking of today's communication technology, I was delighted to hear via e-mail from two more classmates. Dan Hodges is coordinator of testing at Lane Community College in Eugene, Ore. He spends a good deal of his work day using computers to provide essential support for both students and faculty. Like many of us, he is an empty-nester; his daughter and twin sons are all in graduate school. . . . Gale Holtz Golden Hartstein e-mailed from Vermont, where she is a full-time psychotherapist specializing in sexual concerns. When she remarried five years ago, she acquired two more sons and four grandchildren. She has traveled to Israel, Japan, France, and Germany. . . . Have you recently received a class news questionnaire that is lying around gathering

coffee stains? Did you come across your old questionnaire when you were cleaning up after the holidays? Do you not have a questionnaire but still have some news to share? My addresses (paper and electronic) appear in these pages as well as the bottom of the questionnaire. Let me hear from you!

—Judy Hoffman Hakola

62 Well, we did it—bought a new "one-story small yard" retirement house, sold our old house and this week are finishing the "move in." We're still living to some extent out of boxes, but in an estate sale at the old house last weekend we got rid of lots of stuff accumulated over 20 years and now are ready to move on to a new chapter in our lives. No more collections or saving old things. If you haven't moved in a while, let me tell you—it talks a person out of garage sales or shopping! Loving life changes. . . . Anne "Dee" Cross Toole, a teacher of French and Spanish, just began a language institute—Institut de Francais a Cape Cod—with 31 students. Dee continues to teach in public schools, gives tours to France and soon will have a catalogue available for rental of French films and books. Dee and husband Bill, a retired city planner, go to France annually. This summer they rented a small villa in Provence for three weeks. The Tooles have two biological daughters, Britt, who has just had her first art exhibit, and Andre, who is getting married next July. Jay, an adopted Native American son, lives in Oregon, and Pilar, a stepdaughter, is a Navy career woman stationed in Japan. Dee just placed her mother, who has Alzheimer's disease, in a nursing home, which she said "gives you the biggest lesson" in being grateful for family. Dee spent a few days with Eleanor "Gordy" Hichs Weigle in New York City last June when Gordy's daughter opened as a lead in an opera there. She also visited with Kathy Hiltz Bauer in Milford, N.H., this past September. . . . Alice Webb and husband William live in Reading, Mass. Alice still works in a supermarket in Melrose, which she says gives her her own spending money, although she says she does miss the fun of asking her husband to pay for her subscriptions to *Ms* magazine. The Webbs are planning to come to the reunion in June and also are planning a trip driving over the new bridge to Prince Edward Island. Alice still sings in the church choir and choral group and recently was in a production of *Lil' Abner*. The Webbs' son, Michael, is also in theater and has worked in the Weston, Vt., playhouse and now is with the Seacoast Repertory Theater in Portsmouth, N.H. Alice said that the news about Colby's new dormitories and the reworking of the old ones caught her attention. She and I both remember the small rooms in Louise Coburn with bunk beds that were "too small for one person" let alone two with today's technologies. . . . Rick Simkins, still CEO of the Grog Shop and Newbury Perennial Gardens, says our changes now are that we're "heavier, older,

blood pressure increasing, etc." but that most of us don't envy anyone else either. Rick traveled in 1996 to El Salvador and recently built a "grotto" south of France. He is looking forward to 1998, when the Perennial Plant Society meets in Boston and will be visiting the Gardens in Byfield (exit 55 of route 95). He invites everyone to visit the Gardens or Grog restaurant! . . . Rosemary and Mike McCabe sold their condo in Connecticut and moved to Hampstead, N.C., in December. They did celebrate their 10th anniversary by going back to northern Thailand and Hong Kong, where they "visited the wonderful city of Chiang Mai, ventured up to the Burma border, rode elephants and visited hillside villages and just scrounged around." Mike says that "standing above the banks of the Mekong River overlooking the Golden Triangle and watching a sunset is an incredible experience." The McCabes are tentatively planning on joining us in June, as are Jane Germer Krebs and husband Bill. Jane is trying to get Jill Francis Poverman, Beverly Skende, Hope Hutchins Benton, Nancy MacKenzie Keating and the old Boston-N.Y.C. group together. Some of you who have never been back are missing out on a truly fun experience. Harry and I wouldn't miss it for anything. We're also adding on Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island side trips—so come one, come all! Reserve June 5-8 for Colby!

—Judith Hoagland Bristol

63 As I write in January, Bill and I are headed for a cruise in the Caribbean, a welcome change from this frigid, snowless winter. . . . From the *Concord Monitor* came a rave review of Jane Melanson Dahmen's autumn exhibit at the McGowan Fine Arts Gallery in Concord, N.H. The critic speaks of Jane's work as "a vibrant frolic into the world of nature and the spirit, the kind of art that anyone can love." Jane states that her life and her painting are in transition; that her inspiration, always her connection in some way to her environment, now is more a reflection of an inward journey. Congratulations, Jane, on a successful show. . . . MacKenzie Smith, owner of Smith, Buckley and Hunt Insurance in Brockton, is married to Jeannine, who he writes is a homemaker, golfer and grandmother. The fact that in 1994 he became a grandfather was also worthy of note; I guess he's quite pleased with that part of their life. Mac deftly succeeds as having a healthy and happy family, with some measure of accomplishment in one's chosen field. . . . Marsha Fern Palmer Reynolds and her husband, John, continue to work in the teaching field. Marsha is also doing volunteer work with her dogs in local nursing homes in Maine in the summer, and, during the school year, at home in Stamford, Conn. The Reynoldses are great travelers—recently to France, Texas and the Caribbean, with plans to explore Alaska and Africa. Marsha's wish is to sail around the world. She might just make it! . . . Marvin Ostrovsky, a pediatrician, years ago anticipated being in a

small medical practice and now finds himself as one of the leaders of a growing 35-physician group. His wish is for a little time to relax. However, his wife, Cyd, just passed the bar exam, his son is a second-year med student, and his daughter has just entered a grad school of social work. His only rest may be when he sits down to pay the bills! . . . After retiring from the Air Force in 1987, Tim Dakin remained in Dayton as a professor in the government contract law department at the Air Force Institute of Technology. But he and his wife, Irene, have purchased a town house in New Bern, N.C., where they spend all of their free time and where they plan to retire. Their two children and three grandchildren also live in the Dayton area, so Tim and Irene have the opportunity for quality family time. . . . Betty Johnston Rayle never anticipated that she would be a professional artist or live on an island when she left Colby. As it is, Betty and her husband, Frank, live in Freeland, Wash., on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound. And Betty is indeed an artist, producing primarily monotypes, one of which she sent as her holiday greeting this year. When not creating art she finds time to travel and recently spent a month in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Next year a trip to Alaska is planned, which, relatively speaking, is for them not too far away. . . . Tom Thomas and his wife, Patti (Raymond '65), are celebrating freedom from payment of college bills, a joy many of us share. Two of their kids are married, and others live elsewhere. As travel is their business, they are constantly on the move. In 1997 plans are in place to visit the Solomon Islands, Yorkshire, Scotland, London and possibly Botswana. . . . Peggy Fuchs Singer is a special education supervisor in Ann Arbor, Mich. Since we last heard from Peg, her husband, Michael, has completed a five-year psychoanalytic training program. Her daughter, a dancer, is a sophomore in high school. And her son, a seventh grader, is a soccer player and was to celebrate his bar mitzvah in March. In her creative moments Peggy is writing a memoir about her family. . . . Thanks to everyone who answered questionnaires. It's hard to believe I've had this job for four years. It only works when you send news.

—Barbara Haines Chase

64 I discovered five questionnaires that were returned to me 10 months ago that I never wrote up. Here they are, late and stale, with my apologies. Dick Larschan wrote that he is gaining weight, gray hair and some perspective, while losing hair of all colors, time, and patience with some fellow inhabitants of the planet. Meanwhile he is off to Britain again on a faculty exchange (Nottingham) and reports that his wife looks forward to a sabbatical, 11-year-old Alexandra will be an English school girl again, and Erica, a junior at Wellesley, will spend her second semester at Kings College in London studying biochemistry. Dick is now president of the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the

Fulbright Association and sent a photo of himself with former president Jimmy Carter. . . . Jan Stoddard Gagnon says she is gaining weight and grandchildren while losing sensory acuity and a few bad habits. She remembers Maine as a wonderful place to grow up and thinks it still has unmatched natural beauty enhanced by architecture, agriculture and marine structures. Despite all that, she prefers West Virginia's easygoing style. On hospital advertising she writes, "I think my doctors care about me, but I often feel like a customer whose satisfaction is no one's primary concern. It motivates me to stay informed and practice good health habits." . . . Joan Thiel Hadley says she remembers Maine as Cold! and now thinks of it as Very Cold! To underscore her opinion, she has moved to Scottsdale, Ariz. And she has become a grandmother for the first time. . . . Dick Friary remembers Maine as a place that combined impoverishment with excess. Currently, he says, "With the impending closure of the Hathaway plant in Waterville, impoverishment seems entrenched. So does excess, which any issue of *Down East* magazine demonstrates." (Since Dick wrote, the Waterville plant appears to have been bailed out.) Dick's big news is the publication of his first book, *Skate Sailing*, by Masters Press of Indianapolis. . . . Lois Lyman is "still working for Digital Equipment, having survived seven years of layoffs, including three really breathtaking leaps to another group. . . . I've learned a lot of new skills in the process!" Of Maine she writes, "I've always been blindly in love with the state of Maine. It has always had a poverty/wealth division and an insider/outsider division and some narrow minds—but more integrity than most places." She and Ross are building a retirement home there, and she has learned how to tile floors, among other things. . . . The College has sent me notices that Paul Tessier was elected to the Maine State Legislature, District 101, and won in a recount by five votes. . . . Doris Kearns Goodwin re-

ceived the Radcliffe College Alumnae Association medal on June 7 and gave an address, "The Art of Biography." . . . Colleen Khoury is co-chairwoman of the Maine Commission on Gender, Justice and the Courts. . . . Skip Thayer reports gaining seniority in the NHL Athletic Training Society and losing weight! On Maine, he says, "I have always loved my native state, and always look forward to returning to visit family." He thinks hospital advertising falls mainly on deaf ears—that the healthy don't think about it. . . . Joan Philipps Thompson likes the Raritan ad because it stars her niece, Blanchard Ryan, daughter of Brenda Phillips '62. She is gaining weight, humility, happiness and patience while losing the black and white perspective on things, a few memory cells—and oh no!—her singing voice. . . . Peter Whalley has a daughter at Colby and comments, "Very nice place." He says life is easier now: "Now the rest of the world can focus on the big events. I focus on my events." His perception of Maine when we graduated: "slow, poor, uneducated, cars left in people's yards, but nice people and beautiful scenery." Now he says, "Even nicer people, beautiful scenery, cold weather, more people moving up there to get away. Nice place, except for the logging." On hospital advertising, he asks, "Why not? Lawyers and colleges do! At least people will know where the hospital is!" . . . Sue Woodward reports, "Life just keeps getting better! I've been a realtor for 11 years—relocated to North Carolina from Massachusetts in '90 and love it. Real estate steals whatever you let it of your life, but I find time to paint and do pottery. Went to Meredith College part time for three years—am somewhere in my senior year and may finally graduate around 2000. College is better at this age—wish I could go more!"

—Sara Shaw Rhoades

65 Comings & Goings: Jason Berger was among those 14 killed when two planes collided last November at an airport in Quincy Ill. At

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The new 1998 alumni directory will make finding an alum as easy as opening a book. Look for more details on the project in future issues of *Colby* magazine and in your mailbox.

Colby he was a sociology major and president of Hillel. Jason was a partner in the law firm of Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault in Boston and was much respected in his hometown of Lexington, Mass. A glowing tribute to him, "When a good man dies too soon," appeared in the local press. More than 800 attended his memorial service. . . . We also lost Gary Ross in January '97. Gary majored in business administration and spent his career in the Air Force before joining Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. . . . Tom '63 and Patty Raymond Thomas traveled to New Zealand, London, Nantucket and Guana Island BVI in the past year. Patty is active in the Doylestown, Pa.-area Planned Parenthood and the YMCA. . . . Adele Hodgkins Suga has resigned from the broken pencil club with news that she and Joe have moved to Vassalboro from Augusta, Maine. She is employed as a postal clerk and is involved with the family business, Suga Country Products, purveyors of maple sugaring supplies and equipment (they also sell syrup). Adele and Joe spend a lot of time in the north woods at a camp they own in West Forks, Maine. . . . Randy Roody is a product manager at Teradyne electronic components in Bedford, N.H. Randy reports that "Bob Tripp and Fred Wetzel and I had our annual Thanksgiving reunion. Refreshed my German on a rail trip in Austria, summer '96, and celebrating my 30th anniversary in '97." . . . Whit Robbins continues as a senior chemist at Nestle R&D in Ohio and has "no major changes." . . . Betsy Stevens Palmer wrote from Newfields, N.H., where she is a medical secretary and artist. She volunteers at Bridges of Exeter, a bereavement support group that works with teenagers. Betsy reports a visit from Louise Melanson Belknap. . . . A news clip reported that Marty Dodge led a discussion on global energy concerns last November at Finger Lakes Community College, where he is professor of environment and coach of the Timber Sports team. . . . John Bragg was featured in the *Bangor Daily News*. He is sixth in his family line to become president of N.H. Bragg & Sons in Bangor. They distribute industrial and welding supplies throughout Maine and operate six Big A auto parts stores located around Maine under the name Bragg's. . . . Carol Christy Rickauer wrote from Frisco, Colo., where she and her husband, Fred, own Rickauer's Resort Rentals. She writes, "spent a great summer doing course marshaling at Tour DuPont Cycling race and then at the Olympics (cycling, marathon, equestrian endurance events)." . . . Sunny Coady has retired from NYNEX where she was human resources director for MIS area. She managed to work in a sailing holiday with three other ladies in the Abacos, Bahamas, last April. She also saw Eliot Terborgh while on a final business trip to San Francisco. Retirement in August '96 left ample time to scout to Florence and Brecia to visit friends. On her return she accepted the position

of chair of the volunteer committee for the Massachusetts Easter Seal Society. She has been connected with them since she was 12 and wore leg and body braces. Oh yes, she found time to take a short course in Egyptian art and Italian cinema. . . . Hail, Colby, Hail!

—Richard W. Bankart

66 Russ Monbleau writes that he interpreted his release from Digital as the "wind beneath his wings" and that he is enjoying pursuing a variety of personal small-business endeavors that collectively will continue to "treat him to the lifestyle to which he's become accustomed." He is engaged in an insurance business, is the director of sales and marketing for Worldwide Translations and is a consultant on staff to ProLink Consultants—a very busy man. Grandson number four arrived this past summer. . . . Attorney Nat Pitnof reports that his divorce is final and that he has dissolved his

NEWSMAKERS

William Marvin '65 was named Manchester (N.H.) Citizen of Year. . . . Tom Easton '66 is the author of a new novel, *Silicon Karma*.

MILEPOSTS

Births: A daughter, Caroline, to Michelle and Larry Dyhrberg '64.

law partnership and is now a sole practitioner. He continues to co-host a call-in show on the law on WTAG in Worcester on Sunday mornings—stay tuned. Nat's daughter, Rachel, is a senior at Bryn Mawr, having spent her junior year in China. He expressed his sadness at the loss of Jason Berger '65. Life is a mysterious mix of rejoicing and sorrow. . . . Gayle Poinsette is managing social science computing at Dartmouth College; husband Garfield Barnes is a travel agent. Their plans to go to Australia for January through March to visit Garf's friends, hang out on the beach and eat tropical fruit are enviable to those of us left in the cold Northeast. . . . Andy Maizner describes his occupation as builder/developer/investor/ski bum, a nice combination of stress and pleasure! His wife, Elizabeth (Neily '67), is a child therapist and trainer. His description of the menagerie of dogs, cats, gerbils and fish illustrate that daughter Rose, 12, must have a merry home. The family lives in Salt Lake City, Utah. . . . Gary McKinstry says this is a period of life that for him is stable, and he constantly reminds himself how lucky he is as he looks forward to continued exploration, knowledge and excitement. . . . Carol Lordi is VP professional services and systems engineering for Hitachi Data Systems. Carol asked that I let everyone who attended the reunion know how much she appreciated the photograph album from the reunion. . . . Ed Mowry wrote to us for the first time since 1966, so we have some catching up to do. Ed is a veterinarian in Carlsbad, Calif., and his wife,

Maureen, is an instructor in rhetoric and writing at their community college. Their two daughters are Kim, 17, and Julia, 15. Ed taught school in Augusta, Maine, for a year after graduation before taking a four-year stint with the Marine Corps as a helicopter pilot in Viet Nam. After returning to school—an M.S. from U.C.-Davis and a D.V.M. from Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine in 1979—he subsequently built La Costa Animal Hospital in Carlsbad in 1984. . . . Diana Roesing O'Brien lives in Lincolnville, Maine, with husband Wally, a junior high school teacher. Their three sons are Bill, a math teacher, Ed, a college senior, and Andy, a high school senior. Diane has recently written a social history of their town, *Ducktrap: Chronicles of a Maine Village*. Her time is divided between writing and weaving. She has a studio/shop in their barn where she makes and sells her rugs and considers that she has the perfect job! . . . Meg Fallon Wheeler sent an article about Gary Knight from the Jan. 26, 1997, Lewiston, Maine, Sunday paper announcing Gary's election as Maine's director on the board of the Independent Bankers Association of America, a national trade association representing 6,000 community banks from all 50 states. Gary is the president and CEO of Livermore Falls Trust. Congratulations, Gary! Meg writes that she and Whizzer are loving their new full-time life in Maine.

—Natalie Bowerman Zaremba

67 As this column takes form and we endure a frigid winter season, we look forward to the promise of a warm and sunny Reunion Weekend. We can count on seeing Sandy Miller Keohane this June. She and Ken design furniture and other household items that can be found at their Hingham Square shop, *Earthly Possessions*. Sandy creatively uses old material, broken china, for instance, and she's on the lookout for objects for her work. Sandy and Ken have four children at work or in college and a high school senior living at home. . . . Eric Meindl visited family in England as he traveled to London on business connected to his position as chief of data systems division for the national data buoy center of the National Weather Service. Eric's wife, Vickie, supervises nurses in obstetrics at a St. Louis hospital, and son Patrick, 16, is in high school. Perhaps Eric can be in charge of Reunion Weekend weather so we can avoid a washout like we had in '92! . . . Business trips also allow Newland Lesko to visit family, in this case in the Pine Tree State, as Newland oversees a major paper machine rebuilding at International Paper's plant in Jay. Newland, an IP vice president, lives with his wife, Lisa, son Blake, 9, and twin daughters Lauralee and Christa, 7. Newland's older son, Jon, is a manager at Bath Iron Works, and daughter Jani is a C.P.A. in Chicago. . . . Caroline Kresky is proud of her daughter, Deborah Bernstein, as she pre-

pires to graduate from Stanford with a marathon in Seattle while her mom cheers her on. Caroline still lives in Atlanta, where she is a partner with the law firm Holland & Knight. . . . Kate Maloy keeps busy with a houseful of cats, her son, Adam, 11, and her position as communications director at the learning research and development center at the University of Pittsburgh. In addition, Kate works on a novel, edits the writing of others, gardens and enjoys being a mother. . . . After 20-plus years away from direct involvement in teaching, Bruce MacAdam has taken a position instructing Outward Bound, and he would love to tell us more about the program. . . . Congratulations to Roberta "Sookie" Stockwell and Carl Weymouth of Winthrop, Maine, who were married in September. Sookie's son, Todd, received his master's degree in civil engineering at the University of Texas and now works in Virginia. Sookie's daughter, Heather, is a senior at RIT majoring in metals and jewelry. Sookie and Carl live in Maine and enjoy cross-country skiing and caring for animals. . . . We wish the very best to Linda (Mitchell '66) and Lee Potter on the late summer wedding of their son Ben. . . . We may be preparing for our 30th reunion, but that doesn't mean we've decided to sit and rock on the front porch! Take, for example, Sue Barden Johnson, who recently finished her medical training and moved to Paradise Valley, Ariz., to begin a practice in pediatric allergies. (Business is booming because all of those allergy sufferers moved to Arizona to escape the allergens and married other allergy sufferers and had kids, who are now her patients!) Sue's husband, Mark, also a doctor, has started a new gerontology practice in a Dell Webb retirement community in the area. Since their son, Nolan, will be graduating from Harvard in June, Sue plans to swing north to Colby to attend the 30th before returning home to her patients. . . . Even though she took early retirement from teaching on Cape Cod in the fall of 1993, Donna Lumpkin has kept busy. She writes from Chatham that she is pursuing a future in photography and travels whenever possible, including a recent visit to Pompano Beach, Fla. Donna, your class correspondents both envy you. We both are in Massachusetts public schools and have a long way to go before retirement. Even the luxury of being able to travel to Florida at a time other than peak weeks of school vacation sounds pretty good to us. Best of luck on your new ventures. . . . Some of Tom McCrumm's friends convinced him at age 50 to enter a 50-mile bike race through the Green Mountains of central Vermont. He finished eighth out of 14 in his age category and ahead of 100 younger riders. Fighting Fifty continues! . . . Fred Hopengarten and his wife, Dr. Betty Herr, are kept busy with the activities of their kids. Somehow Betty juggles her psychiatric practice and being a soccer mom. But they did find time to visit with members of Betty's family in Israel and to fit in some time at Martha's

Vineyard and Moosehead Lake. We'll look forward to seeing you in June, Fred.

—Robert Gracia and Judy Gerrie Heme

68 The Maine House of Representatives has a new member from the Waterville district—attorney Joe Jabar. He attributes his decision to run to midlife crisis. Thanks to Joe Jr. '94 and his wife, Joe Sr. and his wife, Renee, are grandparents for the second time. Joe Jr. works with A.G. Edwards. Now in law school, son Jason '96 is the 10th Jabar to graduate from Colby—a remarkable and proud tradition. . . . It appears that Jeanne Amotte McCarthy and husband Jerry have raised two hockey players. Jeremiah Jr., 20, is on the Harvard varsity team and also was a member of the U.S. National Junior Team. Liam, 17, a senior at Belmont High (Mass.), is trying to decide which college to attend, and hockey will be key to his choice. I'm sure many of us share Jeanne's sentiment that "Turning 50 was shocking. Aren't we all still kids?" . . . Jane Morrison recently moved to Appleton, Maine, and is director of public information for Penobscot Bay Medical Center. Son Joshua '93 is teaching and coaching, and Seth is a freshman at South Vermont College. Jane lists under "too early to tell the effect"—second child off to college, moving to 12 acres in a somewhat remote location and her new job responsibilities. . . . Susanne Gilmore MacArthur has been involved in a national portfolio project to assess student learning and has traveled to San Francisco, New York and Texas to develop training materials for use with both teachers and students around the country. Husband K.C. is associate director of a day treatment program for special needs students. Susanne's sons both live in southern Maine.

Cory, 27, is in graduate school to become a teacher, and Scott, 29, works for L.L.Bean and travels whenever he can. . . . Busy doesn't begin to describe Bob Kulp and his wife. Bob is chairman of Speed Art Museum Charter Collectors and buys art for the museum's collection; president of Friends of the School of Music, U. of Louisville; chairman of New Performing Arts, providing quality music to disadvantaged communities; and trustee for River Fields, Inc., a conservation group. Bob says someone needs to teach him to say no to volunteerism as he has no time to practice law, but he's loving it nonetheless. Margaret is the zone chairman for Garden Club of America and a national advisory council member of the American Horticultural Society. Both enjoy traveling, singing and gardening in both Kentucky and Christmas Cove, Maine. . . . Last summer in the Keene (N.H.) *Sentinel*, an extensive article appeared about Barbara Stanford Tremblay. She is currently principal of the Franklin School in Keene, where she draws praise from teachers and students alike. Complete with photos, the article profiles her life, career and family with quotes about her educational philosophy. . . . Bye for now.

—Mary Jo Calabrese Baur

70 You know what? This "phone home" stuff really works. First Phil Norfleet and now Stu Rothenberg. I'm sure many of you saw Stu on TV during the election. He appeared on *Meet The Press* and *This Week With David Brinkley*, to name a couple, and served as CNN's House races analyst on election night. Stu publishes *The Rothenberg Report*, a newsletter on House and Senate races and presidential politics and gives speeches on politics. In his spare time Stu is married and has two children, 12 and 14. Stu writes that Bob Saglio

Five easy ways to contact the alumni office

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was in the audience at one of his speeches. Sags, phone home! . . . Lynn McKendry Stinchfield reports that in August she, husband Rick '69 and daughter Holly climbed Umcompadre Peak and the Vetterhorn in Colorado (her first 14er—it sounds impressive, but I have no idea what it means!). For an encore a month later they crossed the Grand Canyon north to south. That's tough enough, right? But they did it in eight hours on a 95 degree day. Does the term overcompensating apply here? I get worn out from pushing the buttons on the remote. Hey, give me a break! It's hard work with all those cable channels. . . . **Mike Self** is alive and well and living in Charlotte, N.C. Originally in the Class of '68, Mike liked our class so much he hung around to graduate with us in 1970. It seems to have been a wise decision. After several years of professional hockey, Mike settled down and married Elaine, a "24-hour-a-day volunteer" and church secretary. Mike and Elaine have a daughter, Allyson, who is a sophomore at NC State, and a son, David, who is a high school senior. David has a tough college choice ahead—Harvard or the U.S. Naval Academy. A word of advice Mike: They'll pay your kid to go to the Naval Academy. At Harvard you pay them. . . . **Dee O'Heron Pederson**, who did start with our class but left in our junior year, sent a nice note. She graduated from the University of Minnesota and still lives in Minnesota, where she works as a teacher's assistant and in the after-school program at a local private school. Dee's only update from our reunion book is that her youngest daughter now attends the University of Wisconsin-Madison. (Hey, Dee, tell your daughter to look up my youngest son. He's just down the road from her at Beloit College.) Dee would love to hear from Susan Goldman and Betsy Record Clemons. I'd like to hear from them, too. Susan and Betsy, phone home! . . . Todd Smith reports that he's the director of human resources for National Semiconductor in South Portland, Maine. Todd's wife, Sarah, a stained-glass artisan, is the younger sister of Bob Ewell '71. The Smiths have two children, 9 and 7. . . . Kudos to Debbie Fitton Mansfield. Colby sent me a ton of press clippings about Debbie's selection as the Maine Middle-Level Educator of the Year. Her principal described Debbie as "a leader who is open-minded and sincere." What a nice thing to say. I would be quite pleased if people said those things about me. By the way, Debbie is married to Steve Mansfield. The College hasn't sent me any clippings—not even grass clippings!—about Steve, so I can't tell you what he's up to. Steve Mansfield, phone home! (This "phone home" thing is beginning to be fun.) . . . Well, I've come to the end of my allotted space for this column. If you've written or e-mailed and have not yet seen your name in print,

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please be patient. There is a long lag time. I am writing this column in January (sorry Patriots fans, but Green Bay was the better team) and you are reading it in May. I will get everybody in—especially since I've got three more years worth of columns to write. Please help me fill them. Let me know what's happening in your lives. Nicky Pach, phone home! The Class of '70 has a website where you can read up on classmates and contribute news. It's located at <http://www.colby.edu/classof/1970/>

—Steven Cline

71 Pat Montgomery and Barbara Waters completed the Ragbrai XXIV cross-Iowa bicycle ride in July. . . . Janet Beals writes from Colorado of a lifestyle of hiking, running, ballet lessons, skiing, piano playing and restaurant work. . . . David Freeman is an art teacher in the Boston public schools and an avid squash and tennis player. . . . Alan Levine is in Phoenix, where he is a senior project engineer for software for Boeing 737 Avionics. . . . Dick Lewin is a trustee for the New Hampshire Nature Conservatory. . . . Meryl LeBoff is a physician and director of the skeletal health and osteoporosis program at Brigham and Women's Hospital and an associate professor at Harvard Medical School. She lives in Boston with her husband, her 11-year-old daughter and 6-year-old son. . . . The Manchester, Conn., *Journal Inquirer* reported that Sandra Rau Ferrari was

named as teacher of the year in Windsor Locks, Conn. She has been a mathematics and computer teacher there for the past 12 years. . . . Thanks for all your letters.

—James Hawkins

72 Gilvan Marcelino writes from Brasilia, Brazil, to update us on his past few years and to let us know he is eager to hear from classmates. He studied in Quebec from 1986 to 1990 and then returned to Brazil to resume his job at the National Research Council as head of its international office. However, a year ago he resigned from that post and is now at the Ministry of Science and Technology. He misses Maine and its snow, especially at Christmas. He lives with his wife, Maria, two daughters, two dogs, two parakeets and a turtle! His address is: QI 18 Conj. D Casa 95-Guara I, 71015-044 Brasilia, DF, Brazil. . . . **Donald Borman** is assistant superintendent of schools in Oakland, Maine, and recently served for a period as interim superintendent. . . . In November's election, **Richard Kaynor**, the Natural Law Party candidate, was one of four candidates seeking the office of representative of Massachusetts's 2nd Congressional District. He didn't win,

but as regional coordinator for the Natural Law Party he explains that the party platform "includes common-sense, prevention-oriented solutions to problems in every area." . . . **Lynda Ellis Flood**, a licensed clinical social worker, opened a private psychotherapy practice two years ago in Augusta, Maine. She lives in Clinton with her husband, William, who is a dairy farmer, and their younger daughter, Laura, who is a high school freshman. Their older daughter, Katie, is a senior at the University of Maine. . . . Since we last heard from Carolyn Dewey Madeira, she has continued to raise three sons in Norwich, Conn., and has embarked on a career in energetic medicine. Currently she is a polarity therapist and is working on a Ph.D. . . . Paul Ford is in Atlanta, Ga., with wife Wendy (Newstetter '71) and two daughters. He continues to practice international business law as a partner in his firm and traveled last year to Finland, France, Netherlands, Nicaragua and Honduras. Wendy is doing postdoctoral work at Georgia Tech. . . . We have an expectant father, Paul McGurren and his wife, Carol des Lauriers Cieri, a freelance writer/editor, are expecting their first child in June in Lincolnville, Maine. He adds that "about two years ago Carol and I bought a very large 100-year-old farmhouse just inland a bit from Camden. Lots of work to do, but it's a great old place with a big barn and lots of maple trees. We tap the trees each spring and make our own maple syrup. John Crabtree, my

old Colby roommate, has been our consultant in the syrup-making process." . . . We are counting down now to early June for our 25th! Block those dates—June 5-8 and we'll see you!

—Janet Holm Gerber

73 Thank you for your responses to the questionnaires. We are not only getting older, we are getting better! Ron Majdalany is a veterinarian who breeds llamas and peacocks in Great Barrington, Mass. He and his wife, Jane Laning, have a daughter, 4. Ron enjoys skiing with Steve Parsons. . . . Gwynelle Dismukes has been busy writing, editing and working in mediation. She traveled to Africa last year and read one of her poems for the president of Ghana. She publishes a monthly paper, "Brite Moments," has written a book called *The African-Centered Family Unity Guide*, and edited a book called *A Common Sense Guide to Urban Education*. She also enjoys her two children, 8 and 11. . . . Betty Robinson is dean of the Lewiston-Auburn College of the University of Southern Maine. She is particularly impressed with the college's non-traditional students—the average age is 32, and 80 percent are women. She reports that Bob Mayer is working in information systems for Governor Angus King. . . . Gail McKenzie Johnson is an accountant in Princeton, N.J. She and husband Darryl have two children, 10 and 8. Gail reports that she continues to be an aging hippie—shopping in health food stores and using New Age healing arts. . . . Ed Hathaway spent a day in San Francisco with Ellie Robison Kasch and former roommate Gary Roy, Ph.D. Ed enjoys living and working in the Bay area, especially biking with his son, Charles, 7. . . . Barbara Hoene is an anesthesiologist in Natal, South Africa. She works in a 1,600-bed teaching hospital and loves living in Africa. . . . Laura Lunardo is the chief financial officer of The Optometrics Group, headquartered in Ayer, Mass. She has traveled to China twice in recent years and adopted two Chinese children—Olivia, 4, and Sarah, 2. She says, "Becoming a mom to two toddlers is a baptism by fire!—but I wouldn't change it for the world!" . . . Robert J. O'Neil was Wyoming's sole delegate to the Democratic National Platform Committee and attended the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. The convention gave him a unique glimpse into politics at the national level, and besides that, it was a lot of fun! He urges any of us who are interested in politics to attend a national convention. . . . Susanna De Mers Liller is the owner of the business Susanna Liller: Facilitation, Mediation and Training, which is based in her home in Woolwich, Maine. She works with organizations to do planning,

make decisions and solve problems. She is co-author of a book, *Sea Change: Creating a High Performance Work Organization in Maine*. . . . Christi Pope is the mother of three and daycare provider to 10 and has been a foster parent to 10 children over the past seven years. She and her husband, Steve Capaldo '74, edit and publish their church newsletter and travel often with their children's hockey and soccer teams. . . . Wells Pile is the director of annual giving at the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design. He and his wife, Marguerite Ofria Pile, juggle the activities of their three children and busy careers.

—Margaret McPartland Bean



Lynn Thommen '76

ance. . . . Elizabeth Knight Warr '76, has been promoted to senior vice president in the retail mortgage department at Peoples Heritage Bank. . . . Lynn Thommen '76 is director of development for American Ballet Theatre. . . . Steven R. Singer '79 joined the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute as chief of communications and principal spokesman.

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Ann Lyle Rethlefsen '71 received one of the 24 fellowships in the Bush Educators Program for mid-career educators in Minnesota. . . . Robert Diamond '73 was featured in a *Euromoney* magazine article. He is director of the fixed income division at the investment bank BZW. . . . Michael Roy '74 is the new president of the Maine Municipal Association. . . . Gail Chase '74 was named treasurer of the Maine Children's Alliance.

MILEPOSTS

Births: A daughter, Abigail Grace, to Neil and Donna Dee Genzlinger '78.

74 This is my half-way column as class correspondent, mid-way between our 20th and—gasp!—25th reunions. . . . Kudos to Kate Cone '76 for sending an update on disk about Bob Theberge. "Bob is reluctant to toot his own horn," Kate says, "but I thought some of his classmates might like to know what he's been doing lately." Bob has a successful contracting business in the Bath/Brunswick, Maine, area. "Got a new home to plan or old one to remodel?" asks Kate, whose first book was to be published in March. Their family includes Megan, second grade, Burke, 13, and Samantha, who is in high school and looking at colleges. . . . Robin and Catherine Morris Killoran have moved to Huntsville, Ala., where Robin is marketing manager for SCL. Cathy is involved in marketing nutritional products, Vitaminoplus and Thermoenergythin. They have two granddaughters, identical twin girls, 3 years old. . . . Maria and Dean Florian are in Wilbraham, Mass., where Dean is president of a family-owned independent insurance agency. He says business is excellent and growing! Dean

feels he is in the prime of life with a terrific wife and two daughters, Sarah, 8, and Amanda, who was born on his 40th birthday. Thanks for writing, Dean! . . . From "hot Houston" write Kent and Cindy Vietor Kahle. They have three kids, Carter, 14, Walker, 12, and Page, 7. Cindy is on the board of St. John's School, Kent is an investment banker, and they like to travel to cool places. . . . S. Ann Earon and Robert Meli have moved to a new home on the sixth fairway of a golf course in Skillman, N.J. Ann is a management consultant, and Robert is with Johnson & Johnson. Daughter Sally, 18 months, will soon be taught to retrieve golf balls if her father has his way. . . . Thomas and Deborah Wathen Finn are

also in New Jersey, where Debbie is superintendent of the Raritan Valley Line, NJ Transit Rail Operations. Children James and Stephanie are both in middle school. Debbie recently visited Cathy Morris Killoran, regularly sees Pam Brownstein and ran into Rachel Hyman Zervas's daughter (wearing a Colby t-shirt) at a rest stop on I-684! Debbie enjoyed volunteering as an alumni interviewer for Colby last year, finding that Colby continues to attract quality young people. . . . Kenneth Lipstein and Pam Brownstein, both attorneys, live in Scotch Plains, N.J., with sons Jeremy, 12, and Andrew, 9. Pam is executive editor of the *New Jersey Law Journal* and runs on-line seminars for attorneys. . . . Guy Freeman and Anne Menard '75 are in Carlisle, Pa., where Guy is a photographer and Anne directs the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence. Guy enjoys Carlisle, exhibiting and teaching photography and raising Nicholas, 14, and Lind-

say, 13, out of the city. . . . Closet to home, Bonnie Nielson writes to recommend a book—*Having Our Say, The Delaney Sisters' First 100 Years*, by Sarah and A. Elizabeth Delaney. Bonnie is recently divorced and deciding whether to stay in Maine. Zach, 15, plays soccer, sings and plays trumpet. Torrey, 12, also loves sports and music and plans to attend Colby or Bates. . . . John Ladkey enjoyed visiting Colby for the alumni swim meet last November, his first trip to campus since 1984. . . . On a sad note, Phyllis Brown Vinson passed away in Boulder, Colo., last November, after a long battle with cancer. Phyllis and I spent many, many hours together at Colby, and her death affected me deeply. Her husband and 15-year-old son are doing well. . . . I'm out of space, more next time. I'm glad to be able to e-mail this to Colby so I don't have to venture out into the latest batch of this winter's snow/ice "weather event"!

—Shelley Bieringer Rau

75 Michelle Kominz has finally checked in from the thawing north, where her work in

Soaking Up Knowledge

The Flood probably won't do us in, but water—or the lack of it—might. Thirsty big cities are expropriating more and more water resources from rural agricultural areas and creating a wave of controversy in the process.

A century ago, rivers flowing from the mountains helped support year-round ranching in the South Park area near Denver. Today, says Cathy Kindquist '78, an assistant professor of geography at Radford University in Virginia, cities like Aurora, Colo., are buying up water rights to ensure their own growth, and ranchers are being devastated by the loss of their water.

"More than seventy-five percent of the water rights originally for irrigation are now in urban hands. It's all legal, using legal channels to transfer rights downstream," said Kindquist, whose Ph.D. dissertation at the University of British Columbia examined the historical background of human-environmental interaction and the impact of the sale of water rights on rural communities. Her work has been written up in Colorado newspapers and plunged her into the dispute swirling around water rights.

"You're seeing not just a key resource being taken [from the ranching community] but an entire change in the landscape, the local economy, the tax base and the area's future," said Kindquist. The issue currently is tied up in Colorado courts, where she foresees that key elements of water laws in the West will be worked out.

"I never thought about water—the social and psychological effects of control over water—when I was in Maine," said Kindquist, a psychology major who went on to study psy-



Cathy Kindquist '78

chology at the University of Denver. While working at a mental health clinic, she saw an increase in the number of people turning to social services as a result of the drastically changing situation in South Park. The influence of the environment and water resources on human behavior and society proved "more down to earth than psychology. I've just parachuted into this," she said.

The planet is in deep water. Kindquist argues metaphorically and she foresees repeated agricultural-to-municipal water transfers in the future—and on a global scale. China, for instance, is building huge dams on the headwaters of the Mekong River, the lifeblood of Southeast Asia, to harness more energy for irrigation and urban growth. "And what happens to Cambodia?" Kindquist said.

World population growth and rising living standards of developing nations will increase the demand for food, power to run lights and water for household consumption, says Kindquist. The supply of water is constant, but the quality of renewable water is not, and as quality declines, she says, quantity will become an issue. She doubts that proposed remedies—floating icebergs to the Middle East or replumbing the planet by running the Mackenzie River the other way—are feasible or environmentally sound.

At Radford, Kindquist has tied her research in water issues in the Western states to Eastern water quantity and quality issues that might play out as water quality declines. Meanwhile, she says, she loves teaching undergraduates "Colby," she added, "did a heck of a job of preparing me for this."

—Robert Gillespie

geophysics has put her on a tenure track at Western Michigan University. We don't know if they canoe in Kalamazoo, but Michelle is just as happy windsurfing, a sport she added last year while teaching at the University of California-San Diego. What we are anxious to know, Michelle, is whether you will give up playing bridge to adopt the state card game of Michigan, euchre? ... Candace Skelly Crouch also is enjoying the active life. Besides skiing and camping, she bikes in "centuries"—100-mile sprints through the countryside. Candace married Ken Leavey in August of 1995 and settled in Darien, Conn., where her leisure time is probably spent as spectator for sons Ryan, 15, and Ian, 13, as they chase hoops and hockey pucks. ... Besides being busy with kids Rachel, 12, Nicole, 11, Lydia, 6, and Aaron, 1, Roger and Michelle Bernier Hatch write that they somehow find time for work. Roger is director of the state of Massachusetts's municipal databank, and Michelle is a daycare provider. In his spare time, Roger escapes to the piano room for jazz. ... David Pinansky recently presented a number of his musical works at a meeting of the Greater Baltimore Cantors Association. David lives in Herndon, Va., with his wife Harriet (Buxbaum '76), son Sam and daughter Sarah. ... Barbara Breckenfeld is "living alone for the first time and loving it." She changed careers (from design) and is now enjoying managing the marketing efforts of NBBJ Architects in Seattle. (Barbara, want to work in Colorado?) Blue, a thoroughbred gelding, has just been added to Barbara's home circle, which includes Pearl, a golden retriever, and Betty, a cat of questionable parentage. ... If you're up Waterville way, you may want to catch Joyce Smith in a performance at the Opera House. (Joyce, please give us directions from the Pub.) Last June, Joyce played two roles in *Carousel* and is also versatile enough to have performed with Howard Koonce in Arthur Miller's classic, *Death of a Salesman*. In July she was off to Australia to visit Spence Wright '74 in Sidney. ... Betsy Brigham Benton may find her compass set on Maine as she makes the college circuit for her two stepsons. Betsy and her husband, Peter, spend much of their time with their son, Andrew, 10, who is severely impaired with autism. Their work with therapists and consultants is a struggle to involve Andrew with his "typical peers" at school and in community activities. Betsy feels it is well worth the effort "to witness any small gains and smiles, as well as more informed and accepting local children." ... Checking in from cyberspace is Russell Sehnert, who has opened a business and is doing well creating Web sites. His wife, Twila (Purvis '74), works with him when she's not watching their son Steen, 12, in tennis matches or their son William, 11, flying off the three-meter board. For variety, the Sehnerts scuba in Cozumel and ski at Sugarloaf. ... And at last our class can claim its first link to royalty. Betsy Neidich was crowned Web Queen of Newton-Wellesley Hospital, acting as senior for the site. The position fits well

with her goal of becoming a gypsy queen within the next five years. An inveterate entertainer, Betsy was host to Claudia Bassis Hill and Deborah Vose Roman over the holidays. She hopes to visit Linnie Bruce and Fluffy soon, right after she takes her allergy pills.

—Nan Weidman Anderson

76 Greetings! Lydia McAnerney e-mailed a lengthy note; she is very busy with son Andrew, who just started kindergarten, daughter Rebecca, 4, and working as the external relations coordinator for Tapestry Folkdance Center in Minnesota. On a recent trip to New England, the McAnerney clan got together for a mini-reunion with Joe and Noël Barry Stella, Jim '78 and Sue Conant Cook '75 and Sam and Karen Smith Gowan and their families. Another mini-reunion took place over the Fourth of July weekend—Joy Sawyer-Mulligan, Heather Finney Eng, Julia Stewart, Wendy Swallow Williams and Kathy Jewett Sutherland met on the Eastern Shore in Maryland. They reminisced about freshman year in Butler and caught up on news of children, spouses and/or significant others, careers, etc. Joy reported from Ojai, Calif., that she just returned to teaching English after working for nine years as director of admissions and financial aid at The Thacher School, the oldest boarding school west of the Mississippi. . . . Doug Rooks, who lives in Gardiner, Maine, and is editor of *Maine Times*, wrote that he was elected president of the Maine Press Association, representing all of Maine's daily newspapers and virtually all of the 48 weekly papers. He has been a guest lecturer at a few Colby classes and is busy with Emlin Brian, 16 months. . . . It was great to hear from Linda Wallach Schroeder in her first reply to a Colby newsletter. She reports that her biggest challenge is trying to simplify her life and maintain her sanity: Lin has five busy children, ranging in age from 4 to 15. She's married to Dan Schroeder, a research chemist with Bristol-Myers Squibb, whom she met while at grad school in Colorado after Colby. To complicate matters, their house is under construction! . . . Bill Silverman, M.D., reported that he is assistant professor of medicine, division of gastroenterology/liver transplant, and that his wife, Margarida Magalhaes, M.D., works in the division of hematology/bone marrow transplant. Both are at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Two daughters (Joanna, 4, and Pombie, 2) occupy virtually all their spare time. While in Seattle, Bill visited with Dave and Mary Sue Naegle Galvin '75 who, he reports, live in a houseboat on East Lake. . . . Harry Nelson wrote from North Yarmouth, Maine. In addition to being the operations manager for Jotul of North American, a subsidiary of the Norwegian Stove Company, he is a Little League coach for his three sons. He has seen plenty of Colby friends in the Portland area, including Mike Boyson, Kevin Carley, Scott Pickett, Jed Kirkpatrick, Megan Thorn, Chris Foster and Ellen Grant. . . . Another Maine

resident, Kate Cone, just published her first book, *Pub Tours New England*, a travel guide to brewpubs and microbreweries. Currently writing a series of detective novels, she lives in Harpswell with husband Bob Teberge '74 and children Samantha, 15, Burke, 12, and Megan, 6. . . . Cathy Worcester Moison wrote from Lyndell, Pa. A homemaker and school volunteer, she's busy with children Eileen, 6, and Nathan, 4; husband David is an economist. . . . I've received lots of mail lately. Keep writing (or e-mail) so I can share your news!

—Valerie Jones Roy

78 Please stop the rain! Viewer mail has been great lately, so much so that I can't possibly fit it all in. So, please bear with me if you have written but don't see your name in print. . . . Betsy Williams Stivers reports that life has changed beyond her wildest imaginings in the past two years since she has gotten married, moved to Topsham and had a son, Harry. (On reading her note, I thought: what if it had been twins?) Betsy is an attorney in the insurance defense area, working hard to keep all our rates down. . . . Bill Hough is one of two Class of '78 alumni now hailing from the former Soviet Union. Bill has co-founded a law firm with offices in St. Petersburg, Warsaw, Lithuania and Latvia, where Bill is situated. Bill notes, "we are the only law firm in this region with an ability to serve United States and other Western clients from St. Petersburg to Warsaw." Bill is involved in privatizing former state industries and enterprises. Oddly enough, that is precisely the field my father is active in. . . . Our second international traveler is Elizabeth Dugan, who sent me a beautiful Christmas card (but no news!) from St. Petersburg. It seems the former Soviet states are really a new frontier of sorts. . . . Before going further, I must recognize Sandy Buck for his outstanding contribution to Colby, written up in the latest report on annual giving. I know I speak for many of us in saying I greatly appreciate and admire Sandy's decision, as well as the tremendous gifts made by so many of our class. . . . Phillip McCarthy recently accepted a position with the standing committee on education of the Maine State Legislature. Phil and Lisha are reportedly now in the Brunswick area, and Phil will be concentrating on education policy issues and legislative efforts in that area. Phil has been involved in issues affecting higher education for many years. . . . Lorraine Thompson now hails from Whitmore Lake, Mich., although her travels since graduation did not take her there directly. Lorraine spent three years in the Peace Corps in Africa, four years as an advisor with the Ministry of Agriculture in Zaire and at least one year "visiting all the states in the U.S., staying at campgrounds." Lorraine's professional specialty has been organizational behavior, but she writes that she is working on a new career direction. . . . Lise Greenfield Shanahan and family moved out to the San Diego area two years ago, after a lifetime in New England, and

survived major culture shock. She says, "I now consider 65 degrees cold enough to put on a sweater and long pants." When not raising a family, Lise is involved in fund raising for worthy causes. . . . Susan Pollis and Ted Reed '80 now have two daughters, Perrin, 5, and Hogan, born last fall. The Reed-Pollises enjoy sailing along the coast of Maine down to the Cape aboard an Alden yawl. For those of you (like

There's a tower, there's a Hill.

myself) unfamiliar with nautical lingo, my Webster's dictionary says a yawl is "a fore-and-aft rigged sailboat carrying a mainsail and one or more jibs with a mizzenmast far aft." Next column we will learn more about mizzenmasts. . . . Joseph Tyler is now working as an antiques dealer in Litchfield, Conn. Joe had a very busy 1996, which his note related in great detail, to wit: "Quit job—sold house in Md.—got married—bought house in Conn.—started antiques business—had baby." Anyone seeking details can find Joe in Litchfield. . . . Old housemate Jeff Potter finally wrote your class correspondent, leaving the competition for most-out-of-touch classmate to Rob Sundberg and Emily de Giacomo. Jeff has been playing music with several bands and Broadway shows in New York City since 1982. Last January, Jeff was working at a small Lower East Side theater on a rock opera in development called *Rent*. As many of you know, *Rent* won a Pulitzer Prize, moved to Broadway and won four Tony awards, including "Best Musical." Jeff has ridden the crest of success to appearances on Leno and Letterman (there are scattered reports that Paul Schaefer was seen asking for Jeff's autograph after the Letterman show). As Jeff put it so well: "you never know!" Congratulations, Jeff, and thanks for the great news. . . . Caryn Resnick sent along an interesting letter chronicling 14 years of lobbying efforts on behalf of a social service agency in the New York state legislature. Last year Caryn became executive director of a small nonprofit providing services to the elderly in Greenwich Village. She notes that "having spent so many years struggling to raise funds, I think I might enjoy moving into the foundation world where I could give away money rather than raise it." Caryn is married to a professional photographer and has two daughters, Rachel and Jessica. . . . Craig Snider is now working as a management consultant out of Wayne, Pa. Craig asks if anyone knows what happened to Mark Parrish because he would like to get in touch. . . . Ben Thorndike writes, "I'm about to start my 14th year at Scudder. Not bad for a guy who could never commit to anything! Newer responsibilities include being lead portfolio manager for our new series of asset allocation funds and responsibility for our Trust Company. I have to head to the airport too often, but otherwise my job is great." Ben is married to

Joanne Lynch '80, who he reports just finished her M.B.A. and is evaluating her options. Since my Webster's says a scudder is "one who runs before a gale," I think I will have to get Ben to conduct our seminar on mizzen-masts. . . . Last but not least, Sally Pearce writes from Denver, Colo., where she works with the state as a historian and a scenic byways coordinator. "I get paid to drive around the state and take pictures, visit historical sites and hangout with fun people," she says. Last year she also traveled to China and Hong Kong. All I can say is "hey, no fair!" . . . Thanks for all your news.

—Nicholas Levintow

79 Larry Sparks and his wife, Nancy, greeted son Daniel Christopher in March 1996, which Larry describes as adding an incredible dimension to their lives. He and the family live in Simsbury, Conn. . . . Amy Burdan Schissler was expecting her third child in December 1996 and while waiting was working as an oncology nurse at Genesis West in Davenport, Iowa. She and husband Phillip are also the proud parents of Phillip, 8, and Hope, 7. . . . Steve Singer has changed jobs after many years at the Kennedy School in Cambridge and is now in Boston as chief of communications at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, home of the Jimmy Fund. He and wife Kimberly have two sons, Nicolas, 4-1/2, and Matthew, 1-1/2, and live in close-in Arlington, Mass. . . . Kristin West Sant also has changed jobs, returning after several years to foundation work at the Broad Foundation, a contemporary art institution. Kris also continues to work for the Los Angeles Women's Foundation. Son John, 3-1/2, and husband Michael round out a full life. . . . My able predecessor, Emily Grout Sprague, teaches seventh grade English in Watertown, N.Y., and is learning the violin along with daughters Caroline, 9, and Julia, 7. She, husband Philip and the girls have been traveling recently and have seen Stacy Cox Slowinski and Betsy Bucklin Gray (and family Peter, Maggie and Emily). Emily asks, "Where is Beth Forsythe?" . . . Mark Thomas teaches seventh and eighth grade science in Chichester, N.H., and when at leisure takes wife Pam and children Kelly, 9, and Bob, 6, sailing out on Lake Winnepesaukee in their home-made catamaran. . . . David Vivian has changed jobs and is a property specialist with the wireless arm of Sprint Communications. He and wife Rachel have two boys, Daniel, 6, and Nathan, 1-1/2. The Vivians live in Wilbraham, Mass., outside of Springfield. . . . Since the last time we heard from Katie Cofsky Lemaire, she has taken a two-month trip around the world, lived

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and worked in Hong Kong and Brussels and become the managing director of the Hay Group's Boston consulting operation. She recently married a Frenchman (Christophe) and has a year-old son. . . . Melinda Edgerley Pearce is the quintessential soccer mom, supporting the efforts of sons Ben (sixth grade) and Jonathan (third grade). In her "spare" time she teaches swimming and part-time third grade. She and husband Don recently saw Sue Fraser Sullivan and Jan Morris Whelan in Sturbridge, Mass. . . . Lauren Wincig Kline, husband Andrew and children Jacqueline, 8, Rebecca, 5-1/2, and Danielle, 3, live in Potomac, Md., where Lauren recently opened her own business, The Nail and Body Spa, after several years with Bell Atlantic. Call for an appointment! . . . David Lemoine is in law practice with brother John in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. He and wife Karen were expecting child number two (son Joseph is 2) in December. . . . Cheri Bailey Powers, husband Tom and daughters Kayleigh and Meredith live in Colorado Springs and are looking forward to Tom's retirement from the Air Force after another short tour of duty in Saudi Arabia. They are enjoying life as homeowners. . . . Jane Venman Ledebuhr and husband Dave, kids Wes, 9, and Rachel, 6, are still ensconced in East Lansing, where Jane is a "Jane-of-all-trades." She recently saw Jacie

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Cordes Hurd and Jean Sherwood Lynch at Jean's house in New Jersey. . . . Dr. Amy Davidoff is assistant professor of medicine at Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich., conducting cardiovascular research. She still sails actively and is looking for a way to move back to New England. Any ideas? . . . Kathy Perkins McKechnie is an assistant district attorney in York County, Maine, and when not prosecuting shares time with husband David and son Conor, 3-1/2. . . . My apologies for missing the last column. I changed jobs on the eve of my last deadline after four good years at EPA and am now practicing environmental law with a large New York-based law firm in D.C. Life's been hectic, but fun. Child number two (a girl with no name, yet) is due in May. I have a new e-mail address (rjkinney@llgm.com).

—Robert Kinney

80 Erin Ireton Elliot writes from Mill Valley, Calif., where she and family have settled after two moves in the last year. Erin is devoting her time to raising Connor, 5, and Elizabeth, 2, while husband David is VP institutional services for Roberson Stephens Co. After not seeing Cindy Fledderhaus Helfrich '79 since graduation until last year, Erin and Cindy are now only a few miles apart. . . . Warren Rosenthal lives in Berlin, Md., where he is director of economic development for Worcester County. He and his wife, Lynne (an Internet marketer), have two children, Benjamin, 6, and Gregory, 2. . . . Michael Childers was promoted recently to director of sales and marketing at Antec Corp., a publicly traded company (NASDAQ) that manufactures and sells equipment to the cable television industry. He and wife Allison live in Chicago, Ill. . . . Paul Kudlich is interested in hearing more news of Marty Young Stratton, Nancy Johnson Kymila and Barb Neal. He is spending more time with his children, Nathan, 7, and Morgan Leigh, 4, since his separation. . . . Jim and Laurel Munson Lowe are enjoying having a new baby in St. Louis (Sarah, 1) and getting plenty of help from Sarah's three siblings—Jenny, 13, Chris, 11, and Toby, 8. Four cats and five mice complete the family tableau. Jim teaches classics at John Burroughs School while Laurie classifies her job as mom and chauffeur, with regular fares to Scouts, choir, music lessons, sports, etc. . . . Elaine Regan Driscoll is the proud "at home mom" and full-time volunteer to four great kids, all of whom, she reports, outsmart her on a daily basis. The recent arrival of baby John has renewed Elaine's facility with "all-nighters" and thrilled siblings Matt, 9, Alicia, 7, and Danny, 4. The family, including husband Dan '78, a surgeon, lives in Milton,

Mass. Dan bumped into Pam Poindexter and her family while the Driscolls were skiing in Bretton Woods last February. . . . Jacqueline Low Chee also reports a new baby, Christopher John Chee, born last May. Congratulations! . . . The big news at my house is that my own little nipper, aka Jed, is starting to walk, so Diana and I expect to be back in the home market soon to satisfy his insatiable appetite for new and uncharted territory. Please send your own baby brags, gossip or even legitimate news to me, e-mail or at home.

—John Veilleux

81 Leslie Kaplan and her husband, Jerry Knopf, are living in Boston, where Leslie is a senior vice president of Hill Holliday, an advertising firm. They have traveled to Turkey, Greece, Australia and the Virgin Islands and were expecting their first child last May. Back in 1995, Leslie attended the weddings of Kathy Dornish DuGrenier and Mark Federle '83. . . . Dave Bolger is living on Bainbridge Island near Seattle on an old dairy farm and is a third and fourth grade elementary school teacher in an alternative program. He writes that Frank Wirmusky is training teachers in Lithuania using Langston Hughes's poetry! . . . Amy Haselton has moved from San Diego to Roanoke, Va., where she is president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of the Blue Ridge. She has visited with Joanne Terry Swanson, her husband, John, and their two daughters in Ashville, N.C. Amy drove across country while making her move, traveling through Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee and North Carolina. . . . Karen Pfeiffer Jones and her husband, Owen, are living in Peekskill, N.Y. They have two sons, Andy and Alex. Karen and Owen job-share at the consulting firm of McKinsey & Co. in New York City, where they are both information specialists in their large corporate library. This allows them to keep up their careers and have one of them at home, too! Karen writes that the Internet is becoming an important information source for corporate librarians. Karen has spoken with Karen Baumstark Porter, who is a psychologist living in Omaha, Neb. Karen has a daughter, Mary. . . . Peter Coccia is living in Middleton, Mass., with his wife, Leslie, and children Matthew and Emily. For their 10th wedding anniversary Peter and Leslie took a cruise from Boston to Bermuda on the *Royal Majesty*. Unfortunately, they hit hurricane Felix, never made it to Bermuda and ended up in Nassau and Freeport instead. They were hoping to take the cruise again last summer with the kids and finally get to Bermuda. Peter, I hope you made it. . . . Lawrence "Andy" Anderson and his wife, Kathryn Mack, are living in Guilford, Conn. They were married in 1996 and honeymooned in Tuscany and the coast of Italy. Andy is president of Anderson Technologies, a manufacturing company. . . . Rick Schaub and his

wife, Sue, are living in Plano, Texas, with their two sons, Douglas and Will. Rick is the president of Priss Prints, marketer of children's and infant's room decor. Rick writes that they prefer Dallas winters to those in Massachusetts and Ohio. He has seen Ted and Lisa Gale Taylor, who live in Knoxville, Tenn. Last February they were planning on taking their sons and Ted and Lisa's son Cam on an ice fishing trip to Maine. . . . Valentine Talland and her husband, Nagesh Mahanthappa, are living in Cambridge, Mass. Val is the conservator of sculpture and decorative arts at the Gardiner Museum in Boston. They have traveled to Indonesia and India and are hoping to get to Central Asia in 1997. They were expecting their first baby last February. . . . Diane Young is living in Stamford, Conn., and is a real estate senior investment officer with TIAA-CREF. She visited Heidi Proctor Baxter in her new home in Topsfield, Mass., with her new son, Andrew. Diane writes that Karen Orloff Maddox was expecting a second baby last year. . . . Carol Arness, a carpenter, is living in Madison, Wis., with her partner, Rose Stanek. They have two shelties and have recently completed remodeling of their home. . . . Jean Siddal-Benson started medical school at the University of Massachusetts in Worcester last fall. . . . That's all for now. Please keep writing! The Class of '81 now has a web site where you can read up on classmates and contribute news. It's located at <http://www.colby.edu/classof/1981/>

—Beth Pniewski Wilson

82 Jon Schwartz and his wife, Kim, have been married for 10 years and have a son named Sam, 3, and a newborn named Annie. Jon is director of worldwide sales at Forrester Research

Last June, Linda Zee and her husband, Jorge Barrueto, were caught in Hurricane Boris on the Pacific Coast of Mexico. They were traveling by bus when they came to a washed-out bridge. They crossed the river on foot with their luggage on their heads—all the while holding on to a rope so as not to be swept away by the current.

in Cambridge, Mass. He keeps in touch with Paul Maier (married; living in Denver; bigwig at Lucent Technologies), Marc Jeton (married; one boy; living in Maine; working at Forrester Research) and Tom Dougherty (married; two girls; working at Wal-Mart in Arkansas). All four of them will be at the 15th reunion with their spouses. . . . Scott Sophos's massage business is going well, and along with his daytime administrative job he acts professionally throughout the year. In March a year ago he played Mephisto in the Georgetown Theatre Co. production of *Faust*; in April he started a 14-week run of David Dillon's comedy *Party* (Ross Brennan and his wife attended a performance); and he also played Ed-

ward Seymour, Earl of Hertford at the Maryland Renaissance Festival. . . . Becca Badger Fisher has settled into a new job with United Healthcare as a business analyst. She and her husband, Paul, have just purchased a new house and are extremely happy being back on the East Coast. Becca would love to hear from any classmates, especially those located in the central/northern New Jersey area. . . . Betsy Pierce Williams is

There's a crowd of students still.

the mother of three and lives in Lincoln, Mass. Her husband, Banjo, is a portfolio manager for Moody, Lynn & Co. in Boston. Their three daughters are Maggie, 7, Gretchen, 5, and Anna, 2. . . . Beth Damon Rider and her husband, Chad, are living the quiet country Vermont life while designing Web pages in the city. They are computer consultants and their company is SYNAPS: application synthesis. Their three children are Ellen, 8, Hope, 6, and Faith, 1. . . . Denise Donahue Simon is research coordinator for Project Muse (Museums Uniting with Schools in Education). She was married in September '96 to Richard Simon, a senior research engineer for Open Software Foundation. Mary Radhammer Kiang and Emily Cummings were in attendance. . . . Linda Zee is a Spanish professor at Dickinson College. Her husband, Jorge Barrueto, is a part-time teacher and student. Last June they were caught in Hurricane Boris on the Pacific Coast of Mexico. They were traveling by bus when they came to a washed-out bridge. They crossed the river on foot with their luggage on their heads—all the while holding on to a rope so as not to be swept away by the current! . . . Margaret Klawunn has been named director of the Sarah Doyle Women's Center at Brown University. The center, an important resource for Brown women, is named for the woman who first persuaded the university to accept female undergraduates. In addition to broadening the center's services, public programs, art gallery and specialized collection of books, Margaret will be teaching a survey of American literature. . . . Wende S. Davis has relocated from California to Columbus, Ohio. She is a senior research scientist in toxicology for Battelle, a major contract lab. In July '95 Wende married Joseph Schultz, a pre-clinical drug development scientist. Rounding out the family is their black Lab, Cori. In the past year they have traveled to northern England and Scotland. . . . E.J. Meade is an architect in Boulder, Colo., where he teaches senior-level architecture at the University of Colorado College of Architecture and Planning. He also has his own design practice, Arch Eleven Inc., which he started three years ago. E.J. was awarded the Colorado AIA "Emerging Impressions Award." His wife, Bridget Klauber, is a

public defender, and their daughter, Eliot Delphina Meade, is 2. . . . **Carolyn Treat** has worked for two years in Portland, Maine, as an art therapist/counselor for Shalom House, Inc., which provides housing and services for individuals living with mental illness. Carolyn is looking for new studio space after her space of seven years was recently torn down for development. She considered living in Chicago but after spending time there found that she missed the ocean and Maine too much! Carolyn is particularly proud of her 4-year-old nephew, Kai. . . . **Ann Renner Stillwater** is a public health nurse and has just returned to school to get a school nurse certification. Her husband, JD, is also back in school to finish his degree as a high school biology/physics teacher. They have two children, Chris, 10, and Robin, 6, and live in Bowerston, Ohio. . . . Thanks to everyone who wrote in, and I hope to see many of you at the reunion in June!

—Mimi H. Rasmussen

83 **Ethan W. Shapiro** has been an associate dean at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H., for about a year now. Since 1991 Ethan has held the Harlan E. Ellis instructorship. He teaches Russian, is currently the head of Soule Hall and is the academy's varsity wrestling coach, whose teams have consistently won Class A and Prep School Championship titles. . . . Heartwarming it is when the Colby folks send mail my way since I get to see news clippings from afar. Such a mailing brought me a photo of a smiling Jake Filoon and his betrothed, Gretchen Munn, who plan to wed in fall 1997. Ms. Munn is employed by Boston International Advisors, and Jake is employed by Fleet Financial Group. . . . **Dan Matlack** said he saw Cory Humphries Serrano '85 at the playground. No doubt Dan and wife Allison took the kids, Hannah, 4, and Nathaniel, 1, to get a workout on the swings near their home in Needham, Mass. Dan says his job of Latin teacher at Noble & Greenough School is stressful so this trip to the playground may have been a way for Dan to wind down. He runs the middle school community service program so he stays connected to the neighborhood through Allison's interaction therein. . . . **David Niles's** letter included a photo of the family, which consists of Dave, wife Laurie, son Gareth, 2, and Olivia, 1. The family looks very healthy and happy. David says he has a great job and poor funding and works at the mercy of Congress's vicissitudes. Paid by the federal government, he is currently a scientist who "builds and measures next-generation solar cells." Noting that the budget is worsening, which translates into a shrinking job market, David thinks he'll wait until the kids are a bit older to venture out on a career change.



Deborah Bombaci Pappas '83

Births: A son, Edward Jack, to Dave and Alex Gauss Andrews '81. . . . A son, Aidan Patrick, to Bill and Jullane Cully Wright '82. . . . A son, Patrick Jack, to Regina and Mark Federle '83. . . . A son, Joseph John, to Joseph and Paula Donahue Kerwin '83. . . . A daughter, Erica Nicole, to Karen and Jim McKenzie '83. . . . A daughter, Anthea S., to Adam Weiss '83 and Becca Cunningham '84. . . . A daughter, Eleanor, to Julie and Hall Adams III '84. . . . A son, Owen, to Eric Coumou '84. . . . Twin sons, Kyle James and William Clay, to Julie and Todd Halloran '84. . . . A son, Kyle Patrick, to Jehane Zakher '86 and Paul Johnston Jr. '87. . . . A son, Rory Elias, to Michael and Maren Nelson Nagem '86. . . . A son, Alexander Ronald, to Gary and Sara Whittle Stoffel '86. . . . A daughter, Anna, to Jennifer and Peter Murphy '87.

Marriages: James F. Lafrance '81 to Susan Mortell Donovan in Laconia, N.H. . . . Abigail Drury King '83 to Jeffrey Mark Diggins in Dark Harbor, Maine. . . . Leon C. Buck Jr. '84 to Muriel A. Evans in Washington, D.C. . . . Carol J. Hildebrand '84 to Donald B. Eburne in West Boxford, Mass. . . . Elizabeth P. Eddy '85 to Henry W. Griffin III in Worcester, Mass. . . . Kelly A. Vandal '85 to Amos L. Gulezian in Haverhill, Mass. . . . Elizabeth W. McSorley '86 to David R. Baker in Osterville, Mass. . . . Kimberly Ann Ryan '87 to Nigel Paul Ekern in Greenwich, Conn.

Laurie as mom spends her time with the kids and has a few moments to do aerobics and jazzercise. Tennis is David's game of choice, when he has time. They live in Littleton, Colo., and love the neighborhood. David has kept in touch with several Colby physics professors and even had two Colby students come to his lab to work during Jan Plan about two years ago. Love the news, Dave! . . . Skiing is John Northrop's life, in essence. He's able to ski from 25 to 30 days a year and challenges anyone in our class to keep up! John is still living in the Burlington, Vt., area (10-plus years now) and currently works for Bruegger's Bagel Corporation, traveling to train management personnel on point-of-sale and store management systems. He likes the work and the countryside travel. John sees Tom Colt '85, who's at UVM, Adam Weiss, who teaches at Essex Jct. High School, Phin Gay and Stephen and Nancy Pratt Hurley when they visit Cindy Trone and her family in Burlington. . . . Ann Poncelet is enjoying life in the Bay Area with her husband John Toupin. Ann is a neurologist on the UCSF neurology faculty, and John is a computer programmer. They are expecting their first child this spring. . . . **Deb Bombaci Pappas** started a new job at the end of 1996 as director of marketing for Lightbridge, Inc. in Waltham, Mass. The company provides customer acquisition and retention solutions for carriers (such as AT&T Wireless and Sprint Spectrum) in the wireless telecommunications industry. At

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Deborah Bombaci Pappas '83 was named marketing director at Lightbridge Inc. in Waltham, Mass.

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Christmastime, Debbie and George were receiving plenty of snow and enjoying winter deer sightings. . . . **Kevin and Karen Nickerson Purcell** and family have moved, "again," said Karen at Christmastime. They are somewhere in Atlanta, Ga., as Kevin has taken on a new hotel management position there. No further details are available to us yet. . . . I often write a few personal passages in this column that, for space reasons, get edited out. Hoping this one is not, I would like to commend our class for past giving practices as evidenced in the most recent time on financial gifts to the College. We had 141 donors from the past year, and our giving is improving. Let us ready ourselves to break some of those records in terms of being a class with great increases in giving as well as the numbers of our class who are giving. Remember: your consistent gift in any amount is what counts. Please do not feel that a "small" donation is of lesser value. We should strive to see our class participating as fully as we can at our own personal levels and be proud of our gifts to Colby as a group. Happy spring and summer!

—Sally Lovegren Merchant

84 I may have mixed up the receipt dates of several submissions so

please forgive me if your news is/has been delayed longer than usual. . . . **Eric Coumou**, who recently received his master's in geography from San Jose State University, is working as a geographic information systems specialist and lives in Fremont, Calif., with wife Nancy and son Owen, 2. He's been playing hockey since graduation and helped develop the "computerized puck" for FOX sports. He admits that though he misses New England he has become a Californian. . . . **Donna Altenpohl** is director of marketing at CIGNA, she's married to William Deasey, a real estate broker, and they have two boys, Will, 3, and Zachary 2. As an active Democrat she has been amazed at the "Republican Monopoly" of the commencement speakers. One thing she never anticipated doing after Colby was completing her M.B.A. . . . **Jeremy Springhorn** and Erin, his pediatrician wife, have recently purchased a home in Guilford, Conn. He finished his postdoctorate at Harvard in '92 and currently works as a senior scientist for Alexian Pharmaceuticals. He still runs and finished in the top 10 percent of the N.Y.C. Marathon in '94. Jeremy has been host to two Jan Plan students over the past few years. . . . **Bill Sheehan** is a manager in syndications at AT&T Capital Corporation. He and Lisa are living in Sudbury, Mass., and had a son, William Patrick, in August 1995. Last summer they rented a villa in Cannes, France, with Karen and Dave Rosenberg and John and Debbie Pazary Ayer. . . . **Jeff Clements** and Nancy Heselson live in Cambridge,

Mass., with their three children, Will, 6, Sophie, 4, and Ben, 2. Jeff is the assistant attorney general for the Massachusetts Attorney General's office. . . . Willem and Elizabeth Newell Wurf bain are in W. Hyannisport, Mass., and had a baby daughter in September '95. . . . Leslie and Nathan Emerson are living in Jackson, Wyo., where Nathan is a sales associate and ski instructor for Jackson Hole Ski Resort and Leslie is executive director of Jackson Hole Land Trust. Nathan averages 130 days of skiing and 60 rounds of golf a year. He is active in working with local kids through athletic programs and represents Colby at the local College Nights. He keeps in touch with numerous Colby alumni in Jackson Hole: Jamie Mackintosh '82, Dave McCandless '85, Jonathan Selkowitz '88 and Sue Hardy '87 and many of the DU crew. This fall he traveled the country representing Jackson Hole at ski shows. . . . I received a great e-mail from Cathy Altrocchi Waidyatilleka in Hawaii. She and husband Nandi, whomet while Cathy was in Sri Lanka serving with the Peace Corps, are living in paradise and loving it. They have two children, Camden, 3, and Dillon, 1. Cathy received her graduate degree in education from Stanford and is an English teacher at a local high school, and Nandi is an assistant manager at the Kahala Mandarin Oriental Hotel. Cathy wonders what's up with Doug Waite. Her last major athletic accomplishment was running a marathon when she turned 30! . . . Becca Cunningham and Adam Weiss '83 have three children—Amara, 4, Caelin, 2, and the baby due in August '96. They recently built a house in the Huntington, Vt., area. Becca is an artist and active in the local Audubon Society, Friends of Indian Music and Dance, and Camels Hump Family Program, a service for economically/educationally disadvantaged children and their families. She is also a member of the Vermont Craft Council and Handcrafters Guilds. . . . John and Sarah Ludwig White live in Summit, N.J., with their three sons and one daughter. John is a hospital chaplain, and Sarah is active in the local Methodist Church and with her children's preschool. They are expecting a major move—possibly back to Maine this spring. (She wonders if anyone else feels surprised to be in their 30s?) . . . Lisa Wormwood, a journalist/news editor in the electronic media, lives in Medford, Mass., and has a 3-year-old daughter. She calls motherhood the best rollercoaster ride one could ask for! And she's amazed at how high the tuition is getting—with thoughts of her daughter's future bills in mind. . . . Stephen Repka owns an insurance agency in Unionville, Conn. He is vice president for the board for a local homeless shelter in Hartford and plays for the Hartford Whalers Alumni Team, which raises money to promote youth hockey programs. His next vacation will be spent playing golf in Arizona.

—Maura Cassidy

85 While reading the '85 class column, I suddenly realized that I never thanked Mary Alice Weller-Mayan for the great job she did as our class secretary. She stepped in at a time when her services were really needed because our pre-

vious secretary had relocated and was unable to continue writing the column. My sincerest apologies for having forgotten. Mary Alice, and many thanks for your encouragement in getting me started. It's been fun! . . . Cici Bevin Gordon built a ski house in Fryeburg, Maine. She writes, "It's our sanity—getting out of the city most weekends to hike, swim, ski, bicycle, whatever." Cici had the great idea of hooking everybody up on the Internet. Since I'm not a surfer myself, please e-mail your address to alumni@colby.edu or include it in the questionnaire you send to me. If there's enough room, I'll print them in the next class column, or I'll have Colby send you all a letter. . . . Linc Peirce, creator of the nationally syndicated comic strip "Big Nate," shared his talent with sixth grade students at the Mary E. Taylor Middle School in Camden, Maine. The six-day artist-in-residence program is part of this year's Youth Arts theme, "Humor in the Arts." . . . David Heller never anticipated moving back to Boston, where he works for Samuels & Associates, a fast-growing real estate management company. He sometimes stops by Colby on his way to Sugarloaf for various events. . . . When Liz Eddy Griffin wed Henry W. Griffin III, many Colby alumni who graduated in the '40s, '50s and '80s attended the ceremony. The Griffins are both attorneys living in Portland, Maine. . . . Dede Galvin-Wemple and family moved to Ligonier, Pa. She anticipated starting a new part-time job as a development associate in the advancement office of Mount Aloysius College. Dede went back to Colby in 1991 and said that it brought back good memories but also made her sad since she didn't know anyone who was walking around on campus. . . . Suzanna Seymour Gaedert is working only part time—as a campus minister to Asian-American students—because, she writes, "I am experiencing much more joy at being a mom than I thought I would!" I bet lots of us feel the same way. I know I do. Suzanna says St. Louis is a fabulous place to live. . . . Sue Edwards McDowell wants to know if anyone has any good large-dog training tips—her Borzoi puppy has been eating window blinds and chewing wood molding. Sue anticipated returning to Colby for the hockey alumni game and was very impressed with the repairs done to the Fieldhouse and the new facilities she saw around campus on her last visit. . . . Paul Burns married Kristin Jhamb on the grounds of the Woodstock Historical Society in Vermont. Paul is a fellow in cardiology at Rhode Island Hospital, Brown University. . . . Lewis Holmes began practicing medicine at Heywood Hospital in Gardner, Maine. He and his wife, Dr. Breana Holmes, reside in Sterling. . . . Philip DeSimone joined the Spaulding & Slye Brokerage Group and will specialize in advising clients in the acquisition and disposition of commercial real estate in Greater Boston. . . . David Beers has been named executive director of annual giving at WPI. . . . Paul Hause moved to Key West and opened a bookstore called Caroline St. Books for the gay and lesbian community. . . . Lou Geremia and family relocated to Boston to be

closer to family and Colby friends. Thanks, Lou, for the info on lost classmates. . . . Hoolie and Beth Garcia Wiese are living in Boston. . . . Christopher Robinson is in Washington, D.C. . . . Representative Paul Doyle was voted "Best Future Promise" of the state legislature in *Connecticut Magazine's* (October '96) survey of the lawmakers. "Lobbyists asked about Doyle say he is intelligent, but it is his good looks that have

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attracted the most notice around the Capitol. 'He is a heartthrob,' remarks one legislative aide."

—Barbara Knox Autran

86 What do mangoes, Martha Stewart, ministry and minivans have in common? The Class of '86! Read on! I received an e-mail message from Ricardo Sieveking in Guatemala. Ricardo lives with his wife and two sons in Guatemala City and works for a company that exports commodities like coffee and—you guessed it—mangoes. He asked me to track down Dan Hurley for him, which I tried to do. Dan, please contact me and I'll give you Ricardo's e-mail address. . . . Meg Frymoyer Stebbins and her husband, Peter, are busy with their two daughters in Charham, N.J. It sounds like Meg's job in New York in the design and advertising field is also keeping her busy. Her company recently completed a book for that hausfrau from hell, Martha Stewart! I hope you checked for typos, Meg. . . . Jill (Wert '88) and Doug Scalise have settled on Cape Cod, where Doug is the pastor of Brewster Baptist Church. He also has begun work on a doctor of ministry degree. Doug and Jill and their two sons would love to see classmates who are visiting the Cape. They live next to the church on 6A between Routes 124 and 137, so stop by! . . . "John Pelletier is a minivan owner, poor guy," writes John Rafferty. John enjoys keeping in touch with classmates John Kelemen, Jay Burke and Phil Guarino and their spouses and children. John and his wife, Geri, live in Hartford, Conn., where John is director of annuity marketing at Mass Mutual and Geri is a substance abuse counselor for HIV heroin addicts. . . . Bob Sidman and his wife, Laura, may also be minivaners. Their daughter Erica is 2, and they expected baby #2 in March. Bob is an emergency physician at Rhode Island Hospital, Brown University in North Kingstown, R.I. . . . Amy Scott and her husband, Andy Vanecek, don't yet need a minivan—their family unit includes only each other and their pet guinea pig, Bluff. In February, Amy wrote to say she was both house hunting and job hunting for an English teacher position. I hope by now that Bluff has a new roof over his head and that Amy is shaping young minds in Fairfield County. . . . Speaking of shaping young minds, Bob and Beth Schwartz Kenney e-mailed me from their home in Lynchburg, Va., where Beth is an associate professor of psychology at

Randolph-Macon Woman's College and Bob is a partner at TwoWork Corporation. They have a daughter, Lauren, 2, and expected another child in May. . . . **Deb Pernice Duffy** and her husband, Rick, sent me a birth announcement for Caroline May, who joined Hannah, 4, and Joe, 2, last August 23. Deb took a leave of absence until April from her job at the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. The Duffy family lives in Cabin John, Md. . . . Rest assured that the First Amendment rights of your class correspondent will be protected. **Diane Smith** has informed me that she is a civil-rights attorney and that she is married to an attorney, Ted Wenk. They have two cats and live in Hamburg, Mich. . . . **Lisa Rydin**, also an attorney, hopes that her recent move from the world of big law firms to Scudder, Stevens & Clark, a mutual fund company specializing in retirement plans, will mean fewer hours at the office. Lisa lives in Hingham, Mass. . . . I got a great letter from **Julie Archer Tunney** in Harare, Zimbabwe. Julie married Zimbabwean Sean Tunney in July 1995. They plan to move to the States in the late spring and hope to travel for a few months in the U.S. before finding work. She sends greetings to the Class of '86. . . . I'm looking into creating a homepage for the Class of '86 as part of Colby's Website. Send me suggestions (and volunteer to help, please!). To see the alumni section and pages for other classes, go to <http://www.colby.edu/alumni/> and look around. Happy summer!

—Wendy Lapham Russ

88 This will be the last column before I hand the baton over to **Lauren Frazza**! Thanks for all the news throughout the years and for making this such a fun position. I look forward to seeing everyone at the 10th reunion! . . . **Andrew McIntosh** is still working at Keystone Investments in Boston and has almost completed an M.B.A. program on-line through the University of Phoenix. In his spare time he pursues his happy talents with Tularch Ard, a Celtic music band that already has won several prizes in competition. . . . **Craig Welch** is also in the Beantown area and is the co-founder of a financial software company that has explored the investment opportunities in former Soviet aircraft companies. In 1994, Professor **Al Mavrinac** helped with some of his investigations. Craig and his wife, **Natasha**, gave birth to a little girl last fall. . . . **Betsy Lockhart Casey** was married last June on Cape Cod, where **Donna Perrine** and **Megan Patrick '89** served as bridesmaids. Donna is currently a marketing communications analyst at Fidelity Investments in Boston. Betsy and her husband recently relocated to Boston, where Betsy continues to work for Tap Pharmaceuti-

cals. **Kim Ellis Fisher** had her first baby, Benjamin, last May. Unfortunately, Kim wasn't able to partake in Betsy's bridesmaid activities. . . . **Jeff Bruce** continues to be a copy editor and to utilize his design talents with the sports department of the *Seattle Times*. Jeff has really enjoyed living in Seattle. . . . **Becca Bruce** earned a master's in community and regional planning from the University of Texas-Austin a few years back. She has been working for a housing consulting firm that specializes in building/rehabing low-income housing for the elderly nationwide. . . . **Leah Basbanes** continues as a self-employed wetland consultant and Conservation Commission agent for Dunstable, Mass. Leah has been running her own business for four years after getting her master's in environmental studies from Boston University. . . . **Michael Bukowski** writes that he is renovating a 19th-century farmhouse in Wells, Maine, on 125 acres of protected land. Michael works as a veterinarian in Sanford, Maine. . . . **George Belshaw** is a motion picture producer for Altar Rock Films in New York City. He married **Dorothy Murray** last June. . . . **Alexandra Motyka Duffy** got her master's from Johns Hopkins University and is a technical trainer/writer for Shimadzu Scientific. She has two children. . . . **Garret and Sue Maddock** Hinebauch love living in Colorado, where they both teach English. They rented their home in Longmont, Colo., and moved in to dormitory housing at the Dawson School, where Sue teaches. Their abode has great views of the Rocky Mountains! . . . **Christine Dixon** joined Decisions Systems Group outside of Boston last year and works on web site development for Partner's Health Care, Inc., a collaboration of Boston and greater-

lab, Bear. . . . **Karen Hentz Merriam** earned a master's in education last May and loves living in Vermont. . . . **Steven Masur** "quit 'The Firm' and started an entertainment and new media law practice serving individuals in start-up businesses." Some of his clients include individuals in independent music and film. He says, "I still enjoy skiing, windsurfing and playing loud music." . . . **Rick Lanzi** finished his chief residency at the University of New Mexico in internal medicine and is working in a veteran's clinic that provides medical support to veterans, including Native American veterans, in four states.

—Sara Dickinson

89 **Kaari Busick** sent lots of news from Seattle. She's no longer working for Microsoft but is now with a small company that teaches Windows Programmers. She wrote that she keeps "running into Colby people in parking lots and bars, not that I spend all of my time in either, but I still wear my Colby swimming sweatshirts so Colby folks stop and ask if I went there." She also said that **Amy Price** is in Tahoe and doing well as a wedding coordinator, planning weddings for the famous and not-so-famous. . . . **Cheryl Mealey Cowherd** and her husband, **Joe**, were living in Maine, where she was teaching French, but they are now expecting and will move soon to Darien, Conn. . . . **Maria Arroyo Shaghagh** and her husband, **Yazdan**, had a baby boy last year. . . . **Bob and Sue Banta Gallagher** expect to be returning to the States this spring with Bob's N.Y.C. firm. They've been living and working in London, where Bob has been gaining experience in the insolvency consulting practice and Sue has been with Harrod's as a distribution project manager. They had a mini

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Colby reunion in the French Alps with Don Darby and Bill Carr, who joined them for a week of skiing at Menbel. They've also had visits from other Colbygrads, including Don's wife, Liz (Helft '91), who spent a few weeks last summer taking courses at Oxford to supplement her teaching skills in Palo Alto. Bob and Sue have been able to travel to the French and Italian Rivas, Holland, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Prague and Paris and to take many weekend trips to the English countryside, but they also are looking forward to settling somewhere in southern Connecticut. . . . Melita Marks vacationed in London last summer before she began business school at Thunderbird. . . . Kirk Koenigsbauer is reported to be doing well in Seattle with his wife, Neen, and their chocolate Lab, Sophie. . . . Krisan Evenson has been immersed in her Ph.D. work lately. Her dissertation on the Quebec Independence Movement combines political psychology and citizenship-attitude formation and examines the role that textbooks play in whether children grow up to be "citizens" or join separatist movements like the one in Quebec. . . . Jennifer Joseph has been in Pittsburgh for the past five years. She was in D.C. doing "political stuff" but returned to Pittsburgh to work for Deloitte & Touche for a few years. After getting her M.B.A. and M.S. degrees in the management of information systems, she became a senior consultant with Ernst & Young. She wrote that she loves her job, although it requires a lot of traveling. Look for her in Houston this spring. . . . Jon Nash has but one request for his classmates: Go forth and multiply! Jon has been hard at work with a company called ChildLife, Inc., a 50-year-old company in Holliston, Mass., that manufactures those "green-painted wooden swingsets" and cool space trolleys that some of you might recall. They were featured on the PBS special *This Old House* a while back as well. . . . Ethan (Zeke) and Maria Vallis Wing announce the birth of their son, George Zachary, December 26, 1996, eight lbs., three oz., and 21-1/2 inches. They are back in Seattle after taking year-long sabbaticals from their jobs. Zeke is a customs broker focusing on trade issues in the Pacific Rim, and Maria has begun her own business, an after-school program to help children strengthen literary levels and basic math skills. They are still getting used to the concept of year-round gardening (a foreign concept to a New Englander) and often see Lane Wilkinson pedaling off to his M.B.A. classes at UWashington. After working for Harley-Davidson last summer, Lane's now an expert on leather! He spends his free time avalanche surfing in the Sierras and searching for other adventure. The Class of '89 now has a website where you can read up on classmates and contribute news. It's located at <http://www.colby.edu/classof/1989/>

—Deborah Greene

90 We have a few new proud parents in the ranks of the Class of 1990! I received a cute birth announcement from Tracy and Matt Hancock announcing the birth of their daughter, Sarah

Shane Hancock, on November 8, 1996. Sarah lives with her mom and dad in Casco, Maine, and reports her current hobbies as sleeping and eating, but I'm sure she'll expand her horizons to include dribbling in no time. . . . Jill Sinclair Smith sent word that she and Scott are living in Bangor, Maine, and have a daughter, Taylor Mackenzie Smith, born on July 3, 1996, and two dalmations. Jill has worked for Fleet Bank of Maine in a variety of positions since we graduated, and Scott is now working for the James River Corporation in Old Town. Congratulations to all! . . . Paul Tolo wrote that he is still living out in the Seattle area and working for Ars Nova Software. Paul married Jennifer Crowe last summer in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho (Graham Powis was in the wedding party). Jennifer is a resident physician, and Paul is working on a master's in information systems management at Seattle Pacific University. . . . Mark Smith sent word that he and his wife, Patty, are living in Lawrenceville, N.J., where they both are employed as research scientists for Bristol-Myers Squibb. Mark and Patty got married during the blizzard of 1993; Mike Grant, Marc Duchette, Jim Reduto and Dan Erving were all in the wedding party. . . . Pete Sekulow is living in Washington, D.C., and working as director of earned media for the National Republican Congressional Committee. Pete tells me that he saw Amy Farmer-Michaud, Tripp Johnson '89, Randy Barr '89 and Rob Young '88 at the Alumni Swim Meet last November. . . . Scott Schirmeier is now living in Washington, D.C., working for a firm that does financial and strategic analysis of the changes in the health care industry and then educates doctors and other decision makers about how managed care is changing the industry as a whole. Last fall, he and John Kinsley ran the Marine Corps Marathon and plan to run the New York City Marathon this year. . . . Mike Smith is living in the Boston area and working as a physical therapist and athletic trainer. He tells me that he keeps in touch with: Brian Clement (Brian and his wife have a new daughter); Jeff Merrill and his family; Dave Carney, who recently got married; Matt Gibbons '91, Will Leadley '91, Glenn Thurlow '91 and Steve Loynd '91. Mike is sad to report that Tim Bernard '91 lost his struggle with brain cancer last fall. . . . Lisa Ensign Timbrell and her husband, Stefan, are living in New London, N.H. Lisa is the manager of the Artisan's Workshop and does some freelance editing on the side; Stefan works in real estate. . . . Scott Sullivan and his wife, Dawn Kelly Sullivan, are living in Norwalk, Conn. Scott is a physician assistant in general surgery at the Norwalk Hospital, and Dawn is a research assistant with Bayer Pharmaceuticals. Scott hasn't kept in touch with his friends from the basketball team but says hi to them all. . . . Mike and Deb Wood O'Loughlin are the proud owners of a Bernese mountain dog named Phoebe. Mike is a radiology resident at the Hartford Hospital, and Deb is director of educational programs at the Noah Webster House. . . . Julie Tarara wrote that she's now living in Man-

hattan, Kan. She received an M.Phil. in horticulture and agricultural meteorology from the University of Reading, England, last year on a British Marshall Scholarship and is now working to complete her Ph.D. in environmental physics. . . . Stay tuned for more updates in the next column. Those of you with access to the World Wide Web should check out the home page for the Class of 1990 (get to Colby's web site at www.colby.edu and follow

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the pointers from there!). For those of you (like myself) who aren't set up to surf, keep those cards and letters coming!

—Laura Senier

91 Hey, everybody! Thank you for all of your letters this month. I have received so many that I am putting together a class letter. I hope to have it out soon! . . . Theresa Sullivan reports that she is working as a C.P.A. and that she is getting married to John Brockelman '92 in August. She recently ran the New York City Marathon with Lesley Eydenberg Bouvier and Colleen Halleck. . . . Lisa Twomey Bates is a teacher and department chair of modern languages at St. Andrews School in Middletown, Del. Her husband, Bradford, is a history teacher, and they have a boxer named Cooper. . . . My buddy Daniel Raymont is working as an actor and will be appearing in two films to be released next summer. He will be appearing as Donnie, the casino owner, in *Crocodile Tears* and as Ripley's personal guard in *Aliens 4*. Keep your eye out for him. Did anyone recognize him in *Crimson Tide*? His partner, Bonnie, is in advertising and works for Nikkei Newspaper. . . . Keith Thomajan works as an instructor for Pacific Crest Outward Bound. After graduation he taught in California for Teach for America and then went on to teach at The Hamlin School in San Francisco. He has a golden retriever named Bartleby, and his spare time is spent rock/alpine climbing and traveling. . . . Bonnie Van Der Sluis Arze, a captain in the U.S. Air Force, is currently working as a family practice physician. She and her husband, Walter, a divinity student, were married in November 1995. . . . Grace Liang Shpiz works as product manager for Ann Taylor Global Sourcing Inc. Her husband, Andrew, works as an investment banker for Allen & Company Inc. in New York. . . . Sandra Sundwall teaches third grade in Avon, Conn. She recently bought a house and spends any free time she has working on it. . . . Dana Stinson graduated from the University of Maryland with a master's in public policy in December 1996. Prior to graduate school, she worked for the Pentagon as a foreign policy analyst. She has an adorable black Lab puppy named Hope, who keeps her busy. . . . Lori Wright is living in Washington, D.C., and working as an attorney at The Federal Communications Commission. She graduated from American University Law School

As Easy as ABC

Talk about landing on your feet. Less than one year after quitting a lucrative Wall Street job, Kristin Hock Davie '90 has parlayed an internship at the Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta into a full-time freelance position as production assistant at ABC Sports.

"The whole world tells you, 'Don't quit your job without knowing what you'll do next,'" Davie said. "I've never had one regret."

Her career shift began in September 1995 when she enrolled in a sports and event marketing program at NYU and almost simultaneously secured an internship with NBC's Olympic coverage unit. In April 1996 NBC hired her as part of the broadcast team that traveled to Atlanta. She set up a computerized archive system and helped produce short personal profiles of athletes that were aired throughout the Games.

Davie "missed the [Olympic Park] bombing by 30 minutes," she said. "I was in my hotel room on the phone when I heard about the bombing. I had walked through the park just a few minutes earlier."

Davie capitalized on her contacts from the Olympics to position herself for the job at ABC. "I talked to every single person I could find; I was a nightmare," she said. "I asked everybody I met, 'What do you do? What does your husband do? Your brother? Mind if I call him?' It paid off, though."



Kristin Hock Davie '90

Her ABC job involves setting up interviews, researching footage and organizing shoots for sports features. "I'm very happy to be here. I'm not even worrying about where this job will take me next, or where I'll end up. I'm just enjoying each day," she said.

An administrative science major at Colby,

Davie played tennis and squash and says she always has been active in sports. Her new job involves her in emerging sports stories and gives her the opportunity to focus

"I just remember thinking, 'What do I like to do and how can I fill my days doing that?'"

on athletes with interesting personal backgrounds. And although she had no broadcast or communications industry training prior to her internship, she says Colby gave her the fundamentals she needed to switch careers. "All of the stuff in economics and the other classes I took prepared me in a general way for what I'm doing now," she said.

Shortly after she arrived,

Davie met two other Colby alumni at ABC Sports, Curt Gowdy Jr. '75 and Margaret Schafer '88. "That was fun, to find out there were other Colby people here," she said.

The decision to leave her Wall Street career, difficult though it was, has been vindicated by her newfound peace of mind, Davies says. "I just remember thinking, 'What do I like to do and how can I fill my days doing that?' I'm so happy I made the change."

—Kevin Cool

and passed the bar exam, and she reports that most of her spare time gets spent looking for parking spaces (that's city life for you!). . . . **Clover Burns Seifer** is living in Springfield, Vt., and working as a paralegal at Tapper & Sozio. Her husband, Clifford, is a secondary English teacher, and they recently bought a home. She is very active with volunteer efforts, ultimate frisbee and raising their son, Colin, 4. . . . **David Donnelly** was featured recently in a Maine newspaper for his work as campaign manager for Maine Voters for Clean Elections. Prior to joining the campaign, he was the project director for the Money and Politics Project, a nonprofit organization researching the role of money in elections and public policy debates. He studied in the Ph.D. program in political science at Purdue University. . . . I want to end this column with warm, supportive wishes for the wife and family of **Timothy Bernard**, who died on October 11, 1996, after a long battle with brain cancer. I have spoken with several of you who knew Tim, and the stories you have shared with me make clear the great loss our class and Tim's family have experienced. He was an intelligent, caring person who influenced the lives of his friends. Though this is not the first loss our class has suffered, it does not get any easier to hear that someone we studied and had fun with has died. Anyone wishing to be in touch with his family may contact the Alumni Office to obtain their address. Please keep Tim's wife, Meridith, and his family in your thoughts and prayers! . . . Take care, everybody—and keep an eye out for our class letter.

—Jennifer Wood Jencks

92 Hey, everyone . . . it's springtime, and our 5th reunion, though it's hard to believe, is right around the corner. For those of you who won't be able to make it back, we'll miss you . . . and to those of you who will be joining us on Mayflower Hill, it's going to be a great time. Can't wait to see you soon.

—Katie Martin

93 It's winter as I write and think: no matter where you are right now, you are not as cold as you were on any given day during winter on Mayflower Hill! Remember how the wind bit at your face? How it numbed your extremities? How it congealed your nose hairs? Yes, the legacy of Maine chill lives on, in our joints if not in our hearts! Well, you can be sure that a few people have escaped the cold climates! . . . I just got a call from Frank Robison, who finished a Peace Corps junket in Honduras this past fall and is returning to that region to be the Central American/Caribbean operations manager for Cigar International, Inc. He expressed some concern at the prospect of being a strange gringo in a strange land, but I have every confidence that he will succeed. . . . Also spending some time south of the border is Anna Marie Wrin, who is a World Teach volunteer in Baja, Mexico. She does nature-guide training and teaches English, and she credits Jorge Olivares of the Colby Spanish De-

partmentasher"inspiration in this job."... Jamie Perlman recently moved back to the States after living in Argentina since graduation. He wants to start a band. ... Andy Wright, also fresh out of the Peace Corps, is studying at the University of Florida and is engaged to be married in May. Congratulations, Andy! The wedding party con-

sists of former Drummond basement cohorts Chris Chamberlain, Sumner Lemon, Frank Robison and Jason Abernethy '94. Among other attendees will be myself and Kat Creeden, who is working in Boston at the Massachusetts Tourism Council. Speaking of Chris Chamberlain, he is living in D.C. and working for the Bank Information Center—an organization that monitors policies and projects at the World Bank. He plays bass guitar in a band named Lucky and is giving bassoon lessons in his spare time. (I am amazed at what interesting things some of our classmates are up to). ... Emily Slater works directly for Bob Guccione Jr., the editor/publisher of *Spin* magazine. ... Libby Repass is a microbiologist for Tom's of Maine, and Chris Thayer is a field supervisor for the Appalachian Mountain Club, where he manages a system of eight wilderness lodges, including Tuckerman's Ravine on Mount Washington. ... Louise Jalbirtis is studying for her Ph.D. in Belgium and this past summer spent a week in the south of France with John O'Brien '92. ... Stephanie Doyon is a ghost writer for a teen book series called Sweet Valley University, and Patrick Robbins just finished a novel about a suicidal procrastinator (sounds like a pager-turner!) ... Also writing fiction is Robin Lauzon, who is living in Tucson, Ariz., and just attended the wedding of Jessica Graef and Gary Anderson '92. ... Also recently married is Lael Hinman Stanczak, who is also the proud mother of a baby son, Teague! ... Carrie Smith is a proud mother, too—of two dogs! She works for an interactive advertising agency in Connecticut and is working toward her M.B.A. at Fairfield University. ... We will soon have a large number of lawyers in our midst as well: Kristen Schuler (who will be married to Jon Scammon '94 this coming June), John Dingee, Dave Lauman, Jeff "Biscuit" Kosc, Jon Yormak, Laura Schuler and Rick Wallace, to name a few. Rick wrote that he recently went traveling out West and "attempted to meet Andy Rossi at the docks in Long Beach, but his ship never came in." Should we take that literally or figuratively? ... Well that's all I have room for now—but be assured that I will do you justice if you send me the word! Take care everybody.

—Elizabeth Curran

94 Elizabeth Bancroft left Breckenridge to work as a technical assistant for Johnson Higgins

Ins. in Denver. ... Mike Smoot and Chris Abbott, who is frequently in S. America, also work in Denver. ... After leading students around Mexico, Jess Matzkin returned to Wyoming to continue her master's program in American studies. ... Jessica Haskell works at the R.I. Youth Guidance Center. ... After traveling in Europe,

try unit, lives with Terry Meehan and Marty Hergert '93. ... Gavin Davis moved from Tahoe last year to the Big Apple and works as an account executive for Gen. Reinsurance. ... Also living in N.Y.C. are Sara Ferry, a recruiter for Citibank, and Melissa Cochran, at Columbia for nursing. ... Jan Dutton, who earned his master's in meteorology at Penn State, and Amy Wrentmore were married last July at Mt. Washington in New Hampshire. ... Michael King, math teacher at Brewster Academy in New Hampshire, coaches varsity ice hockey and lacrosse. ... Dawn Kalloch received an M.S.W. from BU last May, works as a family therapist and is engaged to marry Peter Murphy '95 in August. ... Erik Hassing, at Rutgers Law School, is engaged to marry Heide Girardin '97 in June. ... Carolyn Hart, living in Brookline with Dave O'Shea '93 and Jun Shirahama '92, is applying to grad programs for the fall. ... Adam Galvin, who has been living in Bozeman, Mont., since graduation, works as a technology coordinator and leads wilderness trips; Chinoook, his Siberian husky, loves the powder skiing. Adam has seen lots of Colby folks, including Stings, Hoopy, Ostrum and Nato. ... David Gabriel, a grad student at Babson and owner of his own construction company, started two news businesses and was elected to Bridgewater's planning board. ... Tracy Karsch, a paralegal for Cantor Fitzgerald in New

York, is in her first year of law school. ... Dave Hall, captain/dive instructor in St. Croix since February '96, loves the island lifestyle. ... Stephanie Goff, director of development for RESOLVE, a nonprofit organization dealing with infertility, lives on Beacon Hill with Allison Guth, who is working for a law firm in employee relations, and Amy Joyner '93. Stephanie thanks the class and the class agents for the wonderful support of Colby and their tremendous participation in the Annual Fund. ... Jim Lindstrom lives in Boston with Greg McDonald. ... Elizabeth Labovitz works for *On-Line* magazine in Berkeley, Calif. ... Michelle Tadros returned from Egypt and is pursuing an M.B.A. in Chicago. ... Matt Trudeau, who has a new position with Genzyme in Cambridge, lives with Ethan Spencer and Ham Thompson in Charleston, near Andy Colligan. ... Kara Gilligan and Ed Ramirez plan a summer wedding. ... In December I returned to Houghton Mifflin Publishing Co. as the HR rep in Dallas, Texas, and would love to hear from any Colby people in the area.

—Alicia S. Hidalgo

95 Jen Ancker recently moved from D.C. to N.Y.C., where she is living with Madelyn Meyn (who has been in Argentina) and Bruce

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Kathleen McKiernan '90, who worked in the 1992 Clinton campaign and up through the ranks to become assistant press secretary at the White House, recently moved to the Senate as press secretary for Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.).

MILEPOSTS

Births: A daughter, Sarah Shane, to Tracy and Matt Hancock '90. ... A son, Conor Crosby, to Dominic and Janet Blaney Walsh '90. ... A daughter, Emma Rebecca, to Chris '92 and Angela Toms Forman '92. ... A son, Nicholas James, to James and Aliza Hernandez Whittel '93.

Marriages: Kristen M. Romans '90 to Craig J. Brown in Old Field, N.Y. ... Kendra L. Edwards '91 to Walter H. Stowell III '91 in Old Lyme, Conn. ... Maya C. Glos '92 to Edward M. Walsh '90 in Fall River, Mass. ... Elaine W. Jorgensen '91 to Todd M. Lang in Tariffville, Conn. ... Jane E. Solomon '91 to James M. Donovan in Boston, Mass. ... Lisa H. Twomey '91 to Bradford D. Bates in Montville, Maine. ... Heather S. Hamilton '92 to Roderick J. Lavallee in North Chatham, Mass. ... John J.K. Olson '92 to Erin K. MacPhee in Kennebunkport, Maine. ... Erika J. Sayewich '92 to Samuel W. Buell in Newport, R.I. ... Jennifer L. Curtis '93 to Bruce W. Army in Lorimer Chapel. ... Susan E. Kairnes '93 to Stephen C. Baker in Warwick, R.I. ... Trent G. Kamke '93 to Michelle M. Hallisey in Brookline, Mass.

Maria DeSimone began working as a data coordinator at Environmental Health & Engineering in Massachusetts. ... Colleen Brennan received an M.B.A. from Northeastern U. and works as an assistant account executive at Lee Hill, a marketing agency in Chicago. She was looking forward to a visit from Megan Harris, Kristen Zier and Marika Schwartzman. ... Josh Eckel is at Northeastern's grad school of business administration. ... Emily Davis and Corey Wall were married last October and moved to Juneau, Alaska, after Emily received an M.F.A. from the U. of Arizona. ... Justin Brown moved to Boston, wrote a book on birds called *Purple Martins* (due out this spring) and was trying to play music professionally. ... While working as an office manager/waitress in Burlington, Vt., Lee Awbrey was writing a book on Alzheimer's disease. ... Gary Bergeron, an inventory buyer in L.L. Bean's sporting goods department, was excited to see Jac Coyne, the sports information director at Bowdoin. ... Keith Gleason is a senior personal banking officer at MBNA America in Rockport, Maine. ... Jon Chenard, manager at the Gen. Nutrition Center in Virginia, lives in D.C. with his tiger cat, Lloyd, and was best man at Jeffrey Chenard '93's wedding last fall. ... Todd Curtis, a counselor in the Cambridge Hospital psychia-

Mason (who did some traveling through Mexico and Central America and more recently finished a manuscript). Hank is working as a quantitative analyst for a money managing firm. Before she left D.C., she received an excellence award from her economic/energy consulting group. . . . David Scott Giampetrucci is at Fordham studying classics and archeology. He had been working in Colorado for a year before heading to N.Y.C. for school, where he is sharing an apartment with George Samuels '96. . . . Chris Haigh, who works for ERX Logistics and lives in Pawtucket, R.I., has been asked to be a volunteer assistant women's ice hockey coach at Brown University. She also will be returning for a second season of coaching softball at Rhode Island College. . . . Beth Herbert is an editor at Rockport Publishers, lives in Gloucester, Mass., and has done some traveling (Scandinavia, San Francisco). She wrote that Erin Mansur and Jen Shatney are living in Alexandria, Va. Erin is working as a research assistant for an environmental economics firm, and Jen is working as a vet tech. . . . Scott Galson is teaching science at Kingswood Oxford in West Hartford, Conn. . . . Kerry Knudsen is teaching English at Suffield Academy in Connecticut, where she also coaches and has directed a play. . . . Coby Reinhardt recently moved from D.C. up to the Boston area. . . . Cheryl Johnson wrote that she is attending Boston University for a master's degree in Spanish literature and that Kim Beck is working at the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Mass. . . . Rachael DeCosta is now living in Boston, where she works for 1st Annapolis Consulting. . . . CJ Just is at George Washington working toward a Ph.D. in American religious history. He spent three weeks driving around the East Coast and the Midwest visiting friends and family before starting school. He lives in Arlington, Va., with JD Ngo (who completed a grad program in Nanjing, China, and is now working for an international communications firm in Bethesda, Md.) and Bryan Carey. . . . Brett Santoli will be working for White & Case after finishing up the year at Cornell Law. . . . Regina Lipovsky is a second-year law student at Emory in Atlanta. . . . Meredith DiMenna is a paralegal in N.Y.C. . . . Matt Marden is modeling for Calvin Klein in N.Y.C. and, I've been told, has an occasional scotch with Kurt Vonnegut. . . . Sarah Gurtman is living in York, Maine, and is applying to grad schools for marine studies. . . . Erica Fertig is working in film production in N.Y.C. . . . Doug Macauley is still working as a consulting associate at Cambridge Associates in Boston. He has made several trips over to France to see his girlfriend, Sophie LeDorner, a French exchange student in 1995. Starting last January, Sophie was to be teaching French at BU. . . . Alisa Masson is a development assistant working in special events at the New England Home for Little Wanderers. She and Jen Benwood (a

researcher at Brigham & Women's and med school applicant) ran the Maine Marathon and are in training for Boston. . . . Kathy Christy is working at Fitzgerald Communications, as is Bryan Raffetto. . . . Laura Iorio is doing City Year. . . . Rachel Sotir is selling real estate. . . . Alyson Angino is working on her M.B.A. and C.P.A. at Northeastern. . . . Michelle Grdina was planning on heading out to Vail for ski season. . . . Kelly Spooner is in Grand Rapids, Mich., working in physical therapy. . . . Anne McManus is a teacher in the Boston area. . . . Janie Lundy and Elna Gordon are living in Montana. . . . Lyndsay Griffiths moved to Seattle. . . . Matt Morrissey is an events manager for the athletics department at New Hampshire College and is also a grad student working towards his M.B.A. He got to work with the Secret Service when President Clinton visited New Hampshire during the campaign. . . . Lynne Moss is an assistant editor with *American Artist* magazine in N.Y.C., where she lives on the Upper East Side. . . . Kaatje Van der Hooven drove from Maine to Michigan with KC Lawler and Heather Beusse and from there to South Dakota, where she attended Albion College Geology Field Group (with Brian Dufany '96). While at camp she visited Kathryn Swaggart '94 in Montana. She then began working for The Environmental Schools in southern Maine for a year, teaching kids about the outdoors. She is now at Arizona State University for geochemistry.

—Alyssa Falwell

96 Greetings! Daniel Dente, who is working for the German Civic Service at the Hamburg Environmental Protection Agency for Nature Conservation, completed an internship at the U.S. Consulate in Hamburg. . . . Cori Green is working as an English teacher in Spain. She visited Megan Maguire in Paris and spent Christmas break in the Canary Islands. Cori reports that Cary Gouldin lives in New York City and is working at an organization that sponsors/promotes fine arts. She also mentioned that Becky Lebowitz is studying photography in Portland, Maine. . . . Sarah Gelman, who lives in Buffalo and is excited to be able to attend Bills games, works as a sales representative at ADP and is coaching Buffalo Pee Wee Girls Hockey. She says that Alex Chin is living in Duxbury and working at a construction company while he looks for another job. She also keeps in touch with Karen Goodrich, who works for New Boston Systems. . . . Nicole Jalbert lives in Brighton, Mass., and works as a research technician at the BU school of medicine. In addition, she is studying part time for a master's to teach biology. She hears from Kevin Pirani, who works at Fidelity in Merrimack, N.H., as well as from Derek Scacchi, who is a paralegal in the Boston area. . . . Congratulations to Jennifer Gray (formerly Stewart) and Norman Gray, who were married this past August! They recently bought their first house in Belfast, Maine. Jennifer works as an MBNA

customer advocate/business developer while Norman attends a post-B.A. premed program. They are planning a trip to Scotland for this spring. She also says that her good friend Jamie Geier got engaged to her (Jennifer's) brother, Rob. Congrats, Jamie! . . . Dori Desautel lives in Boston with Renee Hoffman and is a first-year law student at Suffolk Law School. She loves school and has kept busy by joining the Health Law Society, the Suffolk Law Student Volunteer Student Organization and the American Bar Association Law Student Division and tutoring once a week at an all-girls' Catholic school in Dorchester. . . . Chuck Bowen lives in Idaho with his former roommates, J.M. Picher and Emmett McCarthy. They all work at a resort at the reservations desk. Chuck traveled in England, Amsterdam and Belgium in addition to 19 U.S. states. He also biked Ireland with Ryan Sullivan. . . . Nozomi Kishimoto, who is training at UNUM Life Insurance in the San Francisco office, is moving back to Japan this month to be a sales rep for UNUM. She hangs out with Jessica Kylie Taphorn, who attends McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento. She also reports that Linnea Basu is working in New York City as a paralegal. . . . Heather Duley lives in Delaware, where she is an MBNA America Management Development participant. She has done a lot of volunteering for the United Way, Mary Campbell Center for the Disabled and the March of Dimes. . . . Michael Goode is a grad student and research assistant at Northeastern University. He is studying criminal justice and attended the American Society of Criminology convention in Chicago. He says that he and Chris McMath are still brewing beer and recently made a great pale ale! . . . Betsey Low is a volunteer in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. She is serving as a case manager at the Community Connection Resource Center in San Diego, Calif. . . . Ruth Bristol attends Tulane University as a medical student and has picked up skydiving as a stress reliever! . . . Adrian Calder was accepted into the Navy's flight training program and will head down to Pensacola, Fla., to begin officer school, then will move on to flight school. . . . Bernadette Graham is a graduate student at Utah State University in the Ph.D. program, where she will be studying big horn sheep. Since graduation, Bernadette has traveled cross country with Melissa Taylor and Mark Mortensen. . . . Joy Christoferson lives in Washington while working at Clean Water Action. She moved to D.C. with John Daly (a research assistant for the Open Secrets project at the Center for Responsive Politics), Jodi Schwartz and Anne Savage. . . . Timothy Lieberman has joined J.W. Pfeil & Co. as a licensed real estate sales agent. . . . Emily Graham worked at Bixler Library for the summer to save up for her big France and Italy hiking adventure with Amy Chamberlain. Emily is now in Rome with her family and is visiting with her brand-new nephew! Thanks for all the info! Keep it coming!

—Amie Sicchitano



O B I T U A R I E S



Marion Miller Chase '16, Jan. 10, 1997, in Scarborough, Maine, at 101. She taught at Morse High School in Bath, Maine, and was a homemaker and volunteer in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. She is survived by a daughter, two sons, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Chauncey L. Brown '21, Oct. 24, 1996, in Largo, Fla., at 99. After serving with a Navy training unit during World War I, he worked many years for New England Telephone and Telegraph in Boston. Survivors include his daughter, Betty Brown Holmes '52, and his son, Robert J. Brown '59, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Charles E. Smith '23, Dec. 27, 1996, in North Conway, N.H., at 95. During a 56-year medical career, he was well known in the Conway area as physician, surgeon and family friend who made comforting home calls and performed hundreds of "at home birthings." He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Doris Ackley Smith '24, a daughter, granddaughter and great-grandchild.

Olive Soule Parmenter '26, Dec. 17, 1996, in Hamilton, Ohio, at 91. She was a teacher and homemaker. Her survivors include her niece, Barbara Soule Hoover '45.

Florence Wolf Siegel '27, Oct. 31, 1996, in Hollywood, Fla., at 89. She was an auditor for Hotel Manager Corporation in Boston from 1930 to 1941. Following the birth of her two children, she was a homemaker in Milton, Mass. Survivors include her husband, Max Siegel.

Alberta Van Horn Shute '28, Sept. 14, 1996, in Manchester, Maine, at 89. She had careers as a teacher, state office worker and author of several books. She is survived by a daughter and son, a sister, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Neal D. Bousfield '29, Feb. 15, 1997, in Mount Desert Island, Maine, at 90. A Baptist minister, he joined the Maine Sea Coast Mission in 1935 and served as superintendent for 34 years until his retirement in 1972. He received an honorary degree from the College in 1952. Survivors include his wife, Patricia, a son, a daughter, stepchildren and grandchildren.

George E. Fletcher '29, Dec. 11, 1996, in Strong, Maine, at 96. A World War I Army veteran, he taught school in Strong, Kingfield, New Portland, Presque Isle and Sherman Mills, Maine. He was a world-renowned fly fisherman and later managed Fletcher's Fly Shop in Rangle before retiring in 1968. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Claudia, a son and two grandchildren.

Ruth Bartlett Rogers '29, Dec. 2, 1996, in Oxford, Miss., at 90. She was a homemaker and

held social and church club offices in the United Methodist Church. Survivors include her son, James M. Rogers '57, her daughter, Mary Lou Rogers Owens '59, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Wallace W. Meyer '30, Dec. 4, 1996, in Holden, Mass., at 88. He was a teacher at Haverhill High School for many years, then worked for State Farm Mutual Insurance Co. in Worcester and the Civil Defense of Massachusetts. He leaves a close friend, Vera Silvius, a brother and two sisters.

Philip H. McLeary '31, Jan. 13, 1997, in Phillips, Maine, at 90. He taught school, served in the Navy during World War II and worked as a gardener in Maine before joining Starbird Lumber Co. He was an inspector for G.H. Bass when he retired in 1979. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, a son, a grandson and nieces and nephews.

William N. Crabtree '32, Sept. 9, 1996, in Walpole, N.H., at 88. After teaching at Plainville, Conn., high school and serving in the Army Air Corps in 1943-46, he was a textbook sales agent for Ginn and Co. in Boston. Survivors include his wife, Eleanor, and three children, including John Crabtree '72.

Harvey B. Evans '32, Jan. 23, 1997, in Wakefield, Mass., at 89. He was president and director of L.B. Evans' Son Co. in Wakefield from 1942 to 1979 and an innovator and leader in the footwear industry. He is survived by three daughters, including Carolyn Evans Albrecht '61, and eight grandchildren.

Tina Thompson Poulin '32, Feb. 14, 1997, in Waterville, Maine, at 86. She taught English and dramatics in Winslow, Maine, and later was prominent in Waterville dramatics and in civic and charitable organizations. In 1987 she received a Colby Brick. Survivors include her husband of 60 years, James E. Poulin '33, a son and daughter and four grandchildren.

Warden C. Amidon '35, Dec. 4, 1996, in Hanover, N.H., at 87. He owned and operated the Ward Amidon Jewelry Store in Hanover for many years. Survivors include his wife, Gladys, a sister and several nieces and nephews.

Emmatt LaCrosse Jr. '35, Sept. 4, 1996, in Louisville, Ky., at 84. He was a sales engineer with Link-Belt Co. and district manager for the Louisville area for many years before he retired in 1976. Survivors include his wife, Martha Ann, and two daughters.

Elizabeth Miller '36, Feb. 22, 1997, in Norridgewock, Maine, at 82. A magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate, she taught for 38 years at schools in Maine and New Hamp-

shire, including 25 years at Lewiston High School, where she was head of the English department. She was active in civic affairs. Survivors include her brother, Robert N. Miller '36, and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

John F. Reynolds '36, Jan. 11, 1997, in South Port Island, Maine, at 84. Following Army service from 1942 to 1946, he returned to Waterville, Maine, to open his practice of general surgery. He was a member of the Alumni Council and served six years on the Board of Trustees. Survivors include his son, Jay, two daughters, Anne Christiansen and Mary Callahan, a grandson and a sister.

John A. MacDonald '37, Jan. 31, 1997, in Waterville, Maine, at 81. He received a master's degree from the University of New Hampshire and served in the Army during World War II. He taught social studies at York High School for 30 years. Survivors include his wife, Kathryn Caswell MacDonald '36, two sons, a daughter and two sisters.

Alice Mulligan Grover '38, Dec. 10, 1996, in Bradenton, Fla., at 79. After eight years with the Bath Military Naval Children's Home in Bath, Maine, she had a 34-year career as postmistress of Five Islands, Maine, where she and her husband, Reynolds Grover, owned and operated Grover's General Store. Her husband and many cousins survive her.

Gilbert E. Hutchinson '39, Feb. 8, 1997, in DuBois, Pa., at 79. An engineer, he was employed by Remington Arms Co. in Connecticut, where he held several patents. Later he was a supervisor at Rem-Cru Titanium, Inc. and Crucible Steel Co. and was an associate professor of engineering at the DuBois campus of The Pennsylvania State University. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marion Crawford Hutchinson '39, two daughters, a son, seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two sisters.

Thomas S. Vose '39, Dec. 13, 1996, in Portland, Maine, at 78. After war service with the Army Air Corps in Egypt and Turkey, he had a long career as teacher, principal and superintendent of schools in several school districts in Maine. He is survived by his wife, Mary, two daughters, Deborah Vose '75 and Sarah Vose Mackenzie '70, two sons, including Peter Vose '72, and a sister, Mary Vose McGillicuddy '29.

Ralph C. Wilde '39, May 29, 1996, in Brockton, Mass., at 79. After serving in military intelligence during World War II, he owned and operated Ralph Wilde Insurance Agency in Randolph, Mass. He is survived by two daughters, Nancy Roberts and Deborah Haug, and grandchildren.

Frances C. Gray '40, Dec. 29, 1996, in Seal Cove, Maine, at 79. An English major at Colby, she earned an M.A. at Columbia University and taught for 36 years in the public schools of Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Alaska and Oregon. Survivors include her godson, Allen Murphy.

Lawrence Berry '41, Nov. 22, 1996, in Mount Desert Island, Maine, at 76. After a 33-year career with the Air Force, he worked with the U.S. government weather stations installing satellites. He is survived by two sons, David and Michael Berry, a grandson and a granddaughter.

Eleanor Mitchell Mezzullo '42, Feb. 18, 1997, in Waterville, Maine, at 76. She was an executive secretary and lived for many years in New York after her marriage to Philip J. Mezzullo '43. She is survived by her sister, Barbara Mitchell Hugonnet '40.

John G. Hutcheson '43, Aug. 14, 1996, in Massachusetts. He and his brother, William Hutcheson '44, operated Hutcheson Company, Inc., the family printing business. His brother survives him.

John H. Lee '43, Jan. 22, 1997, in Portland, Maine, at 77. After serving as office manager for the E.T. Burrowes Co. in Portland, he worked at the main post office for 17 years. A standout basketball player at Colby, he officiated high school and college basketball games for more than 25 years. Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Shirley, three sons, seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Jane Bell Corydon '44, Dec. 5, 1996, in New York at 74. After five years as a supervisor with Union Carbide, she was a homemaker and resided in several locations around the world. She is survived by her daughters, Leslie and Libby Corydon-Apicella '74.

Sherman A. McPherson '44, Feb. 17, 1997, in Pittsfield, Maine, at 77. After serving in World War II from 1942 to 1945 in Africa and Europe, he worked for many years for the U.S. Postal Service. Survivors include his wife, Shirley, a son and daughter, three granddaughters and two sisters.

Elizabeth Gilman Borden '45, April 24, 1996, in Agawam, Mass., at 72.

Edward J. McCormack Jr. '45, Feb. 27, 1997, in Boston, Mass., at 73. He was attorney general of Massachusetts from 1958 to 1963 and played a major role in the U.S. Supreme Court's decision guaranteeing indigent defendants the right to legal counsel. He later became a real estate development lawyer with financial interests in Boston building projects. He leaves his wife, Anne, two sons, a stepdaughter and four grandchildren.

Robert M. Lucy Jr. '47, August 1996 in California at 73. He was a prisoner of war in Germany before returning to the College. For 36 years he

served Lee High School in Lee, Mass., the last 16 as principal. Predeceased by his wife, Barbara Lindsay Lucy '48, he is survived by four children, including Sarah Lucy '72, several grandchildren and his sister, Christine Lucy MacDonald '50.

Mary Luce Cowan '48, July 4, 1996, in Rockland, Maine, at 70. She was a medical/surgical nurse and homemaker. Survivors include her husband, Horatio C. Cowan Jr., and two sons.

Frederick A. Phillips '50, Nov. 14, 1996, in Damariscotta, Maine, at 71. He served a lifetime banking career in Philadelphia, Pa., and Presque Isle, Lewiston and Damariscotta, Maine. He is survived by his wife, Cecelia, a son and daughter, four grandchildren, two brothers and a sister.

Philip C. Arrey '51, Dec. 23, 1996, in Gardner, Mass., at 70. Following service in World War II as a Navy medical corpsman, he was vice president of personnel and safety at Gem Industries Inc. in Gardner for 38 years and was active in many local civic and charitable organizations. Survivors include his wife, Patricia, a son, two daughters, a brother, two sisters, and two grandchildren.

Alfred G. Thompson '51, Oct. 21, 1996, in Venice, Fla., at 67. He was a Navy officer during the Korean Conflict. He retired as a senior bank officer after a career in commercial banking with several institutions in New Jersey. He is survived by his wife, Wynne, three daughters, a son, two stepsons, a brother and eight grandchildren.

Edward J. Cawley '52, Feb. 7, 1997, in Lowell, Mass., at 67. A Navy aviator during the Korean Conflict, he was the owner of Cawley Fuel Co. in Lowell and a licensed real estate broker. As well as his wife, Patricia, he is survived by two sons, including Peter '88, two daughters and five grandchildren.

Harriet Clouter Horan '52, Nov. 2, 1996, in Cambridge, Mass., at 65. She did graduate work at Boston University and was a social service worker in the welfare department of Cambridge, Mass. She is survived by her son, Fred Horan.

Warren R. Johnson '53, August 28, 1996, in Wilmington, Del., at 65. He graduated from Yale Medical School and was a long-time pediatrician and director of medical education for pediatrics at the Medical Center of Delaware. He was a member or chair of numerous Delaware medical committees. Survivors include his wife, Suzanne, two sons, a daughter and three stepchildren.

Roland H. Sherman Jr. '56, Jan. 15, 1997, in Littleton, Mass., at 61. He was employed by W.H.S. Associates in Nashua, N.H., where he worked in corporate consulting and asset management. He was a member of many professional organizations related to the development field. He is survived by his wife, Joan, four children and three stepchildren.

Nancy M. Nielsen '57, Jan. 24, 1997, in Waterville, Maine, at 61. She taught at Cony High School in Augusta, Maine, for more than 30 years before retiring in 1991. She was a member of several wildlife preservation groups. Survivors include her daughter, Lisa Ravelo-Hall, a sister and two grandchildren.

Julia Spear Payne '59, Dec. 24, 1996, in Lincolnville Beach, Maine, at 59. She served as a substitute teacher in Lincolnville Central School for many years and was active in local organizations. She is survived by her husband, Bradford C. Payne, a son and daughter, her mother, her sister and a niece and nephews.

James B. Stockwell '59, Sept. 20, 1996, in California, at 58. After retiring from a 21-year career in the Navy, during which he received several commendations, he was a yacht broker-owner and real estate broker. Survivors include his wife, Gwen.

Lee Haskell '64, Nov. 29, 1996, in Half Moon Bay, Calif., at 54. A psychiatric social worker, she taught at Plymouth State College before moving to California, where she worked with Apple Computer, 50-Plus Fitness Association and the Senior Service Center in Palo Alto. She is survived by her husband, James F. Bartram, her mother and brother.

Gary C. Ross '65, Jan. 5, 1997, in Florida at 53. He was an Air Force colonel with a specialty in logistics planning. His military service took him to more than 30 states and two dozen foreign countries, and he was awarded numerous military awards and decorations. He is survived by his wife, Susan, and three sons.

Anne E. Hyland '68, Sept. 19, 1993, in Minneapolis, Minn., at 47. She was an attorney with Ramsey Co. Attorney Office in Minneapolis. Her husband, Craig Forsman, survives her.

Stanley S. Plummer Jr. '71, Dec. 27, 1996, in Portland, Maine, at 48. He was the owner and president of Maine Tank Co. of Portland for more than 23 years. Survivors include his parents and two brothers.

Phyllis Brown Vinson '74, Nov. 20, 1996, in Boulder, Colo., at 44. She earned a master's degree in mathematics at the University of Colorado and taught math at Arapahoe Community College in Littleton, Colo. Survivors include her husband, Herb Vinson, a son, her parents and a brother and sister.

Keren Lyman Holtz '83, Feb. 3, 1997, in Portland, Ore., at 35. She was a fisheries biologist in the protected species program of National Marine Fisheries Service. An award-winning competitive bicyclist, she died after being struck by a car while cycling. Survivors include her parents, Jane and Gerald Holtz '52, and three brothers.

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